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# Debian and Yocto Project based Long-term Maintenance Approaches for Embedded Products

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# **Agenda**



- Requirements in Industrial Product Development
- CIP as the solution
- What is "CIP Core"?
- CIP Core implementation
  - Isar
  - Deby
- Building products on top of CIP Core
- Future plans



# Requirements in Industrial Product Development



# Development

- Porting
- OS/middleware development
- Application development
- Installation
- Testing
- Development release

- Architecture & board support
- Customizability, Scalability
- Standalone SDK
- Ready-to-use image generation
- Stability



Maintenance

- Product Certification
- Publication
- Bug fix, security fix
- System update

- License clearing
- Long-term maintenance
- Verified & automated update
- Quick release
- Modularity for multiple projects



#### What to Do First...



- Select appropriate base system
  - Linux distribution
- Provide tools for integrating the base system into products
  - Build system, etc.

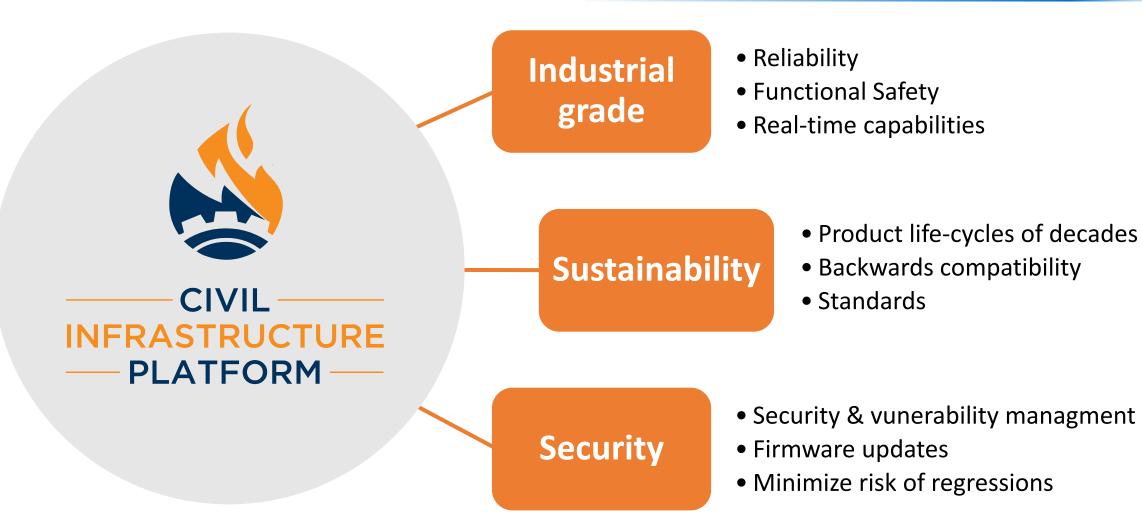
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company-specific middleware and applications

additional packages (hundreds)

CIP Core packages *(tens)* 

CIP kernel (10+ years maintenance, based on LTS kernels)

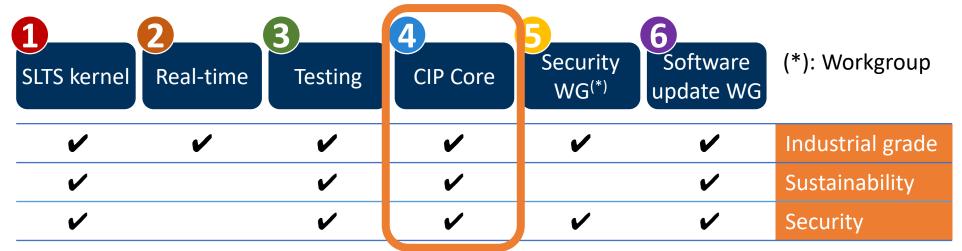
Establishes an "Open Source Base Layer (OSBL)"



#### **CIP Core**



- One of the CIP projects focusing on user land software and tools
- Goals
  - Define a list of "CIP Core packages" maintained for long-term
  - Provide a reference implementation including "CIP Core packages"
  - Test the implementation on the "CIP reference hardware"

