



ELISA
Enabling **Linux** in
Safety Applications

WORKSHOP

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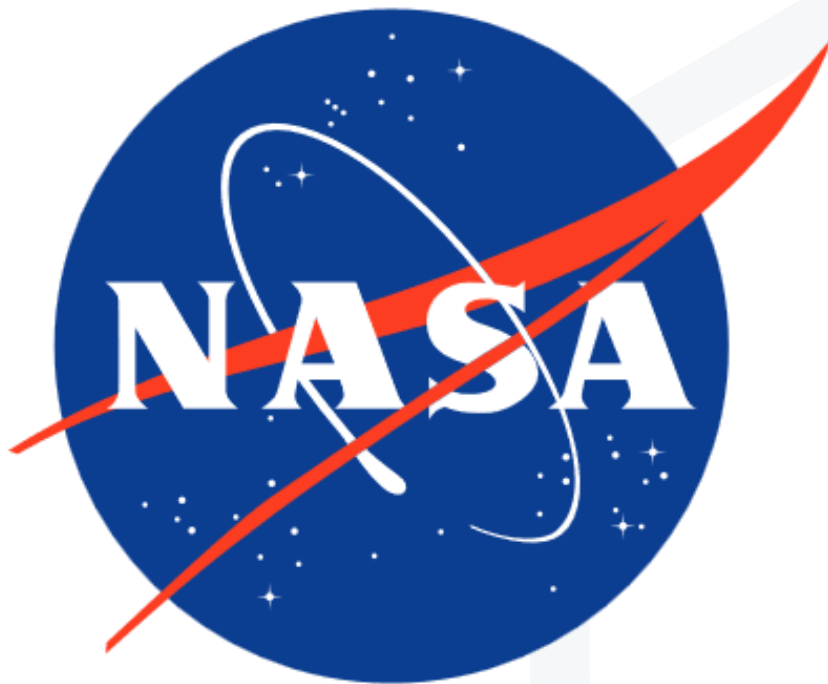
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3. Sponsor Organization: **587**
4. Submit
5. Check email for password (phone network)
6. Login with username and password details from email
7. Create new password
8. Finish Login
9. Success!

Welcome

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Organizational Notes



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Round Table Introductions

Please briefly share:

- Name
- Affiliation
- What made you come to this workshop

Session Schedule



Schedule – Tuesday December 10 (afternoon)

- 12:30 **ELISA/NASA welcomes and orientations**
Philipp Ahmann (ETAS), Michael Monaghan (NASA), Ramon Roche (Linux Foundation), Kate Stewart (Linux Foundation)
- 13:00 **NASA tour**
- 15:30 **Space Grade Linux Introduction** Michael Monaghan (NASA)
- 16:00 **Lessons from Automotive Grade Linux** Walt Miner (Linux Foundation)
- 16:30 **Linking external test results to test cases in BASIL to support pre-existing test infrastructure**
Luigi Pellecchia (Red Hat)
- 17:00 **How to use ks-nav for a feasible and meaningful test campaign in the kernel**
Alessandro Carminati (Red Hat)
- 17:30 **Space Grade Linux interest survey results** Ramon Roche (Linux Foundation), Kate Stewart (Linux Foundation)
- 18:00 *End of day 1*

Schedule – Wednesday December 11 (1/2)

- 9:00 Verification and validation of the OS and “certification package” Scott Tashakkor (NASA)
- 9:45 Test and assurance of non-volatile memory devices for space Ted Wilcox (NASA)
- 10:30 *Break*
- 10:45 Addressing security topics for future space systems using Linux Joshua Krage (NASA)
- 11:30 Linux Kernel design documentation
Gabriele Paoloni (Red Hat), Kate Stewart (Linux Foundation), Chuck Wolber (Boeing)
- 12:15-13:15 *Lunch*
- 13:15 F prime Michael Starch (NASA)
- 13:45 Space ROS Ivan Perez (NASA)

Schedule – Wednesday December 11 (2/2)

- 14:15 **cFS overview** Richard Landau (NASA), Ashok Prajapati (NASA)
- 14:45 *Break*
- 15:15 Investigating implementation of Linux-based payload computers:
a review of in-orbit demonstrations for Edge AI in space missions Dongshik Won (TelePIX Co., Ltd.)
- 15:45 Container and immutable patterns for operating systems and workloads Michael Epley (Red Hat)
- 16:15 Containerization in space: Podman for mission-critical operations and resilience
Douglas Schilling Landgraf (Red Hat), Dan Walsh (Red Hat)
- 16:45 **Wrap up, next steps summary**
Philipp Ahmann (ETAS), Michael Monaghan (NASA), Ramon Roche(Linux Foundation), Kate Stewart (Linux Foundation)
- 17:00 *End of day 2*

Schedule – Thursday December 12 (morning)

