

Welcome to ENSC 351 Embedded and Real Time System Software



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Topics

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- 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.**

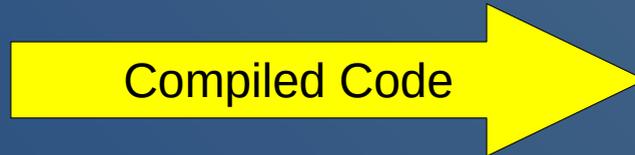
Embedded System Development

- **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

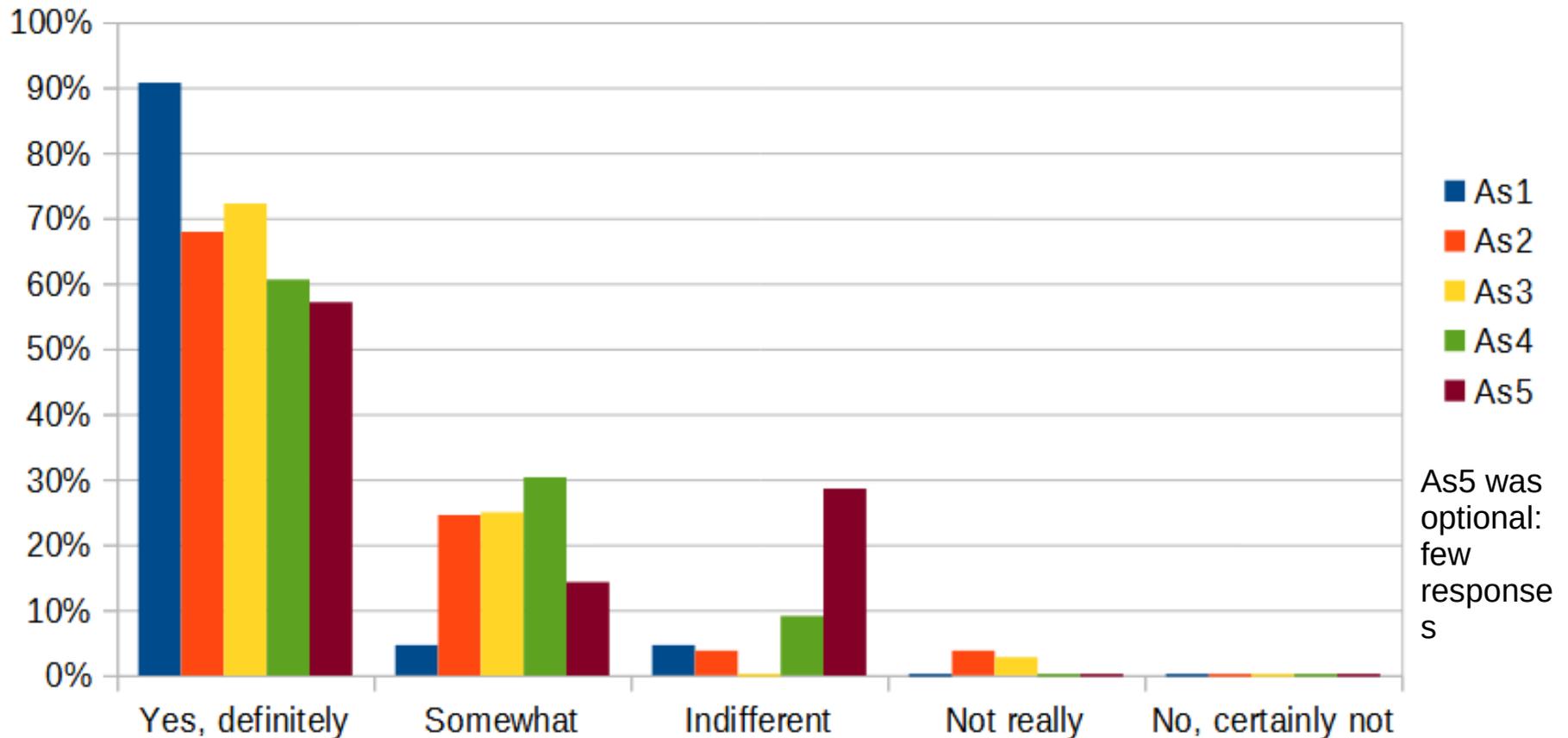
- Previous students have found this course:
 - very rewarding to do so much hands-on, and
 - very time consuming to do so much hands-on!
- So be ready for:
 - A lot of C/Linux programming
 - Steep initial learning curve working with real HW
 - Group work
 - Spending good time on this course **each week**.
- 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?



