EECS159A/CSE181A Broader Impacts

Outline

- Manufacturing process
- Impact in different contexts
 - Global:
 - Economic: manufacturability, market
 - Environmental: sustainability
 - Societal: acceptance

Electronics Manufacturing

Electronics

- PCB production
- Component assembly
- Firmware programming and Testing
- Housing & Packaging
 - Enclosure production
 - Enclosure assembly
 - Product packaging

PCB Production (1/2)

- Use layout tool to make a Gerber file
- Copper plate on laminate is coated with light(UV)sensitive film
- Project UV over layout mask onto the resist => hardens the resist
- Chemical solution washes away the non-hardened resist and
- Another chemical solution washes away the copper not protected by hardened resist
- Another chemical removes the hardened resist

PCB Production (2/2)

- Oxide coating on copper
- Multiple layers are glued together...
- Drill holes
- Debur remove debris from drilling or cutting
- Solder mask curing
- Legend
- Cutting
- Automatic Testing

Component Assembly

- Assume SMT (surface mount technology)
- Make (stainless steel) stencil with component outlines
- Load components in reels
- Machine applies solder paste (with stencil), coated with silk screen
- Machine places components (with stencil)
- Bake to melt solder, vaporize flux
- Automatic optical inspection (AOI)
- Optional: conformal coating

Firmware programming

- Programming here means "burning" ROM, "writing" to flash etc
 - Could be done by component vendor before assembly
 - Could be done by a flash programmer after assembly — but would need to leave programming header
- Flash Protection
 - write protection (lock pages to prevent writing)
 - read protection (prevent some from copying your image)

Automatic Test Equipment (ATE)

- PCB Testing after assembly
 - Automatic Optical Inspection (AOI) testing solder defect
 - Automatic X-Ray Inspection (AXI) for BGA, where contacts are not visible optically
- Functional testing
 - In-Circuit Test (ICT) checks circuit connectivity & function
 - JTAG Boundary Scan (IEEE 1149.1) serially shift bits in/ out of a chip (e.g., processor); also for firmware writing

Enclosure Production

- Mechanical design
- Production
 - Molding: injection, extrusion, compression, transfer
 - Subtractive: etching, drilling, milling, carving, texturing
 - Additive: 3D printing, SLA (stereolithography)

Curing

Costs

- Non-recurring expense (NRE)
 - design, stencil, assembly setup, making mold
- Recurring expense
 - Bill of materials (BOM)
 - manufacturing, testing
 - Administrative, marketing, distribution
 - Maintenance, support costs
 - Royalty, licensing costs, cloud rental

Economy of Scale

- Component cost
 - MOQ (minimum order quantity)
 - Iower unit price for larger quantity
- Amortize NRE over volume
 - type of mold: silicone (cheap, not durable) vs. metal casting (expensive, durable)
- Production cost

manual vs. automatic assembly, testing, ...

Distribution Costs

- Direct sale vs. distributor
 - sell on your own website? Ebay?
 - Sell through some retail store? online store?
- Software distribution
 - on CD? USB stick? FTP download?
 - Downloadable app from the an app store? (e.g., 30% commission)

Economic Impact

- Effect of producing and using a system on the economy of a region
 - Which other businesses do you depend on?
 - Do you create jobs? What kind? (design, manufacturing, ...)
 - Which industries may get negatively impacted?
- Types of impact
 - Change in revenue, expenditure, profits, salary,
 - Change in supply and demand on the market

Environmental Impact

- Impact on operating environment
 - wireless traffic?
 - available space in class room? fire hazard?
- Impact on the environment at large
 - ecosystems, global warming,
 - natural resources, sustainability

Case Study: Smartphones

Global smartphone shipments forecast from 2010 to 2020 (in million units)*



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Source: IDC © Statista 2016 Additional Information:

Worldwide; IDC; 2010 to 2016

Example: Samsung Sustainability Report



http://www.samsung.com/us/aboutsamsung/sustainability/sustainabilityreports/download/2016/2016-samsung-sustainability-report-eng.pdf