9:00 Real Time Linux update Steve Rostedt (Google)

10:00 Linux in automotive on safety applications Naresh Ravuri (Magna Electronics)

10:45 *Break*

11:15 Wrap up, next steps summary

Presenter: Philipp Ahmann (ETAS), Michael Monaghan (NASA), Ramon Roche (Linux Foundation), Kate Stewart (Linux Foundation)

12:00 *End of day 3 and workshop*

Project Orientation



ELISA Project



- Enabling **Safety-critical applications** with **Linux** (beyond Security)
- Increase **dependability & reliability** for whole Linux ecosystem
- **Various use cases**: Aerospace, Automotive, Medical & Industrial
- Supported by major **industrial grade Linux distributors** known for mission critical operation and various industries representatives
- Close community collaboration with **Xen, Zephyr, SPDX, Yocto & AGL** projects
- **Reproducible system** creation from specification to testing
- SW **elements**, engineering **processes**, development **tools**



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Architecture



Processes



Features



Tools



Systems




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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](#)

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.”*

Clash of worlds

(or what is often considered unsafe by safety experts):

- Memory management
- Dynamic memory allocation
- Caches
- Interrupt handling
- Real time scheduling
- ...

Tools + Documentation help to understand complex systems better

- STPA
- strace and cscope for workload tracing
- ks-nav (graphical representation kernel sources)
- basil (requirements tracking)
- real-time analysis

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



General Members



Associate Members



Industry Support



Technical Strategy Overview



Working Groups (WGs) - Horizontal



Safety Architecture



Red Hat



Open Source
Engineering Process

CodeThink



Linux Features



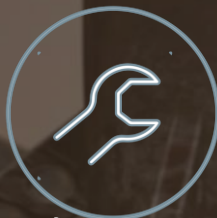
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Systems



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Tool investigation &
Code Improvement



BOEING



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Working Groups (WGs) - Verticals



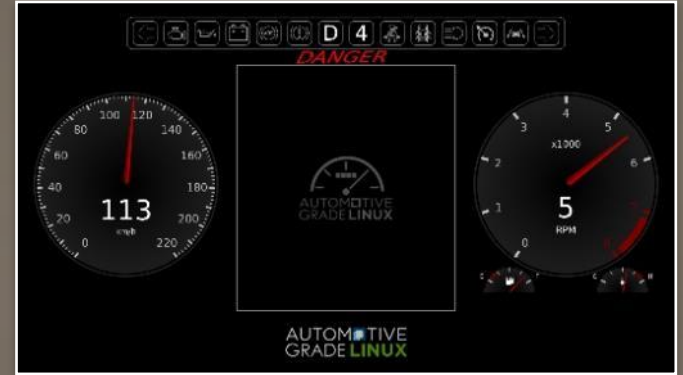
Aerospace



Automotive



Medical Devices



OpenAPS elements

1. Continuos glucose monitor
2. Computer

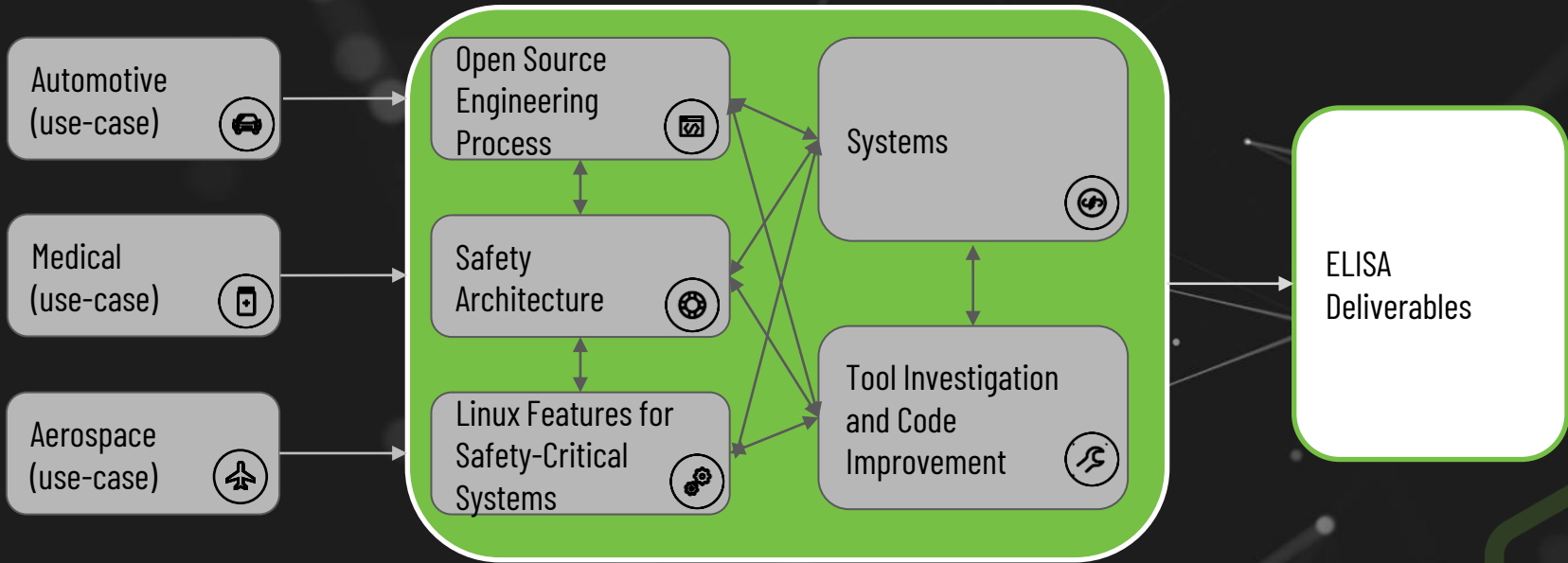
user [@DanaMLewis](#)