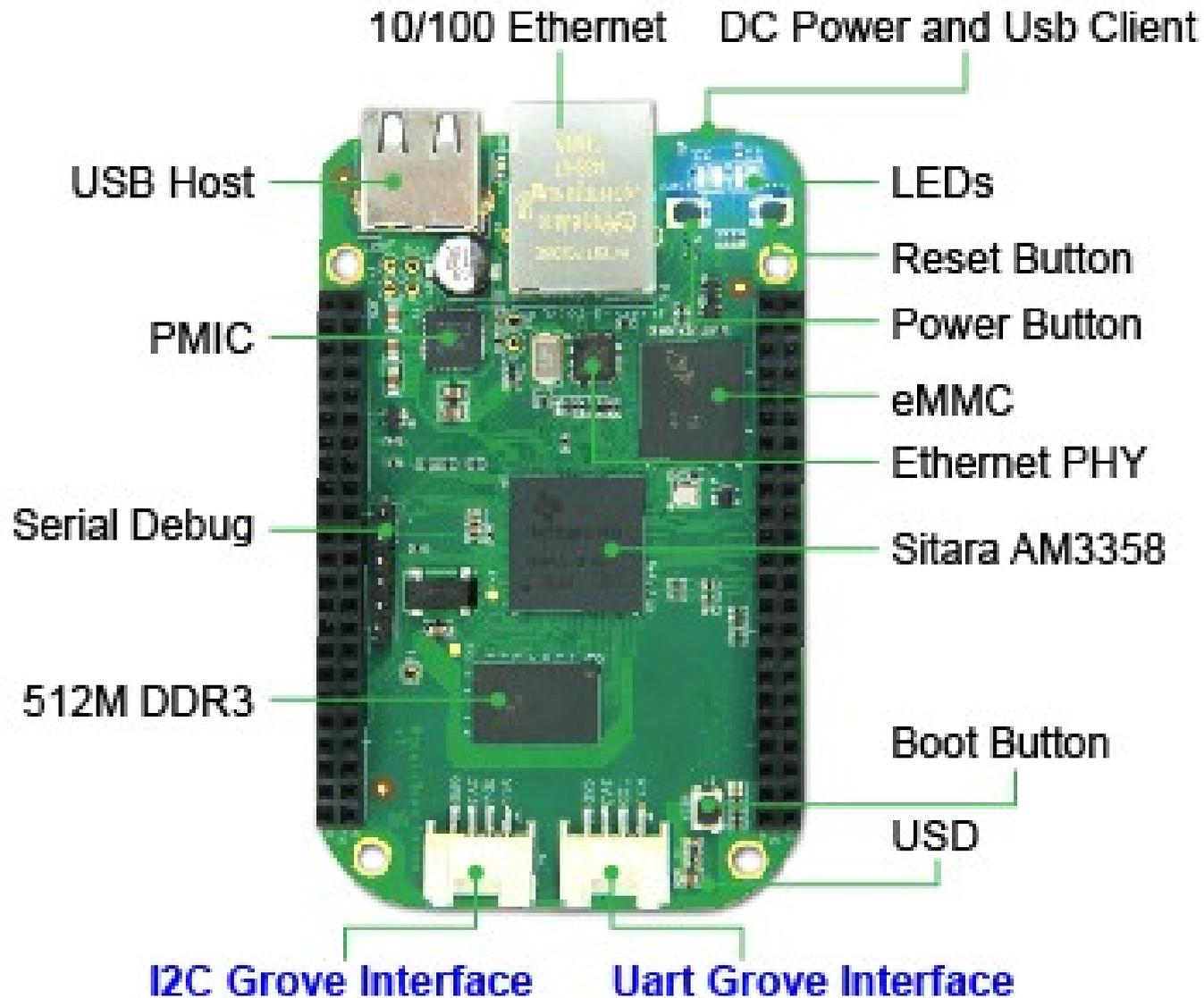
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Admin Review

- **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.

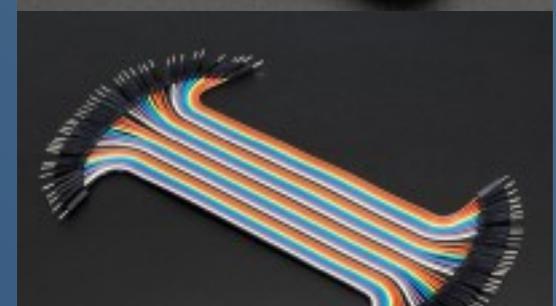
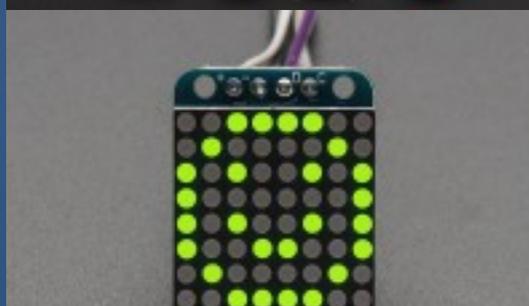
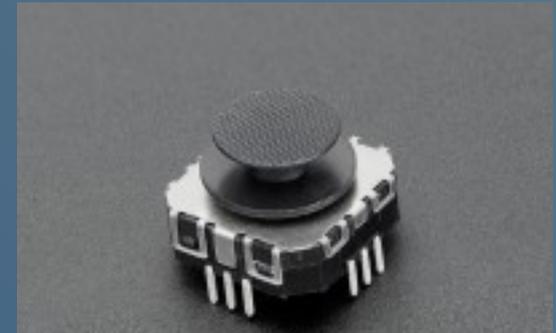
Hardware Package

