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Part 1: Introducing RT-Middleware

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<http://www.openrtm.org/>

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Outline:

- Self-Introduction
- RT-middleware Introduction
- System Examples

Objective:
to understand core concept of RT-Middleware

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Technical Background

Robot Society in the 21st century

With the rapid progress in computer and communication technology, the robot systems are fast becoming larger and more complicated. Therefore, there is a real need for the software technologies for efficient developments. Now various software technologies are proposed and implemented respectively.

Rapid progress:

Computer Technology

Network Technology

Robot Systems

- larger
- more complicated

Single robot

Networked robot

Efficient Development

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RT Middleware Project

Conventional Robot Systems

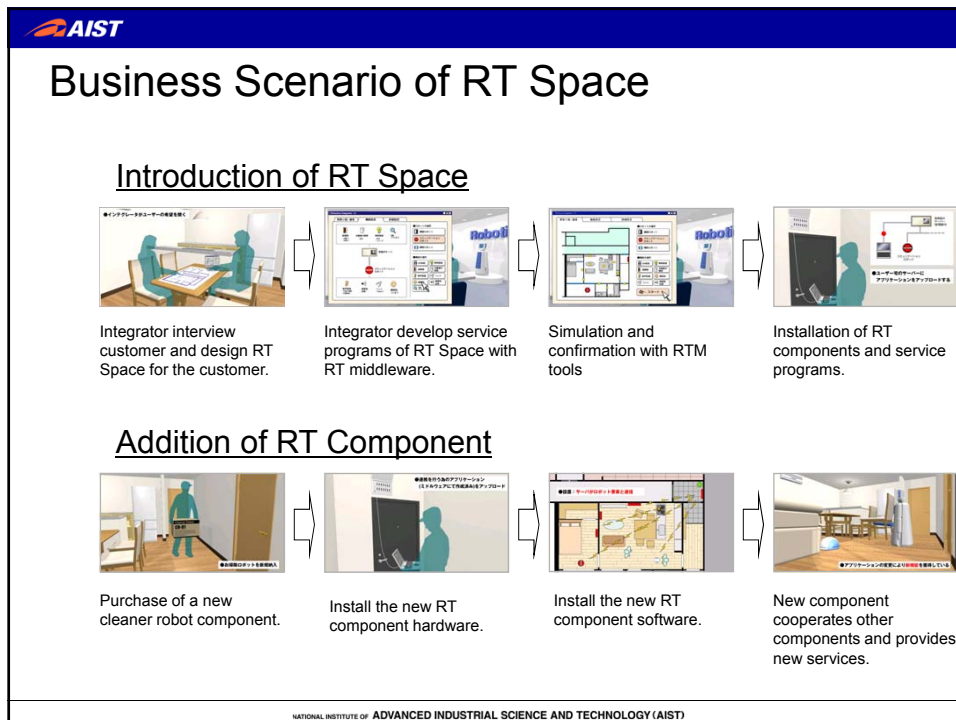
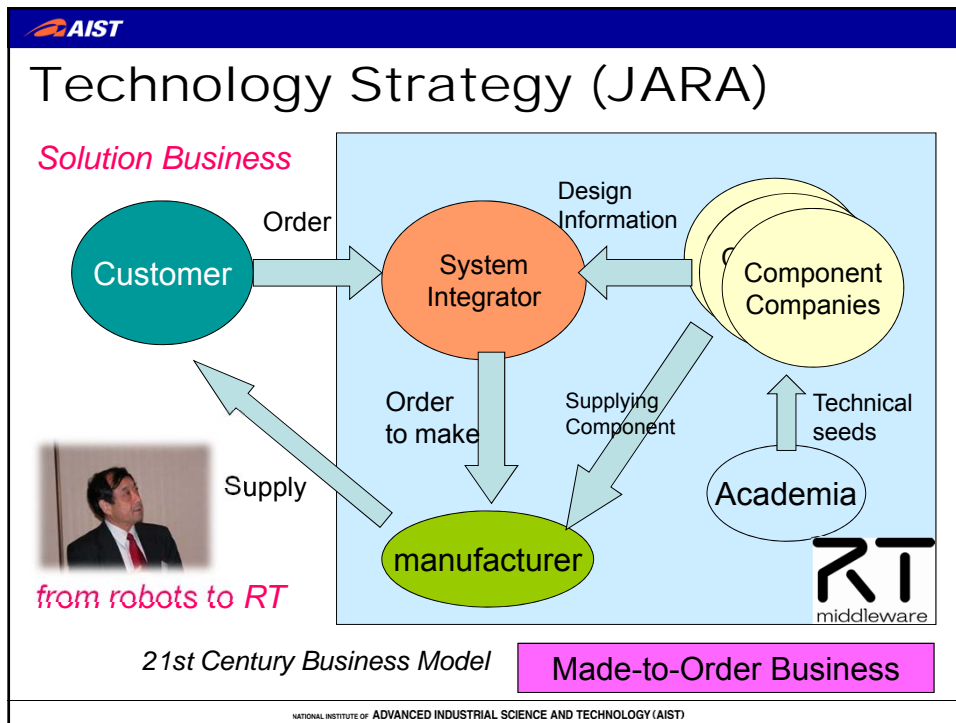
Component Based Robot Systems

