

# Embedded Software Engineering

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# project

- Implementation of an E-Machine on a RCX - brick
- running an e-code application with two modes according to a given giotto-model
- Roboter - behavior: acts autonomously , avoids hitting obstacles.

# I/O

- input - sensor
- output - actuator
- task - driver

# E-Machine

implemented E-Code instructions

#define E_RETURN	0
#define E_CALL	1
#define E_RELEASE	2
#define E_FUTURE	3
#define E_FUTURE_REL	4
#define E_IF	5
#define E_JUMP	6
#define E_IF_REL	7
#define E_JUMP_REL	8
#define E_CANCEL	9

# E-Code-structure

```
struct eCommand{  
    unsigned int command;  
    unsigned int method;  
    unsigned int time;  
    unsigned int e_address;  
};
```

# task-handling

## problem: task-termination

- solution: semaphore-array

```
static tid_t task_sem[] =
```

```
{
```

```
    FREE_TASK, FREE_TASK, ...FREE_TASK
```

```
};
```

- used for exception-handling  
(E\_RELEASE / E\_CANCEL)

# time-trigger

```
struct trigger // trigger function returns
{ // boolean if triggered
    unsigned int trigger; // pointer to an address in
                          // the E code
    unsigned int e_address; // system start time in ms
    unsigned long trigger_start; // trigger activation-time
                                // in ms
    unsigned long trigger_delta; // time after which trigger
                                // becomes true
};
```



# direction- & sensor types

- enum dir\_t {turn\_left, turn\_right, forward, backward, stop, idle};
- enum sensor\_state {hit\_front\_center, hit\_front\_left, hit\_front\_right, hit\_back\_center, hit\_back\_left, hit\_back\_right, NON};

# driving-command

```
struct driving_command {  
    int priority;  
    enum dir_t direction;  
    boolean changed;  
    int speed;  
    signed long duration;  
};
```

# ports

- input ports
- output ports
- task ports

# tasks

- direction-change
- obstacle-handling
- motor-control
- show\_standby\_mode
- show\_running\_mode

# Direction-Change

**Input:** nothing  
**Output:** DC\_OUT

```
long int left_right = ( random() % 4 );  
// select new direction by random
```

```
if ( left_right == 0 || 1 || 2 || 3 )    {  
    DC_OUT.priority      = 2 ;  
    DC_OUT.direction     = turn_left/-right/back/forward;  
    DC_OUT.speed         = MAX_SPEED ;  
    DC_OUT.duration      = 1000 + ( random () % 6 ) ;  
    DC_OUT.changed       = TRUE ;  
}
```

# obstacle-handling

**Input:** S1, S2, S3

**Output:** OH\_OUT

- check\_sensors determines if we hit an obstacle
- case hit\_front\_right...:

OH\_OUT.priority = 4;

OH\_OUT.direction = turn\_left...;

OH\_OUT.speed = MAX\_SPEED ;

OH\_OUT.duration = 500 ;

OH\_OUT.changed = TRUE;

break;

# motor-control

**Input:** MC\_IN\_DC, MC\_IN\_OH

**Output:** M1, M2, SPEED

- ```
if ( MC_IN_OH.changed == TRUE )      {  
    MC_IN_OH.changed = FALSE ;  
  
    if ( MC_IN_OH.priority > active_command.priority ||  
        active_command.duration <= 0 ) {  
        active_command = MC_IN_OH ;  
    }  
}
```
- ```
if ( active_command.duration > 0 )  {...}
```

# motor-control

```
if ( active_command.duration > 0 ) {  
    switch ( active_command.direction ) {  
        case forward:  
            M1 = fwd ;  
  
            M2 = fwd ;  
  
            break;...}  
  
    SPEED = active_command.speed ;  
    if (active_command.duration > Period_Task_MC)  
        active_command.duration =  
        active_command.duration - Period_Task_MC ;  
    else  
        active_command.duration = 0;  
} else { M1=off; M2=off; }}
```



# E code (old version)

```
{E_CALL,    driver_sensor,    0,    0 } // 0 standby-mode
{E_IF_REL,  mode_switch_1,    4,    4 } // 1 test for mode-switch
{E_RELEASE,sense_less,    0,    0 } // 2
{E_FUTURE, time_trigger,    500,  a_1 } // 3
{E_RETURN, 0,    0,    0 } // 4

{E_CALL,    driver_actuator,  0,    0 } // 5 running-mode
{E_CALL,    driver_sensor,    0,    0 } // 6
{E_CALL,    driver_OH2MC,    0,    0 } // 7
{E_CALL,    driver_DC2MC,    0,    0 } // 8

{E_RELEASE,dir_change,    0,    0 } // 9
{E_RELEASE,motor_control,  0,    0 } // 10
{E_RELEASE,obstacle_handling, 0,    0 } // 11
{E_FUTURE, time_trigger,Period_Task_MC,a_1} //12
{E_RETURN, 0,    0,    0 } // 13
```

