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ID: 01 – Layered Software Architecture

Part 1 – Introduction, Scope and Limitations



Part 1 – Introduction, Scope and Limitations ID: 01-01

Purpose of this document

The Layered Software Architecture maps the identified modules of the Basic Software Module List to software layers and shows their relationship.

This document does not contain requirements. It is a document summarizing architectural decisions and discussions of AUTOSAR. The examples given are not meant to be complete in all respects.

This document focuses on static views of a conceptual layered software architecture. This document does not specify a structural software architecture with detailed static and dynamic interface descriptions. This is included in the specifications of the basic software modules.

The functionality and requirements of the Basic Software modules are specified in the module specific requirement and specification documents.

Inputs and requirements

This document has been generated based on following documents:

- Basic Software Module List
- Specification of Virtual Functional Bus
- > Several views of automotive ECU software architectures



Part 1 – Introduction, Scope and Limitations ID: 01-02

In Scope:

Automotive ECUs having the following properties:

- > Strong interaction with hardware (sensors and actuators)
- Connection to vehicle network via CAN, LIN or FlexRay
- > Microcontrollers from 16 to 32 bit with limited resources of Flash and RAM (compared with Enterprise Solutions)
- Real Time Operating System
- > Program execution from internal or external flash memory

Not in scope:

High end embedded applications like HMI Head Unit with High end Operating Systems like WinCE, VxWorks, QNX containing

- > Middleware concepts like OSGI, CORBA
- Graphics library
- Java Virtual Machine
- E-Mail client
- > Communication systems like Bluetooth, USB, Ethernet
- Communication protocols like TCP/IP
- Flash file system
- > Dynamic linking and loading of software
- > Multi processor support in terms of dynamic load balancing

Extensibility:

- > This SW Architecture is a generic approach. Modules can be added or existing ones can be extended in functionality, but their configuration has to be considered in the automatic Basic SW configuration process!
- > Complex drivers can easily be added
- Further Layers cannot be added

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Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers



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Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-01 Simplified Component View



Note: This figure is incomplete with respect to the possible interactions between the layers. Please refer to slide ID 04-003 for additional details.

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Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-02 Layered View: Coarse





Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-03 Layered View: Detailed

Application Layer

AUTOSAR Runtime Environment (RTE)

System Services		Memory Services	Communication Services	I/O Hardware Abstraction	Complex Drivers			
	Onboard Device Abstraction	Memory Hardware Abstraction	Communication Hardware Abstraction					
	Microcontroller Drivers	Memory Drivers	Communication Drivers	I/O Drivers				
Microcontroller								



Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-04 Introduction to Basic Software Layers (1)

The Microcontroller Abstraction Layer is the lowest software layer of the Basic Software.

It contains internal drivers, which are software modules with direct access to the μ C internal peripherals and memory mapped μ C external devices.

Task: Make higher software layers independent of μC

Properties:

Implementation: μ C dependent Upper Interface: standardizable and μ C independent





Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-05 Introduction to Basic Software Layers (2)

The **ECU Abstraction Layer** interfaces the drivers of the Microcontroller Abstraction Layer. It also contains drivers for external devices.

It offers an API for access to peripherals and devices regardless of their location (μ C internal/external) and their connection to the μ C (port pins, type of interface)

Task:

Make higher software layers independent of ECU hardware layout

Properties:

Implementation: μ C independent, ECU hardware dependent Upper Interface: μ C and ECU hardware independent, dependent on signal type





Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-06 Introduction to Basic Software Layers (3)

The **Services Layer** is the highest layer of the Basic Software which also applies for its relevance for the application software: while access to I/O signals is covered by the ECU Abstraction Layer, the Services Layer offers

- > Operating system functionality
- > Vehicle network communication and management services
- Memory services (NVRAM management)
- > Diagnostic Services (including UDS communication, error memory and fault treatment)
- ECU state management

Task:

Provide basic services for application and basic software modules.

Properties:

Implementation: partly μ C, ECU hardware and application specific Upper Interface: μ C and ECU hardware independent





Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-07 Introduction to Basic Software Layers (4)

The **RTE** is a layer providing communication services to the application software (AUTOSAR Software Components and/or AUTOSAR Sensor/Actuator components).

Above the RTE the software architecture style changes from "layered" to "component style". The AUTOSAR Software Components communicate with other components (inter and/or intra ECU) and/or services via the RTE.

Task:

Make AUTOSAR Software Components independent from the mapping to a specific ECU

Properties:

Implementation: ECU and application specific (generated individually for each ECU) Upper Interface: completely ECU independent

AUTOSAR Runtime Environment (RTE)				
Services Layer				
ECU Abstraction Layer				
Microcontroller Abstraction Layer				
Microcontroller				

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Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-08 Introduction to Basic Software Layers (5)

The **Basic Software** can be subdivided into the following types of services:

Input/Output (I/O)

Standardized access to sensors, actuators and ECU onboard peripherals

> Memory

Standardized access to internal/external memory (non volatile memory)

Communication

Standardized access to: vehicle network systems, ECU onboard communication systems and ECU internal SW

System

Provision of standardisable (operating system, timers, error memory) and ECU specific (ECU state management, watchdog manager) services and library functions



Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-09 Introduction to Basic Software Module Types (1)

Driver

A driver contains the functionality to control and access an internal or an external device.

Internal devices are located inside the microcontroller. Examples for internal devices are

- Internal EEPROM
- > Internal CAN controller
- Internal ADC

A driver for an internal device is called **internal driver** and is located in the Microcontroller Abstraction Layer.

External devices are located on the ECU hardware outside the microcontroller. Examples for external devices are

- External EEPROM
- External watchdog
- External flash

A driver for an external device is called **external driver** and is located in the ECU Abstraction Layer. It accesses the external device via drivers of the Microcontroller Abstraction Layer.

Example: a driver for an external EEPROM with SPI interface accesses the external EEPROM via the SPIHandlerDriver.

Exception:

The drivers for <u>memory mapped</u> external devices (e.g. external flash memory) may access the microcontroller directly. Those external drivers are located in the Microcontroller Abstraction Layer because they are microcontroller dependent.





Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-10 Introduction to Basic Software Module Types (2)

Interface

An **Interface** contains the functionality to abstract the hardware realization of a specific device for upper layers. It provides a generic API to access a specific type of device independent on the number of existing devices of that type and independent on the hardware realization of the different devices.

The interface does not change the content of the data.

In general, interfaces are located in the ECU Abstraction Layer.

Example: an interface for a CAN communication system provides a generic API to access CAN communication networks independent on the number of CAN Controllers within an ECU and independent of the hardware realization (on chip, off chip).

Handler

A **handler** is a specific interface which controls the concurrent, multiple and asynchronous access of one or multiple clients to one or more drivers. I.e. it performs buffering, queuing, arbitration, multiplexing.

The handler does not change the content of the data.

Handler functionality is often incorporated in the driver or interface (e.g. SPIHandlerDriver, ADC Driver).



Part 2 – Overview of Software Layers ID: 02-11 Introduction to Basic Software Module Types (3)

Manager

A **manager** offers specific services for multiple clients. It is needed in all cases where pure handler functionality is not enough for accessing and using drivers.

Besides handler functionality, a manager can evaluate and change or adapt the content of the data.

In general, managers are located in the **Services Layer**

<u>Example</u>: The NVRAM manager manages the concurrent access to internal and/or external memory devices like flash and EEPROM memory. It also performs management of RAM mirrors, redundant, distributed and reliable data storage, data checking, provision of default values etc. For details refer to the AUTOSAR requirements documents.



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Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers



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Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-01 Scope: Microcontroller Abstraction Layer

The µC Abstraction Layer consists of the following module groups:

Communication Drivers

Drivers for ECU onboard (e.g. SPI) and vehicle communication (e.g. CAN). OSI-Layer: Part of Data Link Layer

> I/O Drivers

Drivers for analog and digital I/O (e.g. ADC, PWM, DIO)

Memory Drivers

Drivers for on-chip memory devices (e.g. internal Flash, internal EEPROM) and memory mapped external memory devices (e.g. external Flash)

> Microcontroller Drivers

Drivers for internal peripherals (e.g. Watchdog, General Purpose Timer) Functions with direct μ C access (e.g. Core test)





Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-02 Scope: Complex Drivers

- A **Complex Driver** implements complex sensor evaluation and actuator control with direct access to the μC using specific interrupts and/or complex μC peripherals (like PCP, TPU), e.g.
- > Injection control
- Electric valve control
- Incremental position detection

Task:

Fulfill the special functional and timing requirements for handling complex sensors and actuators

Properties:

Implementation: highly µC, ECU and application dependent Upper Interface: specified and implemented according to AUTOSAR (AUTOSAR interface)



Example:





Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-04 Scope: Communication Hardware Abstraction

The **Communication Hardware Abstraction** is a group of modules which abstracts from the *location* of communication controllers and the *ECU hardware layout*. For all communication systems a *specific* Communication Hardware Abstraction is required (e.g. for LIN, CAN, FlexRay). <u>Example</u>: An ECU has a microcontroller with 2 internal CAN channels and an additional on-board ASIC with 4 CAN controllers. The CAN-ASIC is connected to the microcontroller via SPI.

The communication drivers are accessed via bus specific interfaces (e.g. CAN Interface).

Task:

Provide equal mechanisms to access a bus channel regardless of it's location (on-chip / on-board)

Properties:

Implementation: μ C independent, ECU hardware dependent and external device dependent

Upper Interface: bus dependent, μC and ECU hardware independent



Example:





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Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-16 Scope: SPIHandlerDriver

The SPIHandlerDriver allows concurrent access of several clients to one or more SPI busses.

To abstract all features of a SPI microcontroller pins dedicated to Chip Select, those shall directly be handled by the SPIHandlerDriver. That means those pins shall not be available in DIO Driver.

Example:





Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-03 Scope: I/O Hardware Abstraction

The **I/O Hardware Abstraction** is a group of modules which abstracts from the **location** of peripheral I/O devices (on-chip or onboard) and the **ECU hardware layout** (e.g. µC pin connections and signal level inversions). The I/O Hardware Abstraction does <u>not</u> abstract from the sensors/actuators!

The different I/O devices are accessed via an I/O signal interface.

Task:

Represent I/O signals as they are connected to the ECU hardware (e.g. current, voltage, frequency). Hide ECU hardware and layout properties from higher software layers.

Properties:

Implementation: µC independent, ECU hardware dependent Upper Interface: µC and ECU hardware independent, dependent on signal type specified and implemented according to AUTOSAR (AUTOSAR interface)



Example:





Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-05 Scope: Memory Hardware Abstraction

The **Memory Hardware Abstraction** is a group of modules which abstracts from the **location** of peripheral memory devices (on-chip or on-board) and the **ECU hardware layout**.

Example: on-chip EEPROM and external EEPROM devices should be accessible via an equal mechanism.

The memory drivers are accessed via memory specific abstraction/emulation modules (e.g. EEPROM Abstraction). By emulating an EEPROM abstraction on top of Flash hardware units a common access via Memory Abstraction Interface to both types of hardware is enabled.

Task:

Provide equal mechanisms to access internal (on-chip) and external (on-board) memory devices and type of memory hardware (EEPROM, Flash).

Properties:

Implementation: μ C independent, external device dependent Upper Interface: μ C, ECU hardware and memory device independent







Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-06 Scope: Onboard Device Abstraction

The **Onboard Device Abstraction** contains drivers for ECU onboard devices which cannot be seen as sensors or actuators like internal or external watchdogs. Those drivers access the ECU onboard devices via the μ C Abstraction Layer.

Task: Abstract from ECU specific onboard devices.

Properties:

Implementation: μ C independent, external device dependent Upper Interface: μ C independent, partly ECU hardware dependent



Example:





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Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-07 Scope: Communication Services – General

The **Communication Services** are a group of modules for vehicle network communication (CAN, LIN and FlexRay). They are interfacing with the communication drivers via the communication hardware abstraction.

