CAS 704 – Embedded, Real-Time Software Systems

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Lectures: Monday, Thursday 13:30-14:50 (ITB/222)

Mission:

Grading:

Assignments  20%
Term Test    30%
Final exam   50%

Text: There is no required text. References and course notes will be made available.

Course coverage:

1. Scheduling
   a. Time-based scheduling
   b. Classical results for single processor scheduling algorithms
   c. Multiprocessor scheduling
   d. Scheduling with energy concerns

The rest of the course coverage will be filled in after a vote of the class. The following are all possibilities.

2. Real-Time Operating Systems – we can look at TinyOS, details of its implementation and some applications.
3. Fault Tolerance Techniques
4. State-Space Control Theory and Real-Time Implementation
5. Specification of Real-Time Systems (examine in detail one framework – UML, Timed Petri Nets, etc.)
6. Individual Student Presentations – allows you to explore and present a topic of your choice.
The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to comment on changes. It is the responsibility of the student to check their McMaster email and course websites weekly during the term and to note any changes.

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