

rchitectural patterns, which I introduced in Chapter 6, are abstract, stylized descriptions of good design practice. As you might expect, the differences between embedded and interactive software means that different architectural patterns are used for embedded systems, rather than the architectural patterns discussed in Chapter 6. In this section, I discuss three real-time architectural patterns that are commonly used:

1. Observe and React This pattern is used when a set of sensors are routinely monitored and displayed. In response to environmental changes detected by the sensor, control signals are sent to the system actuators. The transformation is implemented as a sequence of processing steps, which may be carried out concurrently. This allows for very fast data processing, because a separate core or processor can execute each transformation.

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