# E code - new version(1)

```
static const struct eCommand eCode[] = {
```

```
        S T A N D B Y - M O D E
```

```
    M O D E - I n i t i a l i s a t i o n
```

```
    a_1:@0 { E_CALL,    driver_m_standby_init,    0,    0 }
```

```
    a_2:@1 { E_CALL,    driver_sensor,    0,    0 }
```

```
    2 Mode-switch-test: jmp into active-mode @a_3
```

```
        { E_IF_REL,    mode_switch_1,    0,    r_a3 }
```

```
    3 display spent time in standby-mode in seconds
```

```
        { E_RELEASE, show_standby_mode,    0, a_c_ssm }
```

```
    4 looping to a_2
```

```
        { E_FUTURE, time_trigger, Period_standby,    a_2 }
```

```
        { E_RETURN, 0,    0,    0 }
```

# E code (2)

## R U N N I N G - M O D E

M O D E - Initialisation -

```
a_3:@6 { E_CALL, driver_m_running_init, 0, 0 }
```

7 delay-unit of 1000 ms for hardware-initilisation

```
{ E_FUTURE, time_trigger, 1000, a_4 }
```

```
{ E_RETURN, 0, 0, 0 }
```

a\_4:@9 this is start of running-mode and eblock nr 1 of this mode

9 check for mode-switch back to standby-mode

```
{ E_IF, mode_switch_2, 0, a_1 }
```

# E code (3)

D R I V E R - Calls: the drivers used in e-block 1

```
{ E_CALL,    driver_actuator,    0,    0 }  
{ E_CALL,    driver_sensor,      0,    0 }  
{ E_CALL,    driver_OH2MC,       0,    0 }  
{ E_CALL,    driver_DC2MC,       0,    0 }
```

T H E T A S K S started in e-block 1

processing of output of obstacle-handling and direction-change  
writing to motor-ports M1, M2

```
{ E_RELEASE, motor_control,      0,a_c_motor }
```

checks if the robot hit any obstacle

```
{ E_RELEASE, obstacle_handling,  0,  a_c_oh }
```

randomly choosing a new direction

```
{ E_RELEASE, dir_change,         0,  a_c_dc }
```

show on display a blinking '- ', indicating that we are in running mode

```
{ E_RELEASE, show_running_mode,  0, a_c_srm }
```

# E code (4)

set time-trigger, loop to e-block 2 of running mode

```
{ E_FUTURE_REL, time_trigger, Period_running, 2 }  
{ E_RETURN, 0, 0, 0 }
```

DRIVER-CALLS in e-block 2,3,4,5 of running-mode

```
{E_CALL, driver_actuator, 0, 0 }  
{E_CALL, driver_sensor, 0, 0 }  
{E_CALL, driver_OH2MC, 0, 0 }
```

THE TASKS of block 2,3,4,5

```
{ E_RELEASE, motor_control, 0, a_c_motor }  
{ E_RELEASE, obstacle_handling, 0, a_c_oh }
```

THE FUTURE instructin of eblock 2,3,4

```
{ E_FUTURE_REL, time_trigger, Period_running, 2 }  
{ E_RETURN, 0, 0, 0 }
```

FUTURE-instructino of block 5: jumping back to first eblock of running-mode

```
{ E_FUTURE, time_trigger, Period_running, a_4 }  
{ E_RETURN, 0, 0, 0 }
```

# E code (5)

## EXCEPTION - HANDLING (simplified implementation)

### 1. stand-by-mode:

kill task

```
{ E_CANCEL, show_standby_mode, 0, 0 }
```

restart mode

```
{ E_CALL, clean_up_sstandbym, 0, 0 }
```

```
{ E_JUMP, 0, 0, a_1 }
```

### 2. running-mode:

for each task in running mode do the following

```
{ E_CANCEL, <task>, 0, 0 }
```

```
{ E_CALL, <call clean-up-funcitons> 0, 0 }
```

```
{ E_JUMP, 0, 0, a_4 }
```

```
}
```

# Wrapper

```
wrapper[motor_control] =  
    (unsigned int) &Task_motor_control;
```

```
wrapper[obstacle_handling] =  
    (unsigned int) &Task_obstacle_handling;
```

```
wrapper[dir_change] =  
    (unsigned int) &Task_direction_change;
```

```
...
```

# task-control

```
int schedule(int argv, char **argc) {  
    // argv is a index to the wrapper array  
    void (*ptr)(void) = (void *) wrapper[ argv ];  
  
    while (task_lock) yield();  
    // task_sem contains either task_id if running or  
    // -1 if not  
    ptr();  
    task_sem[ argv ] = FREE_TASK;  
    return TRUE;  
}
```



# E Machine

```
e_PC = 0;
start_time = get_system_up_time();
msleep_wakeup = start_time;
error = invoke( e_PC );
if (error<0) err(error);
while ( !shutdown_requested () ) { // test if user presses on-off key
for ( i=0; i<=MAX_TRIGGER; i++ ) { // check all triggers
if ( trigger_check( i ) == TRUE ) { // delete trigger from trigger queue
triggers[i].trigger = FREE_TRIGGER;
e_PC = triggers[i].e_address; // set program counter to e_address
error = invoke( e_PC ); // execute a block of e-code
if (error<0) err(error);
}} // for & if
```

# E Machine

```
// compute time for the E machine to wake up next
time2wait = (msleep_wakeup - get_system_up_time());
    if ( time2wait > time_eps ) {      // to be more accurate
        msleep( time2wait -time_eps ); // time to sleep is reduced
        // during msleep-operation, the OS will execute all released tasks
    } // for
} // while
return 0;
```