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Open Source IA Firmware Directions

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BIOS

Past, Present, and Future

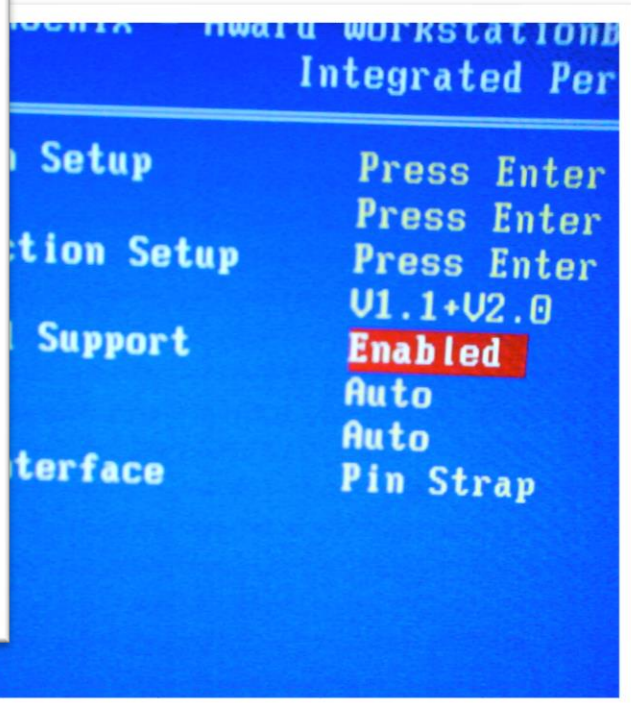
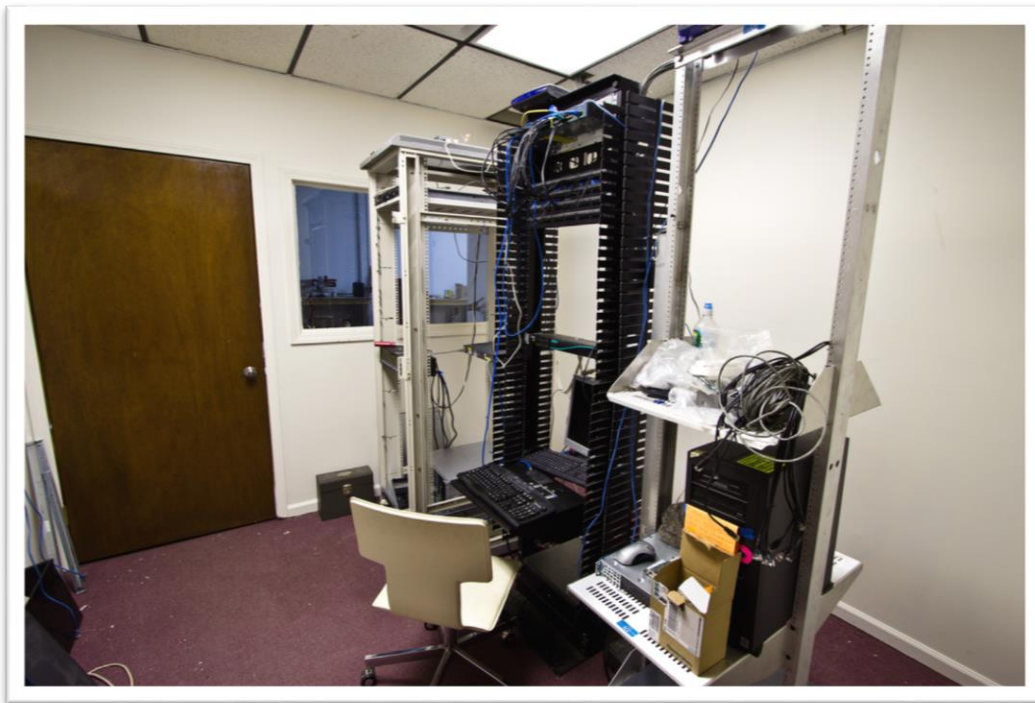
BIOS: The Past

