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Reproducible Multi Element System Composition with Linux, Xen & Zephyr

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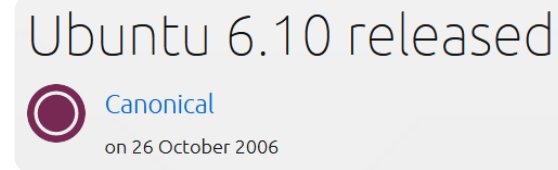
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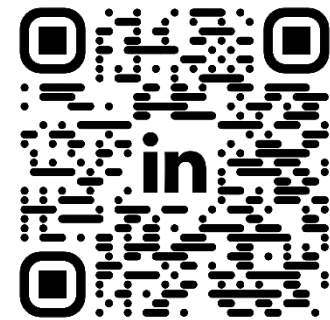
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Linux in Safety Critical Systems

“Assessing whether a system is safe, requires understanding the system sufficiently.”

- Understand Linux within that system context and how Linux is used in that system.
- Select Linux components and features that can be evaluated for safety.
- Identify gaps that exist where more work is needed to evaluate safety sufficiently.

*“Linux differs from a ‘traditional’
safety critical OS, ...
but both face challenges in modern
complex system setups.”*

Challenges: Linux in safety critical systems

The Linux kernel has:

- Large Development Ecosystem
- Security Capabilities
- Multi-Core Support
- Unmatched Hardware Support
- Many Linux Experts at all levels available

Traditional safety-critical OS has:

- Hard Real-time Capabilities
- Proven Safety-compliant Development Process
- ...

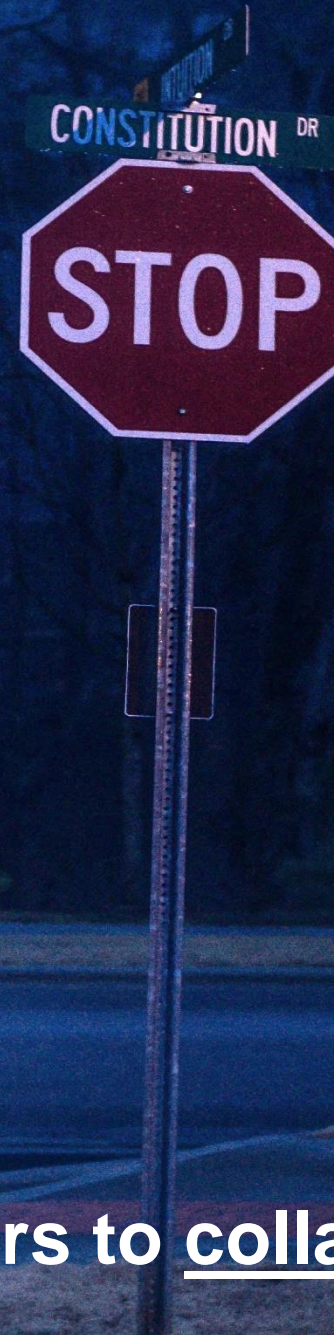
Can these differences be tackled?

STOP - Limitations! The collaboration ...

- *cannot* engineer your system to be safe.
- *cannot* ensure that you know how to apply the described process and methods.
- *cannot* create an out-of-tree Linux kernel for safety-critical applications.
(continuous process improvement argument!)
- *cannot* relieve you from your responsibilities, legal obligations and liabilities.

But...

ELISA provides a path forward and peers to collaborate with!