RT
middleware

- Robot Maker makes Everything of each robot.
- Interfaces of modules in each robot are not defined well. So, it is difficult to re-use them in other robot systems.
- Cost of development is high.
- It is difficult to create a variety of robots

- It will be easy to create new robot by re-using existing modules.
- Cost of development of new robot will be low.
- Module suppliers, software module suppliers and system integrators can join the new robot business.
- It will be easy to develop a variety of robots.

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What is RT?

- RT = Robot Technology cf. IT
 - not only standalone robots, but also robotic elements (sensors, actuators, etc....)

- RT-Middleware
 - middleware and platform for RT-element integration
- RT-Component
 - Basic software unit in RT-Middleware

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Problem Solving by Modularization

Cost

Reusable modules

Realize
low-cost robots

Technical Issue

Utilize
the state of the art

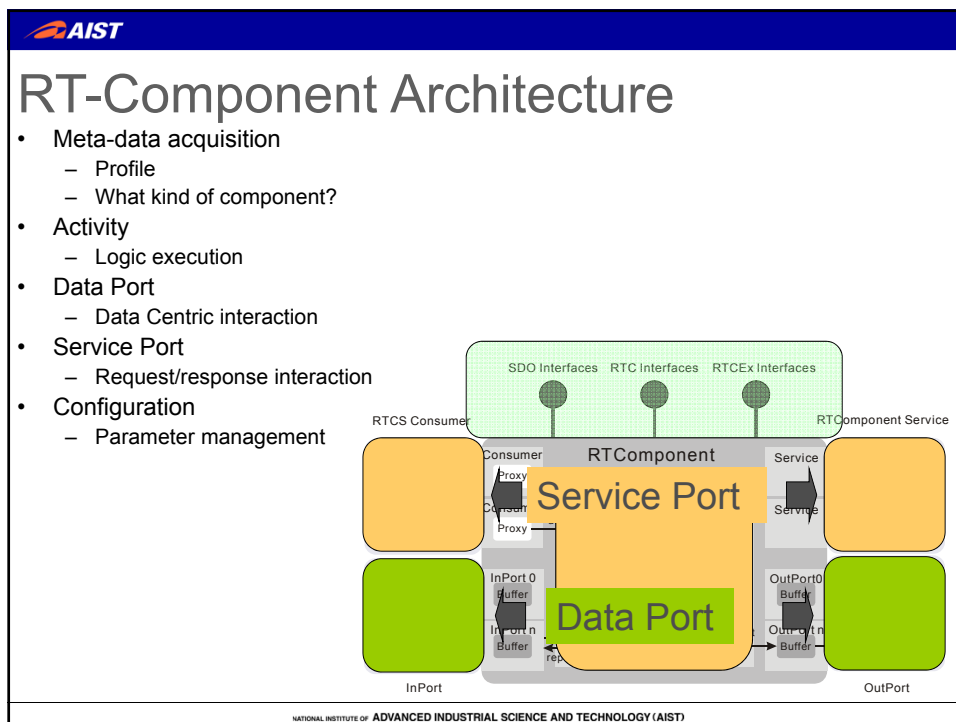
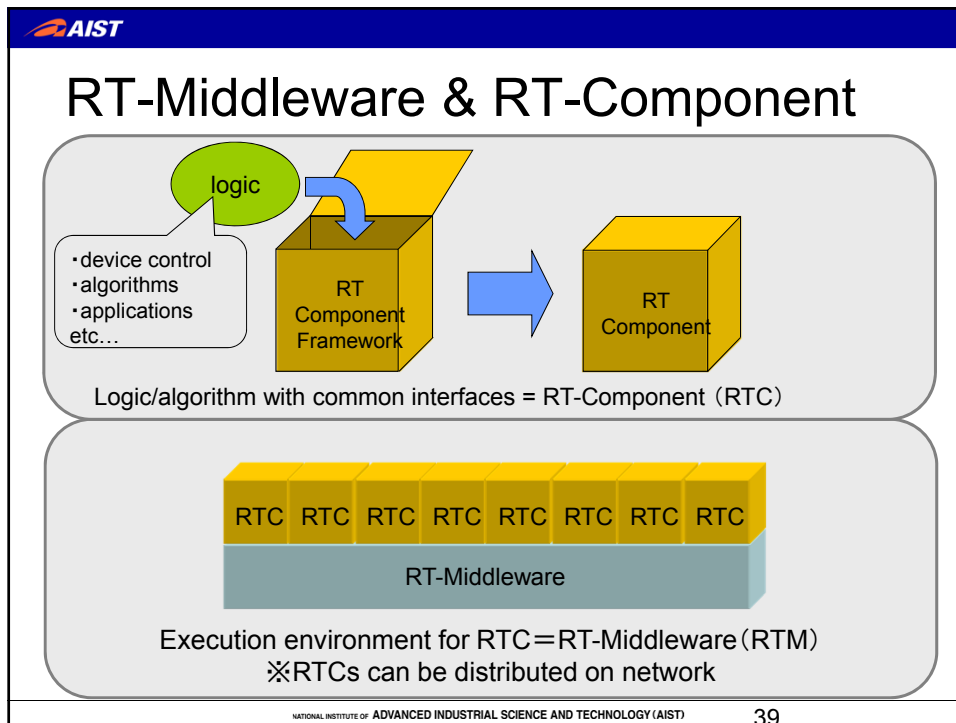
Needs

