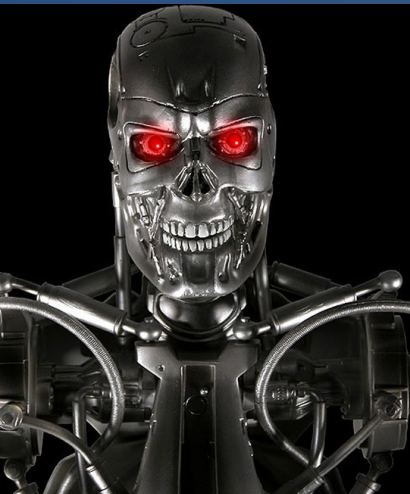


Welcome to ENSC 351 Embedded and Real Time System Software



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Topics

- 1) Introductions
- 2) What's an embedded system?
- 3) Course overview
- 4) BeagleBone & Zen Cape preview

Course Materials

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Teaching Interests

- Software engineering, including development methods, object-oriented design, and programming languages
- Embedded systems

What do I notice?

- **Worried & Excited**: Top most common words!
- **Many different backgrounds**
 - We won't assume much about **Linux** use
 - We won't assume much about **programming** experience (especially not **multithreaded..**)
 - **We'll cover everything!**

What is an embedded system?

What is an Embedded System?

- Real-time Embedded System:

- Embedded systems:

A Computer system designed to do...
one dedicated and specific function.

(wikipedia).

- Real-time systems:

Must respond to events..

within a predictable specific time constraint.

- Spectrum of Examples:

- Controller in an **AA-battery recharger.**
 - Controller in a **laser printer.**
 - Air-quality controller on **international space station.**
 - Control software in an **autonomous vehicle.**

Embedded System Development

- **Cross-compiling:**
 - Development done on the PC using powerful tools: editor, compiler, debugger, etc.
 - Compiled code... **downloaded to target hardware.**

Host



Compiled Code



Target



Discussion

In groups of 3 to 4 people:

- Exchange email address;
- Answer the following:

1. What are 5 different embedded systems in your rooms right now? Which is most interesting?
2. What one computer failure could be most life critical? Is it an embedded system?
3. What is the best or worst thing an embedded system could be used for?

Course Overview

- Goal
 - Qualified for junior embedded software developer.
 - Course mostly... **hands on; not much theory.**
 - May spend hours **solving build issues**, and **downloading code to device.**
- Course Components

Embedded
Basics
&
Hardware

Linux
Coding
& Admin

Real Time
system

Course History

- Based on CMPT 433: Embedded Systems
- Here in ENSC 351 we'll spend more time reviewing and learning:
 - C programming
 - Linux programming (files, mutexes, ports, ...)
- We are likely going to skip some CMPT 433 content:
 - Circuits
 - Kernel drivers and Bare metal
 - Web pages
- Like 433, we'll learn all about how to develop under Linux, and take pride in our code!
 - Throughout the semester we'll ensure students of all backgrounds are having success.
 - We will add time on topics as needed