Premier
Members

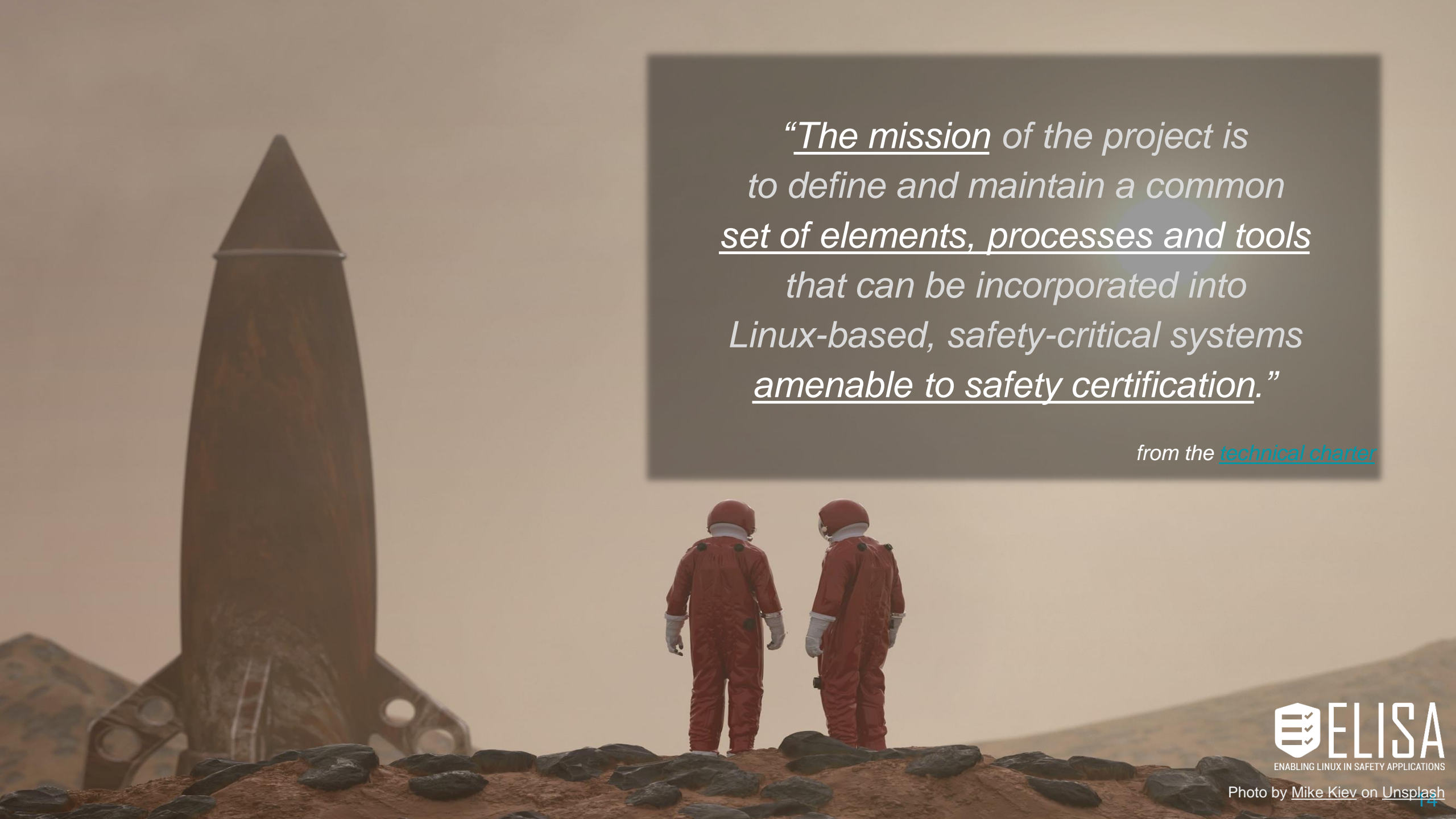


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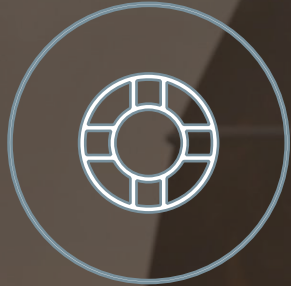
“The mission of the project is to define and maintain a common set of elements, processes and tools that can be incorporated into Linux-based, safety-critical systems amenable to safety certification.”

