(EC504) EMBEDDED SYSTEM DESIGN

Objective of the Course:

To introduce the different stages in embedded system design, design considerations. It helps the students to write the software for embedded systems, and downloading the software.

UNIT - 1

Embedded Design Life Cycle: Introduction, Product Specification, Hardware/software partitioning, Iteration and Implementation, Detailed hardware and software design, Hardware/Software integration, Product Testing and Release, Maintaining and upgrading existing products. Selection Process: Packaging the Silicon, Adequate Performance, RTOS Availability, Tool chain Availability, Other issues in the Selection process, Partitioning decision: Hardware/Software Duality, Hardware Trends, ASICs and Revision Costs.

UNIT - II

Development Environment: The Execution Environment, Memory Organization, System Startup. Special Software Techniques: Manipulating the Hardware, Interrupts and Interrupt service Routines (ISRs), Watchdog Times, Flash Memory, Design Methodology. Basic Tool Set: Host – Based Debugging, Remote Debuggers and Debug Kernels, ROM Emulator, Logic Analyzer.

UNIT - III

BDM: Background Debug Mode, Joint Test Action Group (JTAG) and Nexus.ICE – Integrated Solution: Bullet Proof Run Control, Real time trac, Hardware Break points, Overlay memory, Timing Constrains, Usage Issue, Setting the Trigger. Testing: Why Test? When to Test? Which Test? When to Stop? Choosing Test cases, Testing Embedded Software, Performance Testing Maintenance and Testing, The Future

UNIT-IV

Writing Software for Embedded Systems: The compilation Process, Native Versus Cross-Compilers, Runtime Libraries, Writing a Library, Using alternative Libraries, using a standard Library, Porting Kernels, C extensions for Embedded Systems, Downloading.

UNIT-V

Emulation and debugging techniques: Buffering and Other Data Structures: What is a buffer? Linear Buffers, Directional Buffers, Double Buffering, Buffer Exchange, Linked Lists, FIFOs, Circular Buffers, Buffer Under run and Overrun, Allocating Buffer Memory, Memory Leakage. Memory and Performance Trade-offs.

Text Books:

- 1. Arnold Burger, "Embedded System Design Introduction to Processes, Tools, Techniques", CMP Books
- 2. Steve Heath, "Embedded Systems Design", Newnes