Introduction to CS655 System Modeling and Analysis

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Main Theme of the Class

- To improve the understanding of the target system through formal modeling and analysis
 - In many cases, we do NOT know what we are building exactly !!!



Tragic Accidents due to SW Bugs





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Main Target Systems

- Embedded systems where highly reliable SW technology is a key to the success
 - The portion of SW in commercial embedded devices increases continuously
 - More than 50% of development time is spent on SW testing and debugging



Software Development Cycle

• A practical end-to-end formal framework for software development



Main Research Approach

 Practical formal methods that can be applied to software intensive systems to enhance reliability



Research Trends toward Quality Systems

- Academic research on developing embedded systems has reached stable stage
 - just adding a new function to a target system is not considered as an academic contribution anymore
- Research focus has moved on to the quality of the systems from the mere functionalities of the systems
 - Energy efficient design, ez-maintenance, dynamic configuration, etc
- Software reliability is one of the highly pursued qualities
 - NSDI 2007 Best paper
 - "Life, Death, and the Critical Transition: Finding Liveness Bugs in Systems Code" @ U.C. San Diego
 - Heuristic application of model checking to detect liveness bug
 - OSDI 2004 Best paper
 - "Using Model Checking to Find Serious File System Errors" @ Stanford
 - Application of software model checking to find FS bugs

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Formal Modeling and Analysis as a Foundational and Promising CS Research

• 2007 ACM Turing Awardees

- Prof. Edmund Clarke
- Dr. Joseph Sipfakis
- Prof. E. Allen Emerson
- For the contribution of migrating from pure research to industrial reality
- One of the four Microsoft Research main areas

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Looking forward to 2016: Provable systems



- We are now able to prove significant properties of programs with millions of lines of code
- Software proof tools already used on large scale in Windows Vista
- Significant progress in specification and proof technologies
- New architectures for provable systems

Model Checking Basics (cont.)

- Undergraduate foundational CS classes contribute this area
 - CS204 Discrete mathematics
 - CS300 Algorithm
 - CS320 Programming language
 - CS322 Automata and formal language
 - CS350 Introduction to software engineering
 - CS402 Introduction to computational logic



Samples of Korean Industrial Application of Formal Modeling and Analysis

