Recitation #2

18-649 Embedded System Engineering
Friday 11 Sept 2015
Announcements and Administrative Stuff

- Project 2 posted

- **TA office hours**
  - [http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~ece649/admin.html#info](http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~ece649/admin.html#info)
    - Monday: 4:30-5:30 PM (Zach Rousselle)
    - Wednesday: 8-9 PM (Jacob Nelson)
    - Thursday: 4:30-5:30 PM (Shane Smith)
  - This week, undergrad lounge

- **Course announcements will be made mostly via blackboard**
  - Check blackboard prior to emailing staff
  - You are responsible for reading these (check it once a day or so)
  - Only critical notices sent by e-mail
Weekly Progress & Individual Contribution

- Fill these in status reports every week and submit with your project

- Weekly progress updates due every week with your project submission

- First one due this project:
  - Report hours
    - From the beginning of the semester till Project 1 submission
    - From handing in Project 1 to handing in Project 2
  - Report Contributions for each team member

- Each project handin should have an Progress/Contribution report
  - Projects without a report are not considered turned in.
  - You **WILL** receive the late penalty every day until it is resubmitted
  - We will try to remind you, but ultimately it is your responsibility to have it in your portfolio.
Weekly Progress & Individual Contribution

- Lying on the Individual Contribution is a violation of Academic Integrity
  - In industry this is called *FRAUD*

- Both the person who claims to have done the work, and the person whose work it is are in violation of Academic Integrity policy.
  - Both students will *FAIL* the course.

- The academic integrity policy can be found at http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~ece649/admin.html#cheating
A Note on Late Submissions

• If you submit late, e-mail staff

• If there is an on-time submission, the TA will grade that
  • Unless you tell us otherwise (e.g., “please grade my late submission instead”)
  • Either place a readme in the on-time submission folder or e-mail staff

• TAs are obligated to grade only one copy of your project
  • Specifically, we aren’t going to grade two versions and give you the higher of the two grades
Project 2 - Overview

- Lecture Mon & Wed will go over all the material for Project 2
  - We suggest you look through project 2 now so you can tie lecture to the project
- Download the portfolio
  - You will be responsible for submitting an updated portfolio every week
  - Refer to the portfolio matrix to see which parts you’re updating each week
- READ the architecture diagram
  - Understand how modules are connected and communicate
  - Understand network vs physical messages
  - Architecture is fixed
- READ the elevator behavioral requirements
  - Detailed description of each part of the system
  - Defines inputs and outputs
  - Communication requirements are fixed
- We give you a set of use cases
  - Create scenarios for each use case
  - Create sequence diagrams based on each scenario
We provide a fixed architecture
- Your sequence diagrams will show communication between these components
- Blue arc = physical commands, black arc = network message
Use Cases

- How can an outside entity interact with our elevator?
  - Use cases define actions a passenger can perform with respect to the system.

Diagram:

- Passenger
  - Makes a Hall Call
  - Makes a Car Call
  - Enters Car
    - Uses
  - Exits Car
    - Uses
  - Triggers Door Reversal
  - Determine Car Direction
  - Determine Car Position
Use Cases (cont.)

• The passenger is not the only entity that interacts with the elevator
  • Dispatcher - Determines which floor to service and when to cycle the doors
  • In our system this is another controller (not a person)
    • But there are still elevators that use a person in this role
Behavioral Requirements

• **Read these**
  • Plan to spend some time getting familiar with this

• **Detailed description of what each part does**
  • Replication, instantiation, and assumptions
  • Behavioral requirements and constraints
  • Inputs and outputs

• **You’ll notice some look very “empty”**
  • The baseline elevator is very simple (and inefficient)
  • Over the semester you’ll be improving most of these components

• **Message library**
  • The communications requirements are fixed
  • You can ONLY use messages that we have defined for you
  • Use the defined inputs and outputs for each component
Scenarios

- There are one or more scenarios for each use case
  - 12 total, each team member does *at least* 3
  - Over the semester, you’ll likely have to define more for a complete elevator
  - You’re encouraged to think of more scenarios, but 12 is the minimum

- We give you a set of preconditions
  - You specify a scenario (similar to what you did in project 1)
    - Scenario describes what happens from preconditions to postconditions
  - Remember you’re describing all system components, not just one
  - You specify the post conditions for the scenario
    - The state of the system after the scenario completes
  - Create a sequence diagram showing component interaction for the scenario

- How long are scenarios supposed to be?
  - Rule of thumb: Stop when you begin to describe another use case
Example Scenario 1B

- Passenger arrives at a hallway when elevator is already there and the car is traveling in the same direction as desired by passenger.

