
Recitation #2

18-649 Embedded System Engineering
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Announcements and Administrative Stuff

- **Project 2 posted**
- **TA office hours**
 - <http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~ece649/admin.html#info>
 - Monday: 4:30-5:30 PM (Zach Rousselle)
 - Wednesday: 8-9 PM (Jacob Nelson)
 - Thursday: 4:30-5:30 PM (Shane Smith)
 - This week, undergrad lounge
- **Course announcements will be made mostly via blackboard**
 - Check blackboard prior to emailing staff
 - You are responsible for reading these (check it once a day or so)
 - Only critical notices sent by e-mail

Weekly Progress & Individual Contribution

- **Fill these in status reports every week and submit with your project**
- **Weekly progress updates due every week with your project submission**
- **First one due this project:**
 - Report hours
 - From the beginning of the semester till Project 1 submission
 - From handing in Project 1 to handing in Project 2
 - Report Contributions for each team member
- **Each project handin should have an Progress/Contribution report**
 - Projects without a report are not considered turned in.
 - You **WILL** receive the late penalty every day until it is resubmitted
 - We will try to remind you, but ultimately it is your responsibility to have it in your portfolio.

Weekly Progress & Individual Contribution

- **Lying on the Individual Contribution is a violation of Academic Integrity**
 - In industry this is called ***FRAUD***
- **Both the person who claims to have done the work, and the person whose work it is are in violation of Academic Integrity policy.**
 - Both students will ***FAIL*** the course.
- **The academic integrity policy can be found at <http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~ece649/admin.html#cheating>**

A Note on Late Submissions

- **If you submit late, e-mail staff**
- **If there is an on-time submission, the TA will grade that**
 - Unless you tell us otherwise (e.g., “please grade my late submission instead”)
 - Either place a readme in the on-time submission folder or e-mail staff
- **TAs are obligated to grade only one copy of your project**
 - Specifically, we aren’t going to grade two versions and give you the higher of the two grades

