

# Zephyr Project:

Open Source Project Best Practices Over Time



# Who am I?

## Embedded Open Source:

- Zephyr Project: 2016 →
- Real Time Linux: 2016 → 2024
- ELISA Project: 2018 →
- Space Grade Linux: 2024 →

## Volunteer:

- SPDX: 2009 →
- SBOM: 2018 →

## Hobbies:

- Photography
- Travel to places with penguins

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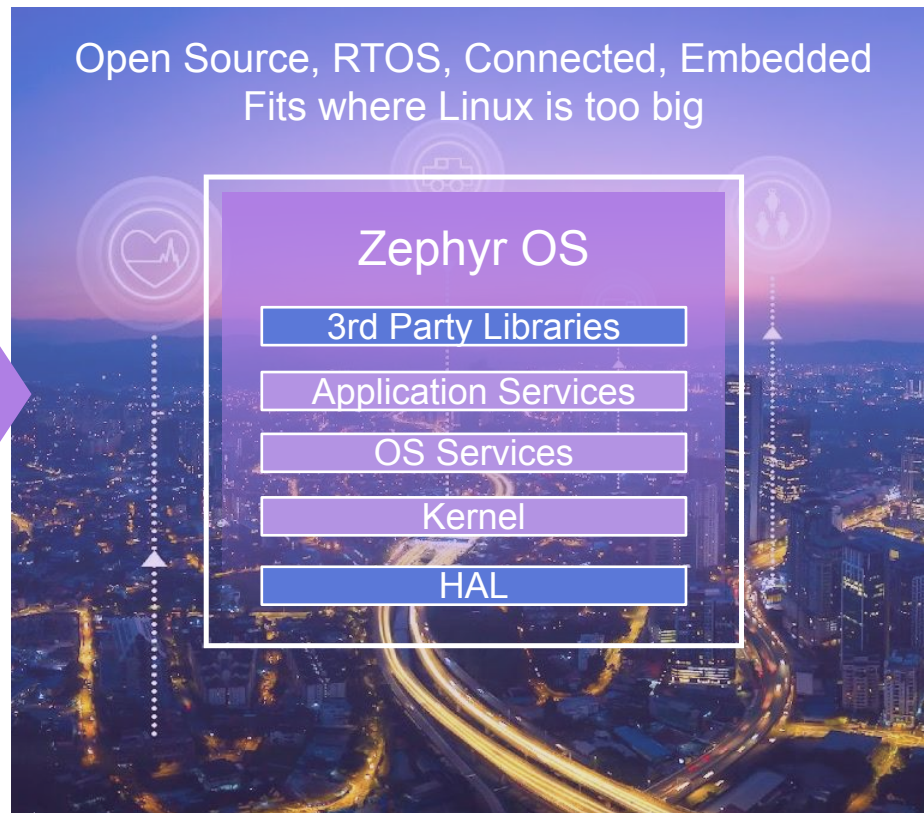




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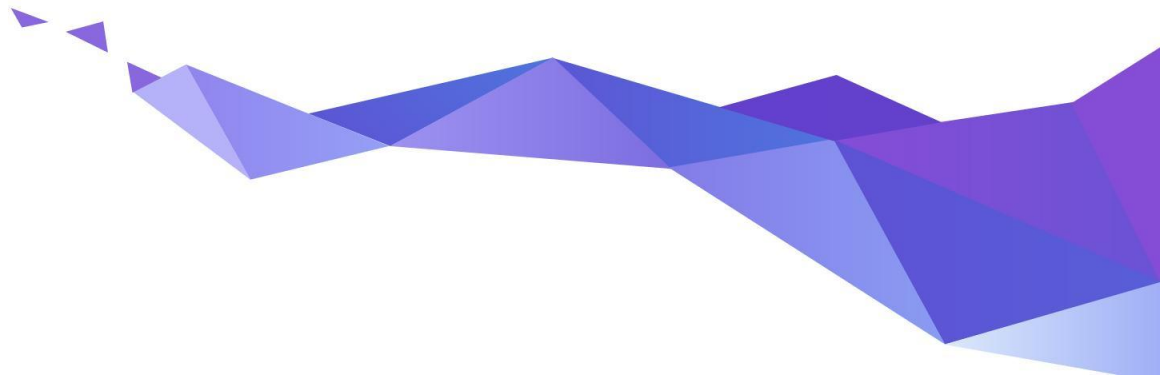


- **Open source** real time operating system
- **Developer friendly** with vibrant community participation
- Built with **safety and security** in mind
- **Broad SoC, board and sensor support.**
- **Vendor Neutral** governance
- **Permissively licensed** - Apache 2.0
- **Complete**, fully integrated, highly configurable, **modular** for **flexibility**
- **Product** development ready using LTS includes **security updates**
- **Certification** ready with Zephyr Auditable





# Zephyr in 2024?







**Zephyr®**

**2024 YEAR IN REVIEW**

**1,100**



Unique Contributors

**50%+** *First-Time  
Contributors*

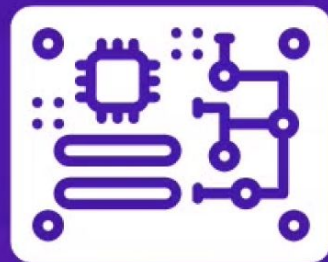
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**2024 YEAR IN REVIEW**

**150**



**New Boards Added**

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# 17 MEETUPS, 15 CITIES, 8 COUNTRIES

- 📍 Cologne, Germany
- 📍 Bangalore, India
- 📍 Berlin, Germany
- 📍 Erlangen, Germany
- 📍 Karlsruhe, Germany
- 📍 Maribor, Slovenia
- 📍 Paris, France
- 📍 Austin, Texas
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**2024 YEAR IN REVIEW**



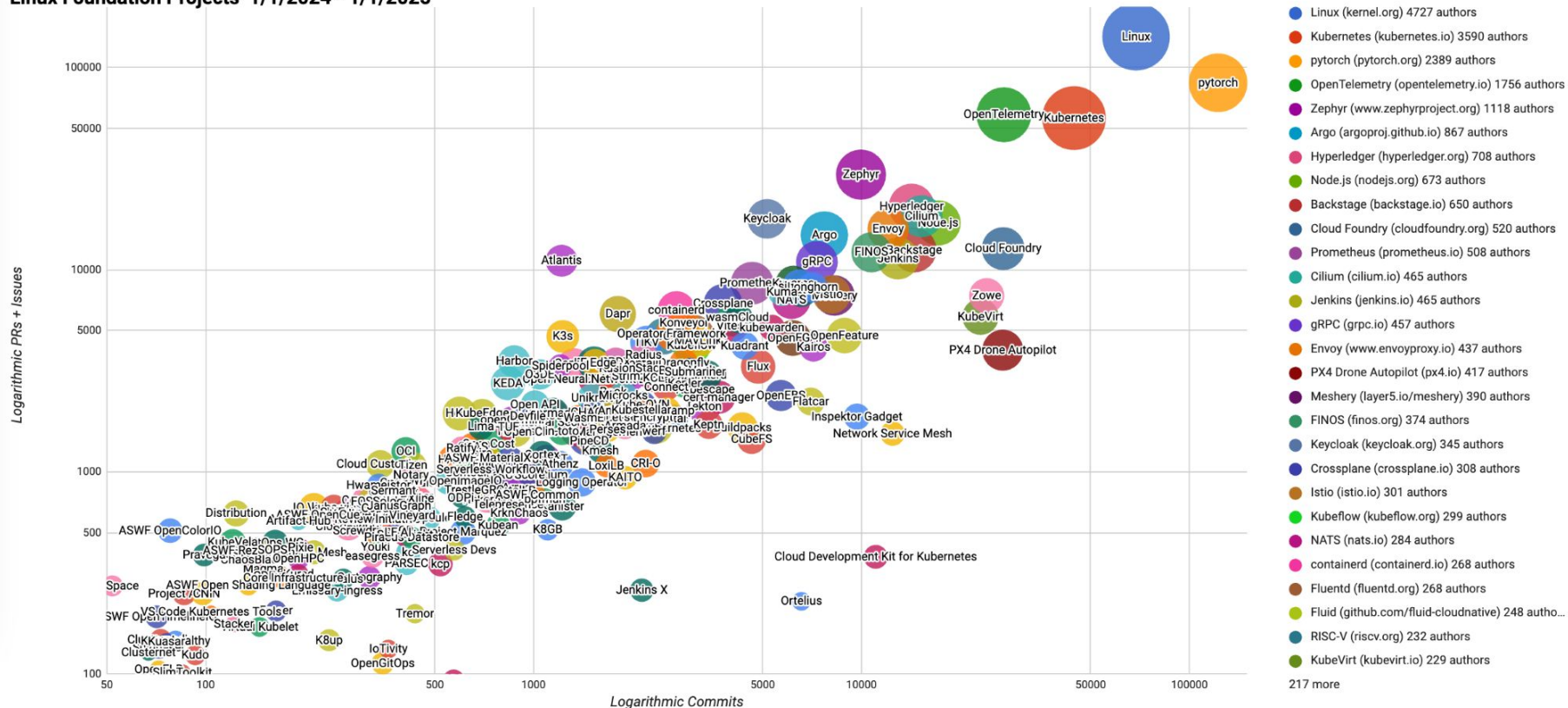
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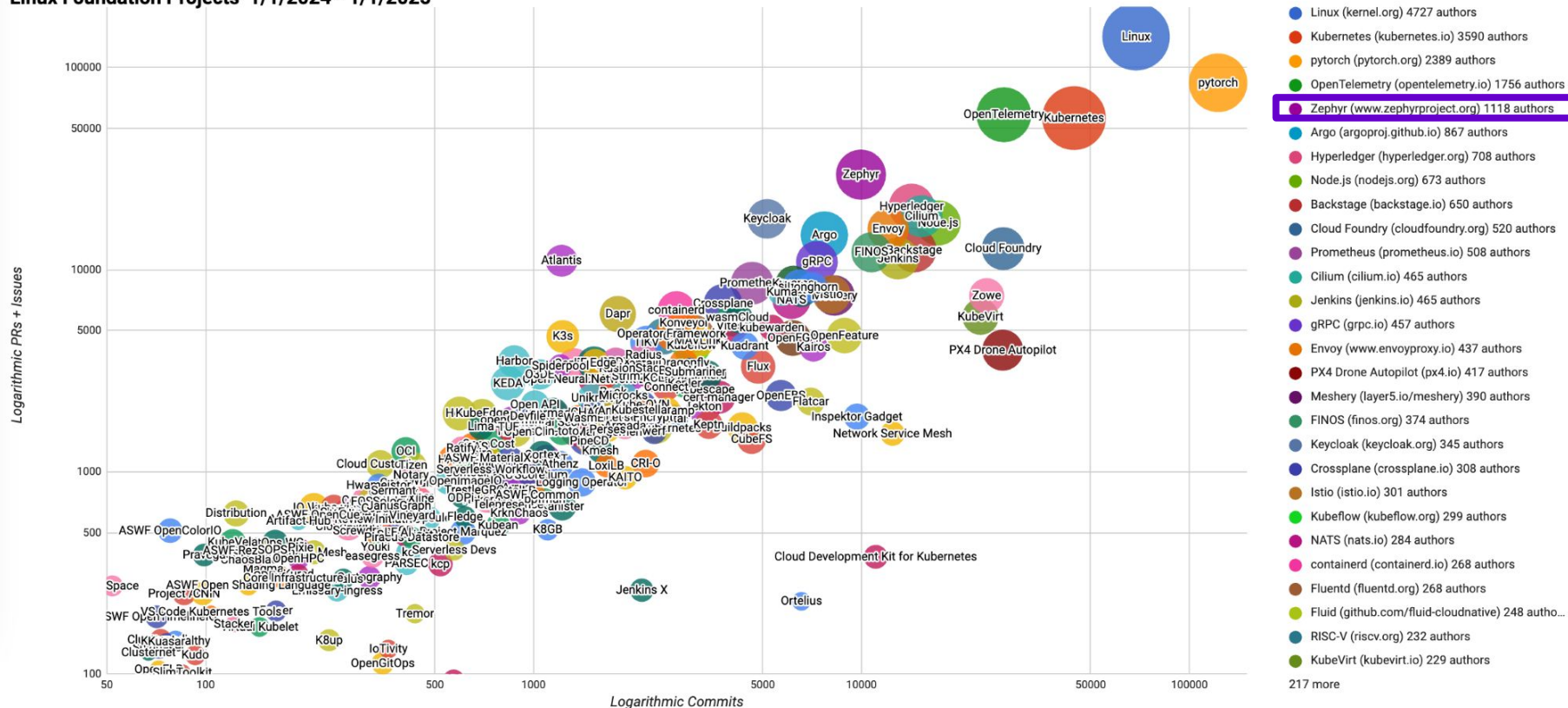
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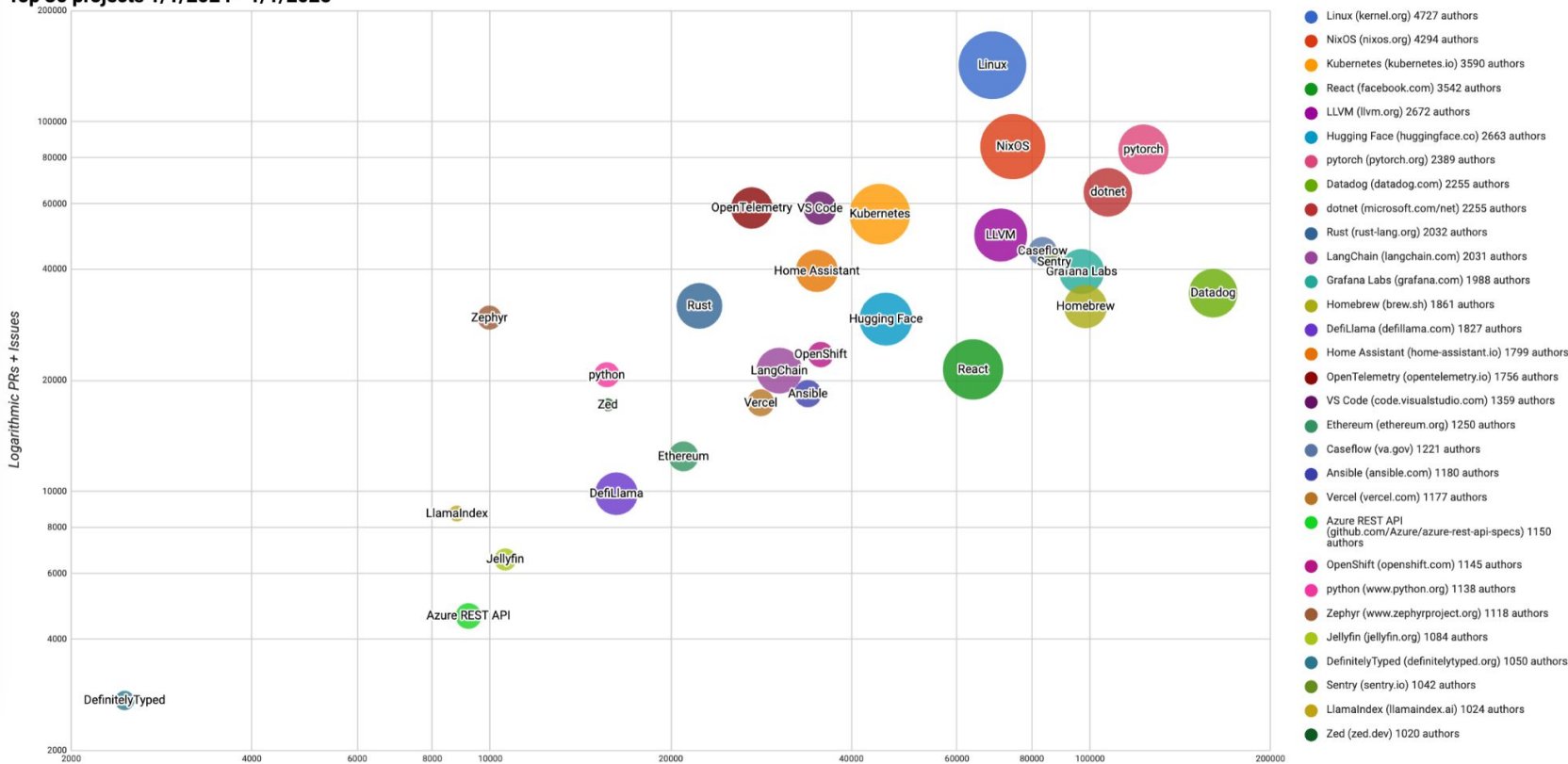


