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Evidence Company description ...and future challenges

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The company

Founded in 2002 as spin-off company of the Real-Time Systems Lab at Scuola Superiore S.Anna ~20 qualified people with an average age of 34 years 10+ years of experience in academic and industrial projects One third of the company has a PhD degree

Our Mission:

design and development software for small electronic devices





The company



Partner in several European and Italian research projects (FP6, FP7, Ind.2015, Reg. Tuscany, H2020)

Founded SSG SrI in November 2011 http://www.ssginnovation.com/ - (link to SSG slides)

Evidence won the first prize at Start Cup Pisa 2005



SMART SYSTEMS GROUP

March 12, 2007 - selected by "Corriere della Sera" as one of the most innovative Italian young entrepreneurs

Sondaggio Un panel di dieci esperti elegge per il Corriere Economia il Gotha degli under 50. Che saranno famosi

Imprenditori emergenti:



ecco i 30 più innovativi Hanno una forte propensione internazionale. Sanno usare gli strumenti finanziari, dal private eguity alla Borsa. Nuovi prodotti, nuovi processi, old economy reinventata



(some) customers OSEK, microcontrollers, ARISTON fcobra schedulability analysis, THERMO GROUP code generation Honeywell Ferrari aprilia EN **Indesit** Company **PIAGGIO**[®] GROUF Linux, ERICSSON 🔰 SW devel. intecs Sharing Passions GEGNERIA DEI SISTEMI altran dex gate KORG NAVIONICS[®] Caenrfid SISTEMI **(R) Taggalo**[®] **SIEMENS** DINAMICI Listed as 3rd party Recognized **#LATTICE** Microchip Third-Party ool Provide **S** XILINX. freescale[™] ARM 🕑 RENESAS Recognized Partner ALLIANCE PROGRAM MEMBER Alliance Member all rights reserved EVIDENCE 5

products and services

RTOS, Firmware, Embedded Linux

 OSEK/VDX, AUTOSAR, device drivers



- Embedded Linux: 8 Yrs experience custom BSPs, GCC, U-Boot, Kernel drivers
- Initial developers of the SCHED_DEADLINE patch
- QEMU and emulators

Application Development



Model-based design

Matlab/Simulink/Stateflow

📣 MathWorks®

 National Instruments LabView



- E4Coder toolset for code
 generation E4 CODER
- UML/SYSML/Ecore/ Eclipse/Acceleo



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Something about ERIKA Enterprise



http://erika.tuxfamily.org

- ERIKA Enterprise is an RTOS OSEK/VDX certified
- ERIKA Enterprise implements an API inspired to a subset of the AUTOSAR API
- open-source license allowing static linking of closed src code

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- Typical footprint around 2-4KB Flash
- Used by various industries and research projects



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Challenge 1: safety and security

What is the best way to provide safety (ISO26262) and security certification for ERIKA Enterprise?

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Challenge 2: AUTOSAR

Are we able to fill the gap on Automotive SW providing a fully open-source (italian?) AUTOSAR system?



Challenge 3: Multicore and Hypervisors

Efficient integration of small RTOS with Linux or legacy OS (VxWorks) on multicore systems

- Hypervisors? Which one?
- How to provide predictability?
- How to efficiently integarte the system for future applications?

Evidence is trying to address this challenge with the HERCULES (H2020), and RETINA (Eurostars) projects



Challenge 4: Emulators

- Use Trace32 Instruction Set Simulator to have a debugger-rich environment to test production code on specific microcontrolelrs
 - We could emulate the environment and the peripherals
 - To be used to perform regression tests and fault injection
 - To distribute a replicable environment for tests...and papers!
 - Simulated makers boards for students with top class debugger!



E4Coder - facts



- simulate continuous time and discrete time designs
- simulate finite state machines
- GUI panel generation
- generate code without changing the design
- with and without RTOS
 - with support for microcontrollers without RTOS
 - with support for OSEK/VDX RTOS
- support for multi-rate designs

http://www.e4coder.com

Building Blocks









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ScicosLab / Scilab

- Simulation engine
- E4Coder Code Generator
 - Code generation for embedded targets
- SMCube
 - Simulation / code generation of Finite State Machines
- E4Coder GUI

- Simulation / code generation of GUI Panels
- E4Box

Challenge 5: modeling framework

What about using... 🔁 python ?

- It has most of the math libraries needed
- It can be embedded in a C++/Qt frontend

The missing part is...

- A good solver
- A good editor
- MODELICA / FMI integration

Interest of Evidence: building an integrated tool with simulation and code generation features, state machines, GUI editing...

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