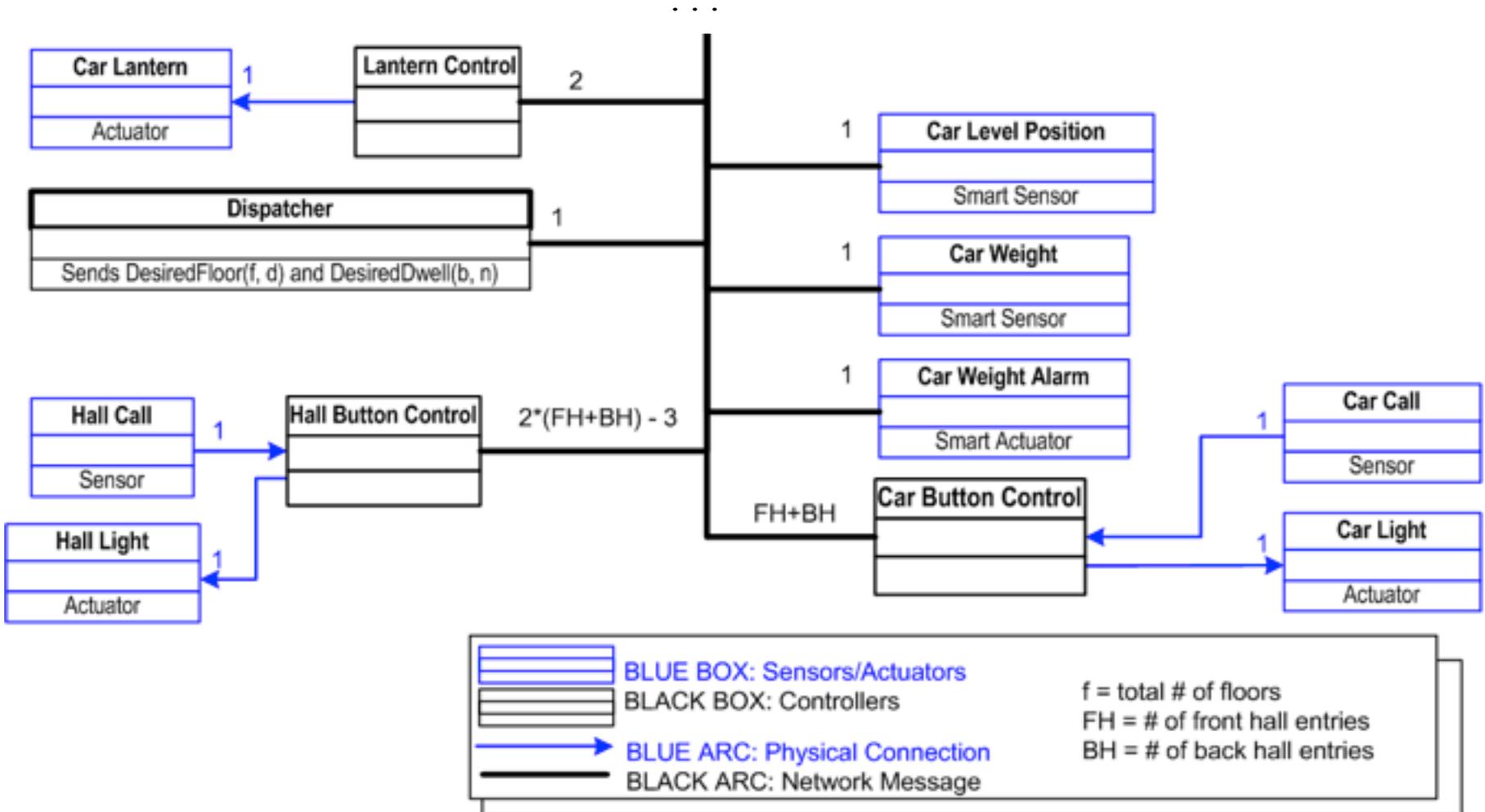
Project 2 - Overview

- **Lecture Mon & Wed will go over all the material for Project 2**
 - We suggest you look through project 2 *now* so you can tie lecture to the project
- **Download the portfolio**
 - You will be responsible for submitting an updated portfolio every week
 - Refer to the portfolio matrix to see which parts you're updating each week
- **READ the architecture diagram**
 - Understand how modules are connected and communicate
 - Understand network vs physical messages
 - Architecture is fixed
- **READ the elevator behavioral requirements**
 - Detailed description of each part of the system
 - Defines inputs and outputs
 - Communication requirements are fixed
- **We give you a set of use cases**
 - Create scenarios for each use case
 - Create sequence diagrams based on each scenario

Architecture Diagram

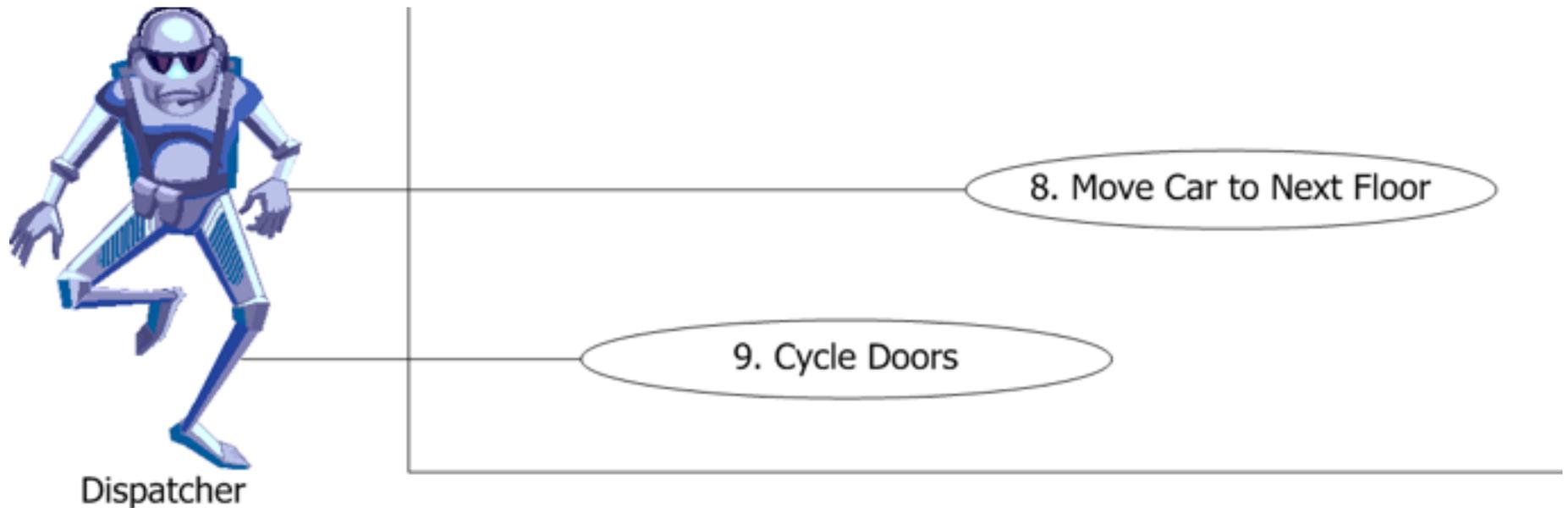
- We provide a fixed architecture

- Your sequence diagrams will show communication between these components
- Blue arc = physical commands, black arc = network message



Use Cases (cont.)