Task:

- 1. Provide a uniform interface to the vehicle network for communication.
- 2. Provide uniform services for network management
- 3. Provide uniform interface to the vehicle network for diagnostic communication
- 4. Hide protocol and message properties from the application.

Properties:

Implementation: μ C and ECU HW independent, partly dependent on bus type Upper Interface: μ C, ECU hardware and bus type independent

The communication services will be detailed for each relevant vehicle network system on the following pages.





Color code: Bus specific modules are marked gray.



Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-08 Scope: Communication Stack – CAN

The **CAN Communication Services** are a group of modules for vehicle network communication with the communication system CAN.

Task:

 Provide a uniform interface to the CAN network. Hide protocol and message properties from the application.

Properties:

- Implementation: µC and ECU HW independent, partly dependent on CAN.
- AUTOSAR COM, Generic NM Interface and Diagnostic Communication Manager are the same for all vehicle network systems and exist as one instance per ECU.
- Generic NM Interface contains only a dispatcher. No further functionality is included. In case of gateway ECUs it is replaced by the NM GW which in addition provides the functionality to synchronize multiple different networks (of the same or different types) to synchronously wake them up or shut them down.
- CAN Generic NM is specific for CAN networks and will be instantiated per CAN vehicle network system. CAN Generic NM interface with CAN via underlying network adapter (CAN NM).
- The communication system specific Can State Manager handles the communication system dependent Start-up and Shutdown features. Furthermore it controls the different options of COM to send PDUs and to monitor signal timeouts.
- A signal gateway is part of AUTOSAR COM to route signals.
- PDU based Gateway is part of PDU router.
- IPDU multiplexing provides the possibility to add information to enable the multiplexing of I-PDUs (different contents but same IDs).
- Upper Interface: µC, ECU hardware and network type independent (goal)
- For refinement of GW architecture please refer to slide 04-050.







Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-15 Scope: Communication Stack – LIN

The **LIN Communication Services** are a group of modules for vehicle network communication with the communication system LIN.

Task:

 Provide a uniform interface to the LIN network. Hide protocol and message properties from the application.

Properties:

The LIN Communication Services contain:

- > A LIN 2.0 compliant communication stack with
 - Schedule table manager for transmitting LIN frames and to handle requests to switch to other schedule tables.
 - Transport protocol, used for diagnostics
 - A WakeUp and Sleep Interface
- > An underlying LIN Driver:
 - implementing the LIN protocol and adaptation the specific hardware
 - Supporting both simple UART and complex frame based LIN hardware

Note: Integration of LIN into AUTOSAR:

- The scheduler manager and its interfaces are used to decide the point of time to send a LIN frame.
- Lin Interface controls the WakeUp/Sleep API and allows the slaves to keep the bus awake (decentralized approach).
- The PDU router accesses the LIN Interface on PDU-Level, not on signal level.
- The communication system specific LIN State Manager handles the communication dependent Start-up and Shutdown features. Furthermore it controls the communication mode requests from the Communication Manager. The LIN state manager also controls the I-PDU groups by interfacing COM.
- When sending a LIN frame, the LIN Interface requests the data for the frame (I-PDU) from the PDU Router at the point in time when it requires the data (i.e. after sending the LIN frame header).





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Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-09 Scope: Communication Stack – FlexRay

The **FlexRay Communication Services** are a group of modules for vehicle network communication with the communication system FlexRay.

Task:

 Provide a uniform interface to the FlexRay network. Hide protocol and message properties from the application.

Properties:

- $\hfill \label{eq:linear}$ Implementation: μC and ECU HW independent, partly dependent on FlexRay.
- AUTOSAR COM, Generic NM Interface and Diagnostic Communication Manager are the same for all vehicle network systems and exist as one instance per ECU.
- Generic NM Interface contains only a dispatcher. No further functionality is included. In case of gateway ECUs, it is replaced by the NM GW which in addition provides the functionality to synchronize multiple different networks (of the same or different types) to synchronously wake them up or shut them down.
- FlexRay NM is specific for FlexRay networks and will be instantiated per FlexRay vehicle network system.
- The communication system specific FlexRay State Manager handles the communication system dependent Start-up and Shutdown features. Furthermore it controls the different options of COM to send PDUs and to monitor signal timeouts.
- A signal Gateway is part of AUTOSAR COM to route signals.
- PDU based Gateway is part of PDU Router.
- IPDU multiplexing provides the possibility to add information to enable the multiplexing of I-PDUs (different contents but same IDs).





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Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-10 Scope: Communication Services – LIN Slave

LIN Slaves usually are "intelligent" actuators and slaves that are seen as black boxes. As they provide very little hardware capabilities and resources it is not intended to shift AUTOSAR SW Components on LIN Slaves.

LIN Slave ECUs can be integrated into the AUTOSAR VFB using their Node Capability Descriptions. They are seen as non-AUTOSAR ECUs. Please reference to the VFB specification.

That means: LIN Slaves can be connected as complete ECUs. But they are not forced to use the AUTOSAR SW Architecture. Perhaps they can use some standard AUTOSAR modules (like EEPROM, DIO). Reason: LIN slaves usually have very limited memory resources or are ASICs with "hard-coded" logic.





Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-12 Scope: Memory Services

The **Memory Services** consist of one module, the NVRAM Manager. It is responsible for the management of non volatile data (read/write from different memory drivers). The application expects a RAM mirror as data interface for fast read access.

Task: Provide non volatile data to the application in a uniform way. Abstract from memory locations and properties. Provide mechanisms for non volatile data management like saving, loading, checksum protection and verification, reliable storage etc.

Properties:

Implementation: μ C and ECU hardware independent, highly configurable Upper Interface: μ C and ECU hardware independent specified and implemented according to AUTOSAR (AUTOSAR interface)



Example:





Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-13 Scope: System Services

The **System Services** are a group of modules and functions which can be used by modules of all layers. Examples are Real Time Operating System (which includes timer services), Error Manager and Library Functions (like CRC, interpolation etc.). Some of these services are μ C dependent (like OS), partly ECU hardware and application dependent (like ECU State Manager) or hardware and μ C independent.