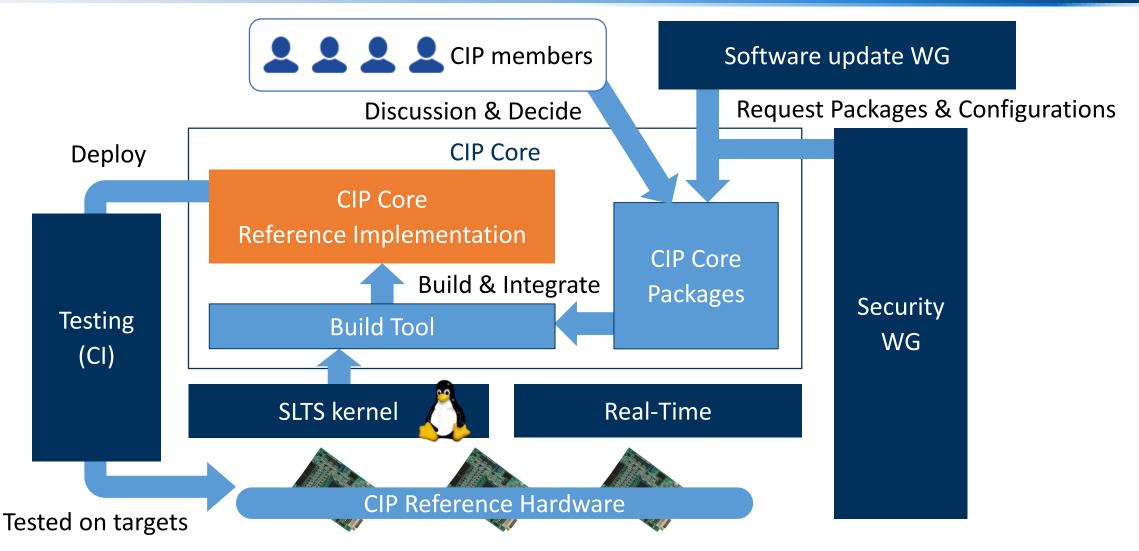




**CIP Projects and its scopes** 

#### **CIP Core: Position in CIP Projects**





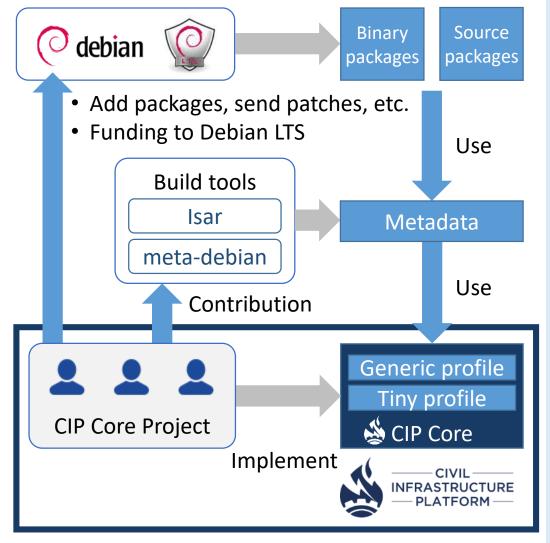


# **CIP Core: Implementation**



- Debian-based implementation
  - Mature, high-quality, mainstream distro.
  - Many new & old architecture supports
  - Suitable for small and big installations
  - Security updates
- Profiles

	Generic profile	Tiny profile
Approach	Binary packages	Source packages
Tool	Isar	Deby