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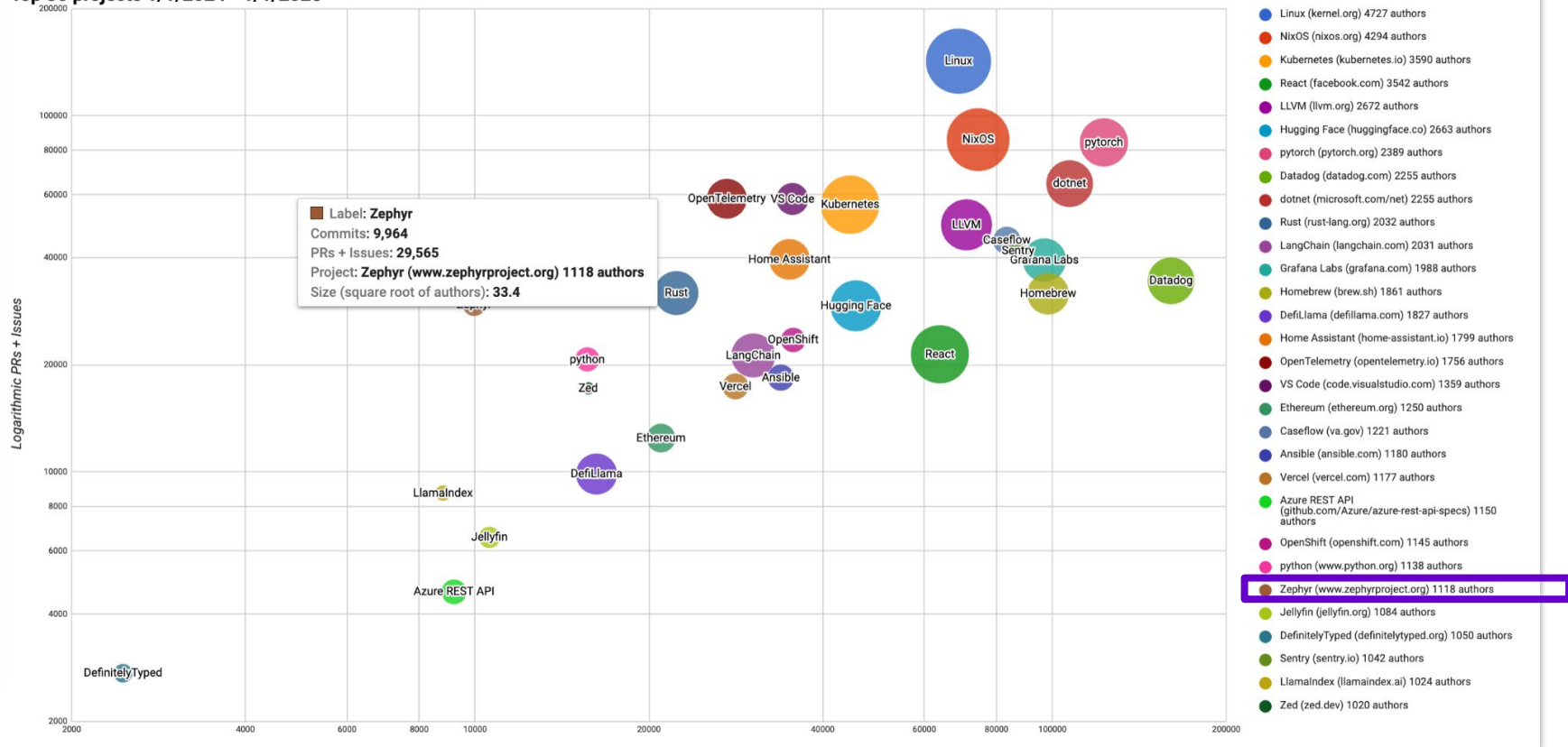
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# Open Source RTOS Ecosystem

Operating System	First Commit	Controls Commits	Declared License	Total Contributors	Contributors in last month	Total Commits	Commits in last month
<b>Zephyr</b>	2014/11	<b>community</b>	<b>Apache-2.0</b>	<b>2476</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>109,429</b>	<b>1,655</b>
nuttX	2007/?	community	BSD-variant → Apache-2.0	593	62	57,664	357
RT-Thread	2009/06	community	GPL-2.0 → Apache-2.0	729	28	16,855	78
Tizen RT	2015/04	Samsung	BSD-variant → Apache-2.0	203	23	11,557	79
RIOT	2010/09	community	LGPL-2.1	368	19	47,062	82
FreeRTOS	2004/07	Richard Barry	GPL-2.0 w/ FreeRTOS → MIT	207	9	3,565	14
Contiki-NG	2017/10	community	BSD-3-Clause	219	3	17,975	8
SeL4	2014/07	community	GPLv2 AND BSD-2-Clause	113	2	4,615	3
myNewt	2015/06	community	Apache-2.0	135	2	11,143	3
mbed OS	2013/02	ARM	Apache-2.0 or BSD-3-Clause	692	0	34,621	0
ThreadX	2020/05	MSFT → community	MSL → MIT	21	0	208	0

Data extracted on 2025-01-31 from github



# Methodology: Sample from Github



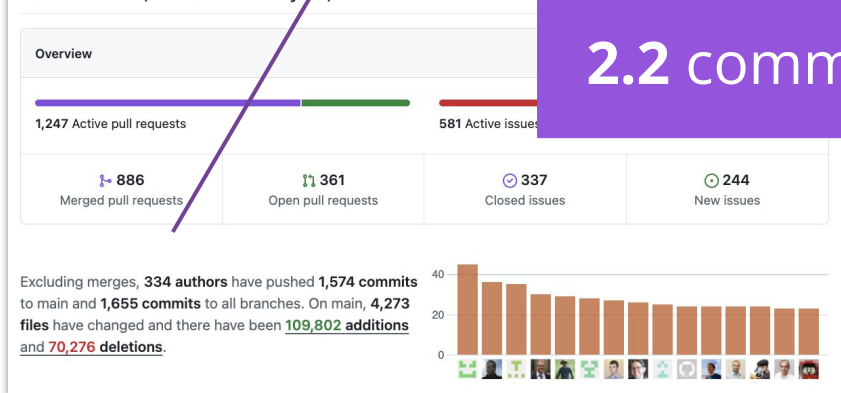
<https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr>

- Total commits: 109,429
- Total contributors: 2,476

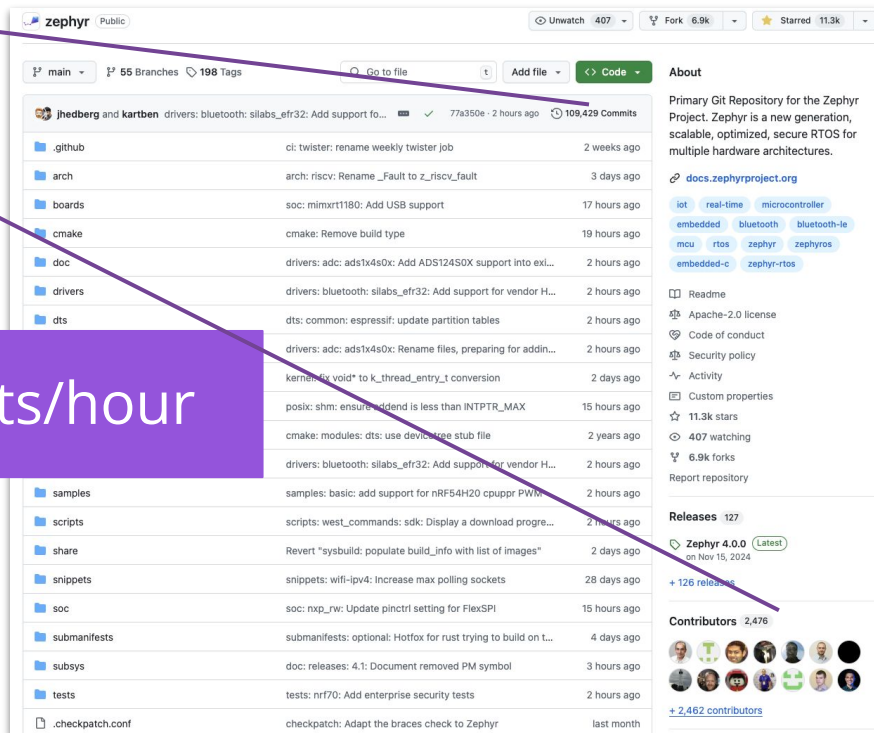
<https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr/pulse/monthly>

- Monthly contributors: 334
- Monthly commits: 1,655

December 31, 2024 – January 31, 2025

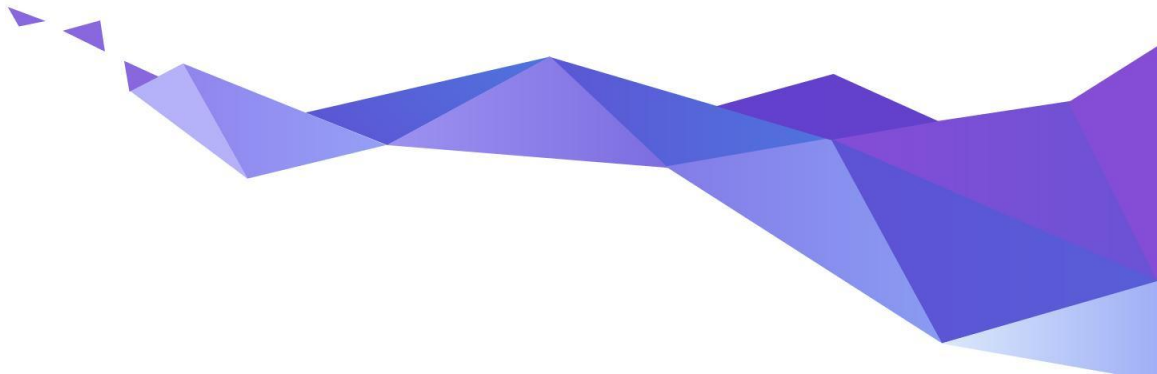


2.2 commits/hour





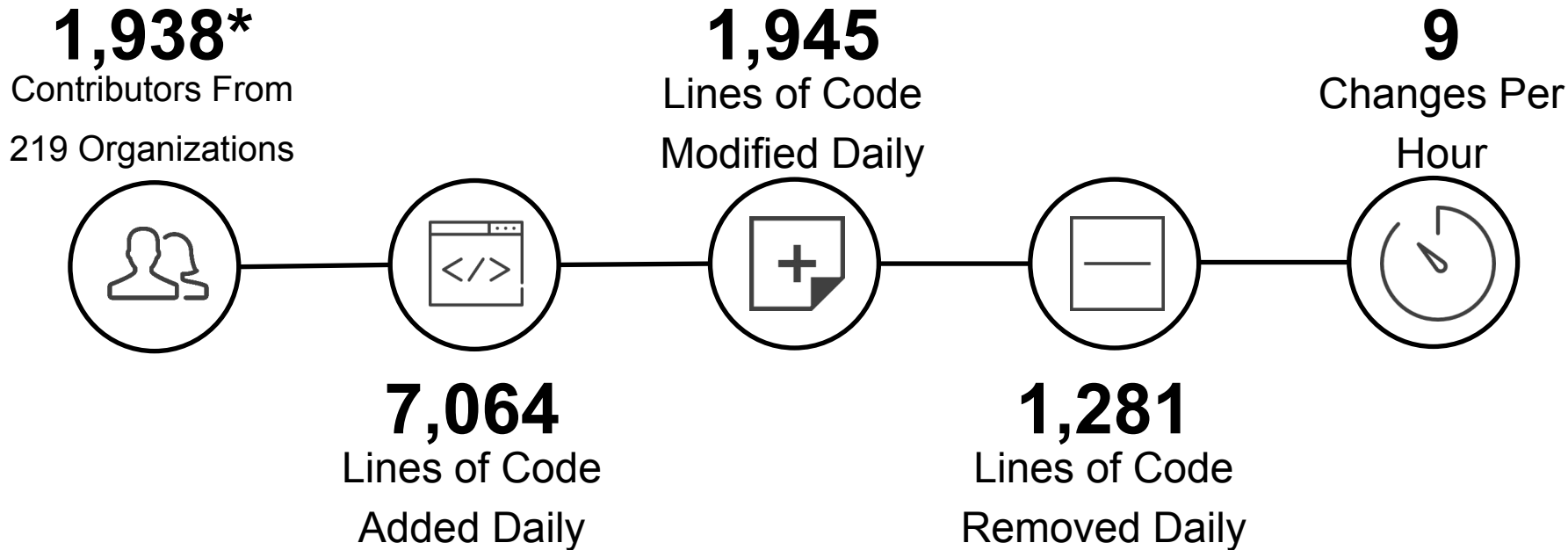
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# How does this compare to Linux?

## 6.8 Linux Kernel Statistics\*



\* Source: <https://lwn.net/Articles/964106/> Time period for 6.8: 2024/1/8-2024/3/10=63 days  
Also data from: Source: [https://github.com/gregkh/kernel-history/blob/master/kernel\\_stats.ods](https://github.com/gregkh/kernel-history/blob/master/kernel_stats.ods) from 6.5



# So what was it like when Linux started?

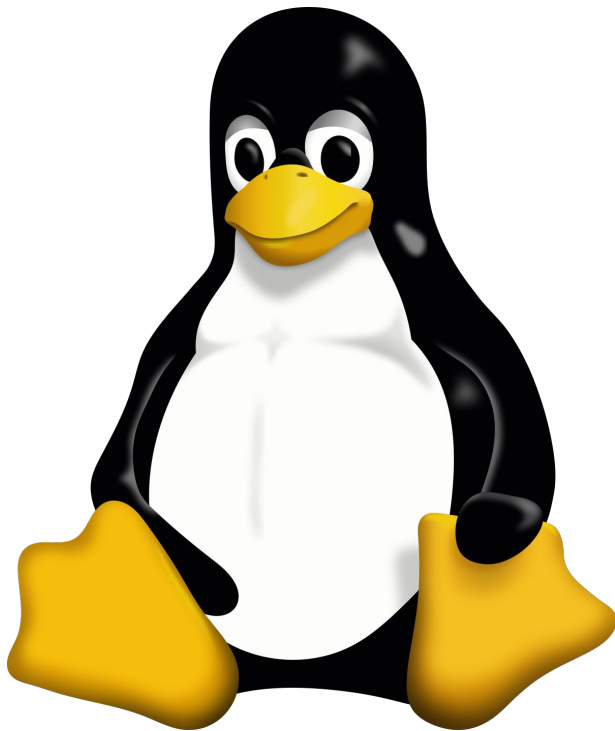
When Linux Started in 1991...

UNIX Source Available:

SVR4, MINIX 1.5, 4.3BSD

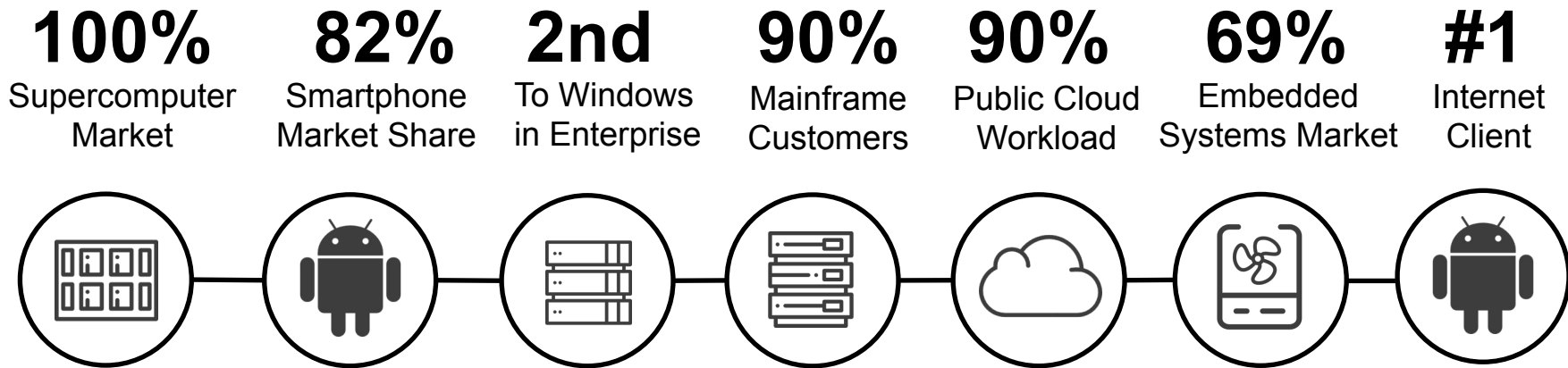
Commercial Distributions:

A/UX, IBM AIX, Dec Ultrix,  
HP-UX, IRIX, SunOS, MIPS  
RISC/os, Xenix ...