Task:

Provide basic services for application and basic software modules.

Properties:

Implementation: partly μ C, ECU hardware and application specific Upper Interface: μ C and ECU hardware independent



Example:




Part 3 – Contents of Software Layers ID: 03-14 Scope: Sensor/Actuator AUTOSAR Software Components

The **Sensor/Actuator AUTOSAR Software Component** is a specific type of AUTOSAR Software Component for sensor evaluation and actuator control. Though not belonging to the AUTOSAR Basic Software, it is described here due to its strong relationship to local signals. It has been decided to locate the Sensor/Actuator SW Components above the RTE for <u>integration reasons</u> (standardized interface implementation and interface description). Because of their strong interaction with raw local signals, <u>relocatability</u> is restricted. Tasks and interfaces are similar to that of a Complex Driver. Examples of tasks of a Sensor/Actuator Component are switch debouncing, battery voltage monitoring, DC motor control, lamp control etc.

Task:

Abstract from the specific physical properties of sensors and actuators.

Properties:

Implementation: μ C and ECU HW independent, sensor and actuator dependent



Actuator Sensor Software Software Component Software Component Component RTE Basic Software Interfaces to (e.g.) I/O HW Abstraction (access to I/O signals) Memory Services (access to Error Manager)

Example:



ID: 04-001 – Layered Software Architecture

Part 4 – Interfaces 4.1 General Rules



Part 4 – Interfaces ID: 04-004 Type of Interfaces in AUTOSAR

AUTOSAR Interface	An "AUTOSAR Interface" defines the information exchanged between software components and/or BSW modules. This description is independent of a specific programming language, ECU or network technology. AUTOSAR Interfaces are used in defining the ports of software-components and/or BSW modules. Through these ports software-components and/or BSW modules can communicate with each other (send or receive information or invoke services). AUTOSAR makes it possible to implement this communication between Software-Components and/or BSW modules either locally or via a network.
Standardized AUTOSAR Interface	A "Standardized AUTOSAR Interface" is an "AUTOSAR Interface" whose syntax and semantics are standardized in AUTOSAR. The "Standardized AUTOSAR Interfaces" are typically used to define AUTOSAR Services, which are standardized services provided by the AUTOSAR Basic Software to the application Software-Components.
Standardized Interface	A "Standardized Interface" is an API which is standardized within AUTOSAR without using the "AUTOSAR Interface" technique. These "Standardized Interfaces" are typically defined for a specific programming language (like "C"). Because of this, "standardized interfaces" are typically used between software-modules which are always on the same ECU. When software modules communicate through a "standardized interface", it is NOT possible any more to route the communication between the software-modules through a network.



Part 4.1 – Interfaces: General Rules ID: 04-002 General Interfacing Rules

due to performance reasons.

Horizontal Interfaces



Services Layer: horizontal interfaces are allowed Example: Error Manager saves fault data using the NVRAM manager

A complex driver may use all other BSW modules



ECU Abstraction Layer: horizontal interfaces are allowed



μC Abstraction Layer: horizontal interfaces are not allowed. Exception: configurable notifications are allowed



Vertical Interfaces



- One Layer may access all interfaces of the SW layer below
- Bypassing of one software layer should be avoided
 - Bypassing of two or more software layers is not allowed
- Bypassing of the µC Abstraction Layer is not allowed
- A module may access a lower layer module of another layer group (e.g. SPI for external hardware)



All layers may interact with system services.



✓ "is allowed to use"
★ "is not allowed to use"
∆"restricted use (callback only)"

The matrix is read **row-wise**: **Example:** "I/O Drivers are allowed to use System Services and Hardware, but no other layers".

(gray background indicates "non-Basic Software" layers)

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Part 4 – Interfaces 4.2 Error Handling and Reporting Concept



Part 4.2 – Interfaces: Error Handling and Reporting Concept ID: 04-009 Error Classification (1)

Types of errors

Hardware errors / failures

- > Root cause: Damage, failure or ,value out of range', detected by software
- > Example 1: EEPROM cell is not writable any more
- > Example 2: Output voltage of sensor out of specified range

Software errors

- > Root cause: Wrong software or system design, because software itself can never fail.
- > Example 1: wrong API parameter (EEPROM target address out of range)
- > Example 2: Using not initialized data

System errors

- > Example 1: CAN receive buffer overflow
- > Example 2: time-out for receive messages



Part 4.2 – Interfaces: Error Handling and Reporting Concept ID: 04-010 Error Classification (2)

Time of error occurrence according to product life cycle

Development

Those errors shall be detected and fixed during development phase. In most cases, those errors are software errors. The detection of errors that shall only occur during development can be switched off for production code (by static configuration namely preprocessor switches).

Production / series

Those errors are hardware errors and software exceptions that cannot be avoided and are also expected to occur in production code.

Influence of error on system

Severity of error (impact on the system)

- No influence
- Functional degradation
- Loss of functionality

Failure mode in terms of time

- Permanent errors
- Transient / sporadic errors





Part 4.2 – Interfaces: Error Handling and Reporting Concept ID: 04-011 Error Reporting – Alternatives

Each basic software module distinguishes between two types of errors:

1. Development Errors

The detection and reporting can be statically switched on/off

2. Production relevant errors and exceptions

This detection is ,hard coded' and always active.

There are several alternatives to report an error (detailed on the following slides):

Via API

Inform the caller about success/failure of an operation.

Via statically definable callback function (notification)

Inform the caller about failure of an operation

Via central Error Hook (Development Error Tracer)

For logging and tracing errors during product development. Can be switched off for production code.

Via central Error Function (AUTOSAR Diagnostic Event Manager)

For error reaction and logging in series (production code)





Part 4.2 – Interfaces: Error Handling and Reporting Concept ID: 04-013 Error Reporting via API

Error reporting via API

Informs the caller about failure of an operation by returning an error status.

Basic return type Success: E_OK (value: 0) Failure: E_NOT_OK (value: 1)

Specific return type

If different errors have to be distinguished for production code, own return types have to be defined. Different errors shall only be used if the caller can <u>really</u> handle these. Specific development errors shall not be returned via the API. They can be reported to the Development Error Tracer (see 04-014).