- **The passenger is not the only entity that interacts with the elevator**
 - Dispatcher - Determines which floor to service and when to cycle the doors
 - In our system this is another controller (not a person)
 - But there are still elevators that use a person in this role



Behavioral Requirements

- **Read these**
 - Plan to spend some time getting familiar with this
- **Detailed description of what each part does**
 - Replication, instantiation, and assumptions
 - Behavioral requirements and constraints
 - Inputs and outputs
- **You'll notice some look very “empty”**
 - The baseline elevator is very simple (and inefficient)
 - Over the semester you'll be improving most of these components
- **Message library**
 - The communications requirements are fixed
 - You can **ONLY** use messages that we have defined for you
 - Use the defined inputs and outputs for each component

Scenarios

- **There are one or more scenarios for each use case**
 - 12 total, each team member does *at least* 3
 - Over the semester, you'll likely have to define more for a complete elevator
 - You're encouraged to think of more scenarios, but 12 is the minimum
- **We give you a set of preconditions**
 - You specify a scenario (similar to what you did in project 1)
 - Scenario describes what happens from preconditions to postconditions
 - Remember you're describing all system components, not just one
 - You specify the post conditions for the scenario
 - The state of the system after the scenario completes
 - Create a sequence diagram showing component interaction for the scenario
- **How long are scenarios supposed to be?**
 - Rule of thumb: Stop when you begin to describe another use case

Example Scenario 1B

- **Passenger arrives at a hallway when elevator is already there and the car is traveling in the same direction as desired by passenger.**
- **Preconditions:**
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- **Scenario:**
 - Door $[b,r]$ starts closing.
 - Passenger arrives at a hallway $[f, b]$ to use the elevator, with intent to travel in direction d .
 - Passenger presses hall call button before doors are fully closed, but after doors are too fully closed for passenger to enter.
 - Hall button lights up.
 - Doors complete closing.
- **Postconditions:**
 - Elevator is at the passenger's floor.
 - Door is closed.
 - Hall button light for passenger's desired direction is on.

Sequence Diagrams

- **Sequence diagrams illustrate the flow of messages between objects**

- Each component is shown as a box
- Time progresses downward from the components
- Arcs go between objects to show messages and physical commands
 - You must number all arcs!
- Use the following color coding:

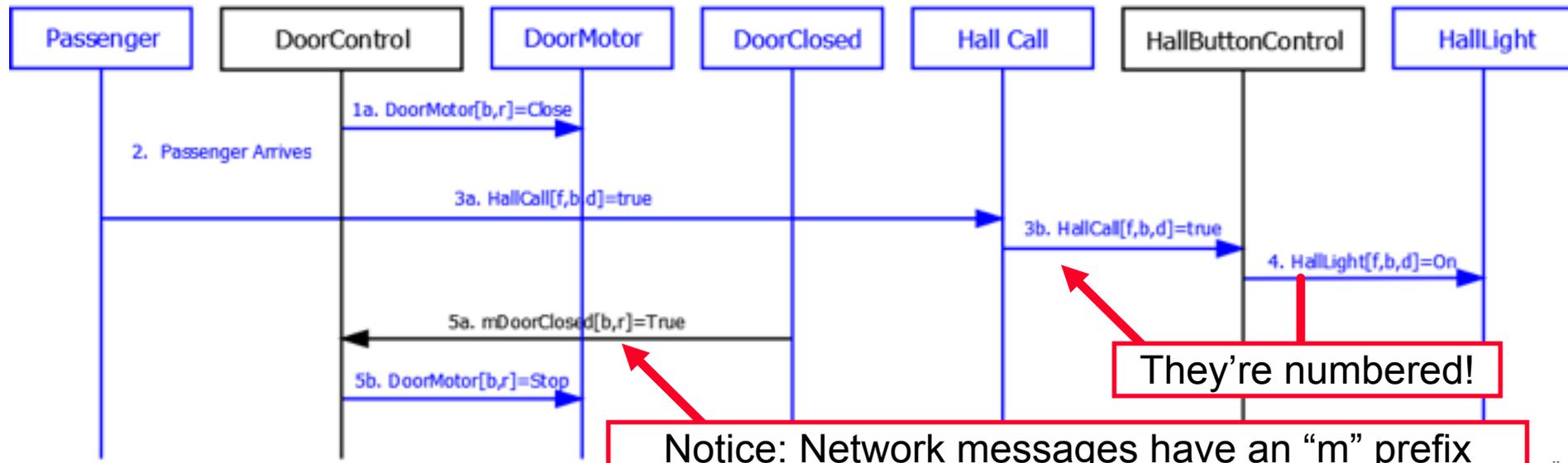
Blue box = Sensor/actuator

Black box = Controller

Blue arc = Physical command

Black arc = Network message

Sequence Diagram 1B:



Audit

- **Once you finish your (at least) three sequence diagrams**
- **Have one of your partners review them according to audit procedure**
 - Name of the person conducting the audit?
 - Are the events in the sequence diagram consistent with the steps in the scenario?
 - Are all arcs labeled with a valid command in the sequence diagram?
 - Are all arcs correctly colored (blue for physical message, black for network messages)?
Are all boxed items correct parts of the elevator architecture?
 - Does each message arc in the sequence diagram originate from the correct object (according to the interfaces defined in the Requirements I and II documents)?
- **Include a copy of every audit as directed on project web page**

Individual Contribution

- **Track your own contributions to each project**
 - Each task for that week belongs to at least one team member
 - Comprehensive weekly list of who was in charge of completing what
 - We want to know how you tend to divvy the work
- **This will add detail to your progress report**
 - Minimum list of project requirements given, add any additional work you did as well
- **For this week**
 - Who worked on a Sequence Diagram? the Team Portfolio? a peer review?
 - This is all divided in a straightforward way this week, in future weeks the division of work will not be so neatly split

Portfolio

- **Update the appropriate parts of the portfolio template**
 - Portfolio Table of Contents
 - Scenarios and Sequence Diagrams
 - Improvements Log
- **Double-check**
 - The required parts of the portfolio are up to date (check the portfolio matrix)
 - All documents have group number and member names (including code)
 - All documents have uniform appearance
 - They don't look like four people slapped them together at the last minute
 - Hint: Agree ahead of time what tools to use

What Do We Expect?

- **Grading criteria is focused on process**
 - The project is designed to teach you the importance of process and how to do it!
 - Don't just go through the motions
 - Traceability, audits, logs, -- These things matter in industry!
- **We expect a design that passes acceptance test criteria**
 - You must have a working elevator to complete the course
- **Much of the project is open-ended**
 - Requires you to think about what is reasonable
 - We have fixed the architecture and message requirements to guide you
- **What do we NOT expect?**
 - A perfect elevator (how would you know?)

Project Tips

- **Leave time for traceability, audits and other process steps**
 - These can take longer than you expect
- **Put REAL effort into the early design phases**
 - Each project builds on the previous one
 - **Every** single group in years past recommended this by the end of the semester
 - If your design barely scrapes by, you will eventually have to fix it
 - Traceability requirements mean that your fixes will have to be propagated all the way through the design
- **Don't blow off bug tracking**
 - When you fix a bug, log it, and propagate the fix through the whole design
 - We'll do diffs on your submissions to check bug tracking / propagating fixes
- **Look at tools for automating repetitive tasks (e.g. makefiles)**
 - The simulator might have the feature you're about to implement
- **Resist the urge to put lots of time into automating one-off tasks**

Teamwork and Administration Tips

- **Deal with these issues early (first or second week)**
- **Establish meeting times and team roles**
 - Plan to meet with your group the same time every week
 - Exchange contact info too!
- **Decide what tools to use**
 - Pick tools everyone can use (especially for diagrams)
 - Look at tools for collaboration (e.g. version control)
 - Or at least set up a location to share the current design files
 - Use a version control tool (e.g., SVN, GIT)
 - Note: GitHub can be tricky for spreadsheet merges
- **Read over the project before Recitation**
 - Come ready with questions, it's the best time to ask

Team Meeting Tips

- **Meet early for planning**
 - Review the assignment together
 - Make sure everyone in your group understands the assignment
 - Get started on the assignment together
 - Record things you don't understand or need clarifications on
 - Assign a member to visit office hours with your questions
 - Distribute the remaining work before you end the meeting
- **Establish a checkpoint mid-week (even if just by e-mail)**
 - Make sure everyone's on track prior to the deadline
- **Keep meeting minutes**
 - Decisions made, tasks assigned, etc.
 - Make sure everyone gets a copy so they know what they're responsible for!

Suggestions and Reminders

- **For project 2, spend some time reviewing the documentation**
 - There's a lot of documentation, it takes time to review
 - Do it prior to your team meeting
- **Start early with assignments**
- **Reminder: Assignments are due Thursday evening by 10:00 PM**

Questions?