

MP: Project Management, Master's Project and Master's Thesis

Program:	Master's Program in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
Module / Course Title:	Real-Time Systems
No:	MA01
Semester:	EIT M1-3 (summer term)
Coordinator / Responsibility:	Prof. Dr. B. Mysliwetz (I), Prof. Dr. W. Schittenhelm (II)
Teacher:	Prof. Dr. B. Mysliwetz (I), Prof. Dr. W. Schittenhelm (II)
Language:	English
Position in Curriculum:	Mandatory course in EE/IT Master's program. Technical elective course for EIT-Diplom program in 8 th semester.
Course Type / Weekly Hours:	50% lectures, 50% lab class, 4 hours per week
Workload:	Duration 1 semester Lecture/class presence: 4 hours x 15 weeks = 60 hours Lecture follow-up: 20 hours Lab class preparation/follow-up: 50 hours Examination preparation: 20 hours Total workload: 150 hours
Credits:	5
Prerequisites:	Working principles of microprocessors (IO, interrupts, stack). Programming experience in a blockstructured high level language, preferably ANSI C or C++. Basic knowledge of structure and working principles of a 'general purpose' operating system. Fundamental knowledge of the functional units of a personal computer. Fundamentals of control theory.
Goals / Learning Objectives:	<p>Goals</p> <p>To enable students to design and implement software for real-time applications</p> <p>Learning Objectives</p> <p>at the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the mechanisms and problems associated with real-time applications • Apply real-time software design rules • Know the working principles and utilize the services of real-time operating systems • Realize the advantages of using real-time operating systems
Topics:	<p>Part I – Real-Time Software Design and Real-Time Operating Systems (Mysliwetz)</p> <p>Technical terms and definitions; examples of embedded real-time systems; real-time operating system concepts; processes, threads, tasks; scheduling principles; real-time software design; rate-monotonic scheduling approach; reentrant code; semaphores, mutual exclusion, shared resources; synchronization mechanisms; deadlocks; priority inversion; interprocess communication, overview of commercial real-time operating systems; practical laboratory exercises.</p> <p>Lab (Part I)</p> <p>Processes and Threads under Windows; Analysis of Fundamental Real-Time Properties of Windows on a PC; implementing a step motor control application with the real-time kernel μC/OS on an ARM Cortex-M based mi-</p>

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Grading / Examination:	Lab class preparation tests (3 x 15 minutes, 15%) in part I plus written test (60 minutes, 85%) at end of lecture period
Material:	Lecture notes, worksheets and lab-class problem descriptions available as PDF download files
Literature:	<p>Labrosse, J. J.: <i>MicroC/OS-II - The Real-Time Kernel</i>, CMP Books, 1999; ISBN 0-87930-543-6</p> <p>Tanenbaum, A. S.: <i>Modern Operating Systems</i>, Prentice Hall, 1992</p> <p>Brause, R.: <i>Betriebssysteme - Grundlagen und Konzepte</i>, Springer, 2001; ISBN 3-540-67598-1</p> <p>Iwanitz, F., Lange, J.: <i>OPC Fundamentals, Implementation and Application</i>; Hüthig-Verlag, 2002; ISBN 3-77-852883-1</p> <p>Stallings, W.: <i>Operating Systems: Internals and Design Principles</i>, Prentice Hall, 2001; ISBN 0-13-031999-6</p>