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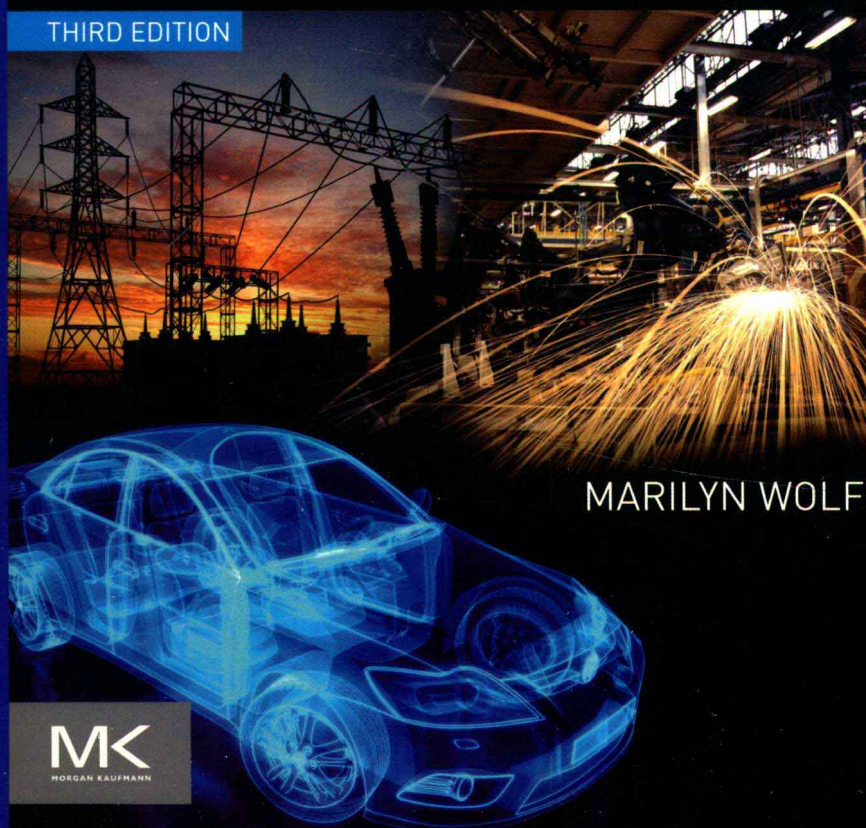
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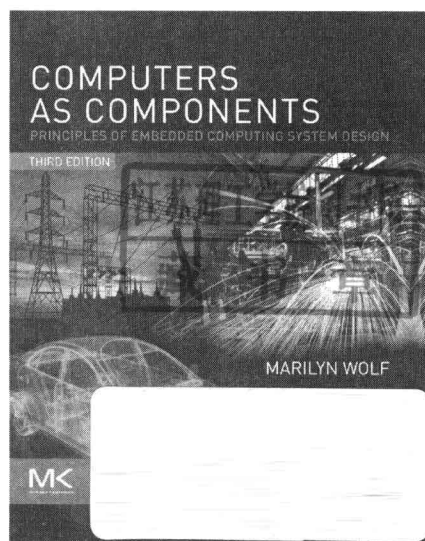
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近年，在全球信息化大潮的推动下，我国的计算机产业发展迅猛，对专业人才的需求日益迫切。这对计算机教育界和出版界都既是机遇，也是挑战；而专业教材的建设在教育战略上显得举足轻重。在我国信息技术发展时间较短的现状下，美国等发达国家在其计算机科学发展的几十年间积淀和发展的经典教材仍有许多值得借鉴之处。因此，引进一批国外优秀计算机教材将对我国计算机教育事业的发展起到积极的推动作用，也是与世界接轨、建设真正的世界一流大学的必由之路。

机械工业出版社华章公司较早意识到“出版要为教育服务”。自1998年开始，我们就将工作重点放在了遴选、移译国外优秀教材上。经过多年的不懈努力，我们与Pearson, McGraw-Hill, Elsevier, MIT, John Wiley & Sons, Cengage等世界著名出版公司建立了良好的合作关系，从他们现有的数百种教材中甄选出Andrew S. Tanenbaum, Bjarne Stroustrup, Brian W. Kernighan, Dennis Ritchie, Jim Gray, Alfred V. Aho, John E. Hopcroft, Jeffrey D. Ullman, Abraham Silberschatz, William Stallings, Donald E. Knuth, John L. Hennessy, Larry L. Peterson等大师名家的一批经典作品，以“计算机科学丛书”为总称出版，供读者学习、研究及珍藏。大理石纹理的封面，也正体现了这套丛书的品位和格调。