Example: services of EEPROM driver Success: EEP_E_OK General failure (service not accepted): EEP_E_NOT_OK Write Operation to EEPROM was not successful: EEP_E_WRITE_FAILED



Part 4.2 – Interfaces: Error Handling and Reporting Concept ID: 04-014 Error Reporting – Introduction

Error reporting via Diagnostic Event Manager (DEM)

For reporting production / series errors.

Those errors have a defined reaction depending on the configuration of this ECU, e.g.:

- Writing to error memory
- > Disabling of ECU functions (e.g. via Function Inhibition Manager)
- Notification of SW-Cs

The Diagnostic Event Manager is a standard AUTOSAR module which is always available in production code and whose functionality is specified within AUTOSAR.

Error reporting via Development Error Tracer (DET)

For reporting development errors.

The Development Error Tracer is mainly intended for tracing and logging errors during development. Within the Development Error Tracer many mechanisms are possible, e.g.:

- Count errors
- > Write error information to ring buffer in RAM
- > Send error information via serial interface to external logger
- Infinite Loop, Breakpoint

The Development Error Tracer is just a help for SW development and integration and is <u>not</u> necessarily contained in the production code. The API is specified within AUTOSAR, but the functionality can be chosen/implemented by the developer according to his specific needs.

The detection and reporting of development errors to the Development Error Tracer can be statically switched on/off per module (preprocessor switch or two different object code builds of the module).





Part 4.2 – Interfaces: Error Handling and Reporting Concept ID: 04-017 Error Reporting – Diagnostic Event Manager

API

The **Diagnostic Event Manager** has semantically the following API: Dem_ReportErrorStatus(EventId, EventStatus)

Problem: the error IDs passed with this API have to be ECU wide defined, have to be statically defined and have to occupy a compact range of values for efficiency reasons. Reason: The Diagnostic Event Manager uses this ID as index for accessing ROM arrays.

Error numbering concept: XML based error number generation

Properties:

- > Source and object code compatible
- > Single name space for all production relevant errors
- Tool support required
- > Consecutive error numbers \rightarrow Error manager can easily access ROM arrays where handling and reaction of errors is defined

Process:

- 1. Each BSW Module declares all production code relevant error variables it needs as "extern"
- 2. Each BSW Module stores all error variables that it needs in the ECU configuration description (e.g. CAN_E_BUS_OFF)
- 3. The configuration tool of the Diagnostic Event Manager parses the ECU configuration description and generates a single file with global constant variables that are expected by the SW modules (e.g. const Dem_EventIdType CAN_E_BUS_OFF=7; or #define CAN_E_BUS_OFF ((Dem_EventIdType) 7))
- 4. The reaction to the errors is also defined in the Error Manager configuration tool. This configuration is project specific.



Part 4.2 – Interfaces: Error Handling and Reporting Concept ID: 04-018 Error Reporting – Development Error Tracer (1)

API

The **Development Error Tracer** has syntactically the following API: Det_ReportError(uint16 ModuleId, uint8 InstanceId, uint8 ApiId, uint8 ErrorId)

Error numbering concept

ModuleId (uint16)

The ModuleId contains the AUTOSAR module ID from the Basic Software Module List.

As the range is 16 Bit, future extensions for development error reporting of application SW-C are possible. The Basic SW uses only the range from 0..255.

InstanceId (uint8)

The Instance ID represents the identifier of an indexed based module starting from 0. If the module is a single instance module it shall pass 0 as an instance ID.

ApiId (uint8)

The API-IDs are specified within the software specifications of the BSW modules. They can be #defines or constants defined in the module starting with 0.

ErrorId (uint8)

The Error-IDs are specified within the software specifications of the BSW modules. They can be #defines defined in the module's header file.

If there are more errors detected by a particular software module which are not specified within the AUTOSAR module software specification, they have to be documented in the module documentation.

All Error-IDs have to be specified in the BSW description.

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ID: 04-020 – Layered Software Architecture

Part 4 – Interfaces 4.3 Interaction of Layers – Example "Memory"



Part 4.3 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "Memory" ID: 04-021 Introduction

The following pages explain using the example "memory":

- > How do the software layers interact?
- > How do the software interfaces look like?
- > What is inside the ECU Abstraction Layer?
- > How can abstraction layers be implemented efficiently?



Part 4.3 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "Memory" ID: 04-022 Example and First Look

This example shows how the NVRAM Manager and the Watchdog Manager interact with drivers on an assumed hardware configuration:

The ECU hardware includes an external EEPROM and an external watchdog connected to the microcontroller via the same SPI.

The SPIHandlerDriver controls the concurrent access to the SPI hardware and has to give the watchdog access a higher priority than the EEPROM access.

The microcontroller includes also an internal flash which is used in parallel to the external EEPROM. The EEPROM Abstraction and the Flash EEPROM Emulation have an API that is semantically identical.

The Memory Abstraction Interface can be realized in the following ways:

- routing during runtime based on device index (int/ext)
- > routing during runtime based on the block index (e.g. > 0x01FF = external EEPROM)

routing during configuration time via ROM tables with function pointers inside the NVRAM Manager (in this case the Memory Abstraction Interface only exists "virtually")



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Part 4.3 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "Memory" ID: 04-023 Closer Look at Memory Hardware Abstraction

Architecture Description The NVRAM Manager accesses drivers via the Memory Abstraction Interface. It addresses different memory devices using a device index. Interface Description The Memory Abstraction Interface could have the following interface (e.g. for the write function): Std_ReturnType MemIf_Write (uint8 DeviceIndex, uint16 BlockNumber, uint8 *DataBufferPtr

The EEPROM Abstraction as well as the Flash EEPROM Emulation could have the following interface (e.g. for the write function):







Part 4.3 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "Memory" ID: 04-024 Implementation of Memory Abstraction Interface (1)

Situation 1: only one NV device type used

This is the usual use case. In this situation, the Memory Abstraction could be implemented as a simple macro which neglects the DeviceIndex parameter. The following example shows the write function only:

File Memlf.h:

. . .