# What is Linux like Today?



Every market Linux has entered it eventually dominated



# Lessons Learned by Linux Community circa 2016/2017

## Linux Kernel Development Report

Jonathan Corbet, *LWN.net*  
Greg Kroah-Hartman, *The Linux Foundation*

Source:

<https://www.linuxfoundation.org/resources/publications/linux-kernel-report-2017>

More recent stats can be found at:

<https://www.linuxfoundation.org/tools/linux-kernel-history-report-2020/>

- Short release cycles are important.
- Process scalability requires a distributed, hierarchical development model.
- Tools matter.
- The kernel's strongly consensus-oriented model is important.
- A related factor is the kernel's strong "no regressions" rule.
- Corporate participation in the process is crucial.
- There should be no internal boundaries within the project



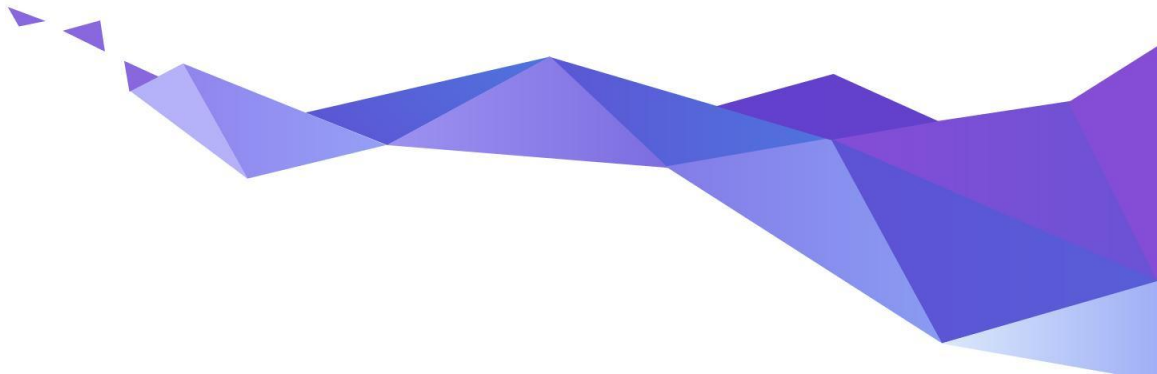
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- **Vendor-neutral environment for technical decision making**
- Mix of companies and individuals participating – “scratching their itches”
- **Streamline upstreaming process** – DCO - “signed-off-by:”
- **Public code reviews** – “reviewed-by:”
- Consensus-oriented decision model – email, in-person summits
- Hierarchical development model (**maintainer model**) – “signed-off-by”
- No internal boundaries – developer can contribute anywhere
- **Tools matter** - git enabled distributed version control - push/pull
- Short predictable release cycles and **with fixed merge windows**
- **Stable & LTS:** stable and long term support releases support product development

**KEY:** Developer frustration with status quo inspires creative solutions.



# So what lessons did Zephyr apply from the Linux Kernel Best Practices?





# Zephyr's Vision

The Zephyr Project strives to deliver  
the **best-in-class RTOS** for  
**connected resource-constrained**  
devices, built to be **secure and safe**.



# Developers Decide Directions

- **Configuration:** kconfig & kbuild added in 2015 prior to launch
- **Unified kernel:** nano + microkernels → unified kernel in 2016
- **Infrastructure:** Gerrit/JIRA → GitHub/Issues in 2017
- **Build system:** kbuild → cmake in 2018
- **Code of Conduct:** adopted in 2018
- **Other areas:**
  - APIs & HALs - reworked
  - Modularization & Device Tree support
  - Release & LTS processes refined



# Applying ++ Lessons Learned

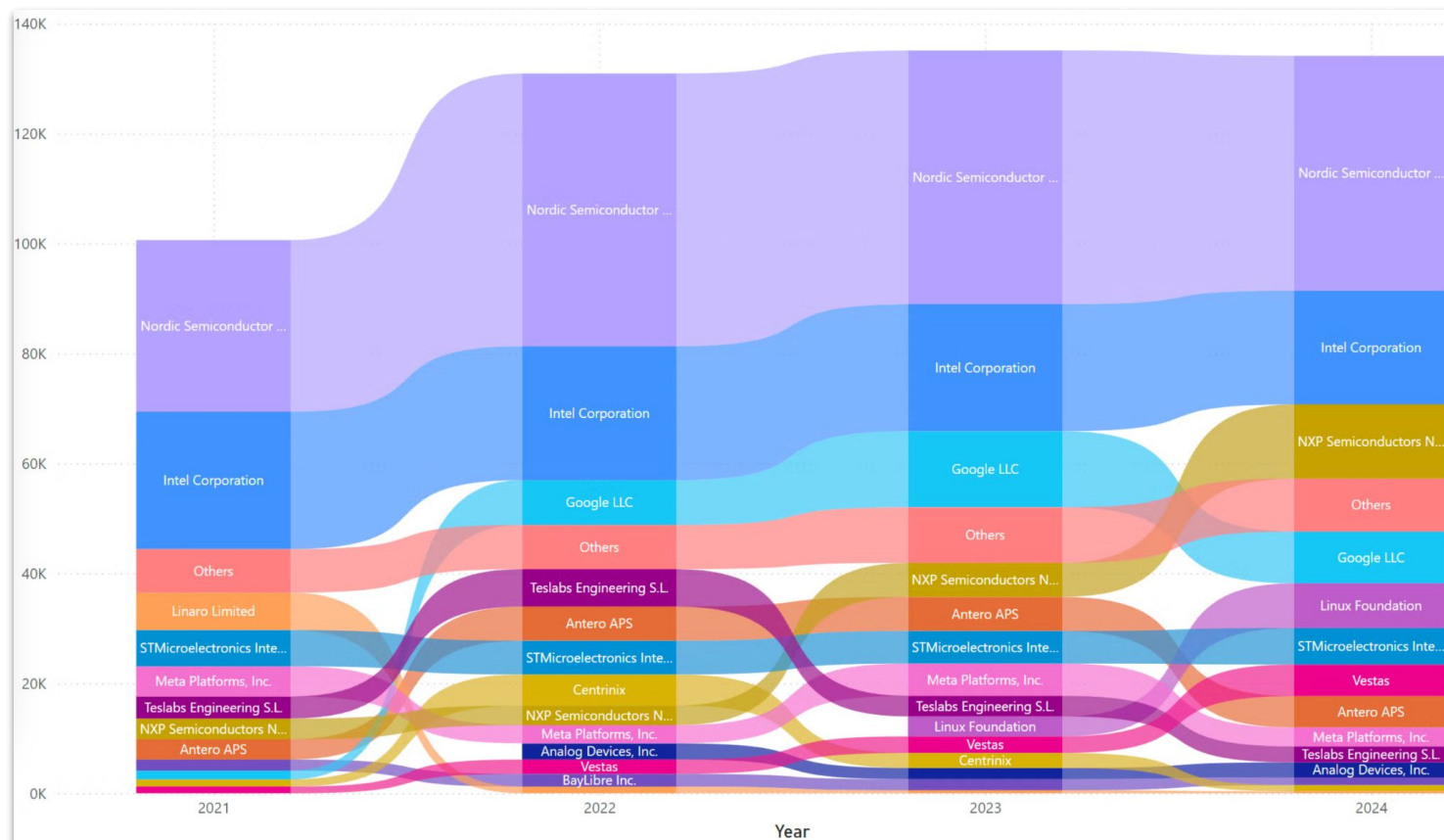
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Preview

Code

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## Contribution Guidelines

As an open-source project, we welcome and encourage the community to submit patches directly to the project. In our collaborative open source environment, standards and methods for submitting changes help reduce the chaos that can result from an active development community.

This document briefly summarizes the full [Contribution Guidelines](#) documentation.

- Zephyr uses the permissive open source [`Apache 2.0 license`](#) that allows you to freely use, modify, distribute and sell your own products that include Apache 2.0 licensed software.
- There are some imported or reused components of the Zephyr project that use other licensing and are clearly identified.
- The Developer Certificate of Origin (DCO) process is followed to ensure developers are following licensing criteria for their contributions, and documented with a `Signed-off-by` line in commits.
- Zephyr development workflow is supported on Linux, macOS, and Windows, (with a few exceptions).
- Source code for the project is maintained in the GitHub repo: <https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr>
- Issue and feature tracking is done using GitHub issues in this repo.
- A Continuous Integration (CI) system runs on every Pull Request (PR) to verify several aspects of the PR including Git commit formatting, Coding Style, sanity checks builds, and documentation builds.
- The [Zephyr devel mailing list](#) is a great place to engage with the community, ask questions, discuss issues, and help each other.



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## Release Life Cycle and Maintenance

### Periodic Releases

The Zephyr project provides periodic releases every 4 months leading to the long term support releases approximately every 2 years. Periodic and non-LTS releases are maintained with updates, bug fixes and security related updates for at least two cycles, meaning that the project supports the most recent two releases in addition to the most recent LTS.

### Long Term Support and Maintenance

A Zephyr [Long Term Support \(LTS\)](#) release is published every 2 years and is branched and maintained independently from the main tree for at least 2.5 years after it was released.

Support and maintenance for an LTS release stops at least half a year after the following LTS release is published.

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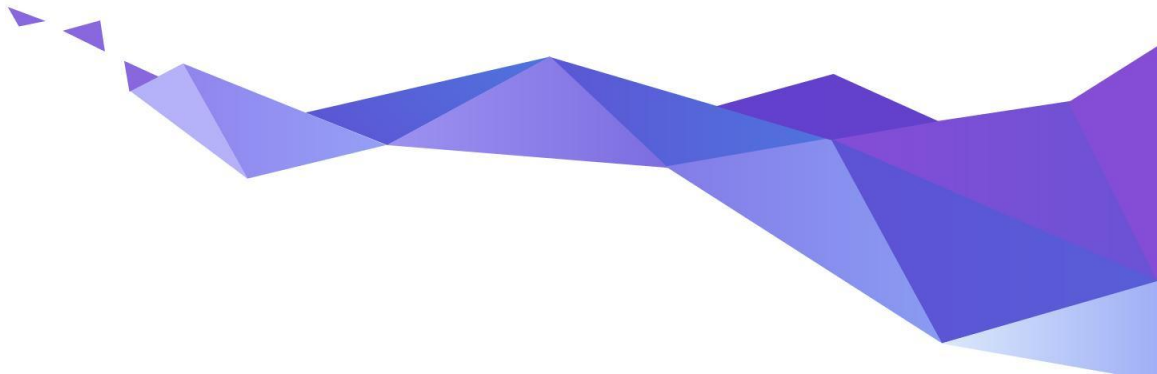
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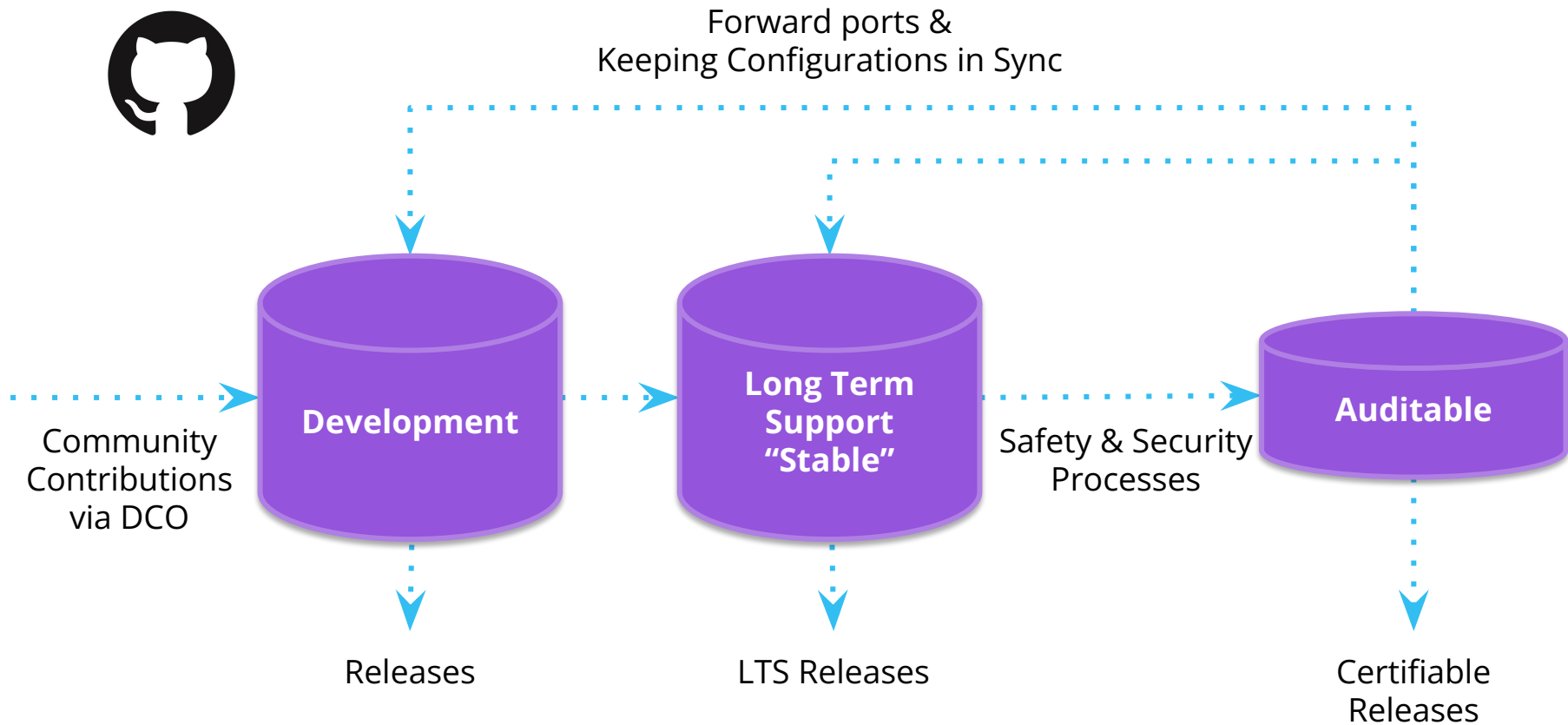


# What about Zephyr security best practices?





# Code Repositories





# Zephyr 4.0 (November 2024)



## Zephyr 4.0.0

We are pleased to announce the release of Zephyr version 4.0.0.

Major enhancements with this release include:

- **Secure Storage Subsystem:** A newly introduced [secure storage](#) subsystem allows the use of the PSA Secure Storage API and of persistent keys in the PSA Crypto API on *all* board targets. It is now the standard way to provide device-specific protection to data at rest. ([GitHub #76222](#))
- **ZMS (Zephyr Memory Storage) Subsystem:** ZMS is a new key-value storage subsystem compatible with all non-volatile storage types, including traditional NOR flash and advanced technologies like RRAM and MRAM that support write without erasure.
- **Analog Comparators:** A new [comparator](#) device driver subsystem for analog comparators has been added, complete with shell support. It supports initial configuration through Devicetree and runtime configuration through vendor specific APIs. Initially the [nordic,nrf-comp](#), [nordic,nrf-lpcomp](#) and [nxp,kinetis-acmp](#) are supported.
- **Stepper Motors:** It is now possible to interact with stepper motors using a standard API thanks to the new [stepper](#) device driver subsystem, which also comes with shell support. Initially implemented drivers include a simple [zephyr,gpio-steppers](#) and a complex sensor-less stall-detection capable with integrated ramp-controller [adi,tmc5041](#).
- **Haptics:** A new [Haptics](#) device driver subsystem allows unified access to haptic controllers, enabling users to add haptic feedback to their applications.
- **Multimedia Capabilities** Zephyr's audio and video capabilities have been expanded with support for new image sensors, video interfaces, audio interfaces, and codecs being supported.
- **Prometheus Library:** A [Prometheus](#) metrics library has been added to the networking stack. It provides a way to expose metrics to Prometheus clients over HTTP, facilitating the consolidated remote monitoring of Zephyr devices alongside other systems typically monitored using Prometheus.
- **Documentation Improvements:** Several enhancements were made to the online documentation to improve content discovery and navigation. These include a new [interactive board catalog](#) and an interactive directory for [code samples](#).
- **Expanded Board Support:** Over 60 [new boards](#) and [shields](#) are supported in Zephyr 4.0.

An overview of the changes required or recommended when migrating your application from Zephyr v3.7.0 to Zephyr v4.0.0 can be found in the separate [migration guide](#).

To Learn More:

[Zephyr 4.0](#) &  
[Release notes 4.0](#)

→ **Next release: Zephyr 4.1**



# Zephyr 3.7 LTS (July 2024)



 **New Hardware Model**

 Integration of **TF-M PSA Crypto API**

 Support for **Precision Time Protocol (PTP)**

 **SBOM generation** supports **SPDX 2.3 & PURL/CPE**

To Learn More: [3.7 Blog Post](#) & [Release notes 3.7](#)



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# Long Term Support (Zephyr 3.7.x)



- **Product Focused**
- Current with latest **Security Updates**
- Compatible with new hardware
  - Functional support for new hardware is regularly backported
- **Tested:** Shorten the development window and extend the Beta cycle to allow for more testing and bug fixing
- **Supported for 2+ years**
-  **Doesn't include cutting-edge functionality**



<https://docs.zephyrproject.org/3.7.0/>



# Long Term Support



A collage of four screenshots from the Zephyr project's GitHub repository, illustrating its long-term support. The top-left screenshot shows the "Zephyr 1.14.0" release page, dated April 16, 2020, with 5128 commits. The top-right screenshot shows the "Zephyr LTS 1.14.2 (Maintenance Release)" page, dated 25 days ago, with 11296 commits. The bottom-left screenshot shows the "Zephyr 1.14.1" release page, dated 25 days ago, with 5126 commits, highlighting security vulnerabilities and fixes. The bottom-right screenshot shows the "Zephyr v1.14.3" release page, dated 23 days ago, also highlighting security vulnerabilities and fixes. The screenshots are arranged in a slightly overlapping manner, emphasizing the continuous updates and security patches provided for the LTS version.