“计算机科学丛书”的出版工作得到了国内外学者的鼎力襄助，国内的专家不仅提供了中肯的选题指导，还不辞劳苦地担任了翻译和审校的工作；而原书的作者也相当关注其作品在中国的传播，有的还专程为其书的中译本作序。迄今，“计算机科学丛书”已经出版了近两百个品种，这些书籍在读者中树立了良好的口碑，并被许多高校采用为正式教材和参考书籍。其影印版“经典原版书库”作为姊妹篇也被越来越多实施双语教学的学校所采用。

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To Dad, for everything he taught me

Foreword to the First Edition

Digital system design has entered a new era. At a time when the design of microprocessors has shifted into a classical optimization exercise, the design of embedded computing systems in which microprocessors are merely components has become a wide-open frontier. Wireless systems, wearable systems, networked systems, smart appliances, industrial process systems, advanced automotive systems, and biologically interfaced systems provide a few examples from across this new frontier.

Driven by advances in sensors, transducers, microelectronics, processor performance, operating systems, communications technology, user interfaces, and packaging technology on the one hand, and by a deeper understanding of human needs and market possibilities on the other, a vast new range of systems and applications is opening up. It is now up to the architects and designers of embedded systems to make these possibilities a reality.

However, embedded system design is practiced as a craft at the present time. Although knowledge about the component hardware and software subsystems is clear, there are no system design methodologies in common use for orchestrating the overall design process, and embedded system design is still run in an ad hoc manner in most projects.

Some of the challenges in embedded system design come from changes in underlying technology and the subtleties of how it can all be correctly mingled and integrated. Other challenges come from new and often unfamiliar types of system requirements. Then too, improvements in infrastructure and technology for communication and collaboration have opened up unprecedented possibilities for fast design response to market needs. However, effective design methodologies and associated design tools haven't been available for rapid follow-up of these opportunities.

At the beginning of the VLSI era, transistors and wires were the fundamental components, and the rapid design of computers on a chip was the dream. Today the CPU and various specialized processors and subsystems are merely basic components, and the rapid, effective design of very complex embedded systems is the dream. Not only are system specifications now much more complex, but they must also meet real-time deadlines, consume little power, effectively support complex real-time user interfaces, be very cost-competitive, and be designed to be upgradable.

Wayne Wolf has created the first textbook to systematically deal with this array of new system design requirements and challenges. He presents formalisms and a methodology for embedded system design that can be employed by the new type of "tall-thin" system architect who really understands the foundations of system design across a very wide range of its component technologies.

Moving from the basics of each technology dimension, Wolf presents formalisms for specifying and modeling system structures and behaviors and then clarifies these ideas through a series of design examples. He explores the complexities involved and how to systematically deal with them. You will emerge with a sense of clarity about

the nature of the design challenges ahead and with knowledge of key methods and tools for tackling those challenges.

As the first textbook on embedded system design, this book will prove invaluable as a means for acquiring knowledge in this important and newly emerging field. It will also serve as a reference in actual design practice and will be a trusted companion in the design adventures ahead. I recommend it to you highly.

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Preface to the First Edition

Microprocessors have long been a part of our lives. However, microprocessors have become powerful enough to take on truly sophisticated functions only in the past few years. The result of this explosion in microprocessor power, driven by Moore's Law, is the emergence of embedded computing as a discipline. In the early days of microprocessors, when all the components were relatively small and simple, it was necessary and desirable to concentrate on individual instructions and logic gates. Today, when systems contain tens of millions of transistors and tens of thousands of lines of high-level language code, we must use design techniques that help us deal with complexity.

This book tries to capture some of the basic principles and techniques of this new discipline of embedded computing. Some of the challenges of embedded computing are well known in the desktop computing world. For example, getting the highest performance out of pipelined, cached architectures often requires careful analysis of program traces. Similarly, the techniques developed in software engineering for specifying complex systems have become important with the growing complexity of embedded systems. Another example is the design of systems with multiple processes. The requirements on a desktop general-purpose operating system and a real-time operating system are very different; the real-time techniques developed over the past 30 years for larger real-time systems are now finding common use in microprocessor-based embedded systems.

Other challenges are new to embedded computing. One good example is power consumption. While power consumption has not been a major consideration in traditional computer systems, it is an essential concern for battery-operated embedded computers and is important in many situations in which power supply capacity is limited by weight, cost, or noise. Another challenge is deadline-driven programming. Embedded computers often impose hard deadlines on completion times for programs; this type of constraint is rare in the desktop world. As embedded processors become faster, caches and other CPU elements also make execution times less predictable. However, by careful analysis and clever programming, we can design embedded programs that have predictable execution times even in the face of unpredictable system components such as caches.