#include "Ea.h" /* for providing access to the EEPROM Abstraction */

#define MemIf_Write(DeviceIndex, BlockNumber, DataBufferPtr) \
 Ea_Write(BlockNumber, DataBufferPtr)

File MemIf.c: Does not exist

Result:

No additional code at runtime, the NVRAM Manager virtually accesses the EEPROM Abstraction or the Flash Emulation directly.



Part 4.3 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "Memory" ID: 04-025 Implementation of Memory Abstraction Interface (2)

Situation 2: two or more different types of NV devices used

In this case the DeviceIndex has to be used for selecting the correct NV device. The implementation can also be very efficient by using an array of pointers to function. The following example shows the write function only:

File Memlf.h:

```
extern const WriteFctPtrType WriteFctPtr[2];
```

```
#define MemIf_Write(DeviceIndex, BlockNumber, DataBufferPtr) \
    WriteFctPtr[DeviceIndex](BlockNumber, DataBufferPtr)
```

File Memlf.c:

```
#include "Ea.h" /* for getting the API function addresses */
#include "Fee.h" /* for getting the API function addresses */
#include "MemIf.h" /* for getting the WriteFctPtrType */
```

```
const WriteFctPtrType WriteFctPtr[2] = {Ea_Write, Fee_Write};
```

Result:

The same code and runtime is needed as if the function pointer tables would be inside the NVRAM Manager. The Memory Abstraction Interface causes no overhead.



Part 4.3 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "Memory" ID: 04-026 Conclusion

Conclusions:

- > Abstraction Layers can be implemented very efficiently
- > Abstraction Layers can be scaled
- > The Memory Abstraction Interface eases the access of the NVRAM Manager to one or more EEPROM and Flash devices
- > The architectural targets and requirements are fulfilled



ID: 04-040 – Layered Software Architecture

Part 4 – Interfaces 4.4 Interaction of Layers – Example "Communication"



Part 4.4 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "Communication" ID: 04-51 PDU Flow through the Layered Architecture

Explanation of terms:

> SDU

SDU is the abbreviation of "Service Data Unit". It is the data passed by an upper layer, with the request to transmit the data. It is as well the data which is extracted after reception by the lower layer and passed to the upper layer.

A SDU is part of a PDU.

> PCI

PCI is the abbreviation of "Protocol Control Information". This Information is needed to pass a SDU from one instance of a specific protocol layer to another instance. E.g. it contains source and target information.

The PCI is added by a protocol layer on the transmission side and is removed again on the receiving side.

PDU

PDU is the abbreviation of "Protocol Data Unit". The PDU contains SDU and PCI.

On the transmission side the PDU is passed from the upper layer to the lower layer, which interprets this PDU as its SDU.







Part 4.4 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "Communication" ID: 04-52 SDU and PDU Naming Conventions

Naming of PDUs and SDUs respects the following rules:

For PDU:

```
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```

```
<bus prefix> <layer prefix> - SDU
```

The **bus prefix** and **layer prefix** are described in the following table:

ISO Layer	Layer Prefix	AUTOSAR Modules	PDU Name	CAN prefix	LIN prefix	FlexRay prefix
Layer 6:	I	COM, DCM	I-PDU	N/A		
Presentation (Interaction)	Ι	PDU router, PDU multiplexer	I-PDU	N/A		
Layer 3:	Ν	TP Layer	N-PDU	CAN SF	LIN SF	FR SF
Network Layer				CAN FF	LIN FF	FR FF
				CAN CF	LIN CF	FR CF
				CAN FC	LIN FC	FR FC
Layer 2: Data Link Layer	L	Driver, Interface	L-PDU	CAN	LIN	FR

Examples:

- I-PDU or I-SDU
- > CAN FF N-PDU or FR CF N-SDU
- > LIN L-PDU or FR L-SDU

SF: Single Frame FF: First Frame CF: Consecutive Frame FC: Flow Control For details on the frame types, please refer to the AUTOSAR Transport Protocol specifications for CAN, LIN and FlexRay.

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Part 4.4 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "Communication" ID: 04-050 Generic Gateway and COM Layer Structure

Routing Components

- > PDU Router
 - Provides routing of PDUs between different abstract communication controllers and upper layers
 - Scale of the Router is ECU specific (down to no size if e.g. only one communication controller exists)
 - Provides TP routing on-the-fly. Transfer of TP data is started before full TP data is buffered.
- ➤ COM
 - Provides routing of individual signals or groups of signals between different I-PDUs.
- NM Gateway
 - Synchronization of Network States of different communication channels connected to an ECU via the network managements handled by the NM Gateway
- Communication State Managers
 - Start and Shutdown the hardware units of the communication systems via the interfaces.
 - Control PDU groups



¹ The Interface between PduR and Tp differs significantly compared to the interface between PduR and the Ifs. In case of TP involvement a handshake mechanism is implemented allowing the transmission of I-Pdus > Frame size.



Part 4 – Interfaces 4.5 Interaction of Layers – Example "ECU State Manager"



Part 4.5 – Interfaces: Interaction of Layers – Example "ECU State Manager" ID: 04-071 Interaction with ECU State Manager



This figure does not show all interactions between all modules. It is a discussion base only.



ID: 05 – Layered Software Architecture

Part 5 – Configuration



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-000 Overview

The AUTOSAR Basic Software supports the following configuration classes:

- 1. Pre compile time
 - Preprocessor instructions
 - > Code generation (selection or synthetization)

2. Link time

> Constant data outside the module; the data can be configured after the module has been compiled

3. Post build time

- Loadable constant data outside the module. Very similar to [2], but the data is located in a specific memory segment that allows reloading (e.g. reflashing in ECU production line)
- Single or multiple configuration sets can be provided. In case that multiple configuration sets are provided, the actually used configuration set is to be specified at runtime.

In many cases, the configuration parameters of one module will be of different configuration classes. Example: a module providing post build time configuration parameters will still have some parameters that are pre compile time configurable.



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-001 Pre Compile Time

Use cases

Pre compile time configuration would be chosen for

- Enabling/disabling optional functionality This allows to exclude parts of the source code that are not needed
- Optimization of performance and code size Using #defines results in most cases in more efficient code than access to constants or even access to constants via pointers.

Generated code avoids code and runtime overhead.

Restrictions

- > The module must be available as source code
- > The configuration is static. To change the configuration, the module has to be recompiled

Required implementation

Pre compile time configuration shall be done via the module's two configuration files (*_Cfg.h, *_Cfg.c) and/or by code generation:

- *_Cfg.h stores e.g. macros and/or #defines
- *_Cfg.c stores e.g. constants





Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-004 Pre Compile Time

Exam	ple 1:	Enabling	g/disabling	functionality	y
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File Spi_Cfg.h: #define SPI DEV ERROR DETECT ON

File Spi_Cfg.c:
const uint8 myconstant = 1;

File Spi.c (available as source code):
#include "Spi_Cfg.h" /* for importing the configuration parameters */

external const uint8 myconstant;