Delivered bug fixes and latest security updates for 2 years!



# Security Focus From the Start



## **Exhibit B**

### **Zephyr Project Charter (the “Charter”)**

The Linux Foundation  
Updated August 21, 2023

#### **1. Mission of the Zephyr Project (“Zephyr,” or, alternatively, the “Project”).**

The mission of the Project is to:

- a. deliver the best-in-class RTOS for connected resource-constrained devices, built to be secure and safe.
- b. maintain an auditable code base, while taking advantage of community participation; this auditable code base is open source;
- c. include participation of leading members of this ecosystem, including micro-controller manufacturers, hardware developers, software developers and other members of the ecosystem; and
- d. host the infrastructure for the open source Project and sub-projects, establishing a neutral home for community meetings, events and collaborative discussions and providing structure around the business and technical governance of the Project.



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- a. deliver the best-in-class embedded operating system to be secure and
- b. maintain an audit-ready code base with high participation; the
- c. include participation from all Zephyr controller manufacturers and members of the ecosystem
- d. host the infrastructure to provide a neutral home for the project, providing structure

#### **6. Security Committee**

- a. Composition – the Security Committee members shall consist of:
  - i. one appointed voting representative from each Platinum Member, plus
  - ii. non-voting Silver Member representatives who shall not count towards quorum.
- b. Responsibilities – the Security Committee shall be responsible for:
  - i. the definition of the processes to ensure an auditable code base, as well as any associated certification artifacts (“Security Artifacts”);
  - ii. annually elect a Representative on the Security Committee to serve as chair of the Security Committee; and
  - iii. annually elect a security architect (the “Security Architect”), who may be different from the chair of the Security Committee.



# Starting Point: Adopt Known Best Practices



<https://bestpractices.coreinfrastructure.org>



# Best Practices Badge



Identified best practices for OSS projects

- For *production* of OSS
- Based on practices of well-run OSS projects
- Increase likelihood of better quality & security
- Criteria designed for *any* OSS project

Web application: OSS projects self-certify

- If OSS project meets criteria, it gets a badge
- No cost
- Self-certification mitigated by automation, public display of answers (for criticism), spot-checks, and can be overridden if false

⇒ moved under Open SSF in 2021







# OpenSSF Best Practices Badge Program

Get Your Badge Now!

The [Open Source Security Foundation \(OpenSSF\)](#) Best Practices badge is a way for Free/Libre and Open Source Software (FLOSS) projects to show that they follow best practices. Projects can voluntarily self-certify, at no cost, by using this web application to explain how they follow each best practice. The OpenSSF Best Practices Badge is inspired by the many badges available to projects on GitHub. Consumers of the badge can quickly assess which FLOSS projects are following best practices and as a result are more likely to produce higher-quality secure software.

You can easily see the [criteria for the passing badge](#). More information on the OpenSSF Best Practices Badging program is [available on GitHub](#). [Project statistics](#) and [criteria statistics](#) are available. The [projects page](#) shows participating projects and supports queries (e.g., you can see [projects that have a passing badge](#)). You can also see [an example \(where we try to earn our own badge\)](#). This project was formerly known as the Core Infrastructure Initiative (CII) Best Practices badge, and was originally developed under the CII. It is now part of the [OpenSSF Best Practices Working Group \(WG\)](#). The OpenSSF is a foundation of the [Linux Foundation \(LF\)](#). The project was formally renamed from "CII Best Practices badge" on 2021-12-24.



Some badge earners:



Source: <https://www.bestpractices.dev>



# Criteria



Three badge levels (passing, silver, gold)

- Any level is an achievement
- For higher levels, must meet previous level
- Based on real projects
  - Not “people should do X, but no one does that”
- Gold requires multiple developers
  - bus factor > 1\*, 2-person review



More info at: <https://github.com/coreinfrastructure/best-practices-badge>

\* A “bus factor” is how many people would have to be hit by a bus before a project stalls (e.g., due to lack) knowledge)



# Statistics about Criteria & Levels



## Criteria Statistics

Level	Total active	MUST	SHOULD	SUGGESTED	Allow N/A	Met justification required	Require URL	Met justification or URL required	Includes details	New at this level	Future
Passing	67	43	10	14	27	1	8	9	52	67	0
Silver	55	44	10	1	41	38	17	54	39	48	0
Gold	23	21	2	0	9	13	9	22	16	14	0

The "active" criteria are criteria that are included in the percentage calculations (as opposed to "future" criteria). The next columns identify the number of active criteria in each level that are MUST, SHOULD, SUGGESTED, allow a "N/A" as an answer, require justification when "met" is the answer, require a URL, require justification when "met" is the answer or a URL, include details, or are new at this level. "Future" criteria are shown on the form, and are expected to be added as active criteria to some level in the future, but are not included in completion calculations.

You can see statistics about projects over time at the [project stats page](#).

You may also see the [actual criteria](#).

- There are not a lot of gold criteria, but they are challenging.
- Source: <https://www.bestpractices.dev/en/criteria>



# Zephyr's Path - Initial Passing Badge



## **Zephyr Launched 2016/2**

- Initial security team was composed of device security experts or either open source embedded experts from our members, but limited knowledge domain overlap and understanding of issues in either space.

## **CII badge program launched 2016/5**

- Looked through the criteria and decided to aim for passing badge.
- 75% was straight forward to fill out and was done within first week.
- Security and Analysis sections served as a focus to start organizing knowledge from diverse participants in the security team.



## **Zephyr achieved "Passing" badge 2016/11**

- Some criteria we met fairly easily, other criteria caused significant discussion, and took a while to create the documentation (which we needed to do!)

cii best practices **passing**



# Project Security Documentation



- Project Security Overview
- Started with documents from other projects
- Built around Secure Development, Secure Design, and Security Certification
- Ongoing process, rather than something to just be accomplished



[Docs / Latest » Security » Zephyr Security Overview](#)  
[Open on GitHub](#) [Report an issue with this page](#)

This is the documentation for the latest (main) development branch of Zephyr. If you are looking for the documentation of previous releases, use the drop-down menu on the left and select the desired version.

## Zephyr Security Overview

### Introduction

This document outlines the steps of the Zephyr Security Subcommittee towards a defined security process that helps developers build more secure software while addressing security compliance requirements. It presents the key ideas of the security process and outlines which documents need to be created. After the process is implemented and all supporting documents are created, this document is a top-level overview and entry point.

### Overview and Scope

We begin with an overview of the Zephyr development process, which mainly focuses on security functionality.

In subsequent sections, the individual parts of the process are treated in detail. As depicted in Figure 1, these main steps are:

1. **Secure Development:** Defines the system architecture and development process that ensures adherence to relevant coding principles and quality assurance procedures.
2. **Secure Design:** Defines security procedures and implement measures to enforce them. A security architecture of the system and relevant sub-modules is created, threats are identified, and countermeasures designed. Their



# Zephyr's Path - Oops... Passing Regained

## Zephyr stopped “Passing” 2017/2

- Zephyr project infrastructure underwent significant transition in 2017 (JIRA → Issues, Gerrit → github )
- Prior data was inaccurate, and we had forgotten to update it.
- Badge app notified us we were not longer “passing”

cii best practices in progress 85%

## Zephyr regains passing 2017/8

- After all transitions done, updated documentation to reflect the infrastructure and we were passing again.
- **Decided to try for Silver** – but there were some big lifts for the project: key roles and responsibilities documented, longer roadmap than we’d been keeping, TLS certificate verification

cii best practices passing



# Zephyr's Path - Become a CNA?



A CNA allows Zephyr Project to manage vulnerabilities, assign them CVE IDs, and handle the disclosure of information pertaining to those vulnerabilities.

- Zephyr Project CNA determines the validity of issues/vulnerabilities,
- whether or not they will be publicly disclosed,
- the amount of information that will be disclosed,
- the timing for that disclosure.

Changes made by the Zephyr Project to become a CNA:

- Zephyr Project security **documentation was be reviewed and modified** to handle the new requirements levied by the CNA process.
- **New email lists** were created to be used as points of contact for external entities (provided to MITRE to be used for contact and also will be added to Zephyr Project websites).
  - [vulnerabilities@zephyrproject.org](mailto:vulnerabilities@zephyrproject.org) (used as primary contact for external entities)
  - [zephyr-psirt-request@lists.zephyrproject.org](mailto:zephyr-psirt-request@lists.zephyrproject.org) (internal project list for CNA communications)



# Zephyr's Path - Become a CNA? Yes!



Four things required\* for getting a CNA in place:

1. Definition of scope:  
All Zephyr project components and vulnerabilities discovered by Zephyr project participants that are not covered by another CNA.
2. Public point of contact:  
[vulnerabilities@zephyrproject.org](mailto:vulnerabilities@zephyrproject.org) was listed on websites (both Zephyr project and MITRE).
3. Direct point of contact for backdoor communications from MITRE:  
[zephyr-psirt-request@lists.zephyrproject.org](mailto:zephyr-psirt-request@lists.zephyrproject.org)
4. A list of email addresses that will be added to the MITRE announcement:  
[zephyr-psirt-request@lists.zephyrproject.org](mailto:zephyr-psirt-request@lists.zephyrproject.org)

**Sent email with above in August 2017, and MITRE announced Zephyr as CNA**

\*per phone discussion with MITRE, July 2017



# Zephyr Listed as CNA in NVD in 2017



Product, Vendor, or Product Category Name	Scope	CNA Contact Email and/or Webpage (if applicable)	CNA Type*
MITRE Corporation	All vulnerabilities not already covered by a CNA listed on this page	<a href="#">MITRE CVE Request web form</a>	Primary CNA
Zephyr Project	Zephyr project components and vulnerabilities that are not covered by another CNA	<a href="mailto:vulnerabilities@zephyrproject.org">vulnerabilities@zephyrproject.org</a>	Vendors and Projects
Zero Day Initiative	Products and projects covered by its bug bounty programs not already covered by another CNA	<a href="mailto:zdi-disclosures@trendmicro.com">zdi-disclosures@trendmicro.com</a> <a href="#">ZDI contact page</a>	Bug Bounty Programs
ZTE Corporation	ZTE <a href="#">products</a> only	<a href="mailto:psirt@zte.com.cn">psirt@zte.com.cn</a>	Vendors and Projects

## \* Key for CNA Types:

**Bug Bounty Programs** - assigns CVE IDs to products and projects that utilize the Bug Bounty service's product offerings.

**National and Industry CERTs** - performs incident response and vulnerability disclosure services for nations or industries. They may assign CVE IDs as part of their role and scope.

**Primary CNA** - oversees the CNA program.

**Root CNA** - manages a group of sub-CNAs within a given domain or community.

**Vendors and Projects** - assigns CVE IDs for vulnerabilities found in their own products and projects.

**Vulnerability Researchers** - assigns CVE IDs to products and projects upon which they perform vulnerability analysis.

\* [https://cve.mitre.org/cve/request\\_id.html#cna\\_participants](https://cve.mitre.org/cve/request_id.html#cna_participants)



# Zephyr CNA Entry Today



AboutPartner InformationProgram OrganizationDownloadsResources & SupportReport

## Zephyr Project

Links that redirect to external websites will open a new window or tab depending on the web browser used.

### Steps to Report a Vulnerability or Request a CVE ID

Step 1: Read disclosure policy <a href="#">View Policy</a>	Step 2: Contact <a href="#">Email</a>
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Scope	Zephyr project components, and vulnerabilities that are not in another CNA's scope
Program Role	CNA
Top-Level Root	<a href="#">MITRE Corporation</a>
Security Advisories	<a href="#">View Advisories</a>
Organization Type	Vendor Open Source
Country*	USA

\* Self-identified by CNA

Source: <https://www.cve.org/PartnerInformation/ListofPartners/partner/zephyr>



# Zephyr PSIRT Today



## **Project** Security Incident Response Team

- Led by Zephyr Security Architect (elected annually from peers)
- Volunteers from Security Committee (Zephyr Project Members) do initial triage
- Manage embargo windows and interaction with maintainers for fixes into upstream and then backports to LTS
- Responsible for satisfying evolving CVE Program & CNA Process Requirements.



# Zephyr's Badge Path Continues...



## Zephyr almost at "Silver" 2018/4

- Zephyr addressed all issues except "TLS certificate verification", we had a TLS library, but Zephyr is an OS, not an App.
- Threat model and justification documents that security requirements are met had to be created, again issue not an App.

cii best practices **passing**

## Zephyr gets Silver 2018/9

- After implementing a separate application as a sample for TLS issue

cii best practices **silver**



# Zephyr's Gold Badge - Feb 2019!



## Zephyr Project

Projects that follow the best practices below can voluntarily self-certify and show that they've achieved an Open Source Security Foundation (OpenSSF) best practices badge. [Show details](#)

If this is your project, please show your badge status on your project page! The badge status looks like this: `openssf best practices gold` Here is how to embed it: [Show details](#)

These are the `passing` level criteria. You can also view the `silver` or `gold` level criteria.

[Expand panels](#)[Show all details](#)[Show only incomplete criteria](#)

▼ Basics	13/13 ●
▼ Change Control	9/9 ●
▼ Reporting	8/8 ●
▼ Quality	13/13 ●
▼ Security	16/16 ●
▼ Analysis	8/8 ●

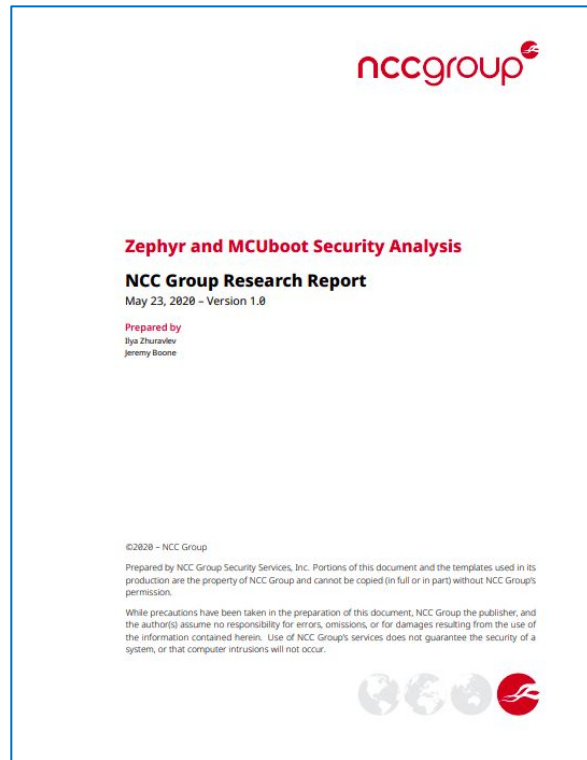
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Source: <https://www.bestpractices.dev/en/projects/74>



# First Bulk Security Report (2019)

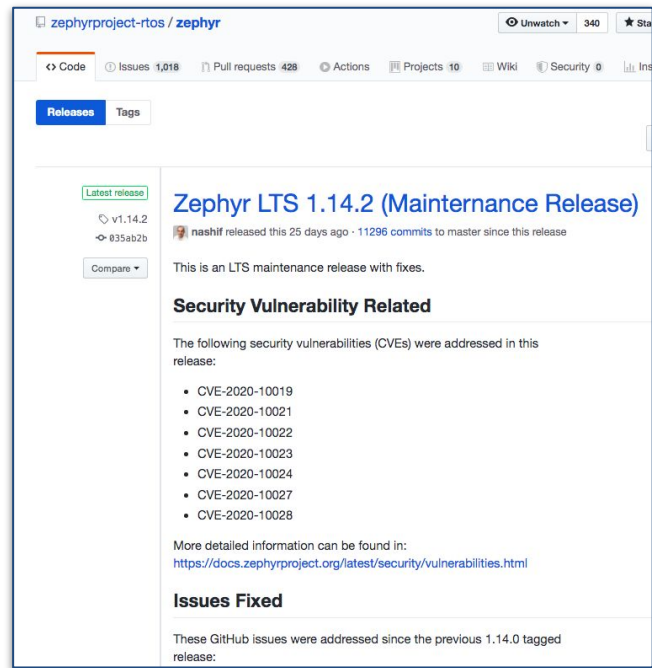
- [NCC Group reported](#) ~26 issues
- Critical, High and Medium made into JIRA tickets (we used JIRA before transitioning private github we use today)
- All were addressed
- After embargo, everything updated in the [vulnerability report](#) page
- Most resulted in 1 or more CVEs being reported





