PERVASIVE DATA MANAGEMENT EMBEDDED DATABASES

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EMBEDDED DATABASE

FULL-FEATURED DATABASE THAT IS:

INTEGRATED DIRECTLY INTO OR

PACKAGED WITH AN APPLICATION

- PROCESS CONTROL (SOFT OR HARD RT)
 - > MANUFACTURING AUTOMATION
 - > AVIONICS
 - > TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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- INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (NON RT OR SOFT RT)
 - ENTERPRISE APPLICATIONS ON MOBILE POCKET OR HANDHELD PC AND CELL PHONES
 - **SMART CARD INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
 - **SALESMAN ORDER ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING**
 - MINTERNET APPLICATIONS (LOCATION DEPENDENT QUERIES, ON LINE CHOICE OF QoS, ...)

MANUFACTURING AUTOMATION

→ DEVICES

- PROGRAMMABLE LOGICAL CONTROLLERS (PLC)
- REMOTE TELEMETRY UNITS, WIRELESS SENSOR NETWORKS
- RFID (RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION)

→FEATURES

- HISTORICAL AND STATE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT UNDER TIMING CONSTRAINTS
- SMALL/MEDIUM DATA VOLUMES
- HIGH RESPONSIVENESS

ON BOARD AVIONICS SYSTEMS

KEEP TRACK OF 3000 OBJECTS

- → TEMPORAL COHERENCE WITH THE ACTUAL SITUATION WITHIN 200 msec
- → ACCEPTABLE READ/WRITE RESPONSE TIME: 1 msec

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

- >KEEP TRACK OF 20000 OBJECTS
- → TEMPORAL COHERENCE WITH THE ACTUAL SITUATION WITHIN 3+6 sec
- → ACCEPTABLE READ/WRITE RESPONSE TIME: 5 msec

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- →800-NUMBERS TRANSLATION REQUIRES LESS THAN 50 msec TURNAROUND TIME
- → AVAILABILITY REQUIRED: LESS THAN 1 CALL IN 106 MAY BE LOST
- → KEEPING INFORMATION IN MAIN MEMORY CAN REDUCE ACCESS TIME AS LOW AS 10 msec
- > LOGGING OVERHEAD MUST STAY LOW

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CONTROL SYSTEM

- FROM THE ARCHITECTURE POINT OF VIEW:
 - AD HOC ARCHITECTURES FOR PROCESS CONTROL
 - AD HOC COMPONENTS FOR PROCESS CONTROL
 - INTEGRATING PROCESS CONTROL WITHIN A WIDER INFORMATION SYSTEM
- MAIN HARDWARE COMPONENTS OF CONTROL SYSTEMS
 - INDUSTRIAL REGULATION DEVICES
 - APPROPRIATE HARDWARE FOR ACQUISITION, CONDITIONING, TRASMISSION, ACTUATION
 - PLC (PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS)
 - "SOFT" COMPONENTS, I.E. USE FO INDUSTRIAL PC WHICH EMULATE SPECIFIC HARDWARE COMPONENTS

AD HOC ARCHITECTURES OF CONTROL SYSTEMS

MUST PROVIDE AND MANAGE:

- TEMPORAL DETERMINISM
- FAULT TOLERANCE (FOR BOTH HW AND SW FAULTS)
- LARGE AMOUNTS OF TEMPORAL DATA, TO BE MANAGED WITH
 - DIFFERENT TIME GRANULARITIES,
 - DIFFERENT IMPORTANCE LEVELS, AND
 - DIFFERENT CRITICITY

AD HOC ARCHITECTURES OF CONTROL SYSTEMS

- USER ADAPTABLE OPERATOR INTERFACE (DIFFERENT CULTURES AND TRAINING LEVELS)
- (RE)CONFIGURABILITY: RECONFIGURING A CONTROL SYSTEM DURING ITS LIFE MAY BE VERY CRITICAL
- HIERARCHICAL ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL SYSTEM COMPONENTS (MUCH MORE MAINTENABLE)

