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The Future Of Software

Systems Reference Library

IBM 1130/1800 Basic FORTRAN IV Language

This publication presents the specifications and programming rules for the Basic FORTRAN IV Language used under the following programming systems:

IBM 1130 Card/Paper Tape Programming System

IBM 1130 Disk Monitor System

IBM 1130 Disk Monitor System, Version 2

IBM 1800 Card/Paper Tape Programming System

IBM 1800 Time-Sharing Executive System

IBM 1800 Multiprogramming Executive System

Appendix A of this publication lists the FORTRAN statements described and specifies to which of the above programming systems they apply. This publication should not be used as a FORTRAN primer. For general information about FORTRAN, refer to <u>IMM FORTRAN II</u> <u>General Information Maxwal</u> (Form F28-5074).

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The Current State

The typical software-intensive system is

- Continuously evolving
- Connected, distributed, & concurrent
- Multilingual & multiplatform
- Secure & autonomic
- Developed by geographically- temporally-distributed teams

Most systems are actually systems of systems

- Services & other messaging mechanisms dominate
- Such systems encompass both hardware & software

Every advance leading to the future state of the world requires the presence of software yet-unwritten as of today

Growth Of Storage

The production of data is growing

- Google processes 20 petabytes/day¹
- The Internet handles over 627 petabytes/day²
- Storage densities are increasing
 - 200 gigabytes/inch² are common today
 - Racetrack memory could increase storage density by a factor of two (20,000 gigabytes/inch²)³

¹http://www.niallkennedy.com/blog/2008/01/google-mapreduce-stats.html ²http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petabyte ³http://www.almaden.ibm.com/spinaps/research/sd/?racetrack

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Growth Of Computational Power

Computational power is abundant

- A single BladeCenter can reach 7 teraflops
- IBM Road Runner may reach one petaflop
- Hardware costs are around 20 cents/gigaflop;
 operating costs are approximately 3 watts/gigaflop¹
- The frequency scaling wars are ending
 - At 10 atoms/transistor, quantum effects & power dissipation become critical issues issues
 - Multicore processors are becoming the norm

¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FLOPS

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Growth Of Connectivity

Bandwidth is increasing

- Copper may reach 10 gigabytes/second
- Wireless networks are becoming pervasive
- Out of 3.7 billion IPv4 addresses¹

– China	19.246 million
– US	13.610 million
– Germany	5.414 million
– Italy	3.881 million
– Indonesia	3.465 million
– Taiwan	3.455 million

¹http://www.bgpexpert.com/addressespercountry.php

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Given relatively unlimited storage, abundant computational power, & pervasive connectivity...

What will future softwareintensive systems look like?

How will we develop, deploy, & evolve such systems?

What is the value proposition?

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Growth Of Storage

Searching & indexing problems grow exponentially

- What are the privacy implications of having your entire life recorded & nothing forgotten?¹
- Will we enter a digital dark age?²

¹http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2005/dec/28/research.highereducation ²http://www.rense.com/general38/escap.htm

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Growth Of Computational Power

- Writing correct software for intimate concurrency is a wicked problem
- Data center energy costs are becoming a limiting factor
- There's no lack of sloppy software and/or hard problems that eat cycles
 - XML
 - Ray tracing
 - NP complete problems

Growth Of Connectivity

- Connectivity is unevenly distributed
- Opportunities for security breaches abound
- Opportunities for offensive cyberwarfare are emerging¹

¹http://www.afcyber.af.mil/

Furthermore...

- How can you trust/have confidence in a system of systems over which you have no control of its parts?
- What are the implications for the globalization of systems development, deployment, & evolution?
- What are the economic implications of the commoditization of hardware & software?
- How does one address the inertia of legacy systems?

Design "Flaws" In The Web

- Poor separation of concerns between presentation & semantics
 - Evolution of the semantic web
- Address exhaustion
 - Moving from IPv4 to IPv6
- Changing assumptions regarding sessions
 - From stateless connections to always on video streaming

Future Software-Intensive Systems

- Future systems will be just like contemporary ones except they will be
 - More massive
 - More pervasive
 - More transparent
 - More critical

Developing, Deploying, & Evolving

- Limiting factors are rarely due to the laws of physics or the laws of software
- The wicked problem centers around the intrinsic human ability to manage complexity

Laws of physics Laws of software Challenge of algorithms Difficulty of distribution & concurrency Problems of design Importance of organization Impact of economics Influence of politics Limits of human imagination

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Value Proposition

- There are no limits to human imagination
- You can't outsource innovation

What We Know

- The fundamentals never go out of style
 - Craft crisp & resilient abstractions
 - Maintain a good separation of concerns
 - Create a balanced distribution of responsibilities
 - Refactor to simplicity
- Process
 - Grow a system through the incremental & iterative release of executable architectures

Software Architecture

- Every system has an architecture; most are accidental, some are intentional
- Different stakeholders have different
 concerns & therefore different viewpoints
- All well-structured software-intensive systems are full of patterns

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Multicore

 The average developer does not know how to build secure intimately concurrent software

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- However, we can
 - Push some aspects to the operating system
 - Hide some complexity in compilers
 - Offer new programming languages & pattern languages
 - Provide better tools for debugging and visualization

Collaboration

- Geographic distribution
 - Development across time zones and political boundaries
 - Issues of trust
 - The water cooler problem
 - **Temporal distribution**
 - The preservation of tribal memory

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Ethical/Moral/Legal Considerations

"All craftsmanship is founded on skill developed to a high degree....At its higher reaches, technique is no longer a mechanical activity; people can feel fully and think deeply what they are doing once they do it well. It is at the level of mastery... that ethical problems of craft appear."

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