A Recommendation for a Systems Engineering Process and System Architecture for UAS

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Introduction

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- System Engineering Process is complex and time-consuming
- Well-known methods (e.g. Waterfall, V-Model, Agile) are used across domains
- In new or rising domains, the developement without a reference system in non-trivial
- We provide the development process, toolchain and architecture and our lessons learned for developing an UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle)

- UAVs or UAS (Unmmaned Aircraft Systems)
 are becoming more and more popular
- Those systems are complex and have many requirements on its software and hardware such as safety and security constraints
- Standards for UAV/ UAS are not yet available in Europe
- Expensive tooling and processes for manned aviation are used (e.g. DO-254 [1], DO-178C [2], and ARP4754A [3])
- Alternative: Open-Source Tools and a SE process suitable for UAV / UAS



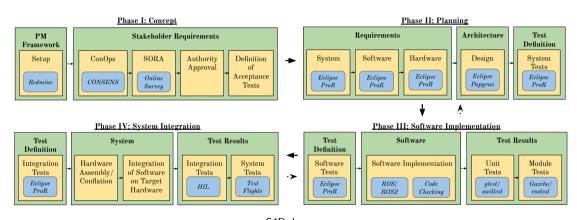
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State of the Art

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- E.g., Waterfall, V-Model, Agile
- DREAMS toolchain [4]
- APP4MC [5]
- And many more

System Engineering Process



S4R drone

System Engineering Process

- CONSENS [6]
- CONOPS (Concept of Operations)
- SORA [7]
- Cross-Cutting Issues
 - Traceability
 - Agile
 - Transparency
 - Iterative process

Frameworks

- Low-Level Control
 - Pixhawk [8] (hardware) and PX4 [9] (software)
- High-Level Control
 - Robot Operating System (ROS) [10]
 - Gazebo (Simulation) [11]
- Computer Vision
 - OpenCV [12]

Framework and Tools

Tools

- Project Management
 - Scrum [13], Redmine [14], JIRA [15]
- Version Control
 - git [16]
- Requirements Engineering
 - CONSENS
 - Eclipse Papyrus (UML) [17]
 - Eclipse ProR [18]

Framework and Tools

Tools

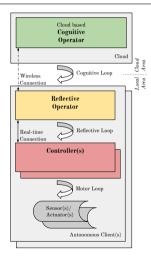
- Traceability
 - Eclipse Capra [19]
 - Polarion, MATLAB Simulink [20]
- Code Analysis and Formatting
 - cppcheck [21]
 - Flawfinder [22]
- Unit Tests
 - gtest [23]
 - unittest [24]
- Integration Tests
 - rostest [25]
 - Gazebo [11]

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Architecture

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- Layered architecutre (e.g. Strube [26])
- Operator-Controller Module (OCM) [27]



OCM based architecuture

Conclusion and Outlook

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- This reference SE process including recommended frameworks and tools lowers the entrance point for other developers
- The usage of Open-Source tools is possbile but not the best option for any case
- The disadvantages of those Open-Source tools could be solved by applying a consistent toolchain that spans over all development steps
- This would require interfaces capable of transferring data or models from one tool to another within the toolchain, similar to APP4MC, widely used in the automotive domain

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