Easy to customize

Satisfy
various needs

Robot System Integration Innovation

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RT-Component's Meta-data

- Meta-data
 - RTC's specification
- Introspection
 - Name, type
 - Port (number, kind)
 - Interface information
 - Properties
 - Parameter
 - Execution context
- For dynamic reconfiguration of systems

RTC's meta-data example

Name	MyManipulator0
Type	Periodic execution type
port0	Provide: A, Required: B
port1	Provide: C
Port2	DataPort: InPort, velocity, float x6
Port3	DataPort: InPort, position, float x6
Port4	Provide: D
Port5	Required: E
Port6	DataPort: OutPort, status int x1
Port7	DataPort: OutPort, velocity, float x6
ExecutionContext	Period: 10ms
Parameter	gain0(float x6), flag(int x1), dev_file(string)

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Activity

- Logic Execution
- Common State Machine
 - Initialize
 - Inactive (OFF)
 - Active (ON)
 - Error

Execute independent components sequentially in real-time thread
→ Composite Component

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Data Port

- Port for data centric interaction
- Data stream
 - Position control
 - Ex. position, voltage
 - Image processing
 - Ex. image data
- For lower level processing for robot systems
- Same data-typed ports are connectable
- Dynamic connection/disconnection

Data Port
Data are sent automatically

Servo

Image processing

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Service Port

- The Port which has any kind of interfaces
 - Developer defined interface
 - Provider Interface
 - Provides services to other components
 - Consumer Interface
 - Consume services of other components
- Service to provide accessibility to
 - Parameter setting,
 - Mode change,
 - Service request and response
 - etc...

Service Port

Arm

Utilized from other components and applications

Stereo Vision

Utilized from other components and applications


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Configuration

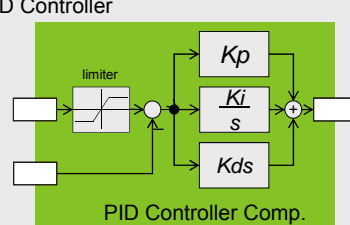
- Configuration
 - Parameter management
 - Configuration Set
 - Set's name, list of name value
 - Two or more sets
 - Sets can be switched

Multiple sets can be replace in runtime

Set's name	name	value				
Set's name	name	value				



PID Controller



modeA	name	Kp	Ki	Kd	In _{max}	In _{min}
	value	0.6	0.01	0.4	5.0	-5.0
modeB	name	Kp	Ki	Kd	In _{max}	In _{min}
	value	0.8	0.0	0.01	10.0	-10.0
modeC	name	Kp	Ki	Kd	In _{max}	In _{min}
	value	0.3	0.1	0.31	1.0	-1.0


PID gains and limiter parameter can be switched according to controlled plants or modes. Parameter can be switched any time.