# Results from the 2019 NCC Report

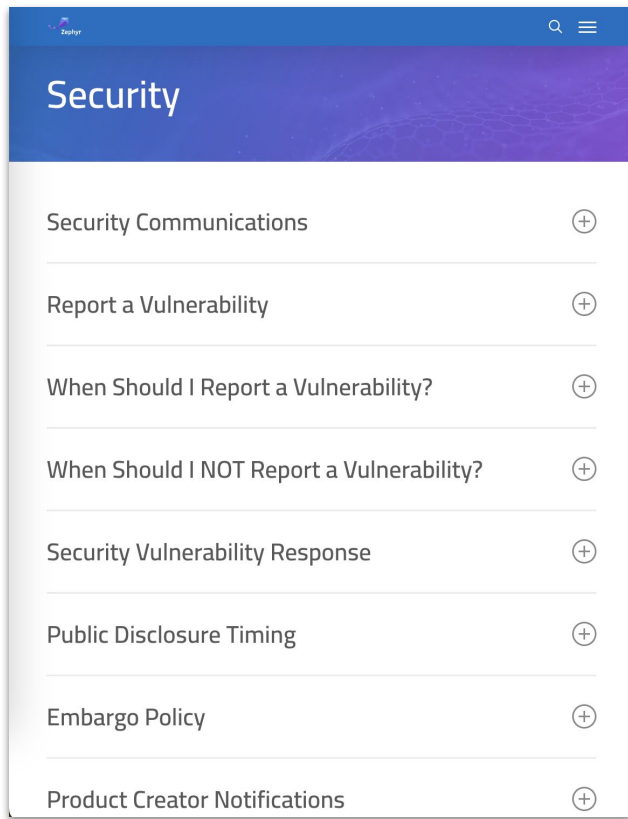
- Most issues were fixed in reasonable time and included in releases
- One issue, recommendation is to disable
- Increased embargo from 60 to 90 days
  - Zephyr isn't an end product, vendors need time to incorporate fixes into products
  - Zephyr needs alert system to notify vendors
- Continue to improve processes





# Improving Processes...

- Highlighted need to better document process
- Added [vulnerability reporting](#) to project docs
- Added [security section](#) to main project page
- Process:
  - Embargo period extended
  - Stages issue goes through
  - Working with maintainers to see issues fixed
  - Public disclosure at end





# Better Support for Product Makers



- For an embargo to work, product makers need to be notified early so they can remediate.
- Created Vulnerability Registry for vendors to register to receive these alerts for **free**
- **Goal:** Zephyr to fix issues within 30 days to give vendors 60 days before publication of vulnerability

## Product Creators Vulnerability Alert Registry

If you believe your organization meets the criteria to be eligible to receive vulnerability alerts please fill out the form below.

### Criteria for Participation

- Have a contact who will respond to emails within a week and understands how Zephyr is being used in the product.
- Have a publicly listed product based on some release of Zephyr.
- Have an actively monitored security email alias.
- Accept the Zephyr Embargo Policy that is outlined below.

Removal: If a member stops adhering to these criteria after joining the list then the member will be unsubscribed.

More information on Zephyr's Security and Disclosure practices can be found at [Security](#).

Source: <https://www.zephyrproject.org/vulnerability-registry/>



# What we had to do before VEX...



Advisory Issued by project on 20201208:

Zephyr current release (2.4) does **not use** Fnet or other stacks.

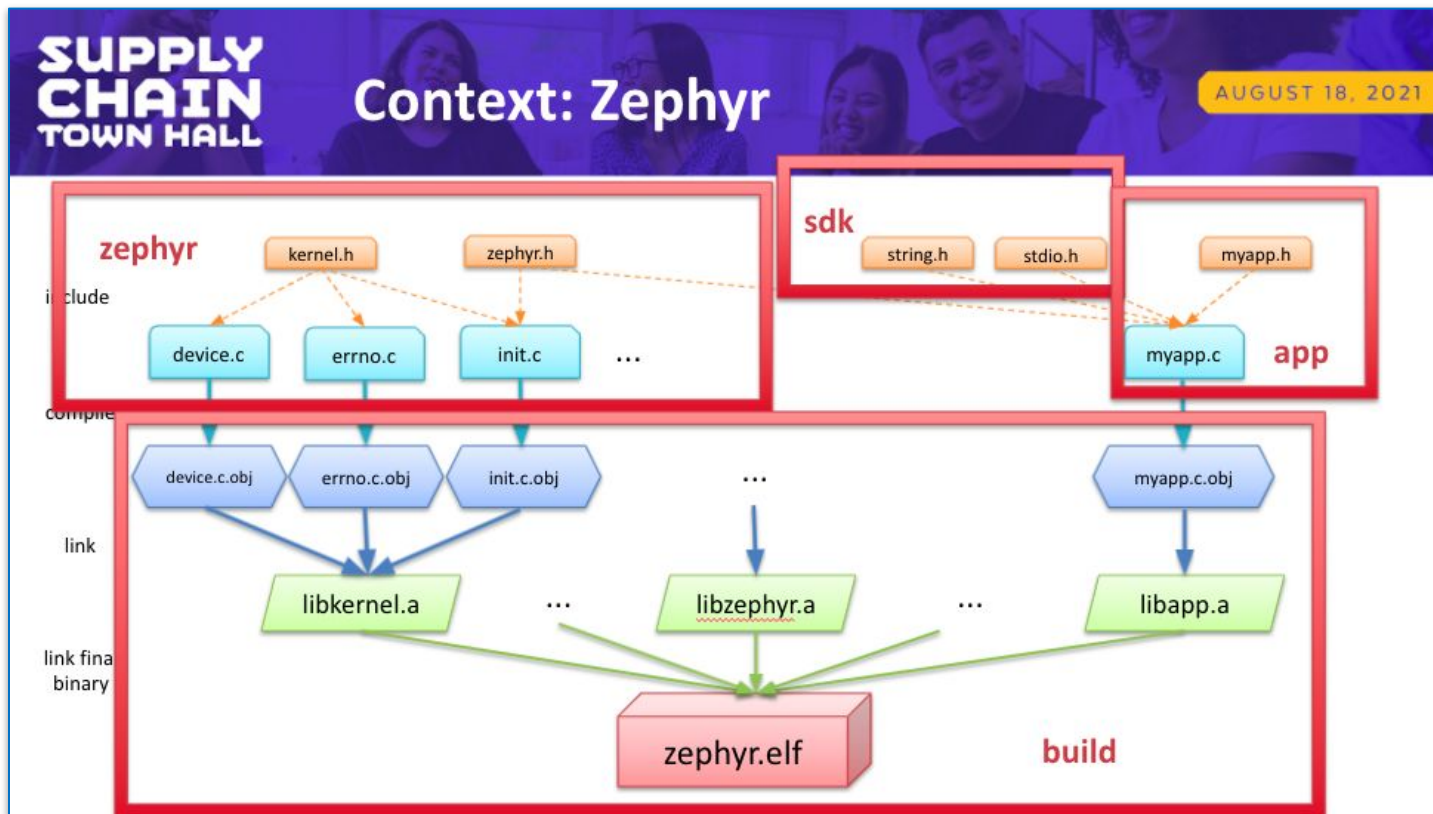
The Zephyr LTS release 1.14 contains an implementation of the TCP stack from Fnet.

- Of the vulnerabilities reported in Fnet, 2, [CVE-2020-17468](#), and [CVE-2020-17469](#), are in the IPv6 Fnet code, one, [CVE-2020-17467](#), affects Link-local Multicast Name Resolution (LLMNR), and 2, [CVE-2020-24383](#), and [CVE-2020-17470](#) affect DNS functionality.
- **None of the affected code has been used** in the Zephyr project, while 1.14 does use the Fnet TCP, it does not use the affected IPv6, DNS or LLMNR code.

<https://www.zephyrproject.org/zephyr-security-update-on-amnesia33/>



# SBOM generation added in 2021



Learn more at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYC3YpSu9zs>



# Automated SBOM Generation During Build!



1. Create a build directory with CMake file API enabled
2. Build project with “build metadata” enabled
3. Compute SBOM(s)

```
west spdx --init -d BUILD_DIR
```

```
west build -d BUILD_DIR -- -DCONFIG_BUILD_OUTPUT_META=y
```

```
west spdx -d BUILD_DIR
```



**zephyr.spdx**      SBOM for the **Zephyr source files** actually used by your application

**app.spdx**        SBOM for the source files of your **application**

**build.spdx**      SBOM for **all the build objects**, inc. of course your final image



# SBOM's at Scale...Automatically



875 boards

13 apps

**All** BUILT,  
PASSED,  
GENERATED  
have **3 SBOMs**  
available to  
download &  
inspect

The screenshot shows the Renode Zephyr Dashboard. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links for ARCHITECTURE (listing various processor families like ARC, ARM32, etc.), BUILD DETAILS (with a 'SHOW SIMULATION' toggle), and a contact link for support. The main area features a search bar and a grid of board entries. Each entry shows the board name, its architecture (e.g., ARM32), and a row of five status buttons: PASSED, PASSED, PASSED, PASSED, and PASSED. A 'Download SBOM' button is visible over one of the PASSED buttons. The top of the dashboard shows summary statistics: 539 PASSED, 503 PASSED, 432 PASSED, 517 PASSED, and 428 PASSED.