What to expect

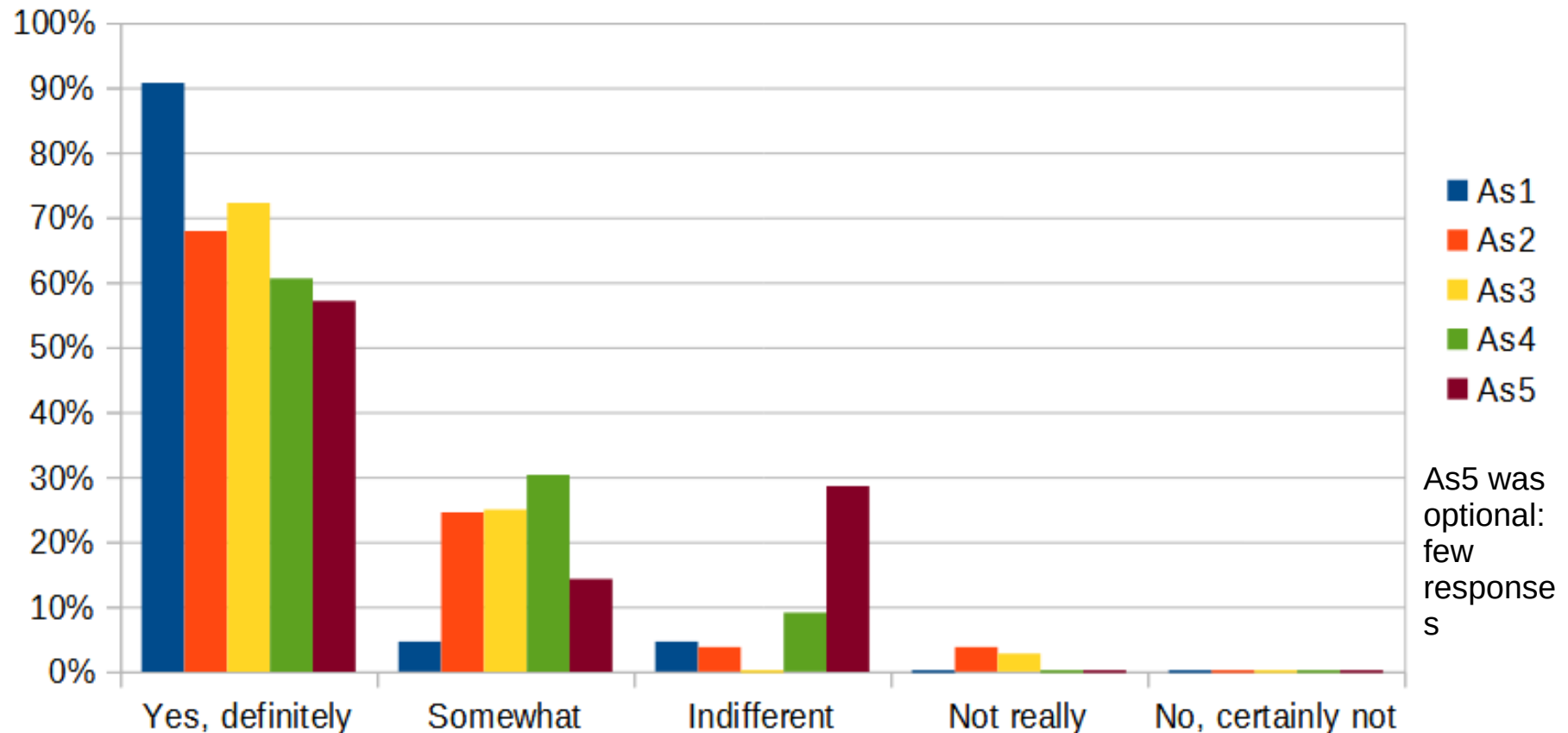
- Previous students have found this course:
 - very rewarding to do so much hands-on, and
 - very time consuming to do so much hands-on!
- So be ready for:
 - A lot of C/Linux programming
 - Steep initial learning curve working with real HW
 - Group work
 - Spending good time on this course each week.
- Stay on top of assignments and how-to guides.
- Submitted code may anonymously be discussed in class

Hours spent working on assignment (2021 Spring)



Learning worth the time (2021-Spring)

Do you feel the time you spent on the assignments were worth what you learned from them?