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RTM based Distributed Systems


RTM can manage distributed RTCs implemented by various languages or executed on various OSs on the network

Robot A




RTC	RTC
RTM	
Solaris	

Robot B



RTC	RTC
RTM	
FreeBSD	


Robot C



RTC	RTC	RTC
RTM		
ARTLinux		


Network

Linux	
RTM	
RTC	RTC




Application

Windows	
RTM	
RTC	RTC



Input device

TRON	
RTM	
RTC	RTC



Sensor

Connections Between RTCs Can be established dynamically

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Related Robot Projects in Japan

Inter-Ministry Project

- from 2005FY to 2007FY,
- Framework for Robot Simulator (OpenHRP3)
- RT middleware (OpenRTM-aist-0.4.1)

NEDO Project for common components

- from 2005FY to 2007FY,
- Hardware module (voice recognition, vision, motion control)

Intelligent Robot Technology Software Project

- from 2007FY to 2011FY
- Software module and architecture for intelligence
- Software development Tools

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Intelligent Robot Technology Software Project (FY2007-FY2011)

Project Leader: Tomomasa SATO (The University of Tokyo)

Image of project for intelligent robot technology

The diagram illustrates the project's structure and development process. On the left, a block diagram shows the 'Development targets of the project' (Robot software module) built on a 'Base system (mechanism, controller, etc.)'. This base system is supported by an 'RTM common basis' which includes modules for 'Image recognition', 'Speech recognition', 'Motion control', and 'Other robot hardware'. The top layer of the robot software module includes 'Model library', 'Vision', 'Mobility', 'Learning', 'Interface module', and 'Communication'. To the right, a flowchart shows the development process: 'Divide software by function and develop a robot software module' leads to 'Easily-usable robot software platform Environment for developing a simulator, etc.', which then leads to 'Highly-efficient and highly-reliable robot development through the combined use of other RT modules'. This process feeds into a cycle of 'Highly-reliable development', 'Accumulation and management', and 'Reusable functions', with a 'Feedback' loop returning to the start.


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Intelligent Robot Technology Software Project

次世代ロボット知能化技術開発プロジェクト (FY2007-FY2011)

- Supported by METI and NEDO
 - 1,500 Million yens (2008)
 - 15 consortiums, 38 organizations
(19 Companies, 15 Universities, 4 Research institutes)
- OpenRT Platform
- Applications
 - Manipulation
 - Factory automation, Try service & cleanup in a cafeteria etc.
 - Mobility
 - Mobile Robot, Intelligent Vehicle, GIS etc.
 - Communication
 - Home Robot, Guide Robot etc.



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Overview of OpenRT Platform

- Integrated development tools for developing RT components, RT systems and application scenarios

OpenRT Platform

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Demonstration in iREX2009

ROBOT TECHNOLOGY
RT
次代への挑戦
-Challenge for the next -
出展募集中



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<http://www.nikkan.co.jp/eve/irex/english/index.html/>

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Demonstration in iREX2011

2011国際ロボット展 **iREX 2011**
INTERNATIONAL ROBOT EXHIBITION 2011

2011年 **11月9日** 水 ➡ **12日** 土
会場: 東京ビッグサイト
主催: 財団法人日本ロボット工業会 / 日刊工業新聞社




RTロボットと共に創る未来



- RT-System Demonstration
- Tutorial Session on Development ToolChain
- Press Release