from the [technical charter](#)



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Working Groups (WGs) - Horizontal



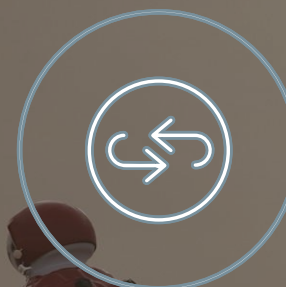
Safety Architecture



Open Source
Engineering Process



Linux Features



Systems



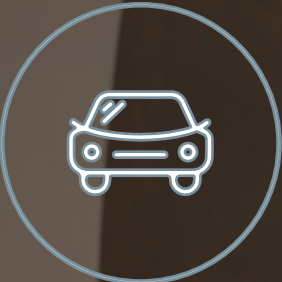
Tool investigation &
Code Improvement



Working Groups (WGs) - Verticals



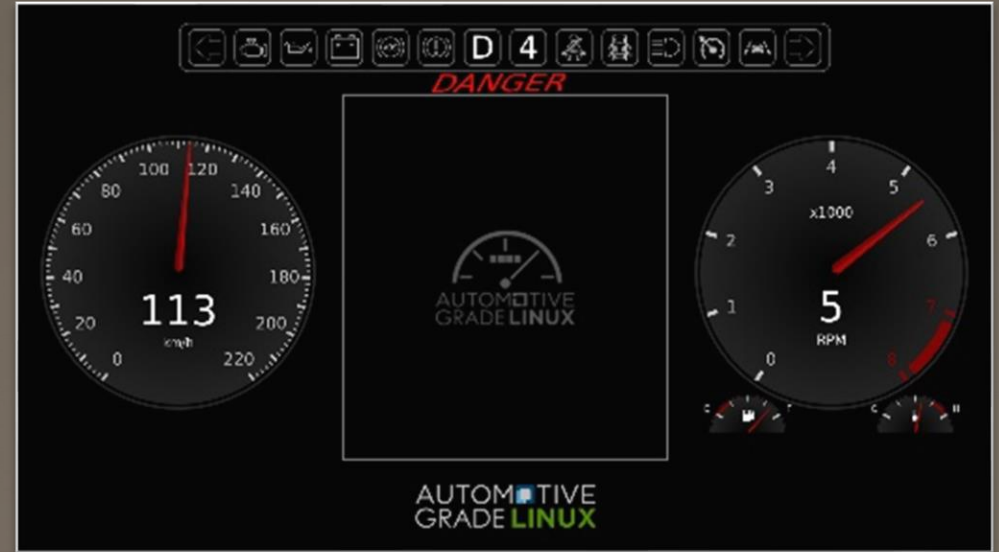
Aerospace ^{New!}



Automotive



Medical Devices



OpenAPS elements

1. Continuous glucose monitor
2. Computer
3. Battery
4. Radio stick
5. Insulin pump

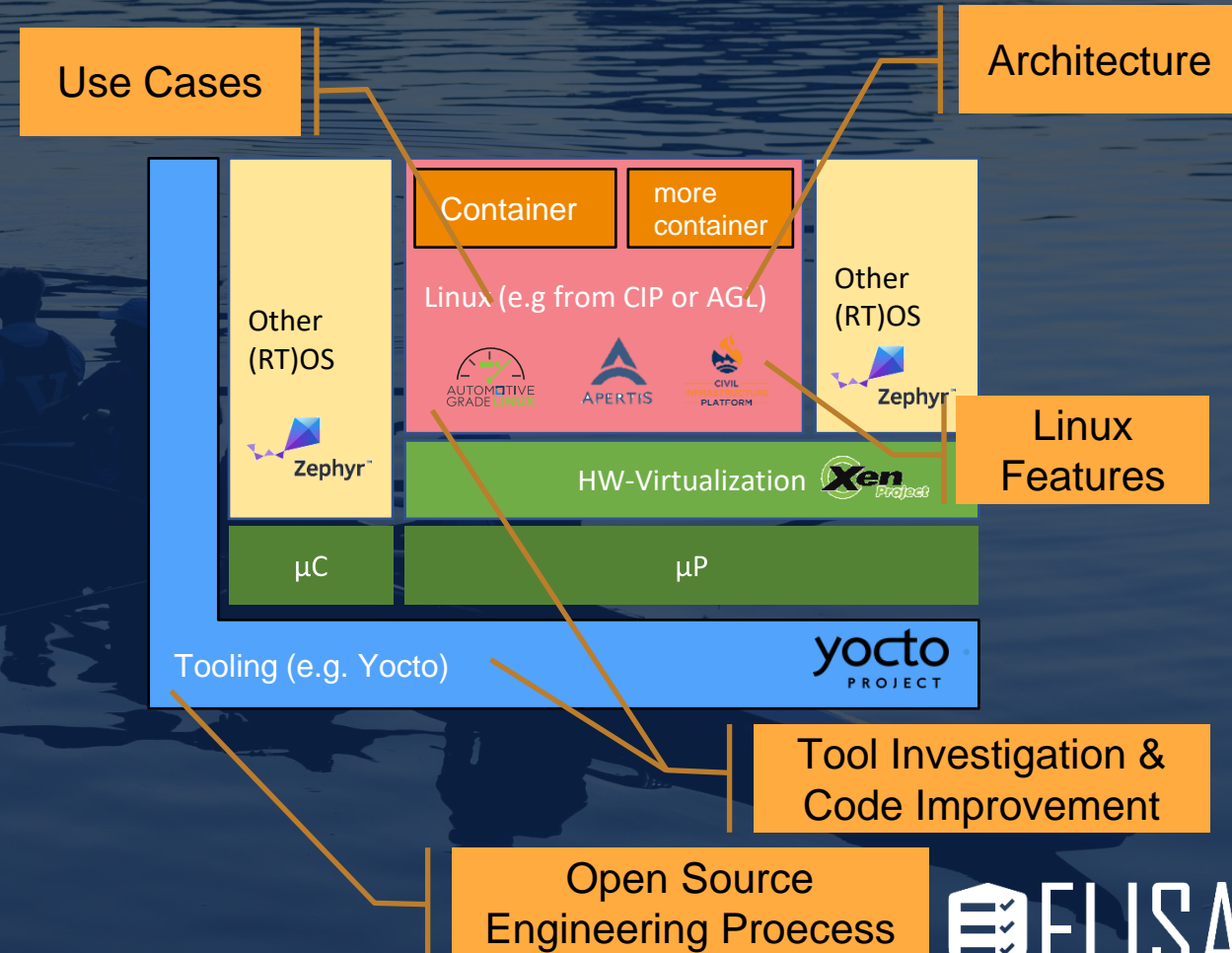
@DanaMLewis

Dana Lewis' OpenAPS project: <https://youtu.be/kgu-AYSnyZ8>

ELISA Working Groups - Fit in an exemplary system



- **Linux Features, Architecture and Code Improvements** should be integrated into the reference system directly.
- **Tools and Engineering process** should serve the reproducible product creation.
- **Medical, Automotive, Aerospace** and future WG use cases should be able to strip down the reference system to their use case demands.



Interaction with other communities (outside of ELISA)



- Open source projects focusing on safety-critical analysis



- Open source projects with safety-critical relevance and comparable system architecture considerations