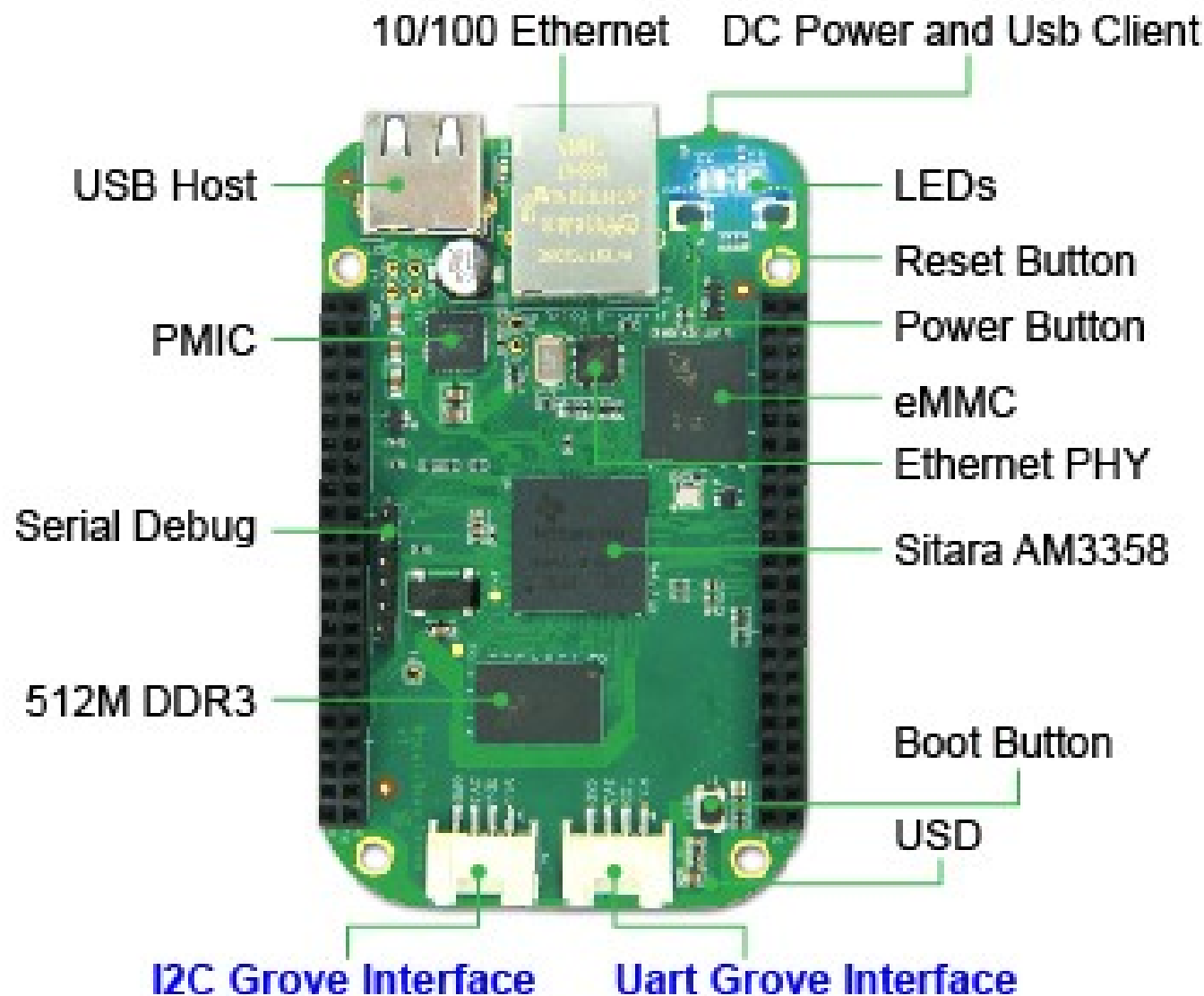


Admin Review

- **Assessment**
 - **Quizzes** 20%
 - **Assignments** 50%: Individual/pairs to learn skills
Anon code reviews in class may feature your code!
 - **Project** 30%: group (3-4) to accomplish more
 - Grade breakpoints (“% for B+?”) may be non-standard
- **Academic Honesty**
 - I am *passionate* about proving who did their own work.
 - **Corollaries:**
 - I'll give you credit for the work you do.
 - I'll catch those who don't do their own work.