<http://www.nikkan.co.jp/eve/irex/>

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DAQ-Middleware

Progress and Status Report

KEK, ^AAIST, ^BHIT, ^COSAKA, ^DBBT

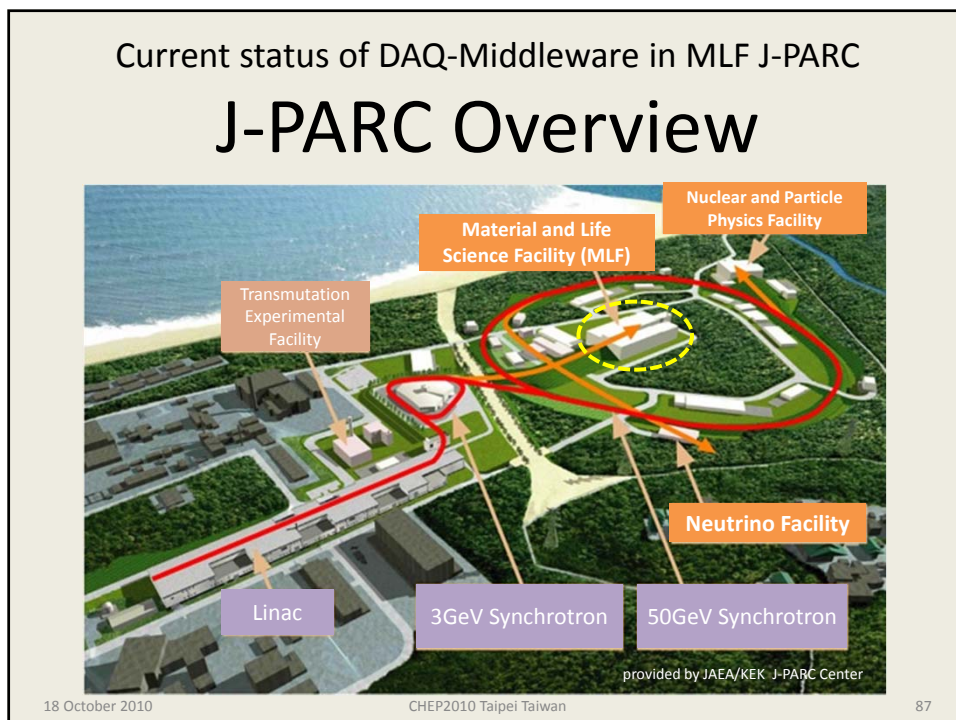
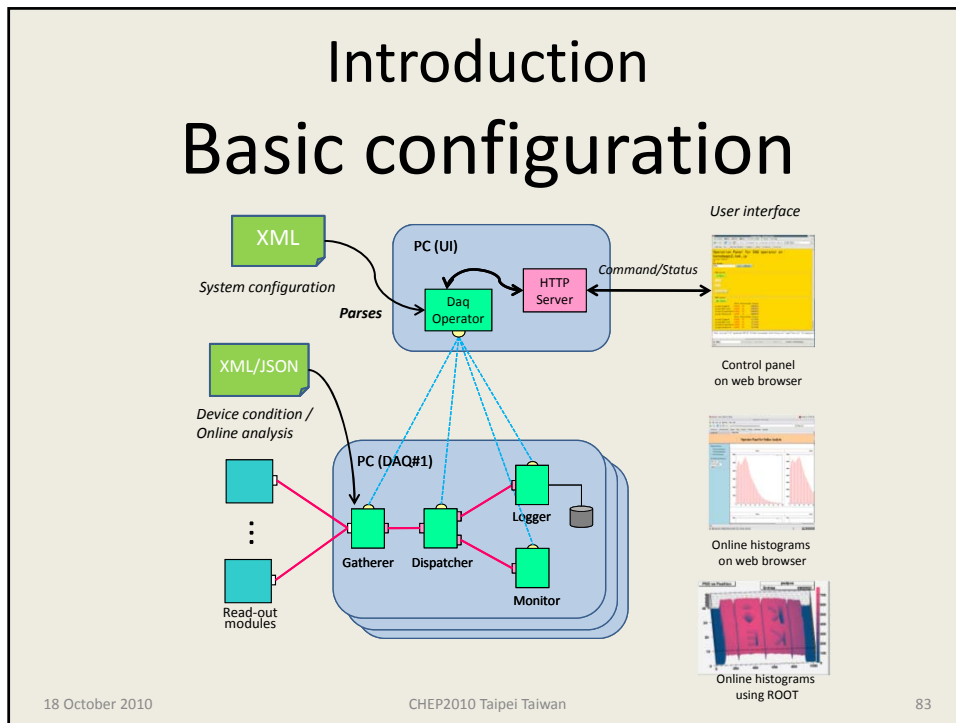
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Introduction