- Further community interactions

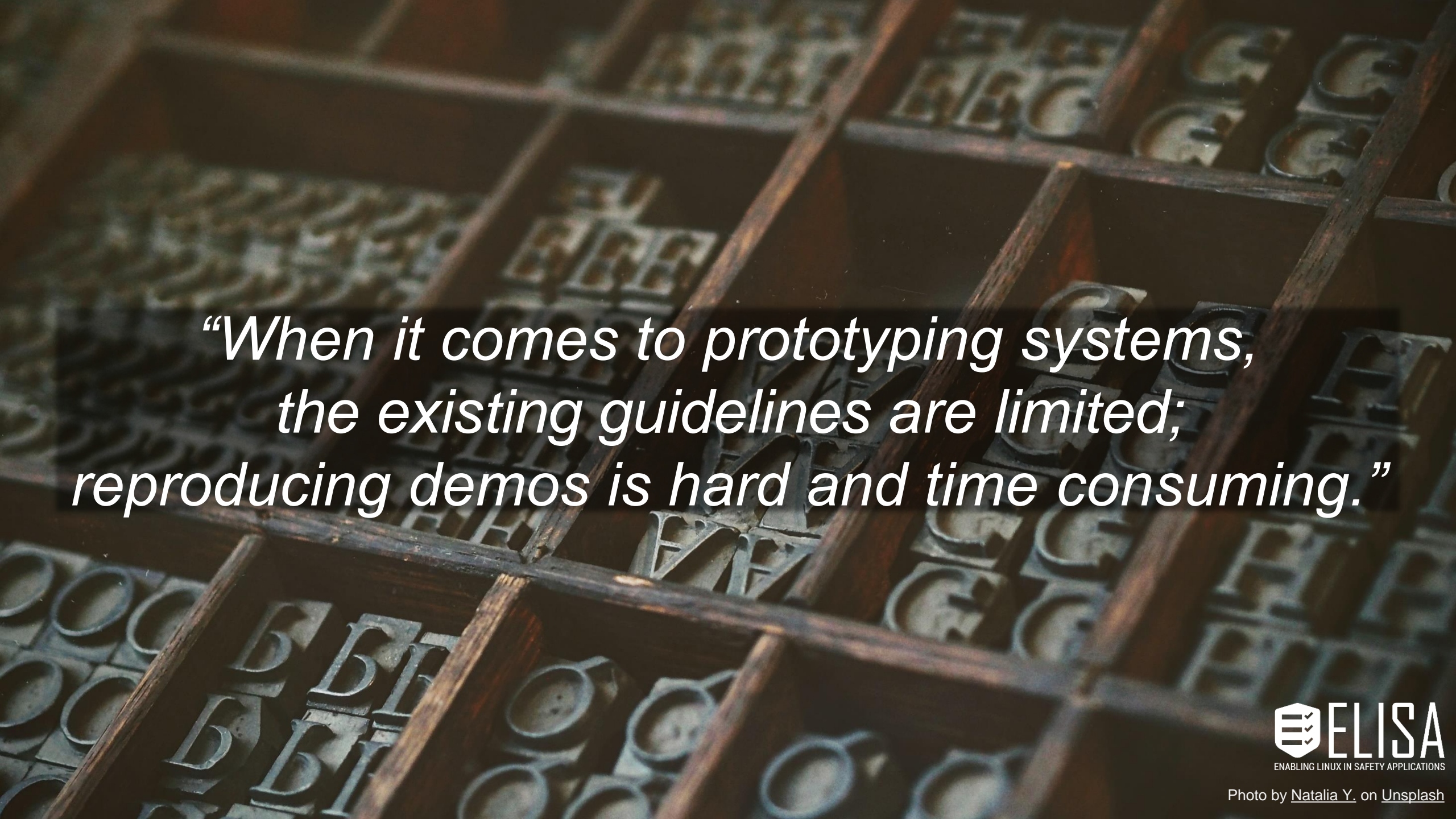


*"If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange these apples then you and I will still each have **one apple**.*

*But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have **two ideas**."*

— George Bernard Shaw





*“When it comes to prototyping systems,
the existing guidelines are limited;
reproducing demos is hard and time consuming.”*



Static Partitioning with Xen, LinuxRT, and Zephyr: a concrete end-to-end example

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiELAJCuFJg>



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“A product will run on real hardware.”