Luckily, there are many tools for dealing with the challenges presented by complex embedded systems: high-level languages, program performance analysis tools, processes and real-time operating systems, and more. But understanding how all these tools work together is itself a complex task. This book takes a bottom-up approach to understanding embedded system design techniques. By first understanding the fundamentals of microprocessor hardware and software, we can build powerful abstractions that help us create complex systems.

A note to embedded system professionals

This book is not a manual for understanding a particular microprocessor. Why should the techniques presented here be of interest to you? There are two reasons. First, techniques such as high-level language programming and real-time operating systems are very important in making large, complex embedded systems that actually work. The industry is littered with failed system designs that didn't work because their designers tried to hack their way out of problems rather than stepping back and taking a wider view of the problem. Second, the components used to build embedded systems are constantly changing, but the principles remain constant. Once you understand the basic principles involved in creating complex embedded systems, you can quickly learn a new microprocessor (or even programming language) and apply the same fundamental principles to your new components.

A note to teachers

The traditional microprocessor system design class originated in the 1970s when microprocessors were exotic yet relatively limited. That traditional class emphasizes breadboarding hardware and software to build a complete system. As a result, it concentrates on the characteristics of a particular microprocessor, including its instruction set, bus interface, and so on.

This book takes a more abstract approach to embedded systems. While I have taken every opportunity to discuss real components and applications, this book is fundamentally not a microprocessor data book. As a result, its approach may seem initially unfamiliar. Rather than concentrating on particulars, the book tries to study more generic examples to come up with more generally applicable principles. However, I think that this approach is both fundamentally easier to teach and in the long run more useful to students. It is easier because one can rely less on complex lab setups and spend more time on pencil-and-paper exercises, simulations, and programming exercises. It is more useful to the students because their eventual work in this area will almost certainly use different components and facilities than those used at your school. Once students learn fundamentals, it is much easier for them to learn the details of new components.

Hands-on experience is essential in gaining physical intuition about embedded systems. Some hardware building experience is very valuable; I believe that every student should know the smell of burning plastic integrated circuit packages. But I urge you to avoid the tyranny of hardware building. If you spend too much time building a hardware platform, you will not have enough time to write interesting programs for it. And as a practical matter, most classes don't have the time to let students build sophisticated hardware platforms with high-performance I/O devices and possibly multiple processors. A lot can be learned about hardware by measuring and evaluating an existing hardware platform. The experience of programming complex embedded systems will teach students quite a bit about hardware as well—debugging interrupt-driven code is an experience that few students are likely to forget.

A home page for the book (www.mkp.com/embed) includes overheads, instructor's manual, lab materials, links to related Web sites, and a link to a password-protected ftp site that contains solutions to the exercises.

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Preface to the Second Edition

Embedded computing is more important today than it was in 2000, when the first edition of this book appeared. Embedded processors are in even more products, ranging from toys to airplanes. Systems-on-chips now use up to hundreds of CPUs. The cell phone is on its way to becoming the new standard computing platform. As my column in *IEEE Computer* in September 2006 indicated, there are at least a half-million embedded systems programmers in the world today, probably closer to 800,000.

In this edition I've tried to both update and to revamp. One major change is that the book now uses the TI C55x DSP. I seriously rewrote the discussion of real-time scheduling. I have tried to expand on performance analysis as a theme at as many levels of abstraction as possible. Given the importance of multiprocessors in even the most mundane embedded systems, this edition also talks more generally about hardware/software co-design and multiprocessors.

One of the changes in the field is that this material is taught at lower and lower levels of the curriculum. What used to be graduate material is now upper-division undergraduate; some of this material will percolate down to the sophomore level in the foreseeable future. I think that you can use subsets of this book to cover both more advanced and more basic courses. Some advanced students may not need the background material of the earlier chapters and you can spend more time on software performance analysis, scheduling, and multiprocessors. When teaching introductory courses, software performance analysis is an alternative path to exploring microprocessor architectures as well as software; such courses can concentrate on the first few chapters.

The new Web site for this book and my other books is <http://www.waynewolf.com>. On this site, you can find overheads for the material in this book, suggestions for labs, and links to more information on embedded systems.

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Preface to the Third Edition

This third edition reflects the continued evolution of my thoughts on embedded computing and the suggestions of the users of this book. One important goal was expanding the coverage of embedded computing applications. Learning about topics like digital still cameras and cars can take a lot of effort. Hopefully this material will provide some useful insight into the parts of these systems that most directly affect the design decision faced by embedded computing designers. I also expanded the range of processors used as examples. I included sophisticated processors including the TI C64x and advanced ARM extensions. I also included the PIC16F to illustrate the properties of small RISC embedded processors. Finally, I reorganized the coverage of networks and multiprocessors to provide a more unified view of these closely related topics. You can find additional material on the course Web site at <http://www.marilynwolf.us>. The site includes a complete set of overheads, sample labs, and pointers to additional information.

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