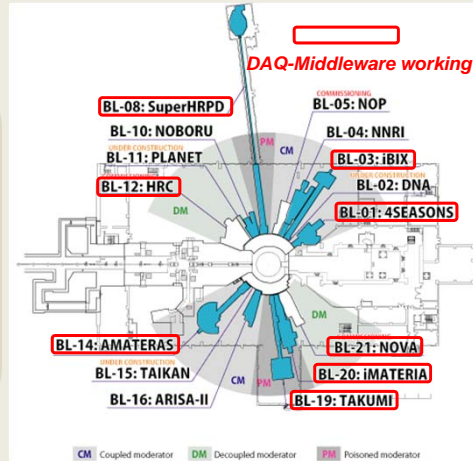
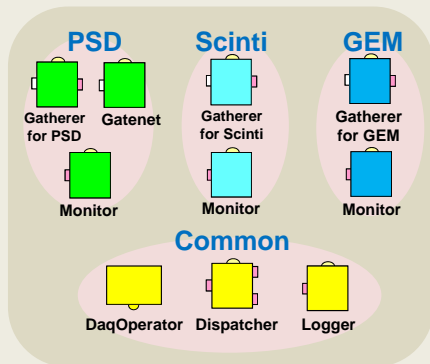
Features of DAQ-Middleware

- DAQ-Middleware is a software framework for Data Acquisition Systems
 - Component-based software engineering
 - Distributed object technology
 - XML-based system configuration
 - XML/HTTP interface for external systems
- DAQ-Middleware is based on *Robotic Technology Components* (OMG, 2008)

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Current status of DAQ-Middleware in MLF J-PARC



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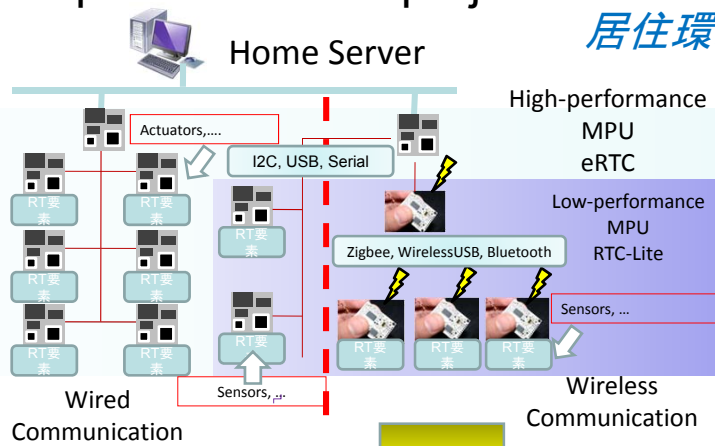
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Open innovation project

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Development of HRP-4, a Research and Development Platform for Working Humanoid Robots

- Supply to external research organizations from January 2011 -



Motion Control Module

Voice Recognition Module

Image Processing Module

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OpenRTM-aist

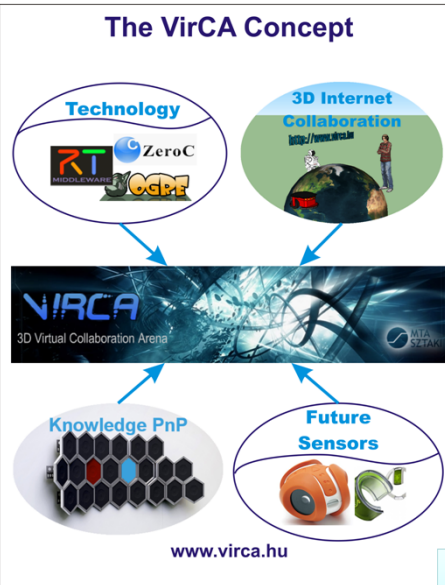
Linux
+ RT-Preempt Patch

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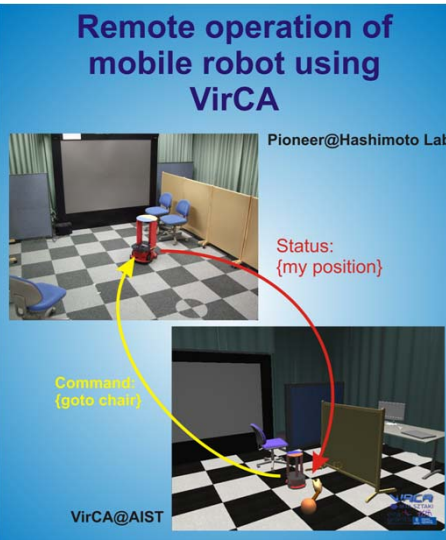
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The VirCA Concept