Monolithic BIOS

- General Purpose
- Central Control
- Low Innovation
- Closed Source



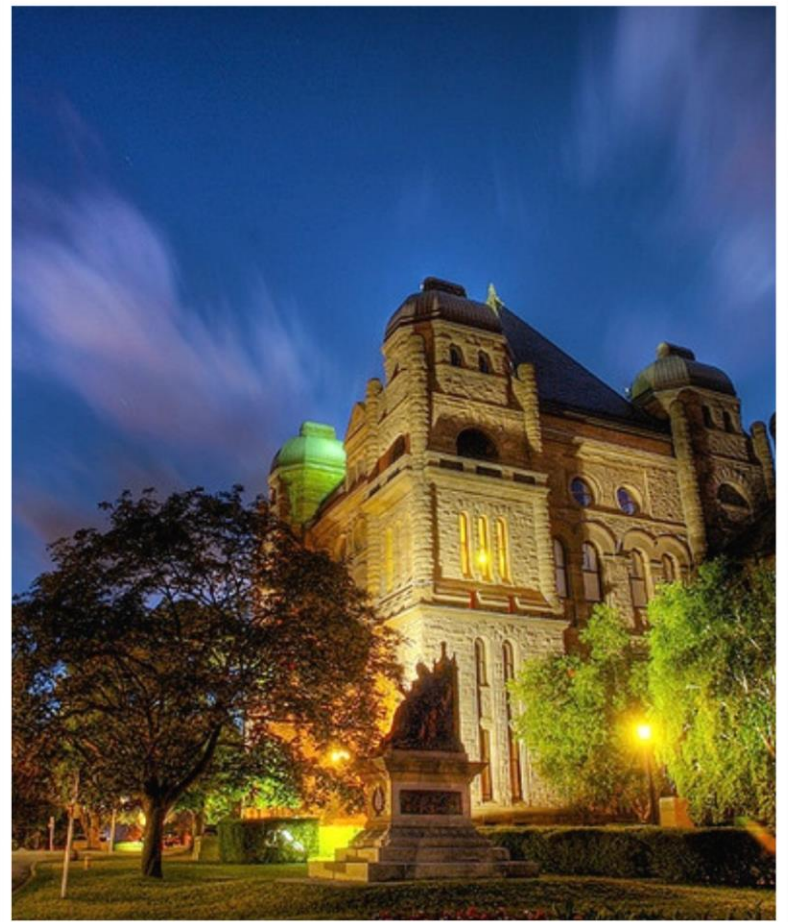
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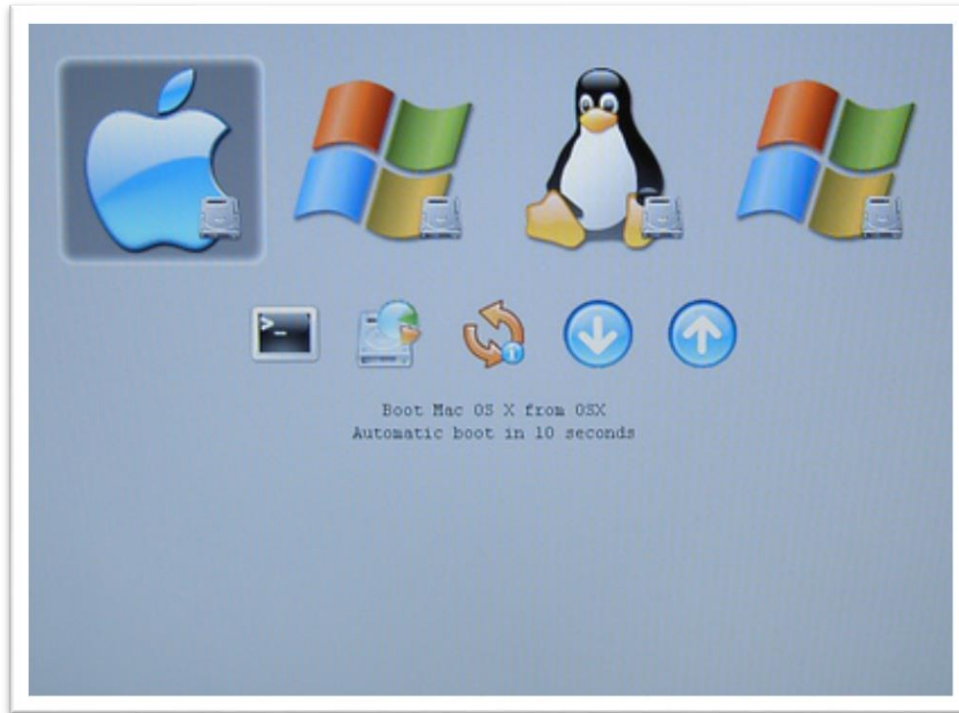
BIOS: The Present

