
Preface

Since the publication of my first book on the Design and Implementation of the MTX Operating System by Springer in 2015, I have received inquiries from many enthusiastic readers about how to run the MTX OS on their ARM based mobile devices, such as iPods or iPhones, etc. which motivated me to write this book.

The purpose of this book is to provide a suitable platform for teaching and learning the theory and practice of embedded and real-time operating systems. It covers the basic concepts and principles of operating systems, and it shows how to apply them to the design and implementation of complete operating systems for embedded and real-time systems. In order to do these in a concrete and meaningful way, it uses the ARM toolchain for program development, and it uses ARM virtual machines to demonstrate the design principles and implementation techniques.

Due to its technical contents, this book is not intended for entry-level courses that teach only the concepts and principles of operating systems without any programming practice. It is intended for technically oriented Computer Science/Engineering courses on embedded and real-time systems that emphasize both theory and practice. The book's evolutionary style, coupled with detailed source code and complete working sample systems, make it especially suitable for self-study.

Undertaking this book project has proved to be yet another very demanding and time-consuming endeavor, but I enjoyed the challenges. While preparing the book manuscripts for publication, I have been blessed with the encouragements and helps from numerous people, including many of my former TaiDa EE60 classmates. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them. I am also grateful to Springer International Publishing AG for allowing me to disclose the source code of this book to the public for free, which are available at <http://www.eecs.wsu.edu/~cs460/ARMhome> for download.

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