www.virca.hu


Remote operation of mobile robot using VirCA



<http://www.virca.hu/>



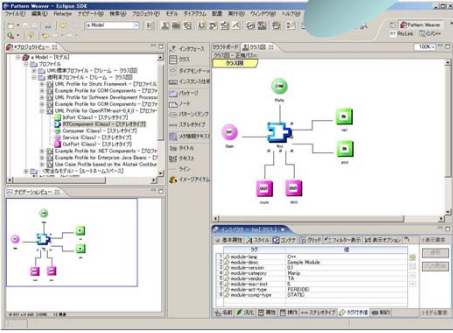
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Technologic-Arts  株式会社テクノロジックアート
TECHNOLOGIC ARTS INCORPORATED

(one of supporters of RTC Specification)


New Business


UML Modeling Tool + RTC-Template (plug-in)




http://pw.tech-arts.co.jp/pw/rt_middleware/index.html

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Standardization Activity in OMG

Object Management Group 

- **Worldwide software consortium**
 - Distributed Object Middleware (CORBA) 
 - Object Model Language (UML) 
 - Model Driven Architecture (MDA) 
- **Application Fields Specific Standardization**
(Business Enterprise Integration, C4I, Finance, Healthcare, Life Science Research, Manufacture, Software-based Communication, Space, **Robotics**)
-> **Domain Technology Committee**

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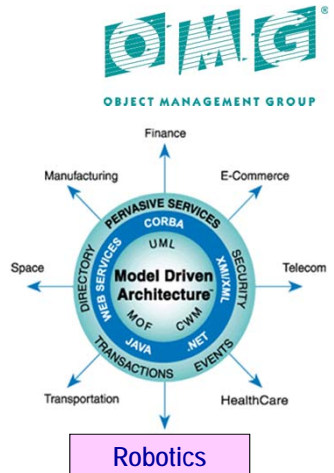
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Robotics DTF

(Since Dec. 9, 2005)

- Robotics Domain Task Force (DTF)
 - Is one of nine task forces within the OMG that is addressing the needs of a particular problem domain.
 - Is defining software standards for integration and interoperability in the field of robotics.
 - Is composed of industry, government and research organizations from countries in Asia, Europe and North America.
 - Maintains active outreach to robotics community, e.g., ISO TC184 , KIRSF, JARA, ORiN, etc.