Wip/mtt2hi/metadoc 1
<https://github.com/elisa-tech/wg-systems/pull/9>

Challenges

- New hardware
- Community support
- OS distro
- Tools & CI
- Proprietary drivers
- Images

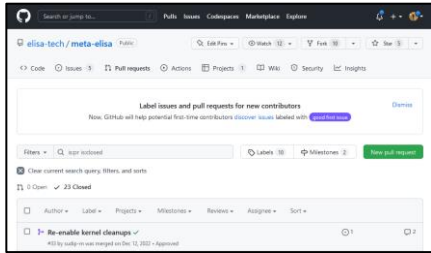


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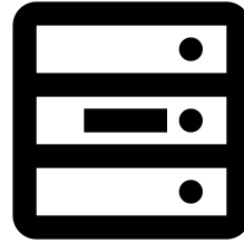
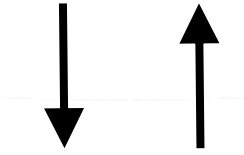
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GitHub PR

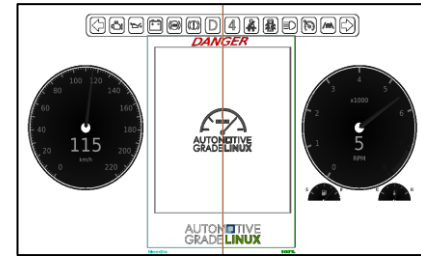


GitLab CI Runner

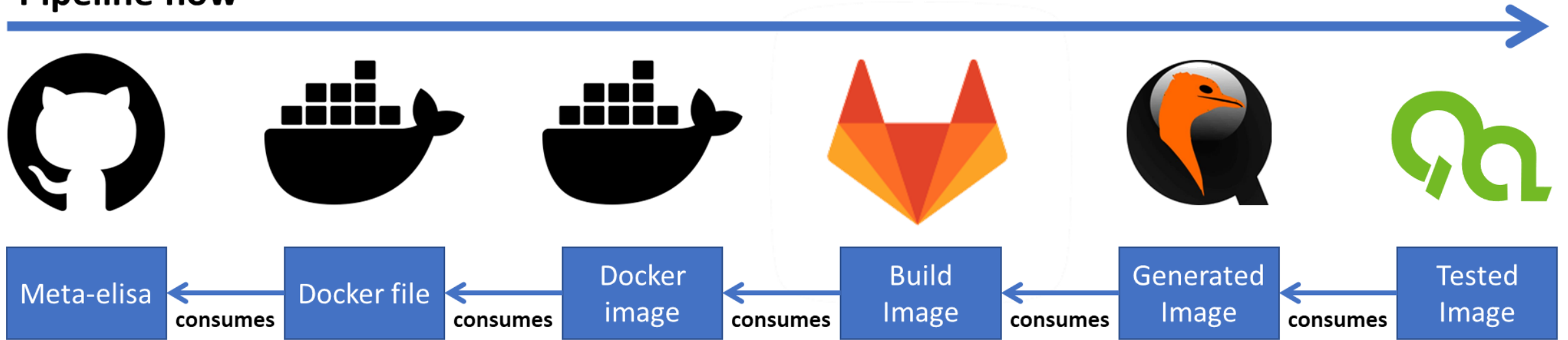


ELISA (Build) Server

OpenQA testing



Pipeline flow



A photograph of a car body in a factory assembly line. The car is silver and is positioned on a yellow conveyor belt. The background shows a large industrial facility with overhead lights and various mechanical components. A yellow coiled cable hangs from the ceiling. The text "Full description in the blog" is overlaid in white, italicized font.