Dana Lewis' OpenAPS project: <https://youtu.be/kgu-AY3m7EY>



Artifacts & Activities





ELISA Working Groups - Deliverables

- Elements / Software



meta-elisa

- Processes



STPA

Reproducible system ★

- Tools



Codechecker

Workload tracing

ks-nav ★

Basil ★

RT Linux ★

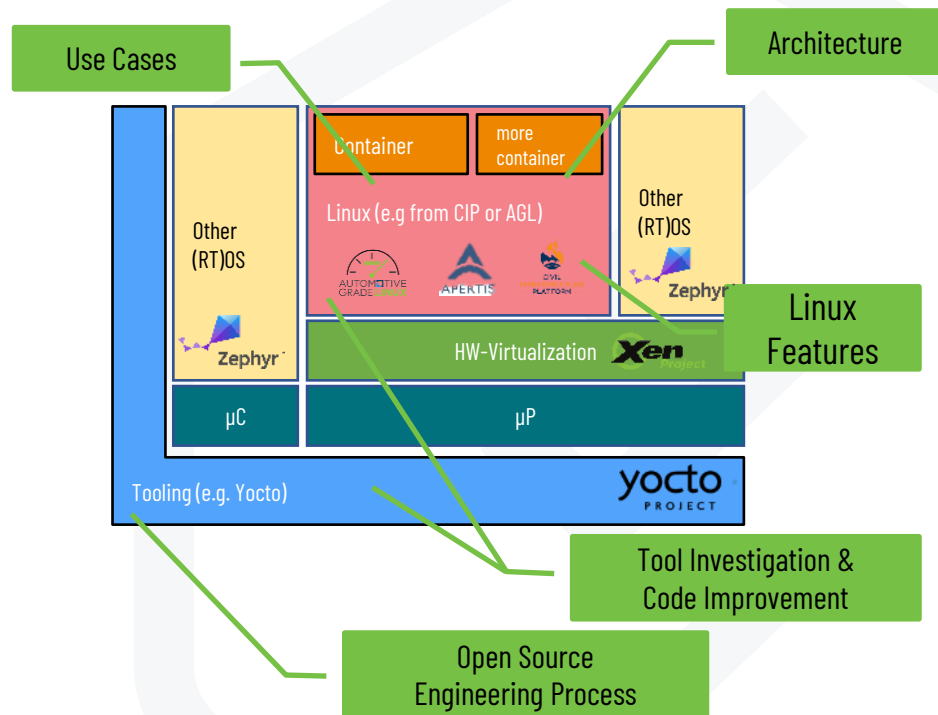
- Documentation



GitHub / Gdrive / Blog / Whitepaper

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.



ELISA interactions across the communities

- Open source projects focusing on safety-critical analysis



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



AUTOMOTIVE
GRADE LINUX



SOAFEE



- 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

Community challenges for all projects

- Bring the argument of „OSS is not behaving like commercial software“.
- Less influence on maintainers
(positive & negative – no traditional supplier management).
- Harder to train/direct developers
- Liability of a community? (but commercial provider may be liable – insurance)
- Development process: Requirements, traceability, v-model,...
mapping safety integrity standards

Recommendations for new contributors

- Just show up – All presented projects are open for the adaptation of new use cases, input, domain-specific working groups etc.
- Share Safety Best Practice: Functional and structural expectations of the component used in the context of the entire system
- Become an OSS evangelist: Open source can already be used in a variety of safety contexts. Knowledge of the actual structure and potential is very scarce in the field of assessors, notified bodies and related authorities.

Getting involved with ELISA



<https://elisa.tech>



<https://github.com/elisa-tech>



<https://lists.elisa.tech>



<https://www.youtube.com/@elisaproject8453>

Put on your thinking hats
and get to work!



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