Source: <https://zephyr-dashboard.renode.io/>



# Dashboard SBOM



## blinky-app.spdx

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Creator: Tool: Zephyr SPDX builder
Created: 2024-06-07T01:12:51Z
```

Relationship: SPDXRef-DOCUMENT DESCRIBES SPDXRef-app-sources

#### Package: app-sources

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Creator: Tool: Zephyr SPDX builder
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# Vulnerability Infrastructure → Github 2021

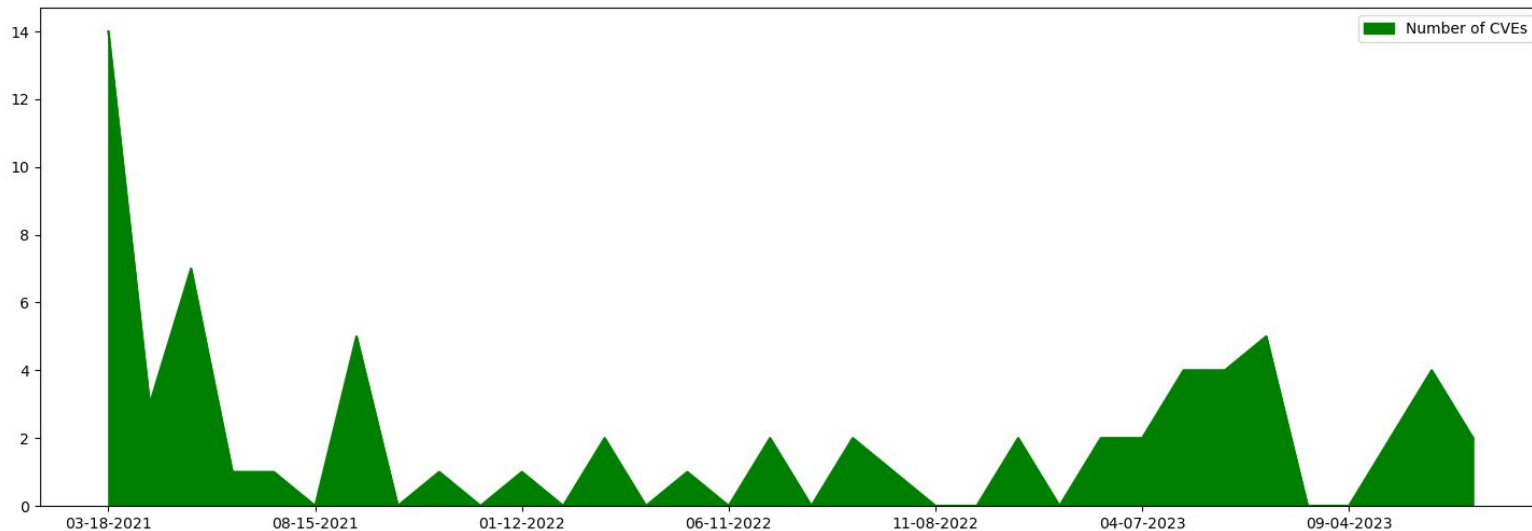


## Why Transition?

Private repos became available. Better integration with rest of code.

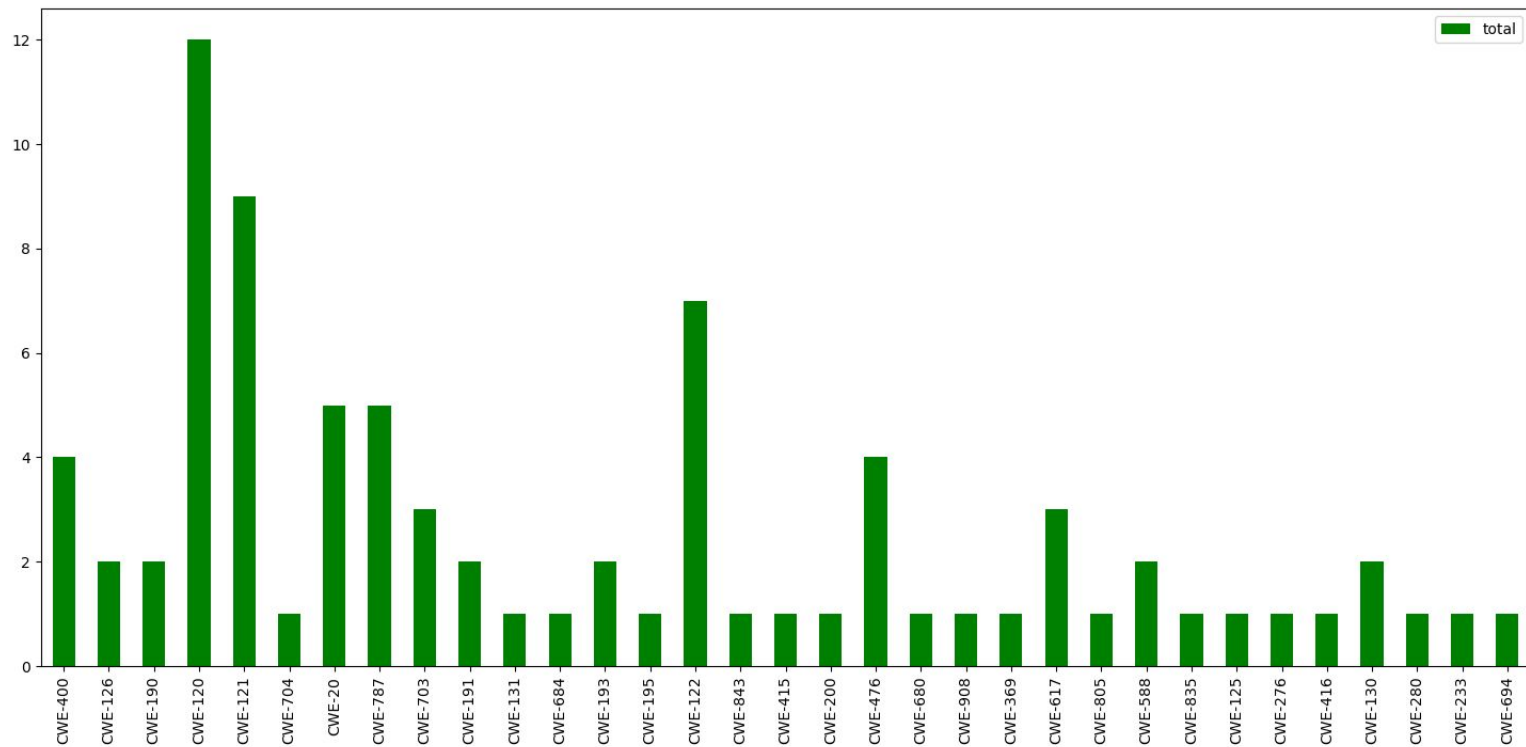
No additional ids to manage. Improved analysis capabilities

Total of CVEs published : 68 (since we started using github)



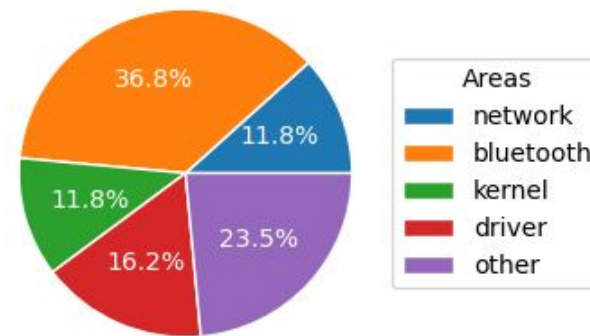
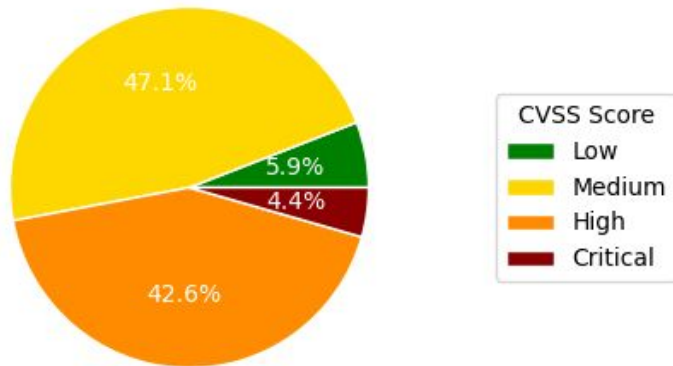


# CWE Breakdown





# Scoring & Code Area Breakdown





# Security Working Group added March 2022



## Security Committee

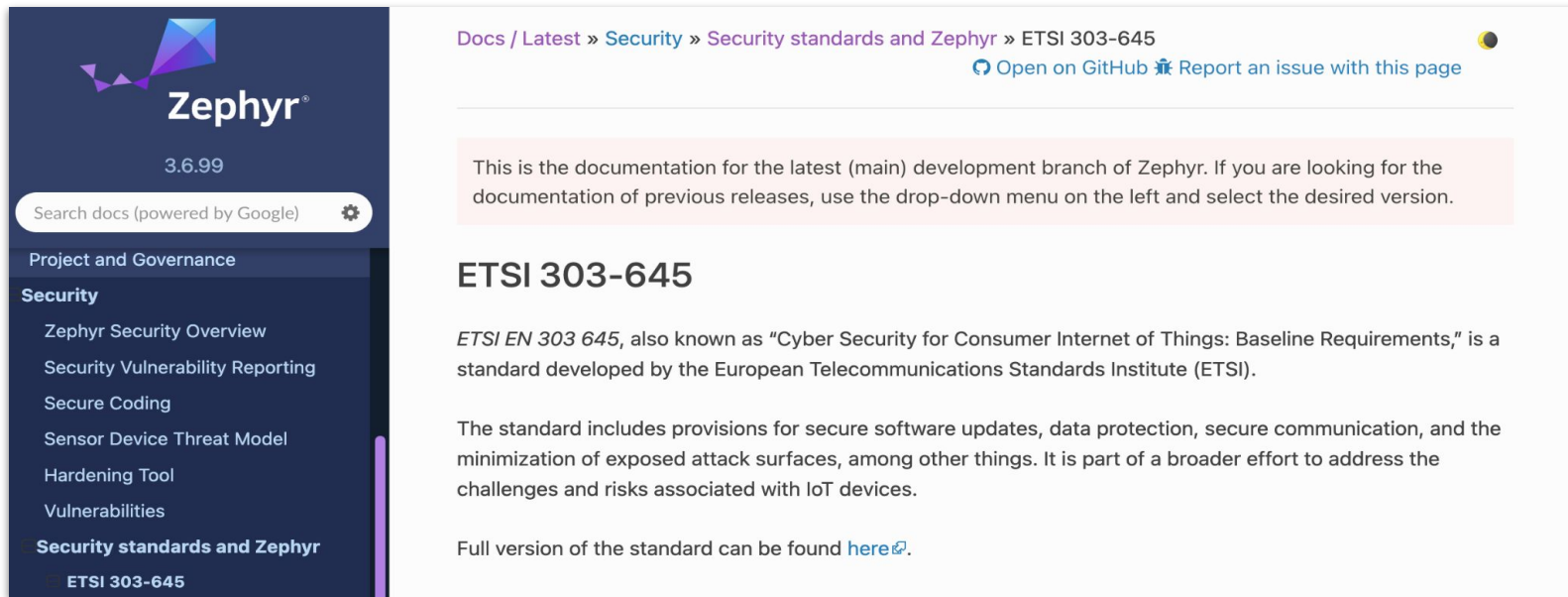
- **Restricted** to one representative from each platinum member, an architect (Flavio Ceolin), and a chair (David Brown)
- Meeting: Every 2 weeks
- Topics:
  - Vulnerabilities
  - PSIRT processes
  - Financial/contracts
  - Other sensitive information

## Security Working Group

- **Open** to any participant
- Meeting: Every 2 weeks
- Topics:
  - Security Standards
    - ETSI EN 303-645
    - FIPS 140-3
    - SP 800-128
    - Annex K (C11 standard)
  - Evolving Security Processes
  - Code Analysis Tools
  - Documentation



# Work on ETSI EN 303-645 in 2023



The screenshot shows the Zephyr documentation website. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the Zephyr logo and version 3.6.99. It contains a search bar and a menu with categories like "Project and Governance", "Security", and "Security standards and Zephyr". The "Security standards and Zephyr" category is expanded, showing "ETSI 303-645" as the selected item. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: "Docs / Latest » Security » Security standards and Zephyr » ETSI 303-645". Below this are links to "Open on GitHub" and "Report an issue with this page". A light pink box contains a note about the latest (main) development branch. The title "ETSI 303-645" is prominently displayed. The text explains that ETSI EN 303 645 is a standard for "Cyber Security for Consumer Internet of Things: Baseline Requirements" developed by ETSI. It also states that the standard includes provisions for secure software updates, data protection, secure communication, and minimization of exposed attack surfaces. Finally, it provides a link to the full version of the standard.

Docs / Latest » Security » Security standards and Zephyr » ETSI 303-645

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This is the documentation for the latest (main) development branch of Zephyr. If you are looking for the documentation of previous releases, use the drop-down menu on the left and select the desired version.

## ETSI 303-645

*ETSI EN 303 645*, also known as “Cyber Security for Consumer Internet of Things: Baseline Requirements,” is a standard developed by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).



The standard includes provisions for secure software updates, data protection, secure communication, and the minimization of exposed attack surfaces, among other things. It is part of a broader effort to address the challenges and risks associated with IoT devices.

Full version of the standard can be found [here](#).

Source: <https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/security/standards/etsi-303645.html>



# Work on ETSI EN 303-645 in 2023

  
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Zephyr Security Overview  
Security Vulnerability Reporting  
Secure Coding  
Sensor Device Threat Model  
Hardening Tool  
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Provision 5.6-3	Device hardware should not unnecessarily expose physical interfaces to attack.	R	Y	<a href="#">Kconfig and Hardening Tool</a>
Provision 5.6-4	Where a debug interface is physically accessible, it shall be disabled in software.	M C	Y	<a href="#">Hardening Tool</a>
Provision 5.6-5	The manufacturer should only enable software services that are used or required for the intended use or operation of the device.	R	Y	<a href="#">Kconfig and Hardening Tool</a>
Provision 5.6-6	Code should be minimized to the functionality necessary for the service/device to operate.	R	Y	<a href="#">Kconfig</a>
Provision 5.6-7	Software should run with least necessary privileges, taking account of both security and functionality.	R	Y	<a href="#">Security Overview</a>
Provision 5.6-8	The device should include a hardware-level access control mechanism for memory.	R	Y	<a href="#">Memory protection</a>
Provision 5.6-9	The manufacturer should follow secure development processes for software deployed on the device.	R	Y	<a href="#">Security Overview and Coding guidelines</a>
Provision 5.7-1	The consumer IoT device should verify its software using secure boot mechanisms.	R	Y	Functionality provided by <i>MCUboot</i> < <a href="https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/mcuboot">https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/mcuboot</a> >. Also see <a href="#">Security Overview</a>

Source: <https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/security/standards/etsi-303645.html#provisions-assessment>



# 2024 Security Audit with NCC Group



## Why External Audit?

- Identifying Vulnerabilities
- Independent Assessment
- Best Practices
- Community Trust
- Reputation

## Scope Definition

- Security Objectives
- Components
  - Narrow to something doable and that benefits most users
- Depth of Analysis
- Threat Model

## Results from NCCGroup

- Target Zephyr 3.6 / 3.7
  - 02/2024 ~ 03/2024
- Three issues found
  - Two low severity caused by integer overflow and TOCTOU
  - One informational caused by integer overflow



# Lessons Learned from the Audit



Defining the scope is hard

- Resource Constraints
- Depth and Breadth
- Future-Proofing
- Stakeholder Agreement

Threat model is useful

- Guiding the Audit Process
- Validating Security Controls
- Facilitating Communication

Comprehensive testing importance

- The audit make it clear the importance of comprehensive testing

## Outcomes:

- Enhanced Security
  - The identification and subsequent remediation of even low-severity issues contribute to a more secure system
- Increased Confidence
