## Embedded Systems <br> Module Information

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## Summary Information

| Module Code | 6504SDLBHG |
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| Formal Module Title | Embedded Systems |
| Owning School | Computer Science and Mathematics |
| Career | Undergraduate |
| Credits | 20 |
| Academic level | FHEQ Level 6 |
| Grading Schema | 40 |

## Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

## Institution Name

Beaconhouse Group

## Learning Methods

| Learning Method Type | Hours |
| :--- | :--- |
| Online | 44 |

## Module Offering(s)

| Display Name | Location | Start Month | Duration Number Duration Unit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| JAN-PAR | PAR | January | 12 Weeks |

## Aims and Outcomes

To provide an overview of designing and engineering embedded systems, including high-level hardware architectures and software systems with references to architectures, communication and synchronisation. To investigate the development of a connected embedded system and appropriate support software services.

## After completing the module the student should be able to:

## Learning Outcomes

| Code | Number | Description |
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| MLO1 | 1 | Critically survey technologies and methods used in embedded systems design and development. |
| MLO2 | 2 | Solve execution issues intrinsic to embedded architectures and develop software for embedded <br> systems alongside other software systems. |
| MLO3 | 3 | Appraise communications standards and techniques used in embedded systems. |
| MLO4 | 4 | Critically evaluate operational issues in embedded and concurrent systems. |

## Module Content


#### Abstract

Outline Syllabus

Module Overview

Additional Information

Embedded Systems: Basic Architectures / Issues-baremetal, superloops and real-time operating systems-interrupt-driven executionGPIO - Getting data in / out and electronicsoftware interfacing-basic related interfacing/electronics concepts-analogue-digital conversion and PWM-noise reduction/filteringMemory and storage: resource constrained systems-Programmer-centred memory management : stack, heap and global/statics-Smart pointers and automatic release / garbage collectionSerial over GPIO - SPI, I2C, flash/SD card storageBus systems and line arbitration / access-shared clock / asynchronous vs. synchronous systems-Hardware-support and bit-banged (software-defined) implementationsWiFi and Internet connectivity-common library and driver support-socket programming and stream parsing-RESTful server and smart client provisioning-Automatic update mechanisms Patternbased embedded software design-Superloop and/vs Strategy / State / State Table / Scheduling-Façade / Proxy / Mediator / interfacingConcurrent vs. Serial execution-Liveness and Deadlock-Data Races and Atomicity

This module broadens a Software Engineer's horizons to include system and software development for embedded systems, with consideration of the Internet of Things. Students are required to have considerable high-level programming knowledge by level 6 ; this will be expanded to consider working with lower-level architectural concerns and development software for "baremetal" systems.


## Assessments

| Assignment Category | Assessment Name | Weight | Exam/Test Length (hours) | Module Learning <br> Outcome Mapping |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Technology | Embedded system | 50 | 0 | MLO1, MLO2 |
| Exam | Examination | 50 | 2 | MLO3, MLO4 |

## Module Contacts

## Module Leader

| David Lamb | Yes | N/A |
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## Partner Module Team

| Contact Name | Applies to all offerings | Offerings |
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