

# **Conventional System: simple switch**







# 2 toggle switches

- 1 light: E1
- 2 toggle switches: S1, S2

S1	S2	E1
Left	Right	0
Left	Left	1
Right	Right	1
Right	Left	0







# Add a cross switch

S1	S2	S3	E1
Left	II	Left	1
Left	II	Right	0
Left	Х	Left	0
Left	Х	Right	1
Right	II	Left	0
Right	II	Right	1
Right	Х	Left	1
Right	Х	Right	0

- S1, S3 on the same side
   S2 'parallel': current flow
- S1, S3 on opposite sides
   S2 'crossed': current flow



### Add more cross switches





S2..Sn-1 ↓↓↔火

# **Current flow if:**

- S1, Sn on the same side
  - S2..Sn-1: #'crossed' connections = odd
- S1, Sn on opposite sides
  - S2..Sn-1: #'crossed' connections = even





Functionality = hardwired

- S1 & Sn: 3 wires
- S2..Sn-1: 4 wires

### **Disadvantages:**

S2..Sn-1

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- Cabling = complex = time consuming
- Unfavorable functionality/cable ratio
- Not flexible: adding switches = cumbersome
- No separation between power & operation



# Hardwiring vs. ICT



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# **Bus System = divided functionality**



- Sensors: μC interfaced with e.g. a push button
- Actuators: µC interfaced with e.g. a relay
- Interfaced with = electronically connected to µC I/O ports
- Push buttons convert rocker manipulations into electronic pulses
- Relays switch electrical consumers indirectly via electronic pulses



### **Bus System = exchanging messages**



#### **Example**

- At one of the push buttons: user manipulation for the 'E1'-rocker
- This sensor broadcasts a message for each such user manipulation
- Each such message has two parameters:
  - Address = 'E1'
  - Value = either **0** or **1**
- All sensors & actuators interpret any received message
- All actuators addressed by 'E1' switch E1 accordingly (here only one)



# **Connections: physical vs. virtual**



**Connection between operating elements & electrical consumers** 

- Conventional system: directly & physically linked via wires
- Bus system: indirectly, virtually linked via address parameters in messages exchanged between µCs



# **Bus System: practical advantages**



- Cabling = easy = time saving = cheaper
- Optimal functionality/cable ratio
- Flexible: add more sensors and actuators
- Separation between power (230V) & operation



# Add more lamps...

The same bus can of course be used for additional lamps

- sensor  $\mu C \leftrightarrow E1$  pulses → actuator  $\mu C \leftrightarrow E1$  relay
- sensor  $\mu C \leftrightarrow E2$  pulses → actuator  $\mu C \leftrightarrow E2$  relay





One µC can control several electrical consumers

- sensor  $\mu C \leftrightarrow E1$  pulses → actuator  $\mu C \leftrightarrow E1$  & E2 relays
- sensor  $\mu C \leftrightarrow E2$  pulses → actuator  $\mu C \leftrightarrow E1$  & E2 relays





# **Sensors: combine function types**

### Sensor $\mu C \leftrightarrow E1 \& E4$ pulses

- → actuator  $\mu C \leftrightarrow E1 \& E2$  relays: control **light** E1
- → actuator  $\mu$ C  $\leftrightarrow$  E3 & E4 relays: control **blind** E4





# **Bus System: easy modifications...**

- Sensor & actuators exchange runtime messages
- Interfaces exchange management & diagnostic messages
- Interface =  $\mu$ C connecting the bus to a PC





# (re-)programming vs. rewiring

- μC functionality = μC memory image
- Changing the  $\mu$ C functionality = changing the  $\mu$ C memory image
- Software tool + PC + interface → change µC memory images





## With a software tool it's easy to...

- Fine tune: e.g. stairway function for E2: automatic (delayed) switch off
- Modify: e.g. sensor shall serve E2 instead of E1
- Add: e.g. sensor already serving E1 shall also serve E2
- **Extend:** e.g. add a sensor to the installation



# KNX + software tool = ETS (\*)



- Remember: bus system = sensors & actuators virtually linked
- KNX + virtual link = group address
- E1: group address = 0/0/1
- Sensor: device 1.1.10
- Actuator: device 1.1.100

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▲ 器 0/0 light			
🔀 0/0/1 E1			

(\*) More details in 'KNX Basics' webinar: don't hesitate to subscribe!

# **ETS: add more sensors to E1**



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器 0/0/1 E1	1.1.13 push sensor 2 1fold with labeling field	0: push button - switching		
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#### KNX: The worldwide STANDARD for home & building control



# **KNX: the future proof bus system**

### KNX = quality

ISO 9001 = prerequisite for product certification

### KNX = compatibility

- Compatibility = manufacturer independent
- Assured via product certification

### **KNX = backwards compatibility**

- Extend 20 year old installations with new KNX devices
- Extend today's installations with any future KNX device

### KNX = saving energy

- Today: window contacts, presence detection, etc.
- Tomorrow: link KNX installations to smart grids (KNX city)



# **KNX** = the reference bus system

### KNX = combining all possible building application types

- Lighting, Shutters/Blinds
- HVAC
- Security
- Metering, Energy management
- Audio/Video, White goods
- etc.

### **KNX = combining communication media**

- TP: the base
- PL: renovation
- IP: high speed and secure backbone
- RF: flexibility and self-sustaining sensors (no batteries)



# **KNX** = the reference bus system

#### KNX = linking to 3<sup>rd</sup> party systems

- Visualization
- Gateways

#### KNX = one software tool only

- Software tool: ETS
- ETS compatibility is assured via product certification