From Annex B.2 – Dependable Avionic Computer

Avionic Computing Key Pillars





A certified version is required

The established standards for development of avionics are these: Software: DO-178B (USA)/ED-12 (Europe) and Hardware: DO-254 (USA)/ED-80 (Europe)

ED12B-C/DO-178B *Level A* is governing situations where a defect would result in catastrophic accident.

Certification is expensive, costing approx. \$40-50 per line of code *) One manufacturer estimates full UAV/RPA code of its new UAV to be 65mill lines of code... (50% more than Windows) *) Source: http://www.windriver.com/solutions/aerospace-defense/



DO 178B/ED 12 Software restrictions

- Compilers are limited to certified ADA or C,
- Operating system must be certified RTOS*
- Choice of hardware is limited (ARINC)
- Fully deterministic behaviour is required **
- No surplus code allowed, only net usable code (including subsystems) ***

* Real Time Operatins System
** Excludes Neural Networks
*** Excludes ordinary DBMS systems



DO-178B/EB 12 software projects involve this documentation:

- 1. Plan for Software Aspects of Certification (PSAC)
- 2. Software Development Plan (SDP)
- 3. Top-level Design Document for the RTOS (Arinc653)
- 4. Detailed Design Document for (Arinc653)
- 5. Tested software system executable as standalone system
- 6. Test suite for acceptance test and Q&S verification
- 7. Manuals & Certification Evidence
- 8. Regular Reporting of progress



IQ_Engine System Structure



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- Knowledge can be made manually or automated on the ground
- The Knowledge is fragmented into maneageable pieces
- Off-line DB is used to create the online Database
- Search Engine gets input from real sensors and ground control station
- Search Engine enquiries the Knowledge database
- On-board Search Engine SW has to be certified
- On-bord DB has to be certified
- First certification has same cost of traditional SW certification
- Advantage: after a change, only incremental certification is required. Not necessary re-certify the full Search Engine (and DB)





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Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.

~Leonardo da Vinci