AD HOC COMPONENTS OF CONTROL SYSTEMS

- COMPONENTS FOR "PHISICAL WORLD INTERFACES", FOR MEASURING, SENSING, ACTUATING ETEROGENEOUS QUANTITIES.
- WHILE SIGNAL TRANSMISSION IS BASED ON STANDARD TECHNIQUES, THESE SAME SIGNALS ARE
 - COLLECTED FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES
 - DIFFERENT IN NATURE
 - TO BE TREATED IN DIFFERENT WAYS.
- THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT MAY BE VERY DIFFERENT,
 THUS COMPONENTS MUST BE ABLE TO WORK IN DIFFERENT
 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.
- NONETHELESS, COMPONENTS MUST INTEROPERATE, EVEN IF THEY COME FROM DIFFERENT MANUFACTURERS

INTEGRABILITY WITHIN LARGER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

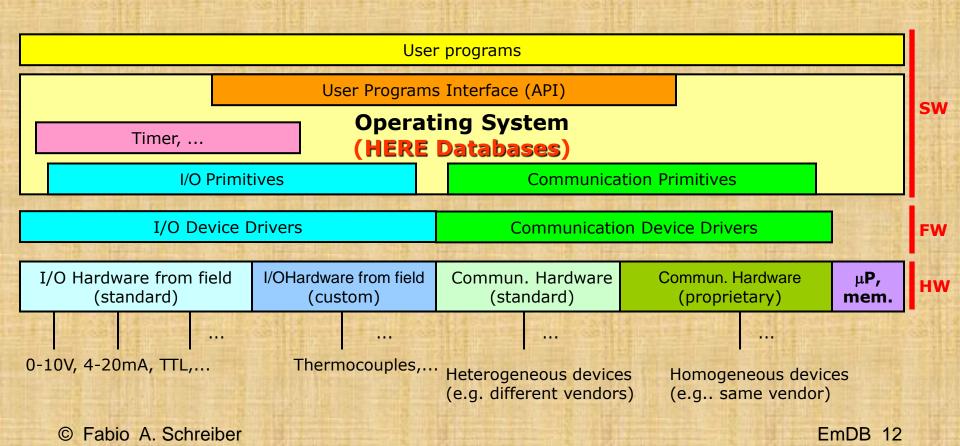
CONTROL SYSTEMS ARE CORRECTLY VIEWED AS A PART OF THE INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM, THUS THEY MUST BE WELL INTEGRATED WITH:

- PLANT MONITORING SUBSYSTEMS
- PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT,
- SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT,
- LOGISTICS,

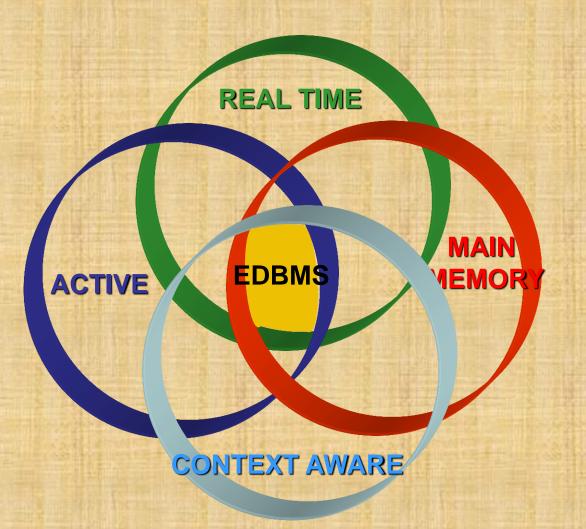
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The IEC 61131 standard

The typical structure of an "intelligent" device, such as a PLC...



EMBEDDED DBMS FEATURES



EMBEDDED DBMS FUNCTIONALITY

FEATURES APPLICATION	REAL TIME	ACTIVE	MAIN MEMORY
PROCESS / DEVICE CONTROL	YES HARD / FIRM	YES	POSSIBLY
MOBILE / INTERNET APPLICATIONS	YES FIRM / SOFT	YES	POSSIBLY
SMART CARD APPLICATIONS	NO / SOFT	NO	YES