```
#if (SPI_DEV_ERROR_DETECT == ON)
Det_ReportError(Spi_ModuleId, 0, 3, SPI_E_PARAM_LENGTH); /* only one instance available */
#endif
```



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-002 Pre Compile Time

Example 2: Event IDs reported to the DEM

XML configuration file of the NVRAM Manager:

Specifies that it needs the event symbol NVM_E_REQ_FAILED for production error reporting.

File Dem_Cfg.h (generated by DEM configuration tool):

```
typedef uint8 Dem_EventIdType; /* total number of events = 46 => uint8 sufficient */
```

```
#define FLS_E_ERASE_FAILED 1
#define FLS_E_WRITE_FAILED 1
#define FLS_E_READ_FAILED 1
#define FLS_E_UNEXPECTED_FLASH_ID 2
#define NVM_E_REQ_FAILED 3
#define CAN_E_TIMEOUT 4
...
```

File Dem.h:
#include "Dem_Cfg.h" /* for providing access to event symbols */

File NvM.c (available as source code):
#include "Dem.h" /* for reporting production errors */

Dem_ReportErrorStatus(NVM_E_REQ_FAILED, DEM_EVENT_STATUS_PASSED);



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-003 Link Time

Use cases

Link time configuration would be chosen for

- Configuration of modules that are only available as object code (e.g. IP protection or warranty reasons)
- > Selection of configuration set after compilation but before linking.

Required implementation

 One configuration set, no runtime selection Configuration data shall be captured in external constants. These external constants are located in a separate file. The module has direct access to these external constants.



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-005 Link Time

Example 1: Event IDs reported to the DEM by a module (CAN Interface) that is available as object code only

XML configuration file of the CAN Interface:

Specifies that it needs the event symbol CANIF_E_INVALID_TXPDUID for production error reporting.

File Dem_Cfg.h (generated by DEM configuration tool):

typedef uint16 Dem_EventIdType; /* total number of events = 380 => uint16 required */

#define FLS_E_UNEXPECTED_FLASH_ID 1
#define NVM_E_REQ_FAILED 2
#define CAN_E_TIMEOUT 3
#define CANIF_E_INVALID_TXPDUID 4
...

File Canlf_Lcfg.c:
#include "Dem_Cfg.h"

const Dem_EventIdType CanIf_InvalidTxPduId = CANIF_E_INVALID_TXPDUID;

File Canlf.c (available as object code):
#include "Dem.h" /* for reporting production errors */

Dem_ReportErrorStatus(CanIf_InvalidTxPduId, DEM_EVENT_STATUS_FAILED);

Note: the complete include file structure with all forward declarations is not shown here to keep the example simple.



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-006 Link Time

Example 1: Event IDs reported to the DEM by a module (CAN Interface) that is available as object code only

Problem

Dem_EventIdType is also generated depending of the total number of event IDs on this ECU. In this example it is represented as uint16. The Can Interface uses this type, but is only available as object code.

Solution

In the contract phase of the ECU development, a bunch of variable types (including Dem_EventIdType) have to be fixed and distributed for each ECU. The object code suppliers have to use those types for their compilation and deliver the object code using the correct types.



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-007 Post Build Time

Use cases

Post build time configuration would be chosen for

- > Configuration of data where only the structure is defined but the contents not known during ECU build time
- Configuration of data that is likely to change or has to be adapted after ECU build time (e.g. end of line, during test & calibration)
- > Reusability of ECUs across different product lines (same code, different configuration data)

Restrictions

> Implementation requires dereferencing which has impact on performance, code and data size

Required implementation

- One configuration set, no runtime selection (loadable)
 Configuration data shall be captured in external constant structs. These external structs are located in a separate memory segment that can be individually reloaded.
- 1..n configuration sets, runtime selection possible (selectable)
 Configuration data shall be captured within external constant structs. These configuration structures are located in one separate file. The module gets a pointer to one of those structs at initialization time. The struct can be selected at each initialization.



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-010 Post Build Time

Example 1 (Post Build Time loadable)

If the configuration data is fix in memory size and position, the module has direct access to these external structs.




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Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-008 Post Build Time

Required implementation 2: Configuration of CAN Driver that is available as object code only; multiple configuration sets can be selected during initialization time.

File Can_PBcfg.c:



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-009 Variants

Different use cases require different kinds of configurability:

Example use cases:

- > Reprogrammable PDU routing tables in gateway (post build time configurable PDU Router required)
- > Statically configured PDU routing with no overhead (Pre-Compile time configuration of PDU Router required)

To allow the implementation of such different use cases in each BSW module for each module, up to 3 variants can be specified:

- > A variant is a dedicated assignment of the configuration parameters of a module to configuration classes
- > Within a variant a configuration parameter can be assigned to only ONE configuration class
- Within a variant a configuration class for different configuration parameters can be different (e.g. Pre-Compile for development error detection and post-build for reprogrammable PDU routing tables
- It is possible and intended that specific configuration parameters are assigned to the same configuration class for all variants (e.g. development error detection is in general pre-compile time configurable).