Sustainability

- The ability for the process to continue indefinitely on its own
 - socio-ecological, environmental, economic,
- Concepts
 - Scalability of system or process in space and time
 - Consumption vs resource availability

Resources & materials

- 15,000 components produced in different factories around the world.
- I65 pounds of raw materials to make one cellphone
 - 16 out of 17 rare-earth elements
 - 40 different minerals—including gold, tantalum, tin, and tungsten
 - Copper has been in short supply recently

S gallons of water to make one microchip

https://www.ieee.org/about/news/2013/22april_2013.html http://www.techradar.com/news/phone-and-communications/mobile-phones/our-smartphone-addiction-is-costing-the-earth-1299378/2

What are rare-earth elements?





"lanthanides"

Impact of PCB Production

Chemicals

- toxic metals, solvents, acids, photolithographic chemicals
- reproductive toxicants, carcinogens
- Ways of exposure
 - as workers in PCB factories
 - as resident exposed to polluting PCB plant

RoHS: Restriction of Hazardous Substance in electronic equipment

European Union directive

- started in 2002
- RoHS1: 6 restricted materials (2006)
 - Lead (Pb), Cadmium (Cd), Mercury (Hg), Cr6+, PBB, PBDE
- RoHS2: added 4 more (2015)

DEHP, BBP, DBP, DIBP

Health and safety (of Attendance System)

Health issues

- Shared fingerprinting sensor: sanitation?
- harmful radiation or laser? skin irritation?
- Safety issues
 - Does it have glass? Does it shatter?
 - generates heat?
 - Is the device heavy? Is it a drop hazard?
 - Tripping hazard of running long cords?

Societal Impact

Society: Group of people

- Class, students at a university, workers, society at large
- Impacts
 - Culture of the group
 - Privacy of individuals in the group
 - Application beyond classrooms

Impact on Culture

Culture

Ideas, customs, social behavior of a group

- example group: class
 - how disruptive it is to the class?
 - Does it encourage or discourage attendance?
 - honesty of students?
 - habit of bringing ID card?

Impact on Privacy

- Accepted level of Privacy
 - In don't care? highly protective?
- How much info can be extracted?
 - Does the Attendance System cause more privacy leak or strengthen privacy protection?
 - What do companies use the extracted info for?

Broader Impact on Society

- Applications beyond Attendance
 - As bus/train/subway tickets? Boarding pass?
 - amusement park admission?
- General ID for multiple purposes?
 - same ID for all different admissions?
 - ID?
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Global Impact

- How does the production or use impact the rest of the world?
- Source and Production
 - worker condition (factory, mines)
 - regional conflicts
- Export restrictions

Worker Conditions

Manufacturing conditions

- Unclear if factory works have fair and safe working conditions
- Unclear if factories treat hazardous wastes properly
- Rare-earth materials miners
 - require special possibly radioactive process
 - Unclear long term health effect on miners, some may be child workers

Regional Conflicts

- Source of materials typically mined in eastern Congo
 - Linked to a brutal conflict: Armed groups fight to control many of the mines
 - Profits from trading and smuggling minerals funds further violent activity that devastates the lives of civilians.

Manufacturer disclosure

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- Unclear if Intel's well-publicized claims its microchips are conflict-free

Country-specific policies

- Country-specific policies
- Example: Google Map
 - not accessible in certain countries
 - => can't play Pokemon Go if can't access Gmap
- Export control laws
 - The Export Administration Regulations ("EAR") regulate exports of commercial items with potential military applications (so called "dualuse" items).

Ten Categories of Commerce Control List

- 0. Nuclear Materials, Facilities & Equipment and Miscellaneous
- 1. Materials, Chemicals, "Microorganisms" and Toxins
- 2. Materials Processing
- 3. Electronics
- 4. Computers
- 5. Telecommunications and Information Security
- 6. Sensors and Lasers
- 7. Navigation and Avionics
- 8. Marine
- 9. Propulsion Systems, Space Vehicles and Related Equipment

Summary

- Think about broader impact of your work
 - manufacturing process and use
 - impact on economy & environment
 - Impact on society and the rest of the world
- How does this understanding influence your view on ethical responsibilities?
 - always keep professional responsibilities in decision process