

Every operational technological device fulfills a role, not just in its direct system context, but in the broader economy and society. As the cooperation of these components and systems are optimized through software functionality, overall productivity, reliability and efficiency increases.

The robots on the front cover may be the most obvious software-driven components in the manufacture of the car body, but further software components are active in numerous aspects ranging from ERP (enterprise resource planning) systems to assuring the power supply. Representing a complex system of a different nature, the inside front page shows the Extrasol solar power plant in Spain.



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