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-011 Memory Layout Example: Postbuild Loadable (PBL)

EcuM defines the index:

0x8000	&index (=0x8000)
0x8000	&xx_configuration = 0x4710
0x8002	&yy_configuration = 0x4720
0x8004	&zz_configuration = 0x4730

Xx defines the modules configuration data:

		. /
0x4710	&the_real_xx_configuration	
0x4710	lower = 2	
0x4712	upper =7	
0x4714	more_data	

Yy defines the modules configuration data:

0x4720	&the_real_yy_configuration	
0x4720	Xx_data1=0815	
0x4722	Yy_data2=4711	
0x4724	more_data	

Description where to find what is an overall agreement:

- 1. EcuM needs to know all addresses including index
- 2. The modules (xx, yy, zz) need to know their own start address: in this case: 0x4710, 0x4720 ...
- 3. The start addresses might be dynamic i.e. changes with new configuration
- 4. When initializing a module (e.g. xx, yy, zz), EcuM passes the base address of the configuration data (e.g. 0x4710, 0x4720, 0x4730) to the module to allow for variable sizes of the configuration data.

The modules data is agreed locally (in the module) only

- 1. The module ('xx', 'yy') knows its own start address (to enable the implementer to allocate data section)
- 2. Only the module ('xx', 'yy') knows the internals of its own configuration

For details, see Chapter "Post build implementation" in "AUTOSAR_C_ImplementationRules.doc"



Part 5 – Configuration ID: 05-012 Memory Layout Example: Postbuild Multiple Selectable (PBM)

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	0x8000	&index[] (=0x8000)
FL	0x8000	&xx_configuration = 0x4710
	0x8002	&yy_configuration = 0x4720
	0x8004	&zz_configuration = 0x4730
FR	0x8008	&xx_configuration = 0x5000
	0x800a	&yy_configuration = 0x5400
	0x800c	&zz_configuration = 0x5200
RL	0x8010	&xx_configuration =
	0x8012	&yy_configuration =
	0x8014	&zz_configuration =

As before, the description where to find what is an overall agreement

- 1. The index contains more than one description (FL, FR,..) in an array (here the size of an array element is agreed to be 8)
- 2. There is an agreed variable containing the position of one description selector = CheckPinCombination()
 - Instead of passing the pointer directly there is one indirection:
 - (struct EcuM_ConfigType *) &index[selector];
- 4. Everything else works as in PBL

For details, see Chapter "Post build implementation" in "AUTOSAR_C_ImplementationRules.doc"



ID: 06 – Layered Software Architecture

Part 6 – Scheduling



Part 6 – Scheduling ID: 06-001 Basic Scheduling Concepts of the BSW

BSW Scheduling shall

- Assure correct timing behavior of the BSW, i.e., correct interaction of all BSW modules with respect to time
- Be used to apply data consistency mechanisms

Single BSW modules do not know about

- ECU wide timing dependencies
- Scheduling implications
- Most efficient way to implement data consistency

> Centralize the BSW schedule in the BSW Scheduler implemented by the ECU/BSW integrator

- Eases the integration task
- Enables applying different scheduling strategies to schedulable objects
 - Preemptive, non-preemptive, ...
- Enables applying different data consistency mechanisms
- Enables reducing resources (e.g., minimize the number of tasks)

Restrict the usage of OS functionality

- Only the Schedule Module shall use OS objects or OS services (exceptions: EcuM and services: GetCounterValue and GetElapsedCounterValue of OS)
- Rationale:
 - Scheduling of the BSW shall be transparent to the system (integrator)
 - Enables reducing the usage of OS resources (Tasks, Resources,...)
 - Enables re-using modules in different environments





Part 6 – Scheduling ID: 06-003 Scheduling Objects and Triggers

BSW Scheduling objects

- Main functions
 - n per module
 - Iocated in all layers

BSW Events

- RecurringEvent
- SporadicEvent

Triggers

- Main functions
 - Can be triggered in all layers by
 - RecurringEvents
 - SporadicEvents





Part 6 – Scheduling ID: 06-004 Transformation Process (1)

Logical Architecture (Model)

- Ideal concurrency
- Unrestricted resources
- > Only real data dependencies



- Scheduling objects
- > Trigger
 - BSW events
- Sequences of scheduling objects
- ≻ ...

Technical Architecture (Implementation)

- Restricted concurrency
- Restricted resources
- Real data dependencies
- Dependencies given by restrictions



- OS objects
 - Tasks
 - ISRs
 - Alarms
 - Resources
 - OS services
- Sequences of scheduling objects within tasks
- Sequences of tasks

≻ ...



- Mapping of scheduling objects to OS Tasks
- Specification of sequences of scheduling objects within tasks
- Specification of task sequences
- > Specification of a scheduling strategy
- ≻ ...





Part 6 – Scheduling ID: 06-006 Transformation Process – Example 1

Logical Architecture (Model)

Technical Architecture (Schedule Module SchM)



Task1 {

Zzz_MainFunction_Bbb();

Yyy_MainFunction_Aaa();

Xxx_MainFunction_Aaa();

. . .



- > Mapping of scheduling objects to OS Tasks
- > Specification of sequences of scheduling objects within tasks



Part 6 – Scheduling ID: 06-007 Transformation Process – Example 2





Part 6 – Scheduling ID: 06-008 Data Consistency – Motivation

Access to resources by different and concurrent entities of the implemented technical architecture \geq (e.g., main functions and/or other functions of the same module out of different task contexts)



Logical Architecture (Model)

Technical Architecture (Schedule Module SchM)



Part 6 – Scheduling ID: 06-009 Data Consistency – Example 1 – "Critical Sections" Approach





Part 6 – Scheduling ID: 06-009 Data Consistency – Example 2 – "Critical Sections" Approach



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ID: 07 – Layered Software Architecture

Part 7 – Implementation Conformance Classes



Part 7 – Implementation Conformance Classes ID: 07-01 ICC3



Part 7 – Implementation Conformance Classes ID: 07-02 ICC2



Part 7 – Implementation Conformance Classes ID: 07-02 ICC1



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