# **Deby (meta-debian)**

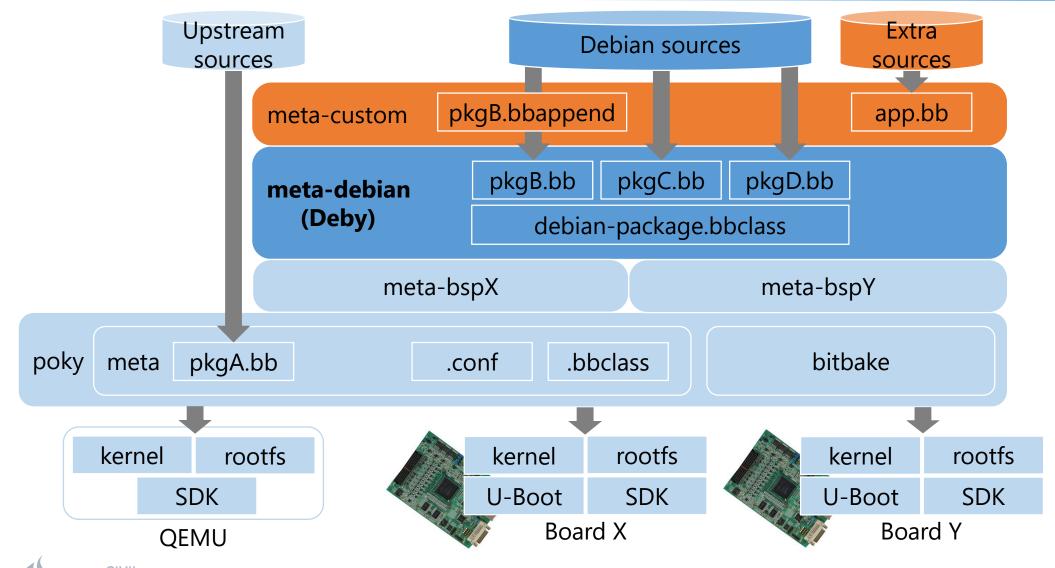


- Yocto Project extension for using Debian source packages
  - Source code: Debian
  - Build system: Yocto Project
- Goals
  - Achieve stability and long-term support with the Yocto advantages
- Features: Yocto based flexibility & extensibility
  - High customizability by own recipes
  - Small footprint (Around 2MB)
  - Various target CPUs and tunings
  - Adaptation to BSP layers provided by board vendors
- Repositories
  - Upstream: <a href="https://github.com/meta-debian/me
  - CIP Core: <a href="https://gitlab.com/cip-project/cip-core/deby">https://gitlab.com/cip-project/cip-core/deby</a>



#### **Deby: How it works**





#### Isar



- Integration System for Automated Root filesystem generation https://github.com/ilbers/isar
- Goals
  - Build systems in a Debian way
  - Developer-centric workflow: One-command building
  - Make customizations easy and repeatable
  - Efficient building
- The best of both worlds
  - Debian: Tested binary packages, tools, security updates
  - OpenEmbedded / Yocto: bitbake, recipes, layers
- Reuse Yocto knowledge of developers

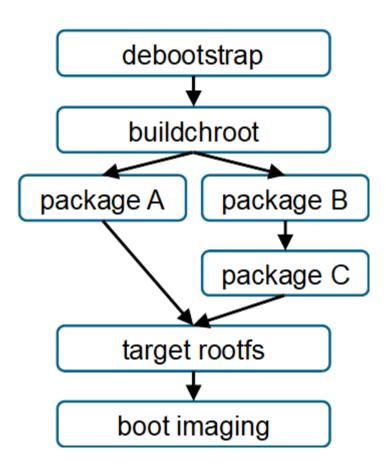




#### **Image Generation Sequence of Isar**



- 1. debootstrap Debian for target, also for host if cross-building
- 2. Create buildchroots (target and host)
- 3. Build custom Debian packages
  - pre-debianized packages
  - ad-hoc debianized packages (customizations, u-boot, kernel, ...)
- 4. Assemble rootfs
  - debootstrap output
  - external packages
  - self-built packages
- 5. Run images (typically wic)
  - Filesystem image generation
  - Partitioning
  - Bootloader installation and configuration





#### **Example: Building Images for BeagleBone Black**



#### Generic profile (Isar)

\$ git clone <a href="https://gitlab.com/cip-project/cip-core/isar-cip-core">https://gitlab.com/cip-project/cip-core/isar-cip-core</a> && cd isar-cip-core

\$ wget <a href="https://raw.githubusercontent.com/siemens/kas/master/kas-docker">https://raw.githubusercontent.com/siemens/kas/master/kas-docker</a>

\$ chmod a+x kas-docker

\$ ./kas-docker --isar build kas.yml:board-bbb.yml

\$ dd if=/path/to/cip-core-image-cip-core-buster-bbb.wic.img of=/dev/mmcblk0 ...

