

How to Introduce Virtualization in AGL? Objectives, Plans and Targets for AGL EG-VIRT

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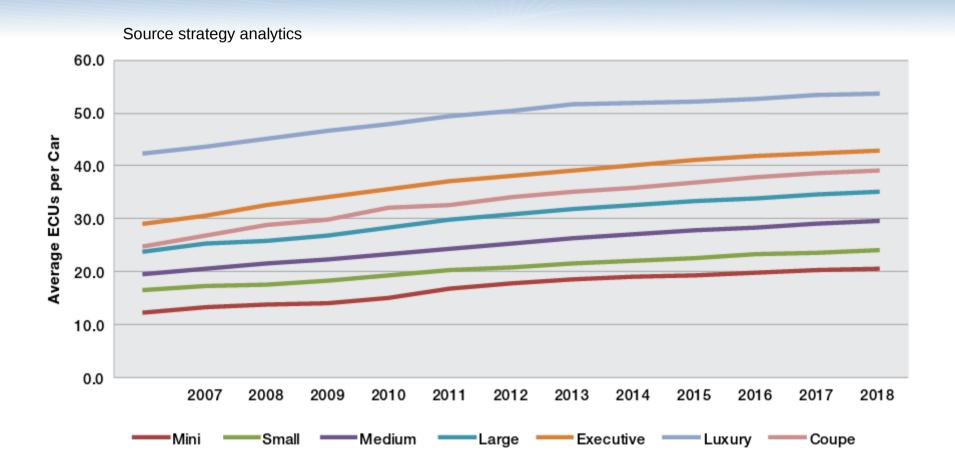


Automotive electronics industry is today facing several challenges which include:

- ➤ Software time to market/updates (Infotainment, SoTA, ADAS, control units, etc.)
- Cyber security (remote threats, CAN attacks, etc.)
- Connectivity (5G, connected vehicles, etc.)

How to correctly address them?





Automotive consolidation means reduced complexity

Virtualization: the connected car enabler

Virtualization helps addressing all of them with a unified ECU architecture:

- Software time to market/updates
 - Flexibility, co-execution of IVI and RT tasks, ease of deployment/maintenance, migration, portability
- Cyber security
 - > Isolation
- Connectivity
 - Software Defined Networking, limited overhead

Open source virtualization does more than that, by adding:

- Software time to market/updates
 - Open standards and existing code speed up applications development
- Cyber security
 - More eyes on the code means reduced vulnerabilities life
- Connectivity
 - Networking virtualization community very active can bring important benefits (tools, knowledge, etc.)



Virtualization Expert Group (EG-VIRT)

The purpose of the AGL Virtualization Expert Group is to add virtualization support to AGL targeting at an open infrastructure able to support different potential solutions:

- No specific hypervisor is targeted
- ➤ Multiple solutions can be supported together (Container + hypervisor, partitioning system + hypervisor)
- ➤ Intel and ARMv8 support

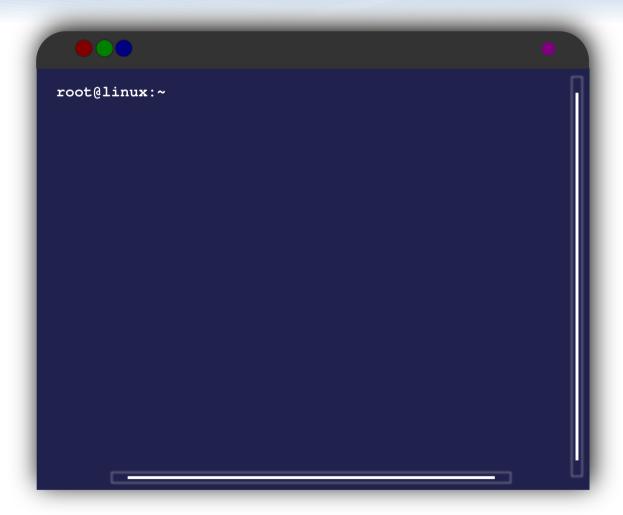


In its first 6 months, the EG-VIRT group activities focused on:

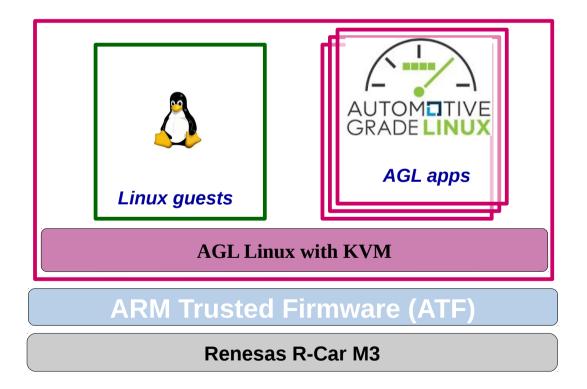
- Kicked off on January 2017
- Bi-weekly telephonic meetings held on a regular basis
- ➤ 1 JIRA spec (Virtualization, SPEC-148) with 1 task (KVM porting to AGL, SPEC-496)
- ➤ 1 Gerrit change under review (Change 9317) with 3 patchsets
 - > [RFC] Enable KVM hypervisor execution in AGL

How far did we go?











A first step has been achieved with a PoC of KVM running in the AGL distribution. However, there is still work to do:

- Do we need additional packages?
 - e.g., qemu, libvirt, vagrant, etc.
- How is this going to be integrated to AGL?
 - Virtualization profile, KVM profile, etc.



EG-VIRT: virtualization open points

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- > RT requirements
 - We need fast predictable responses from security critical OSes
- Certification
 - Open source solution needs to ease this process, which need to be performed for each specific target HW
- > GPU virtualization, connectivity (Quality of experience)
 - Users are more and more demanding 3D/connected applications

How to address them?

Virtualization is of utmost importance to enable smart connected vehicles. Adding it in AGL means:

- ➤ Set the ground for open source connected autonomous vehicles
- ➤ Provide a reference infrastructure for future automotive systems and fast-prototyping, fast-innovating, connected applications
- Present an alternative solution to closed source hypervisors

Virtual Open Systems is currently showing the way, however more participants are needed!

The EG-VIRT activity will continue, aiming at:

- ➤ Upstream the current patches in the mainstream AGL distribution for the Renesas R-Car platform
- ➤ Investigate real time capabilities and certification solutions for Linux/KVM
- > [Community support needed!] Develop a community AGL PoC including virtualization
- > [Community support needed!] Integrate virtualization in the reference AGL architecture



- > AGL wiki:
 - https://wiki.automotivelinux.org/eg-virt
 - https://wiki.automotivelinux.org/eg-virt-meetings
- > JIRA:
 - https://jira.automotivelinux.org/browse/SPEC-148
- > IRC (Freenode)
 - >#automotive
- Mailing list
 - ➤ automotive-discussions@lists.linuxfoundation.org



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