  - Third-party auditor validated the security and quality of the code base increasing confidence among developers, stakeholders, and users
- Recommendations aligned with Zephyr plans
  - Guided Fuzzing of Libraries and Subsystems



# More Details Available...

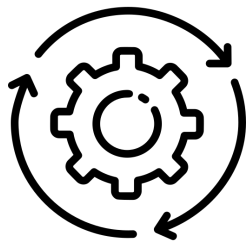


Details at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEG-Owv9TEs&list=PLzRQULb6-ipHnRUuy2UlpqZjTM9FPWtWx&index=22>



# Zephyr Security Summary



Weekly Coverity scans

MISRA scans

Automated Code checks  
per pull request



Documented secure  
coding practices

Vulnerability response  
criteria publicly  
documented

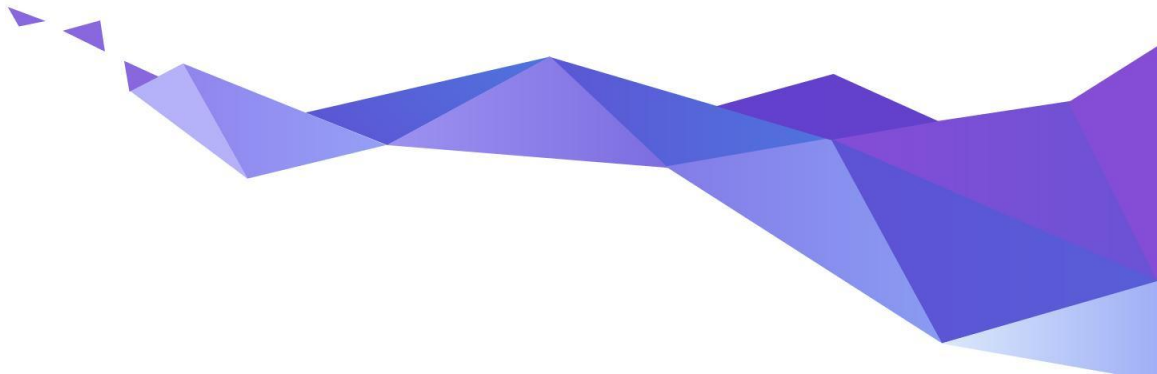


SBOM generation  
per

ISO/IEC 5962:2021



# What about Zephyr and safety?





# Auditable

- An **auditable code base** will be established from a **subset of the Zephyr OS LTS**
- Code bases will be kept in sync
- More rigorous processes (necessary for certification) will be applied to the auditable code base.
- Processes to achieve selected certification to be:
  - Determined by Safety Committee and Security Committee
  - Coordinated with Technical Steering Committee



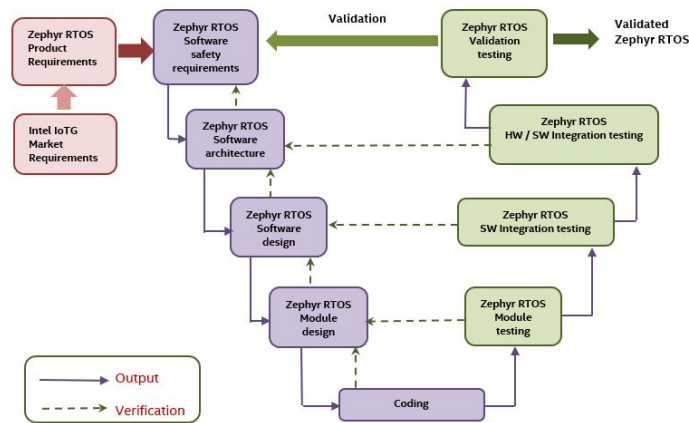


# Compliant Development: V-model

It is difficult to map a stereotypical open-source development to the V-model

- Specification of features
- Comprehensive documentation
- Traceability from requirements to source code
- Number of committers and information known about them

Zephyr RTOS functional safety work products mapping to IEC 61508-3 V model

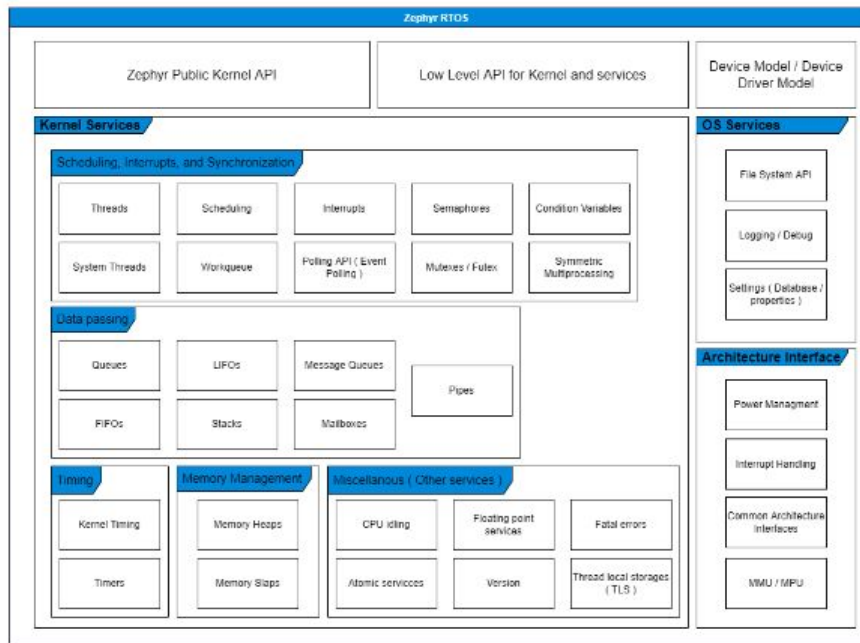


⇒ Provide the evidences that open source developers can map to compliance and meet all requirements



# Initial certification focus

- Start with a limited scope of kernel and interfaces
- Initial target is IEC 61508 SIL 3 / SC 3 (IEC 61508-3, 7.4.2.12, Route 3s)
- Option for 26262 ASIL D certification has been included in contract with certification authority should there be sufficient member interest



Scope can be **extended** to include **additional components** with associated **requirements** and **traceability** as determined by the safety committee



# Safety Collateral Proposal

Draft (Pending Approval by Certification Authority)			
Artifacts	Type of Doc	Owner	Work in progress Visibility
<b>Plans</b>	Category		
Safety Development Plan	Plan/Process	Safety Committee	Public - Project Docs
Safety Assessment Plan	Plan/Process	FSM	Safety Committee Github
Verification / Validation / Integration Test Plan	Plan/Process	Testing WG	Public - Project Docs
Software Development Plan	Plan/Process	TSC	Public - Project Docs
Configuration and Change Management Plan	Plan/Process	TSC	Public - Project Docs
Coding Guideline	Plan/Process	TSC	Public - Project Docs
Tools Documentation	Plan/Process	TSC	Public - Project Docs
<b>Specifications</b>	Category		
Safety Scope Definition	Spec.	Safety Committee	Safety Committee Github
Safety Software Requirement Specification (SRS) **	Spec.	Safety Committee	Safety Committee Github
Safety Software Architecture and Interface Specification (SAIS) **	Spec.	Safety Committee	Safety Committee Github
Safety Software Component Design Specification (SMDS) **	Spec.	Safety Committee	Safety Committee Github
Safety Software Component Test Specification (SMTS) **	Spec.	Safety Committee	Safety Committee Github
Safety Software Integration Test Specification (SITS) **	Spec.	Safety Committee	Safety Committee Github
Safety Software Test Specification (STS) **	Spec.	Safety Committee	Safety Committee Github
<b>Sources</b>	Category		
Source Code	Source	TSC	Public
- Coding Guideline Compliance	Source	TSC	Public
Project Documentaton	Source	TSC	Public
- Software Requirement Specifications	Spec	TSC	Public
- Software Architecture and Interface Specification	Spec	TSC	Public
- Software Component Design Specification	Spec	TSC	Public
Project Testing	Source	TSC	Public
- Software Component/Unit Test Specification	Spec	TSC	Public
- Software Integration Test Specification	Spec	TSC	Public
- Software Test Specification	Spec	TSC	Public
- Tests	Source	TSC	Public
<b>Reports</b>	Category		
Code Review Report (pre-merge)	Report	TSC	Public
Code Change Test Report (post-merge)	Report	Testing WG	Public
Test Coverage Report	Report	Testing WG	Public
Coding Guideline Compliance Report	Report	Safety WG & Security WG	Public
Traceability Report	Report	Safety WG	Public
Tools Classification	Report	Safety Committee	Public
Tools Validation	Report	Safety Committee	TBD (based on specific tools)
Fault Injection Test Report	Report	Safety Committee	Safety Committee
Safety Traceability Report (for Safety Scope) **	Report	Safety Committee/FSM	Safety Committee
Safety Test Coverage Report (for Safety Scope) **	Report	Safety Committee/FSM	Safety Committee
Safety Analysis (e.g., FMEA)	Report	FSM	Safety Committee
<b>Manuals</b>	Category		
Software User Manual	Manual	TSC	Public
Safety Manual	Manual	FSM	Safety Committee
<b>Certificates</b>			
All safety certificates	Certificate	Safety Committee	N/A

- Requirement definition, Source Code & Test linkage are **public**; and developed in open using [strictdoc](#)
- The set of requirements (and associated traceability) are applicable to safety scope is managed by the safety committee.
- Other project artifacts have owners designated.



# What's happening now..

## Safety Committee

- Safety Certification Strategy decisions
  - Scope of certification
  - Certification standards
  - Certification timeline
- Assessment and audit specific tasks
- Owner of certification artefacts and managing contract with certification authority
- Participation limited to the project's members, the safety architect and the functional safety manager

## Safety Working Group

- Enabling safety qualifications/ certifications in the project
- Working on creating the required documentation and evidence in open
  - creating/deriving and documenting requirements
  - Linking requirements to code and tests
- Open to everyone to participate, join today:  
<https://lists.zephyrproject.org/g/safety-wg>



# Doulos, Honda, Hubble Network, IAR, inovex and Microchip Technology join the Zephyr Project as it gets Closer to Safety Certification

January 30, 2025

*See Zephyr RTOS at FOSDEM on February 1-2*

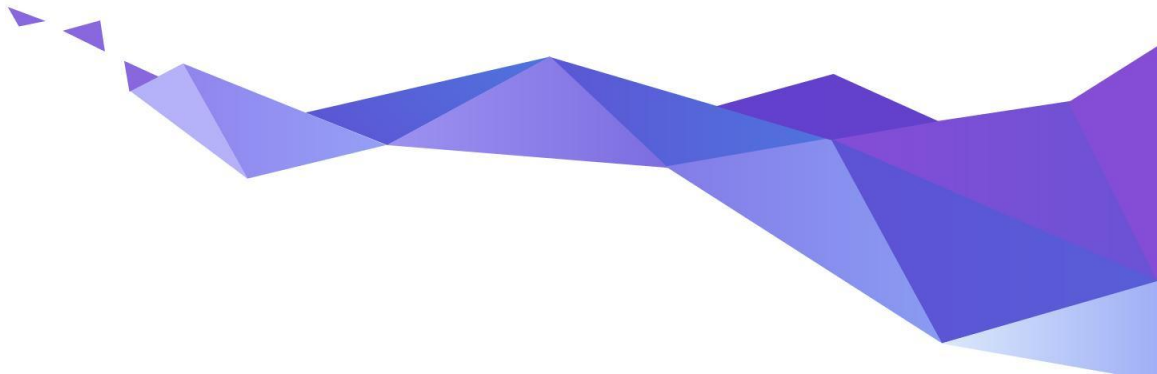
SAN FRANCISCO, January 30, 2025 – Today, [the Zephyr® Project](#) announced that [Doulos](#), [Honda](#), [Hubble Network](#), [IAR](#), [inovex](#) and [Microchip Technology](#) have joined as Silver members. Zephyr, an open source project at the [Linux Foundation](#) that builds a secure, connected and flexible RTOS for future-proof and resource-constrained devices, is easy to deploy and manage. It is a proven RTOS ecosystem created by developers for developers.