#### Tiny profile (Deby)

\$ git clone <a href="https://gitlab.com/cip-project/cip-core/deby">https://gitlab.com/cip-project/cip-core/deby</a> && cd deby

\$./scripts/setup-kas-docker.sh

\$ ./kas-docker build kas-bbb.yml



#### **Preferred Use Cases**

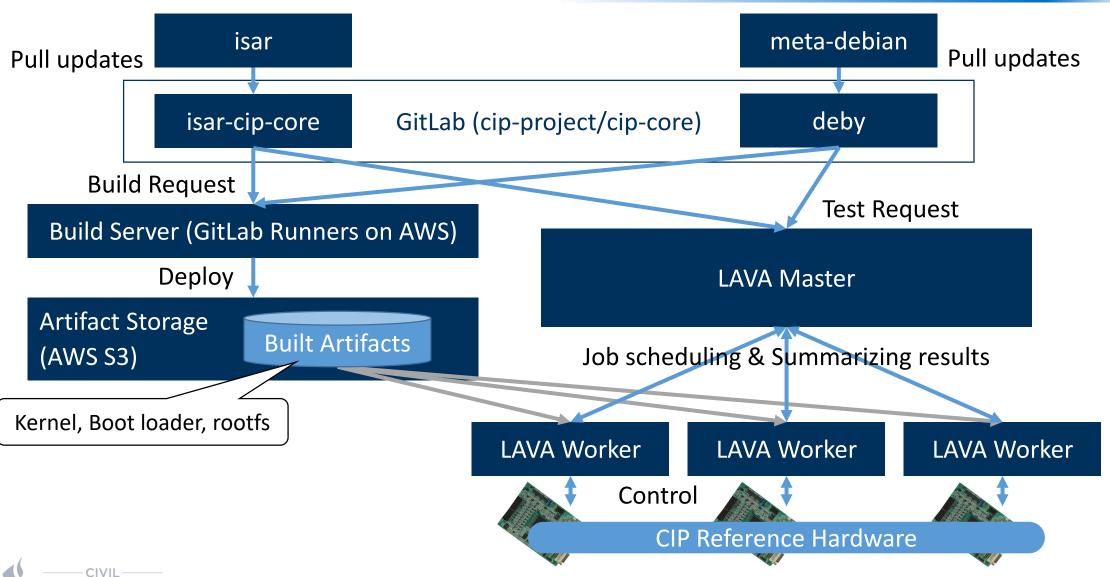


	Isar (Generic Profile)	Deby (Tiny Profile)
Available Packages	= Debian	App. 50 (+ Yocto Extension)
Footprint	> 100MB	2MB - 100MB
Compatibility	Debian (Binary packages)	Yocto Project (Recipes)
Required skill set	Debian (Packaging) bitbake	Yocto Project
Build time (minimal image)	Around 10min	Around 1h
Customization needs	Selected packages	Up to toolchain settings
Fitted systems (Examples)	IoT gateways, edge devices, industrial controllers	Small IoT devices



## **CIP Core: Testing Architecture**



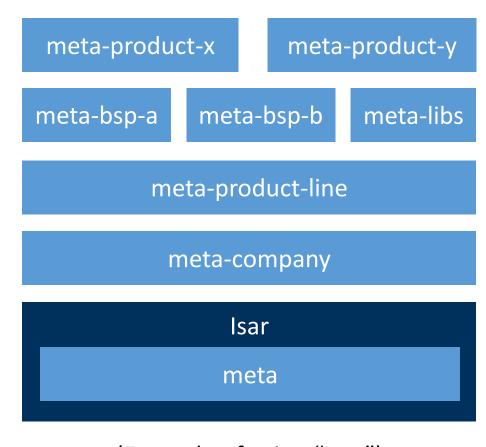




## **Building Products on Top of CIP Core**



- Requirements
  - Customize base layer
  - Add product applications
- BitBake layering
  - Append changes to lower layers easily
  - Reuse company / product common elements
  - Available in both CIP Core profiles
- Current approaches in CIP members
  - Building products using this pattern on upstream projects (Isar, Deby)
  - Quicker integration of CIP results desired



(Example of using "Isar")



#### **Future Plans for CIP Core Implementation**



- Enable direct use in product development
  - Regular releases of tested layer with dependencies
  - Mirroring of source & binary dependencies
- Provide image corresponding to CIP package list
- Integrate and test results of other CIP workgroups
  - Robust system update (Software update WG)
  - Functions to meet cybersecurity standard requirements (Security WG)



#### **Summary**



- CIP provides long-term maintained Open Source base layer, consisting of kernel and essential packages
- CIP Core defines package set and ensures integration
- Two implementation flavors available
  - Deby for smaller, Yocto/OE-compatible projects
  - isar-cip-core for medium to larger, Debian-compatible projects
- More product-ready features to come, from software update to security hardening



# Questions