Full description in the blog

<https://elisa.tech/blog/2023/04/05/elisa-ci-enablement-automation-tools-for-easier-collaboration/>

Automated testing



Qn All Tests Job Groups ▾

Results for agl-1-cluster-qemu-Build-817483637-linux@qemu_agl

Result: **passed**, finished about 9 hours ago (01:54 minutes)
Scheduled product: agl-1-cluster-qemu--817483637
Assigned worker: dfed9c80ded5:1

[Details](#) [Logs & Assets](#) [Settings](#) [Comments \(0\)](#) [Next & previous results](#)

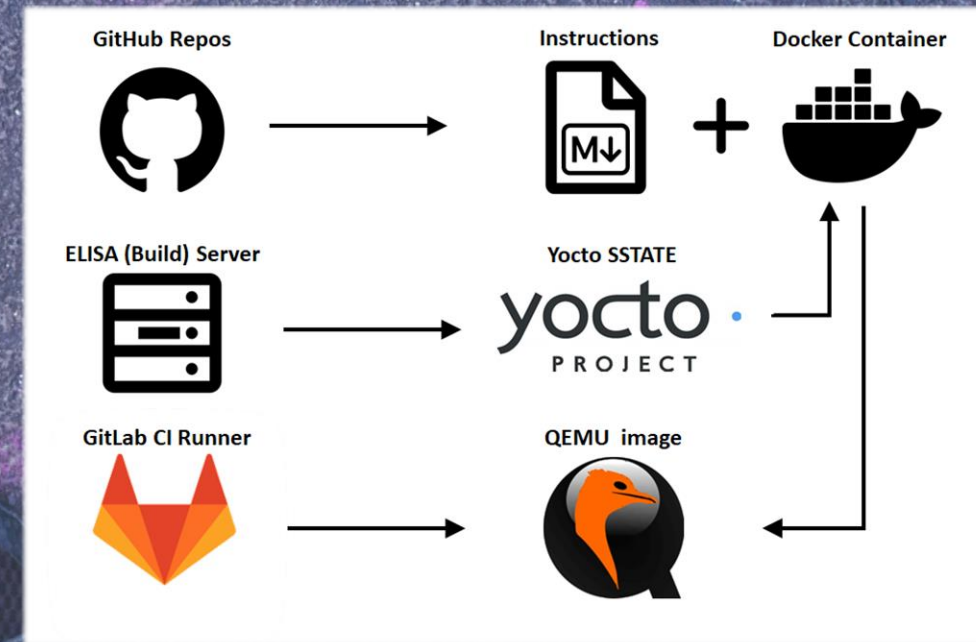
Result files

- [Video](#) 📄
- [vars.json](#) 📄
- [autoinst-log.txt](#) 📄
- [worker-log.txt](#) 📄
- [serial0.txt](#) 📄
- [serial_terminal.txt](#) 📄

meta-elisa: Various starting points provided

- Plain and native from source
<https://github.com/elisa-tech/meta-elisa>
- Using docker container
https://github.com/elisa-tech/wg-automotive/tree/master/Docker_container
- With cached build using SSTATE
[modify "conf/local.conf" after the "source" command before the "bitbake" command](#)
- Download binaries directly from build server
<https://gitlab.com/elisa-tech/meta-elisa-ci>

Or start directly via
GitHub and GitLab
(as WG member)





<https://www.xilinx.com/products/boards-and-kits/ek-u1-zcu102-g.html>

And So I
Chose to
Begin Again



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Ongoing...

& Next Steps

SBOM generation for Linux (later whole system).



Reproduction of the Xen + Zephyr + RTLinux demo on Xilinx hardware and the documentation of it.



Adding AGL, APERTIS or CIP reference as Linux domain.



Bringing the demo from ZCU102 to alternative “community hardware” with lower cost.

