

Two Thirds of SDR is SD

Tutorial Outline

1. Introduction
2. State of the Domain and State of the Software Art
 - a. The State of Software Technologies as of 2010
 - b. The SDR Domain
 - i. Characteristics
 1. Distributed
 2. Real-time
 3. Embedded
 4. High Performance
 5. Fault Tolerant
 6. Dynamic
 7. Secure
 8. Networked
 9. Heterogeneous
 - a. With regards to Networking
 - b. With regards to Software Technologies and Languages
 10. Portable
 11. Standards Compliant
 12. Life Critical
 13. Multi-threaded
 14. Multi-process
 15. Object Oriented
 16. C/C++
 17. Software Defined
 18. Component Based
 19. Resource Constrained
 20. Mobile
 - ii. Complexities
 - iii. Degrees of Freedom and Axes of Change
 1. Hardware (x86, arm, ppc and various versions thereof)
 2. Operating System (Linux, Integrity, VxWorks ...)
 3. Middleware (vendors, configurations)
 4. Core Framework (vendors, versions)
 5. Optimization Levels (space - speed)
 6. Memory Footprint
 7. Processor Power (size weight and power)
 8. Virtualization
 9. Transports (TCP/IP, Shared Memory, Custom IPC)
 10. Tool chains
 11. Kernel Versions
 - iv. Unique Aspects
 - v. Non Unique Aspects

- vi. The Software Aspect and the Radio Aspect
 - 1. Intersection
 - 2. Union
 - vii. Complexity Ceilings
 - c. Learning from other domains
 - d. Two Thirds of SDR is SD
 - i. What does Software Defined mean really?
 - e. Concentrating on the hard problems of the domain ... if you can
- 3. Making the Technologies Fit the Architecture
 - a. The Power and Art of Abstraction
 - i. A Comment on code duplication
 - b. The Difficulties and Realities of Refinement
- 4. Recent critical software innovations and how they can be applied to the SDR domain
 - a. Deployment and Configuration Frameworks
 - b. Model Driven Engineering and Domain Specific Languages
 - i. Domain Specific Languages
 - ii. Rich Domain Specific Editors and Views
 - iii. Domain Specific Generators
 - iv. Constraint Technologies
 - v. Transformation Technologies
 - c. Agile Software Development
 - d. Automated Test
 - e. Continuous Integration
 - f. Virtualization
 - g. Software Product Lines and Product Line Architectures
 - h. Combining and Tailoring all of the above for the SDR domain
 - i. Stovepipe breaking technologies
- 5. Lessons Learned from the Last Decade of Making SDRs
 - a. Enabling technologies and solving the problems they introduce
 - b. How to develop these systems quickly
 - c. The whole of the technologies working holistically is much greater than the sum of the benefits of the individual parts