UEFI Modular BIOS

- Standards based (UEFI, ACPI)
- Vendor Contribution
- Lower Innovation
- Closed Source platform code, open source core



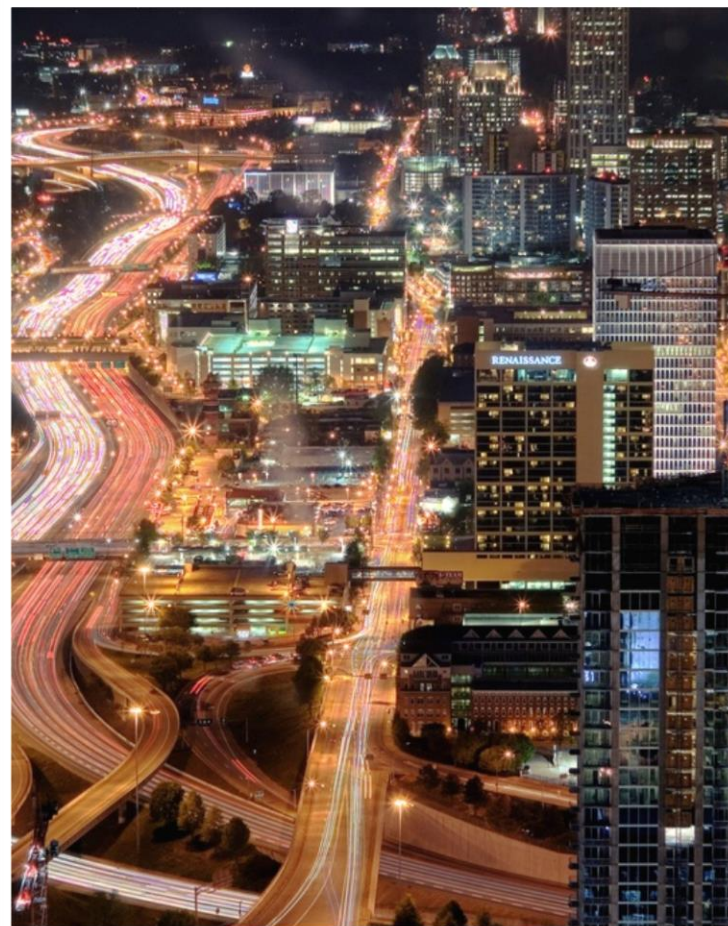
BIOS: The Present



BIOS: The Future

Open Source BIOS

- Global Contribution
- Ability to Specialize independently
- Debuggable
- Rapid Innovation



BIOS: The Future



Industry response to 'open source' the BIOS



Full Platform Code

The Jungle

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- Non-public hardware specifications



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- Closed source
- “Sample” code



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- Proprietary Config



Platform Code

The Jungle Bridge

- Open Standards
- Open Source core and platform code
- Minimize IP components in binary like Intel FSP



Work in progress - Get small, Get open



*Bridge
over the
Jungle*



EDK II - where we're at today

UEFI Specification – 2000 pp

Underlying PI specification – 2000 pp

Intel Framework Specifications

ACPI, USB,....

Tianocore.org – SVN

- Large feature package
- Buildtools
- Compatibility/Duet

2,000,000 loc in the open

Typical platform drawing

200,000 LOC from open,

100,000 from closed source



What we're doing



Open
Hardware



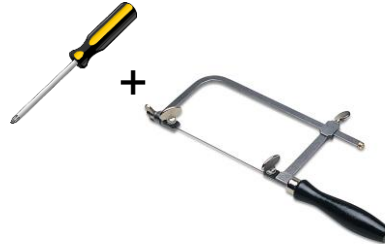
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Desktop



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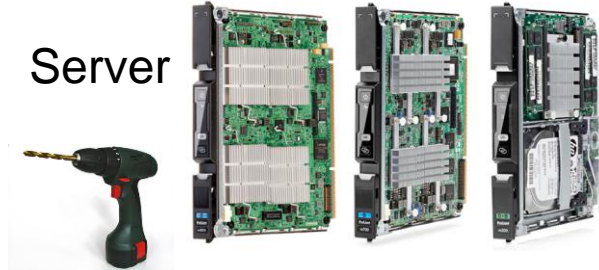
SVN->Git
Right-size trees
More open trees
BWG->Pub EDS