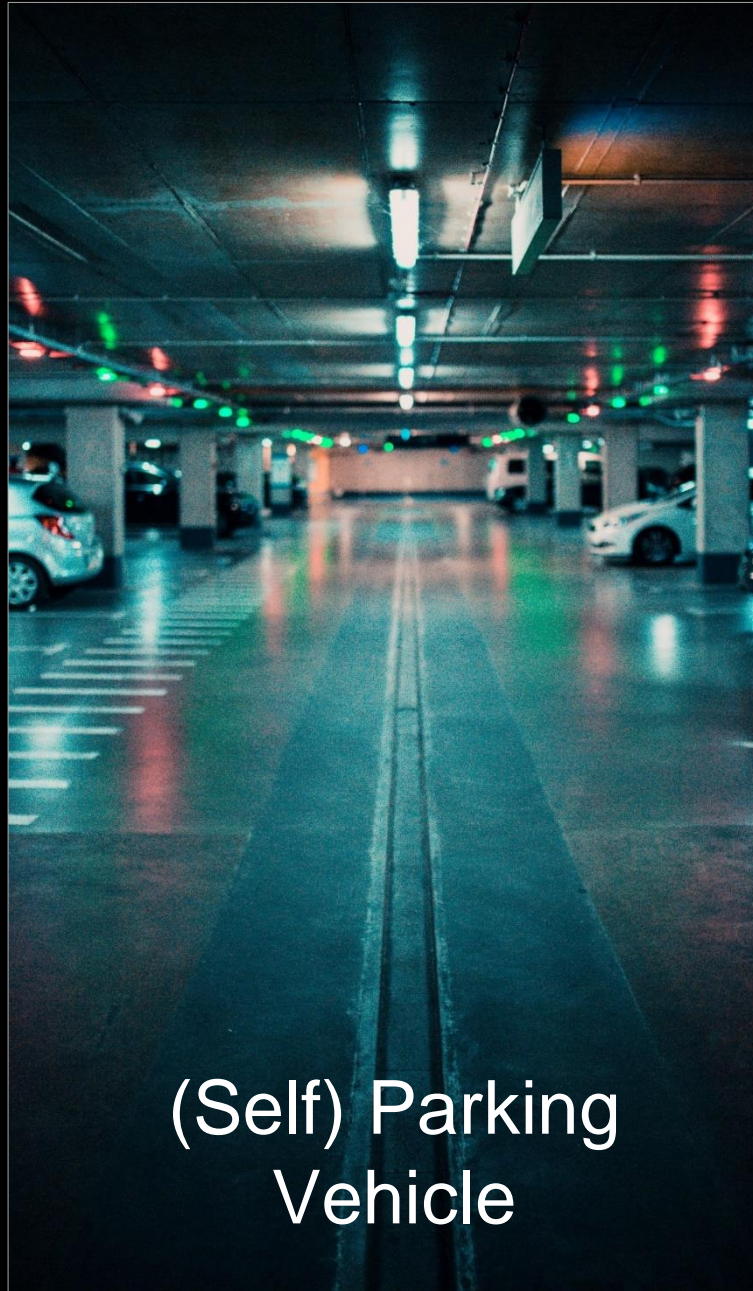


The evolution



Tell tales

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(Self) Parking Vehicle

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Autonomous Driving

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Getting involved...

- Join main technical and weekly calls of interest:
 - Main Technical List: devel@lists.elisa.tech
 - Safety Architecture Workgroup: safety-architecture@lists.elisa.tech
 - Open-Source Engineering Process WG osep@lists.elisa.tech
 - Linux Features for Safety-Critical Systems WG: linux-features@lists.elisa.tech
 - Medical Devices Workgroup: medical-devices@lists.elisa.tech
 - Automotive Workgroup: automotive@lists.elisa.tech
 - Systems Workgroup: systems@lists.elisa.tech
 - (Full list at: <https://lists.elisa.tech/g/linux-features/subgroups>)
- Contribute content, review materials and add your comments to:
 - ELISA Technical Community Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Y6Uwqt5VEDEZjpRe0CBClibdtXPgDwIG>
 - ELISA github repository: <https://github.com/elisa-tech/workgroups>
 - ELISA github issue tracker: <https://github.com/elisa-tech/workgroups/issues>
 - “Final location” for (Architecture/Process/...) Documentation on kernel: <https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git/tree/Documentation>

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