Hardware Package

BeagleBone Green (BBG)

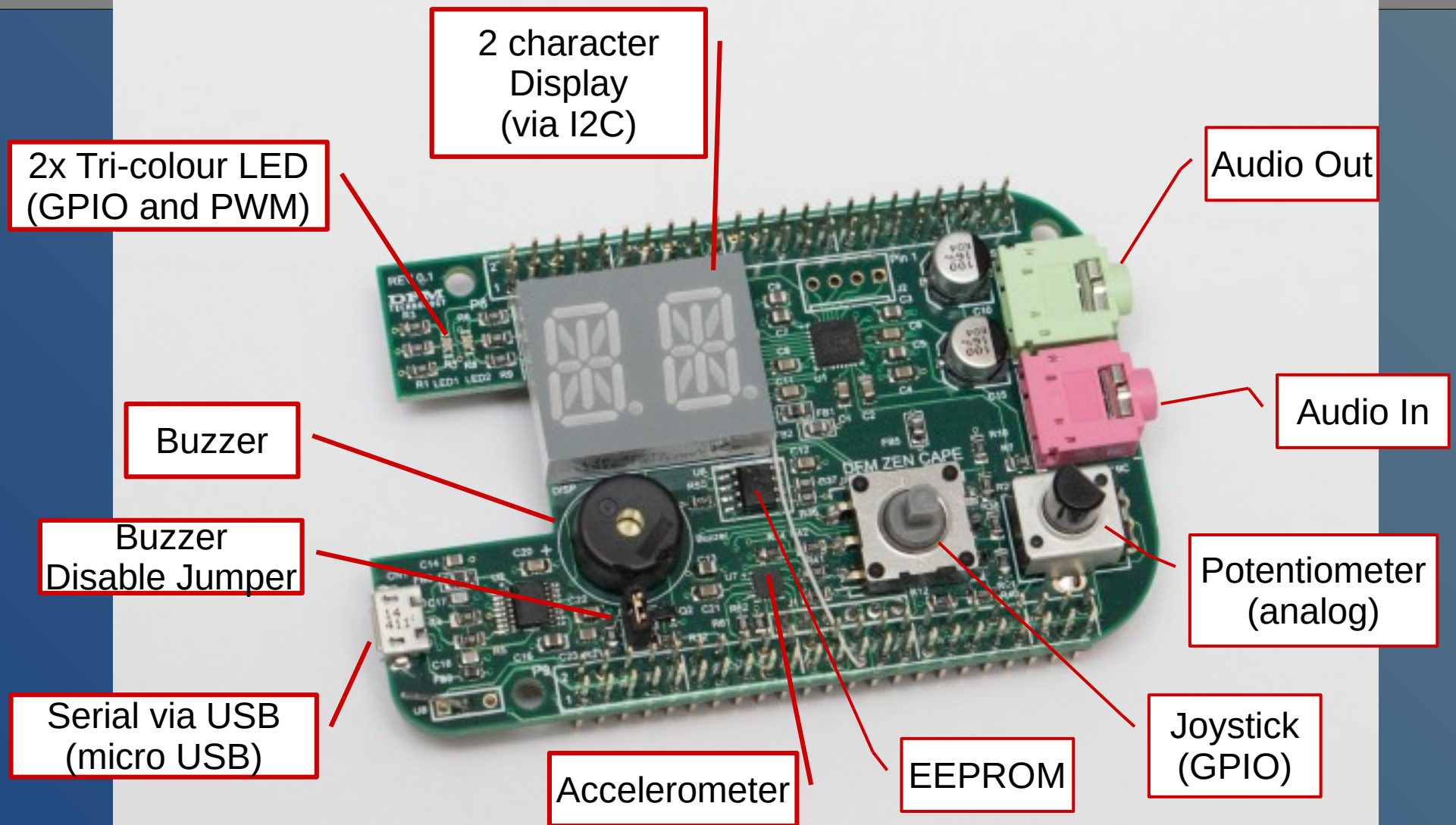


Components

- Kit will include hardware, such as the following:



CMPT 433 uses: Zen Cape



Demo

- BeagleBone Green Demo
 - Boot & show in terminal
 - Linux commands: ls, cd, echo
 - Blink LEDs
 - Ethernet ping / web server

Summary

- Course is hands on:
 - Learning **skills**, not so much **theory**.
 - Expect to spend quite a bit of time figuring things out
- Have fun!