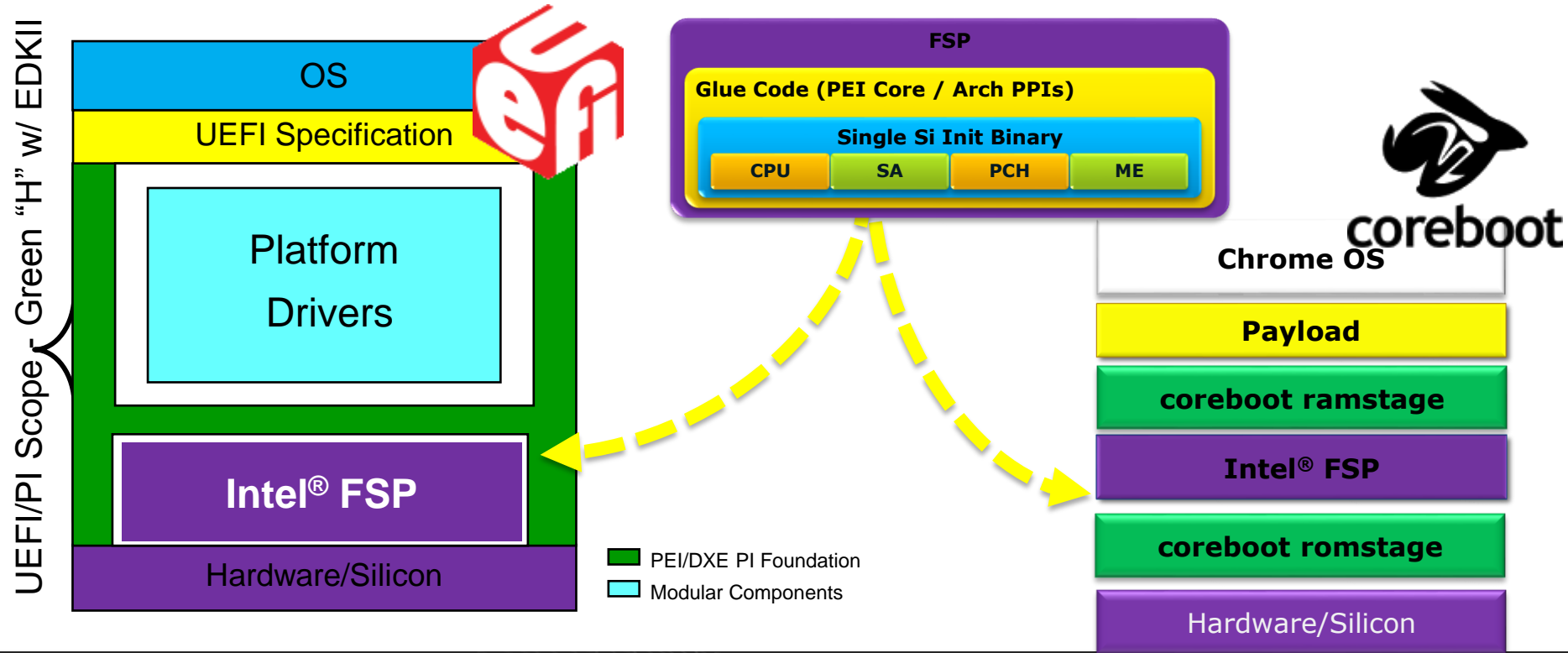
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Server

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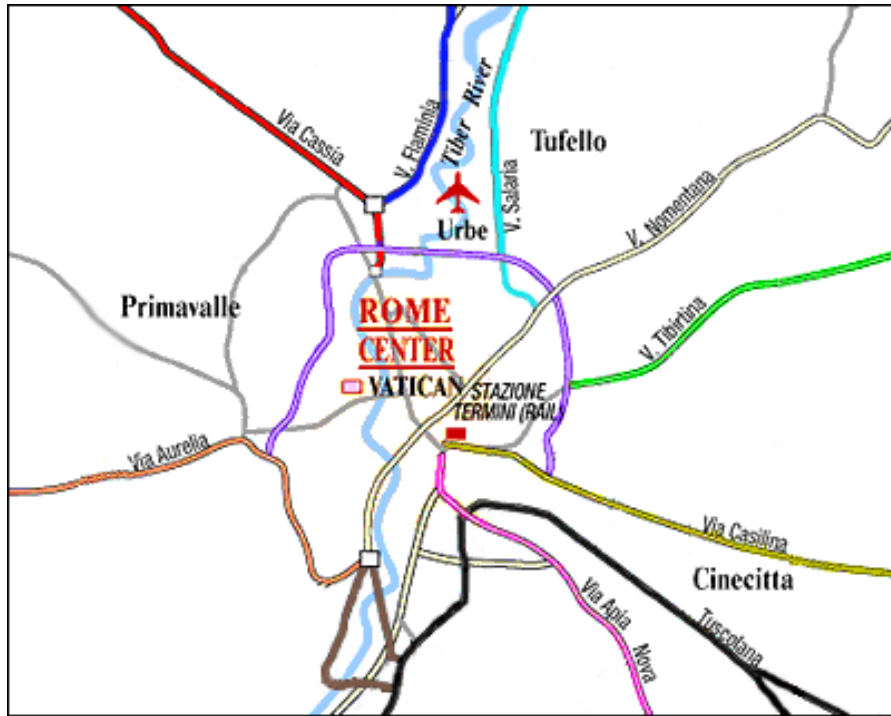
Bridge UEFI-based and coreboot based ecosystems