- Preconditions:
  - Car is at same floor as passenger.
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- Scenario:
  - Door[b,r] starts closing.
  - Passenger arrives at a hallway[f, b] to use the elevator, with intent to travel in direction d. Passenger presses hall call button before doors are fully closed, but after doors are too fully closed for passenger to enter.
  - Hall button lights up.
  - Doors complete closing.

- Postconditions:
  - Elevator is at the passenger's floor.
  - Door is closed.
  - Hall button light for passenger's desired direction is on.
Sequence Diagrams

- Sequence diagrams illustrate the flow of messages between objects
  - Each component is shown as a box
  - Time progresses downward from the components
  - Arcs go between objects to show messages and physical commands
    - You must number all arcs!
  - Use the following color coding:
    Blue box = Sensor/actuator
    Blue arc = Physical command
    Black box = Controller
    Black arc = Network message

Notice: Network messages have an “m” prefix
Audit

• Once you finish your (at least) three sequence diagrams

• Have one of your partners review them according to audit procedure
  • Name of the person conducting the audit?
  • Are the events in the sequence diagram consistent with the steps in the scenario?
  • Are all arcs labeled with a valid command in the sequence diagram?
  • Are all arcs correctly colored (blue for physical message, black for network messages)?
    Are all boxed items correct parts of the elevator architecture?
  • Does each message arc in the sequence diagram originate from the correct object
    (according to the interfaces defined in the Requirements I and II documents)?

• Include a copy of every audit as directed on project web page
Individual Contribution

- **Track your own contributions to each project**
  - Each task for that week belongs to at least one team member
  - Comprehensive weekly list of who was in charge of completing what
  - We want to know how you tend to divvy the work

- **This will add detail to your progress report**
  - Minimum list of project requirements given, add any additional work you did as well

- **For this week**
  - Who worked on a Sequence Diagram? the Team Portfolio? a peer review?
  - This is all divided in a straightforward way this week, in future weeks the division of work will not be so neatly split
Portfolio

- **Update the appropriate parts of the portfolio template**
  - Portfolio Table of Contents
  - Scenarios and Sequence Diagrams
  - Improvements Log

- **Double-check**
  - The required parts of the portfolio are up to date (check the portfolio matrix)
  - All documents have group number and member names (including code)
  - All documents have uniform appearance
    - They don’t look like four people slapped them together at the last minute
    - Hint: Agree ahead of time what tools to use
What Do We Expect?

- **Grading criteria is focused on process**
  - The project is designed to teach you the importance of process and how to do it!
  - Don’t just go through the motions
  - Traceability, audits, logs, -- These things matter in industry!

- **We expect a design that passes acceptance test criteria**
  - You must have a working elevator to complete the course

- **Much of the project is open-ended**
  - Requires you to think about what is reasonable
  - We have fixed the architecture and message requirements to guide you

- **What do we NOT expect?**
  - A perfect elevator (how would you know?)
Project Tips

- Leave time for traceability, audits and other process steps
  - These can take longer than you expect

- Put REAL effort into the early design phases
  - Each project builds on the previous one
  - Every single group in years past recommended this by the end of the semester
  - If your design barely scrapes by, you will eventually have to fix it
  - Traceability requirements mean that your fixes will have to be propagated all the way through the design

- Don't blow off bug tracking
  - When you fix a bug, log it, and propagate the fix through the whole design
  - We’ll do diffs on your submissions to check bug tracking / propagating fixes

- Look at tools for automating repetitive tasks (e.g. makefiles)
  - The simulator might have the feature you’re about to implement

- Resist the urge to put lots of time into automating one-off tasks
Teamwork and Administration Tips

• Deal with these issues early (first or second week)

• Establish meeting times and team roles
  • Plan to meet with your group the same time every week
  • Exchange contact info too!

• Decide what tools to use
  • Pick tools everyone can use (especially for diagrams)
  • Look at tools for collaboration (e.g. version control)
    • Or at least set up a location to share the current design files
  • Use a version control tool (e.g., SVN, GIT)
    • Note: GitHub can be tricky for spreadsheet merges

• Read over the project before Recitation
  • Come ready with questions, it’s the best time to ask
Team Meeting Tips

• Meet early for planning
  • Review the assignment together
    • Make sure everyone in your group understands the assignment
  • Get started on the assignment together
  • Record things you don’t understand or need clarifications on
    • Assign a member to visit office hours with your questions
  • Distribute the remaining work before you end the meeting

• Establish a checkpoint mid-week (even if just by e-mail)
  • Make sure everyone’s on track prior to the deadline

• Keep meeting minutes
  • Decisions made, tasks assigned, etc.
  • Make sure everyone gets a copy so they know what they’re responsible for!
Suggestions and Reminders

• For project 2, spend some time reviewing the documentation
  • There’s a lot of documentation, it takes time to review
  • Do it prior to your team meeting

• Start early with assignments

• Reminder: Assignments are due Thursday evening by 10:00 PM
Questions?