BeagleBone Green (BBG)

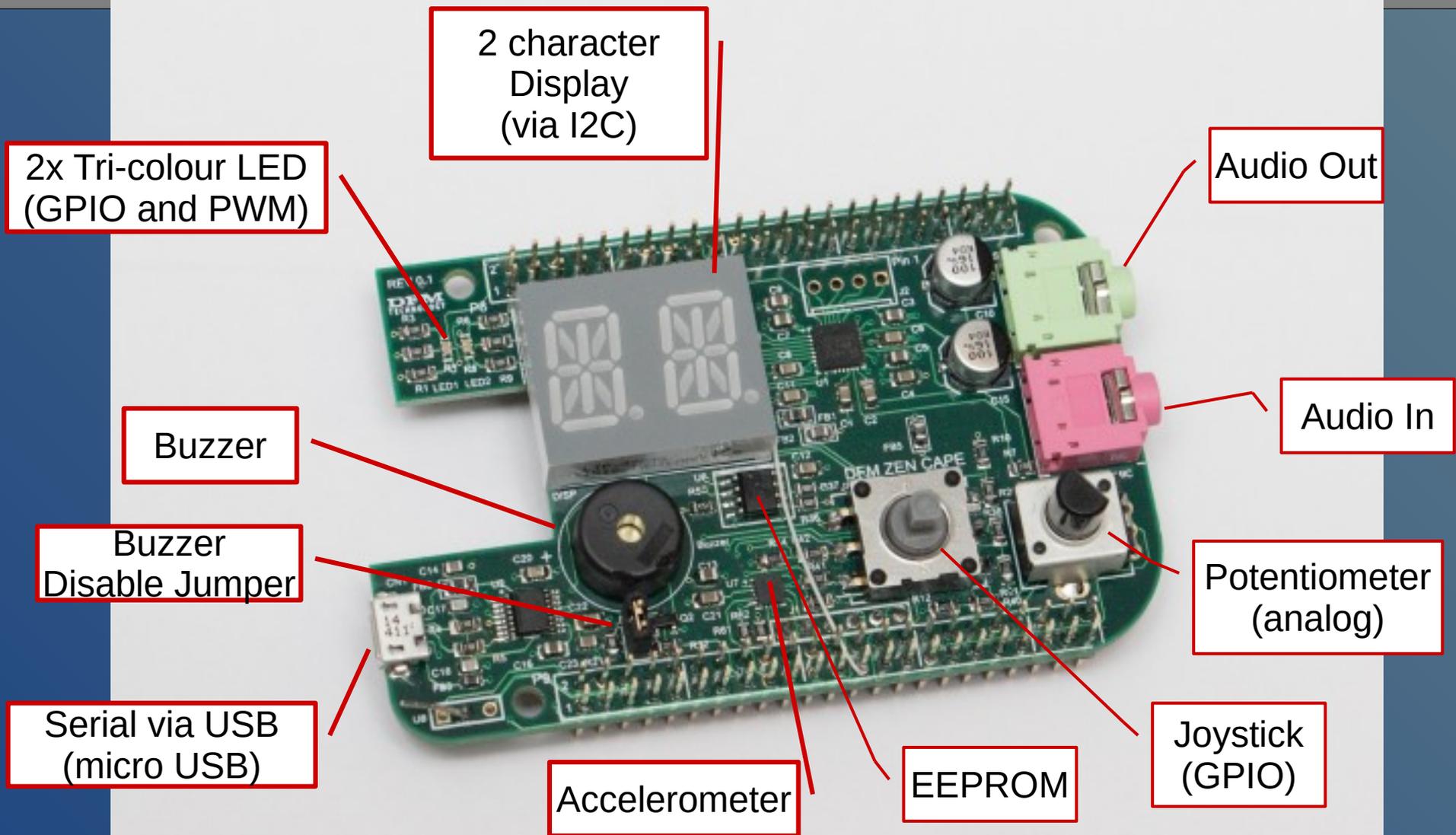


Components

- 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!