Many Paths for Enabling SI products

Closed source
Trees using open
Source EDK II core

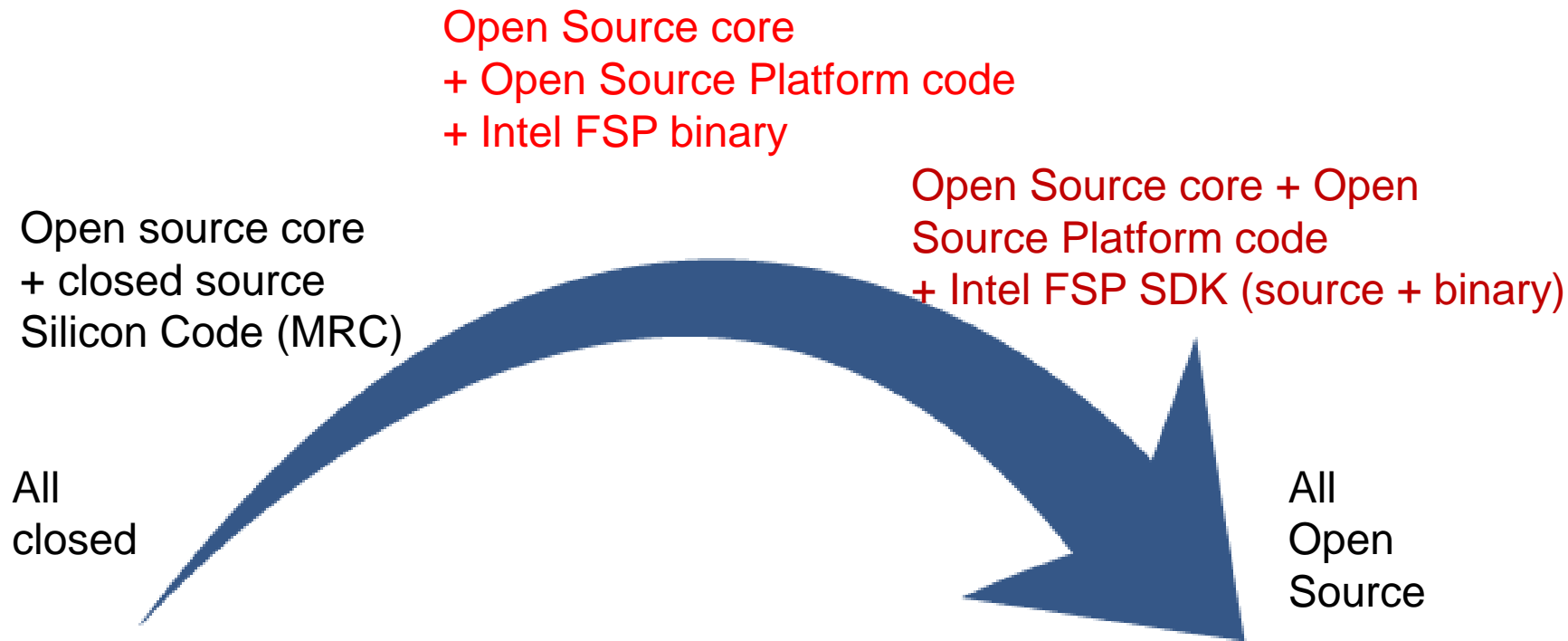
FSP + open
Source
platform code
Minnow*



Pure open source
Quark EDK II

coreboot + FSP
+ UEFI Payload

Architectural roadmap



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More web based info:

www.tianocore.org

www.intel.com/fsp

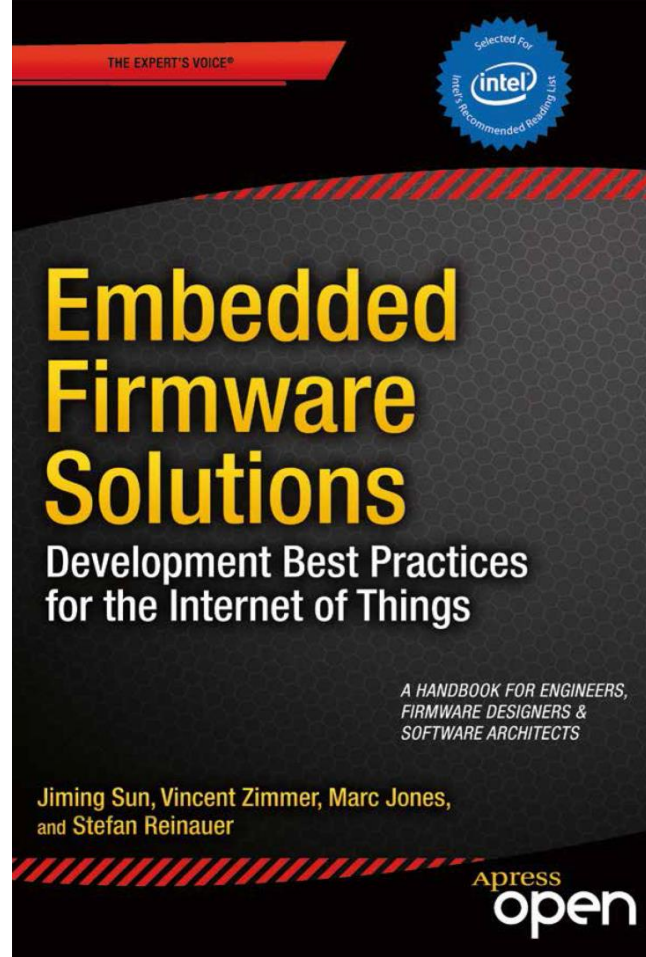
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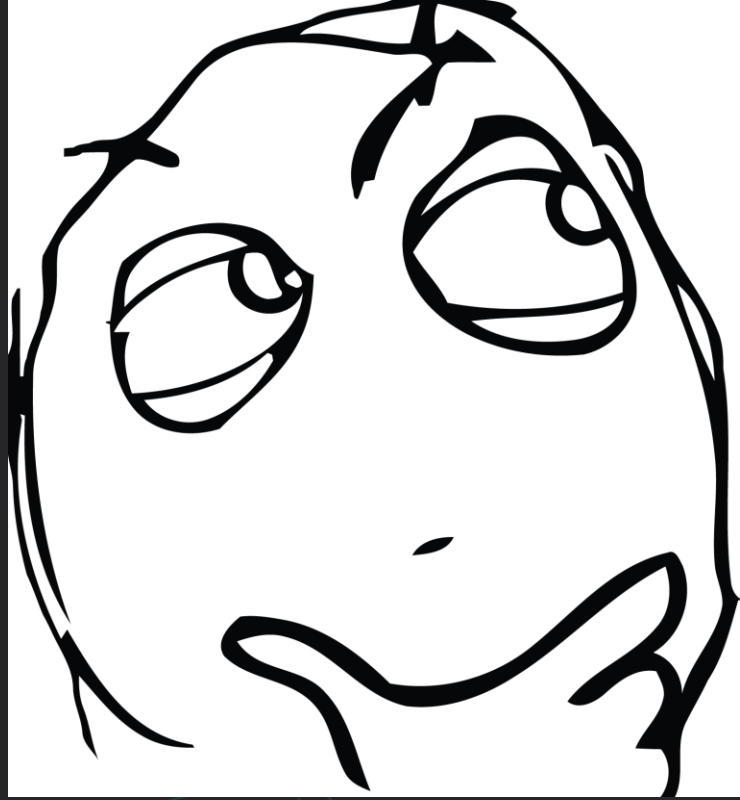
More on topics discussed in this presentation:

Embedded Firmware Solutions

<http://www.apress.com/9781484200711>



Q&A



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