Last year, the project achieved several milestones including obtaining written concept approval for IEC 61508 certification of the Zephyr kernel. The Zephyr Project will continue to advance the functional safety and quality management processes for a safety element out of context (SEooC) that meets the requirements of the IEC 61508 standard, which is a globally recognized benchmark for ensuring the functional safety of systems, and a foundation for other safety standards. Compliance with IEC 61508 ensures that a system is developed and maintained with a rigorous approach to minimizing risks and increasing operational reliability. By integrating these processes into the development lifecycle, Zephyr aims to ensure traceability, transparency and accountability at every stage, from initial design to deployment and maintenance.

Source: <https://zephyrproject.org/doulos-honda-hubble-network-iar-inovex-and-microchip-technology-join-the-zephyr-project-as-it-gets-closer-to-safety-certification/>



# Results from applying best practices?





# New Products based on Zephyr



**Oticon More  
Hearing Aid**



**Lildog & Lilcat  
Pet Tracker**



**Livestock Tracker**



**Moto Watch 100**



**Samsung Galaxy  
Ring**



**Proglove**



**Adhoc Smart Waste**



**Google  
Chromebook**



**Framework laptop**



**Keeb.io BDN9**



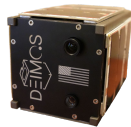
**Hati-ACE**



**Safety Pod**



**BLiXT solid state  
circuit breaker**



**Aethero Deimos  
Satellite**



**PHYTEC Distancer**



**Laird Connectivity  
sensors & gateways**



**BeST pump  
monitoring**



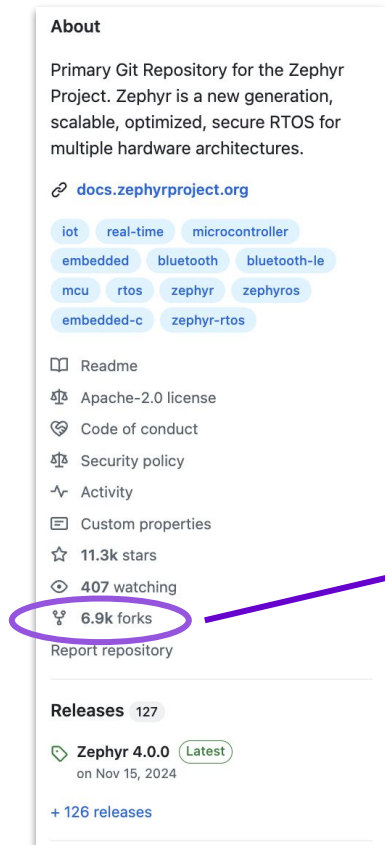
**Vestas Wind  
Turbines**



[zephyrproject.org/products-running-zephyr](https://zephyrproject.org/products-running-zephyr)



# Zephyr in the wild... 6.9K Forks!



**About**

Primary Git Repository for the Zephyr Project. Zephyr is a new generation, scalable, optimized, secure RTOS for multiple hardware architectures.

[docs.zephyrproject.org](https://docs.zephyrproject.org)

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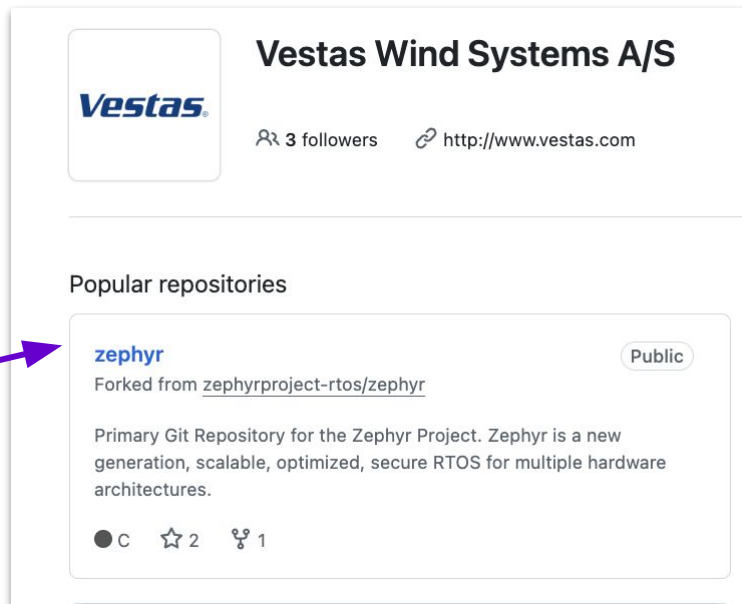
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Report repository

**Releases** 127

Zephyr 4.0.0 Latest  
on Nov 15, 2024

+ 126 releases



**Vestas Wind Systems A/S**

**Vestas**

3 followers <http://www.vestas.com>

**Popular repositories**

**zephyr** Public

Forked from [zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr](https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr)

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Source: <https://github.com/vestas-wind-systems>

Source: <https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr>



# Supported Hardware Architectures



Cortex-M, Cortex-R  
& Cortex-A

x86 & x86\_64



32 & 64 bit



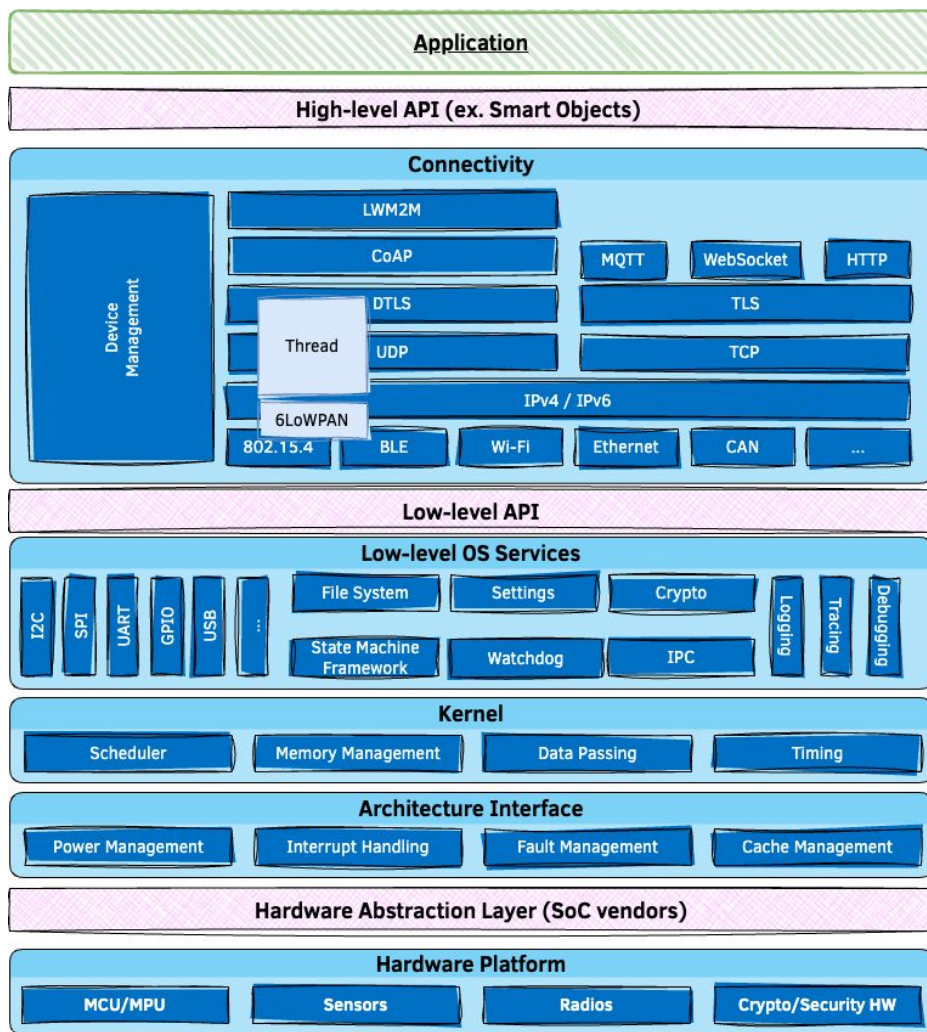
Xtensa



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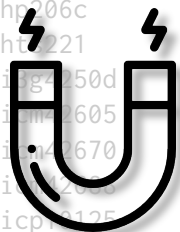




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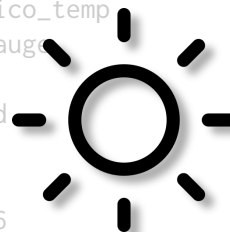
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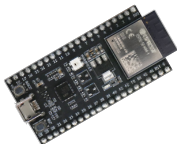
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# 700+ supported boards... and growing



**Arduino Portenta  
H7**



**ESP32**



**Sipeed HiFive1**



**nRF9160 DK**



**STM32F746G Disco**



**M5StickC PLUS**



**TDK RoboKit 1**



**BBC micro:bit v2**



**Blue Wireless Swan**



**Arduino Nano 33  
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**Intel UP Squared**



**Dragino LSN50  
LoRA Sensor Node**



**Microchip SAM E54  
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Evaluation Kit**



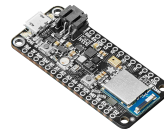
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**Adafruit Feather  
M0 LoRa**



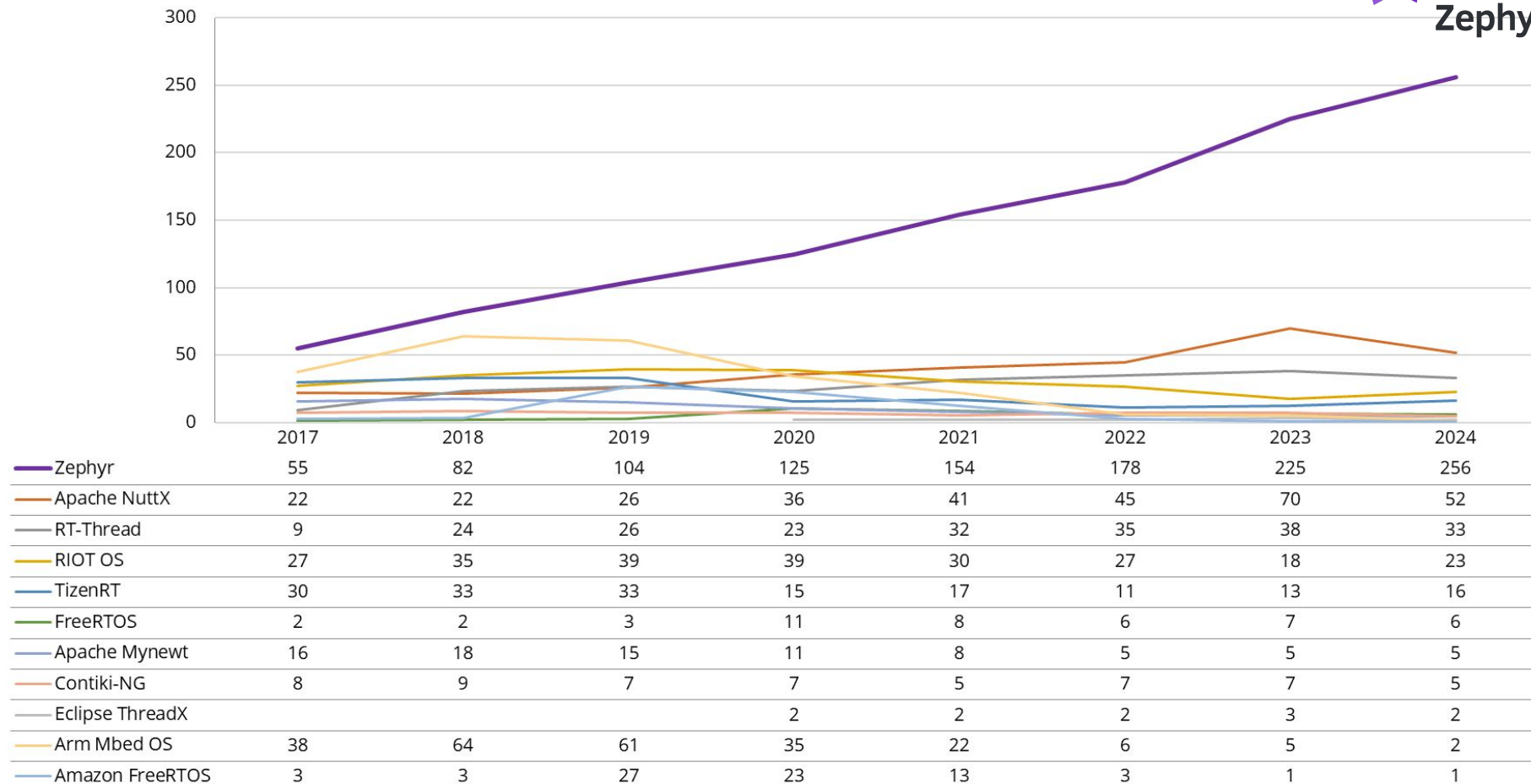
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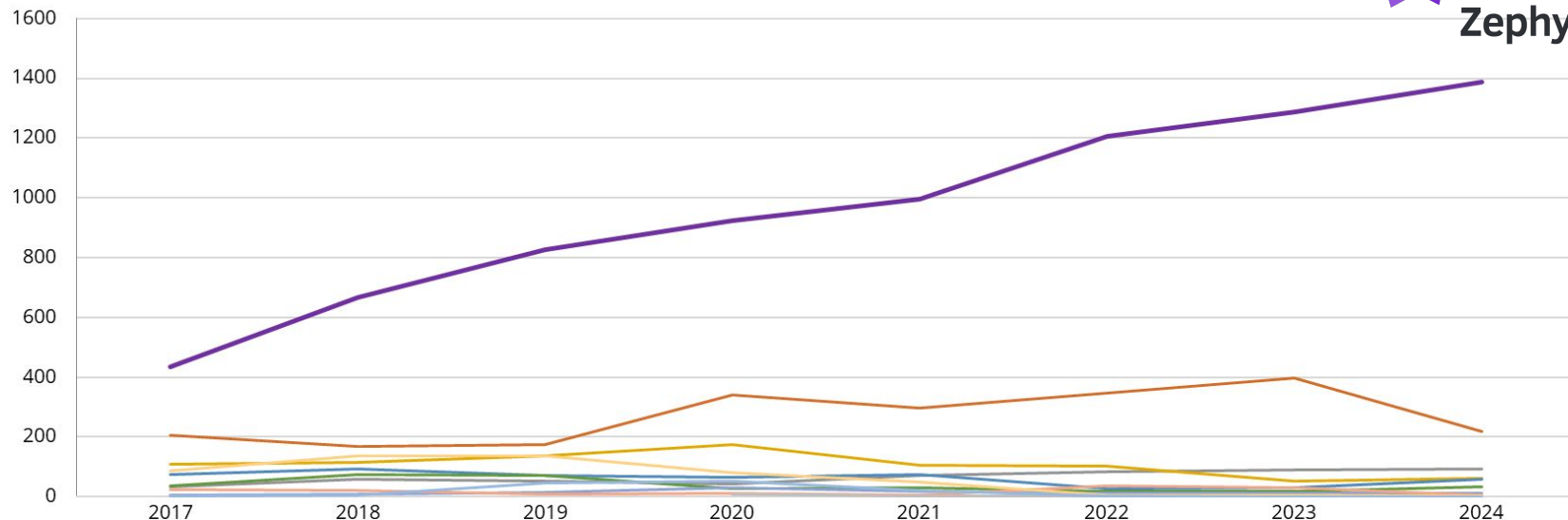


# Average Number of Unique Contributors per Month





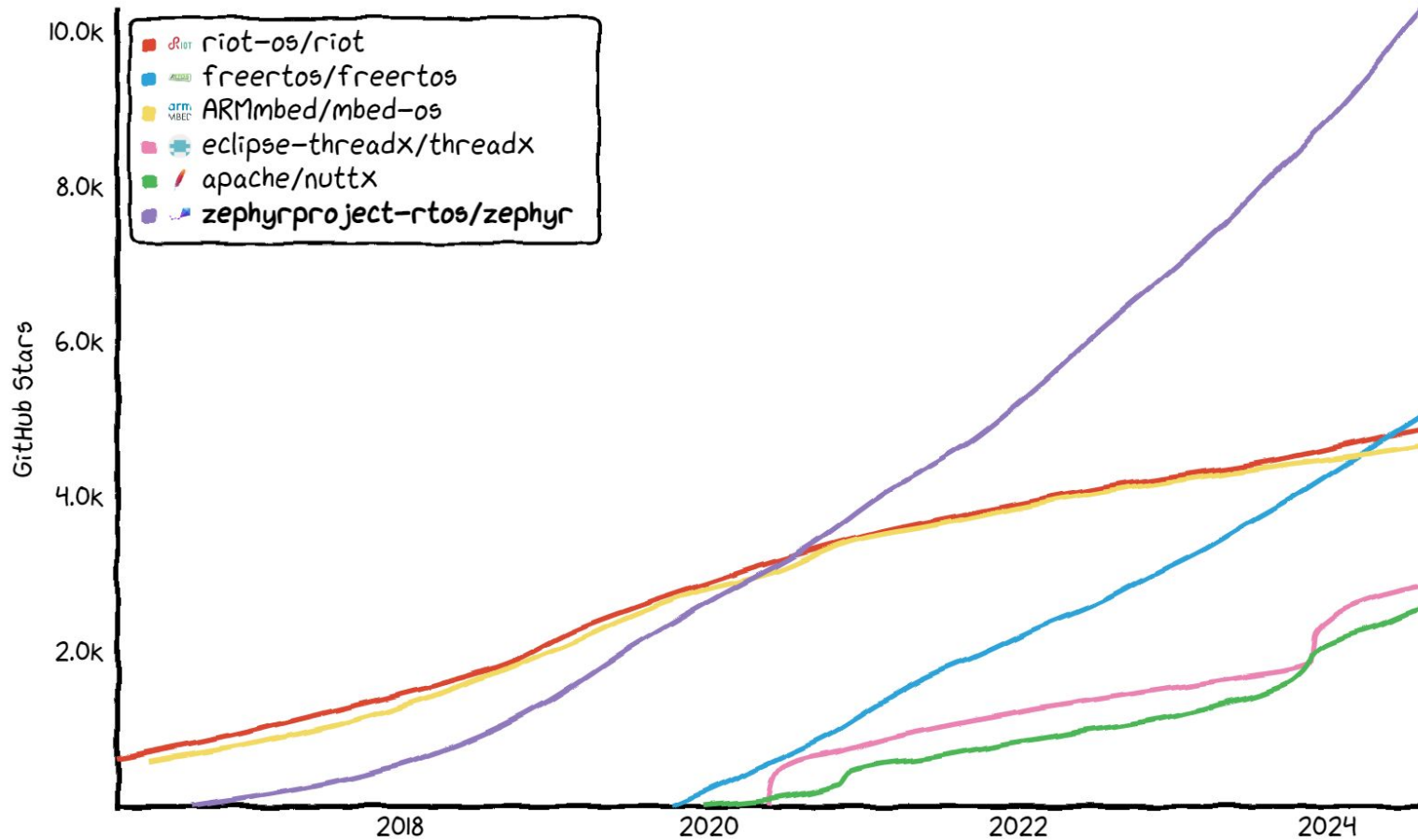
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RT-Thread	35	59	53	43	70	84	91	92
RIOT OS	108	115	136	175	105	103	52	61
TizenRT	73	93	71	64	74	27	29	58
Apache Mynewt	38	74	70	27	31	18	19	33
FreeRTOS	4	8	13	32	17	11	12	11
Contiki-NG	23	22	9	11	7	38	30	6
Eclipse ThreadX				7	1	2	3	2
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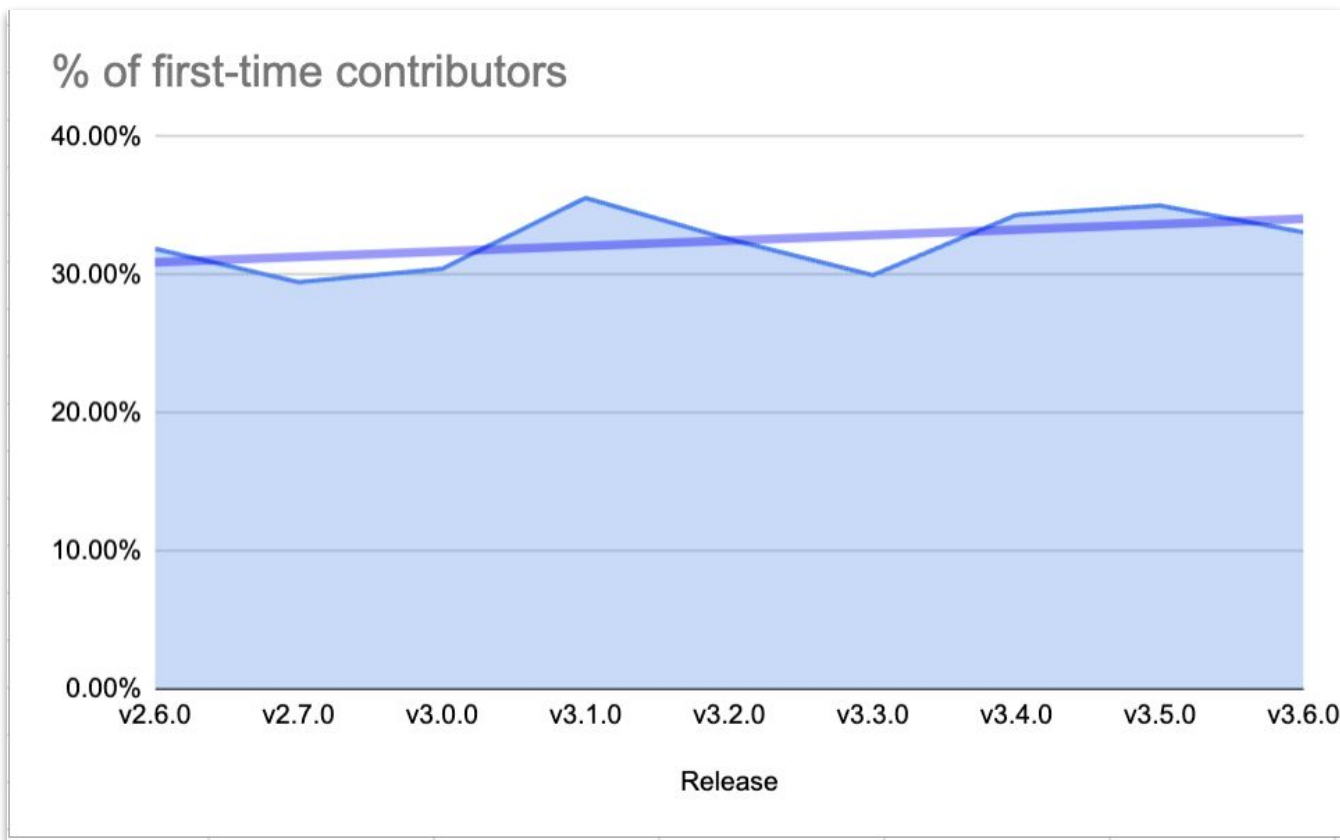


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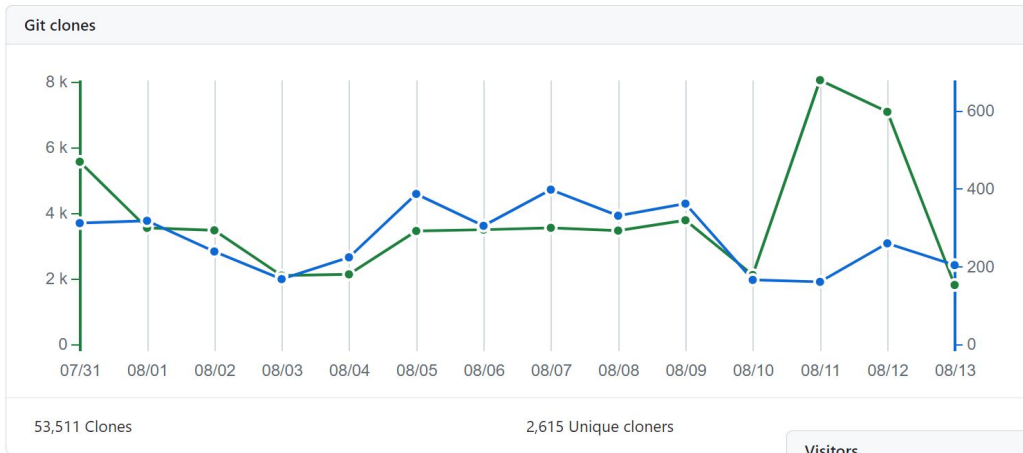


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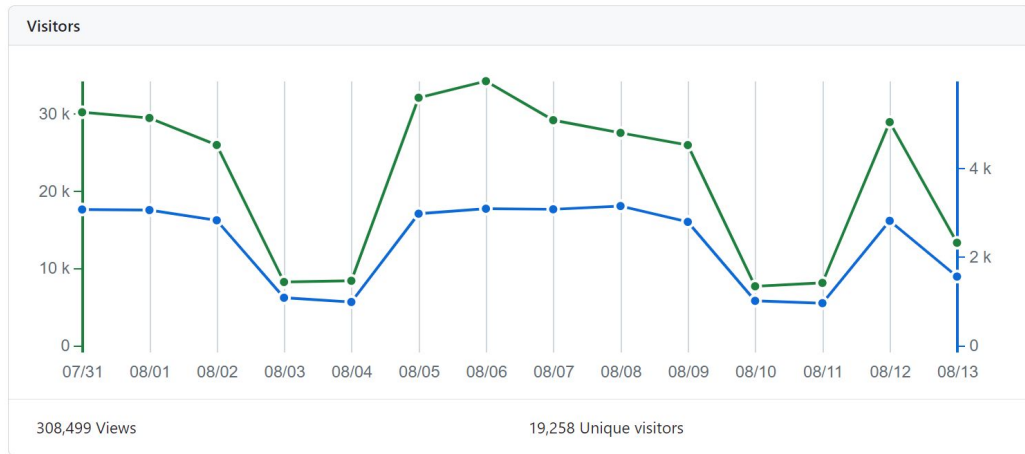


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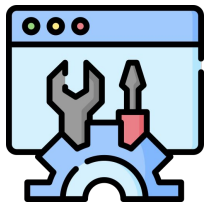
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# Vibrant Ecosystem



**Development Tools**



Governing Board

Technical Steering  
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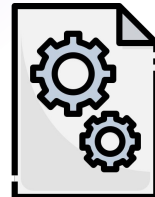
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**Firmwares &  
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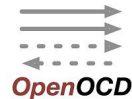


Applications & Middlewares

## IDE



## Compilers



## Emulation / Simulation





# Ecosystem // Training & Consulting



Development Tools



Training & Consulting



Firmwares & Libraries



Applications & Middlewares

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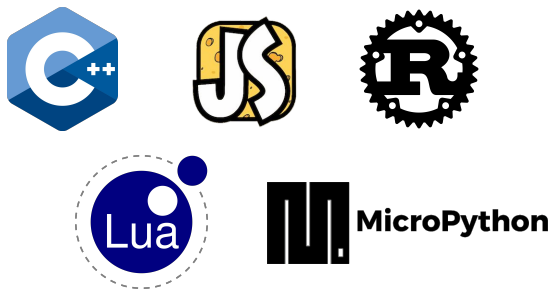
## Security



## TinyML



## Language runtimes



## Others





# Ecosystem // Apps & Middlewares



Development Tools



Training & Consulting



Firmwares & Libraries



Applications & Middlewares

## Remote Management



## Graphical Interfaces



## Robotics





# Zephyr Project: Platinum Members



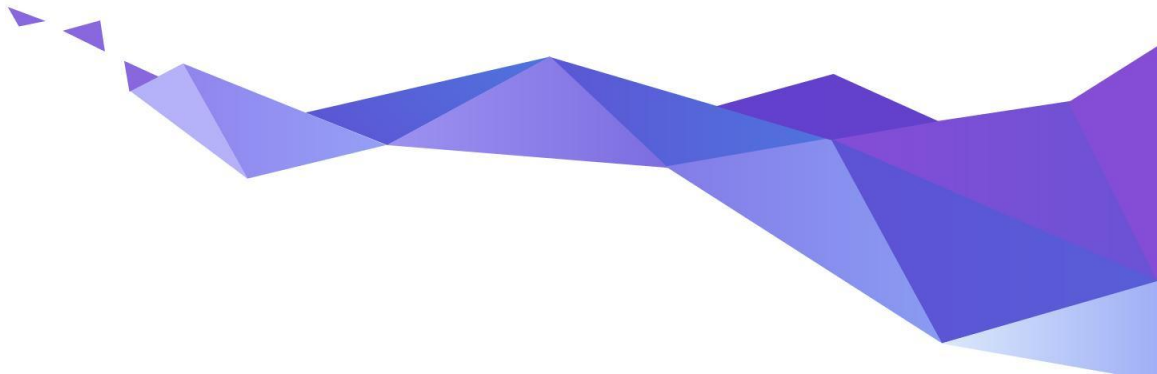


# Zephyr Project: Silver Members





# What's next?





# Focus areas:

- Impact of growth on Maintainers
- Project driven benchmarking
- Test infrastructure rework
- CRA readiness
- Domain expertise for requirement formulation



# Improving Contributor Diversity



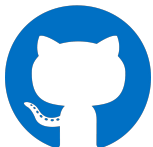
Short Survey (inspired by Rust survey) at:  
<https://linuxfoundation.research.net/r/zephyr-diversity>



# Zephyr Participation Information



[zephyrproject.org](https://zephyrproject.org)



[github.com/zephyrproject-rtos](https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos)

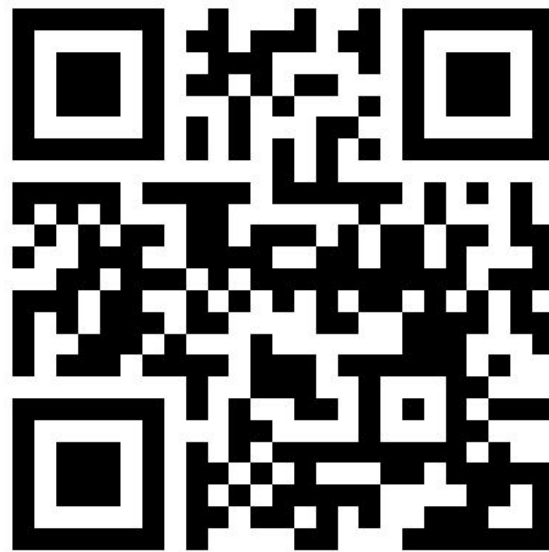


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