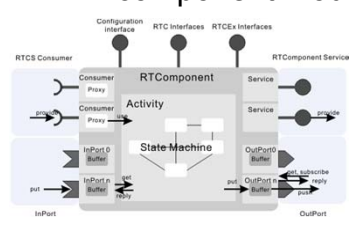

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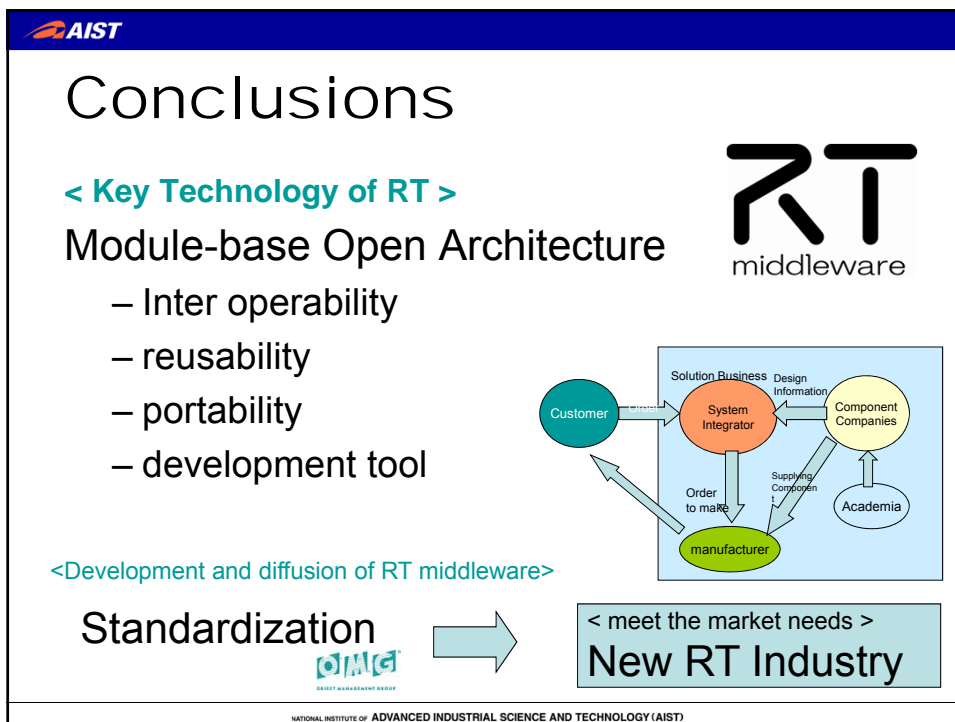
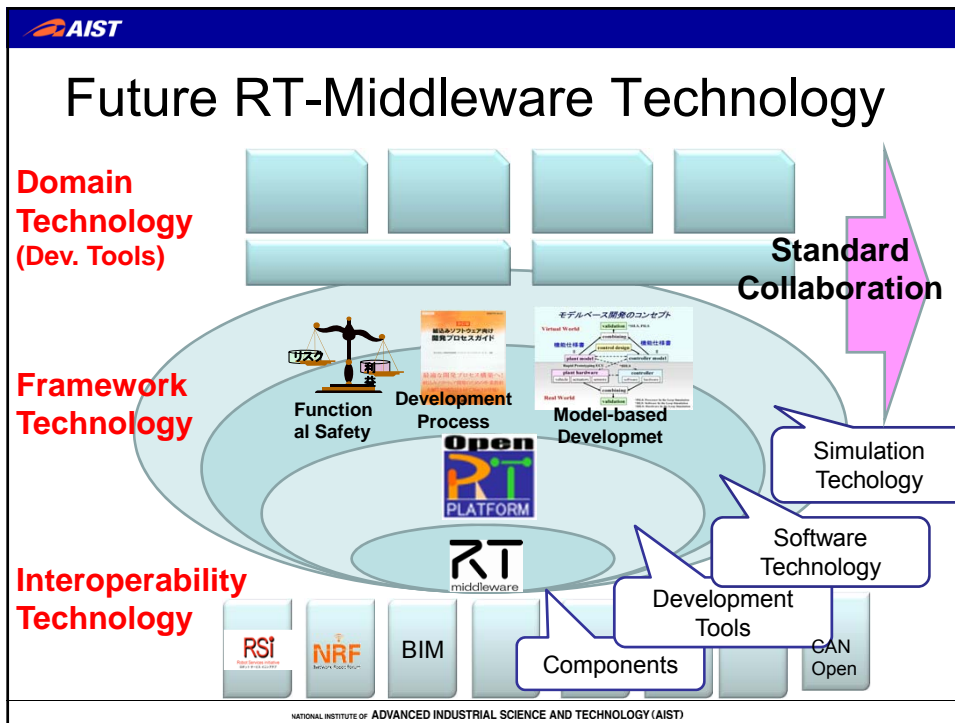
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Robotic Technology Component (RTC)

- Issued as public specification <http://www.omg.org/spec/RTC/1.0/>
- Component model for robotics
 - Basis for software modularization and integration at infrastructure/ middleware level in this domain
 - Builds on – does not replace – general-purpose component models





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<h1>RT-Middleware tutorial</h1> 	
10:00 - 10:45	Part 1: Introducing RT-Middleware
	Tetsuo Kotoku (AIST)
	An introduction to RT-Middleware, RT-Systems and RT-Components.
11:00 - 12:30	Part 2: Building RT-Systems using RT-Middleware
	Geoffrey Biggs (AIST)
	Hands-on practice using small samples to construct complete RT-Systems.
13:30 - 15:00	Part 3: Creating RT-Components
	Geoffrey Biggs (AIST)
	Hands-on practice creating RT-Components.
15:15 - 16:00	Part 4: Human interaction with OpenHRI
	Yosuke Matsusaka (AIST)
	A demonstration of RT-Components for human-robot interaction.
16:00 - 16:30	Part 5: Discussion

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