Introduction to the Zephyr Project:
Unlocking Innovation with an Open Source RTOS

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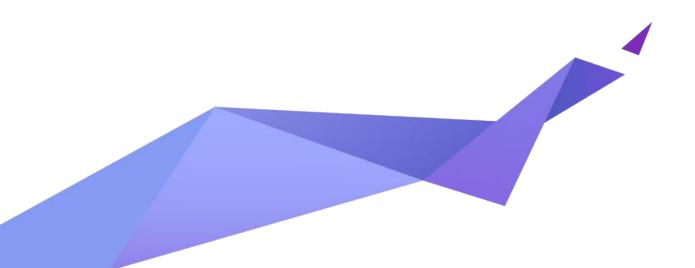


Welcome!

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Welcome to the Zephyr Project





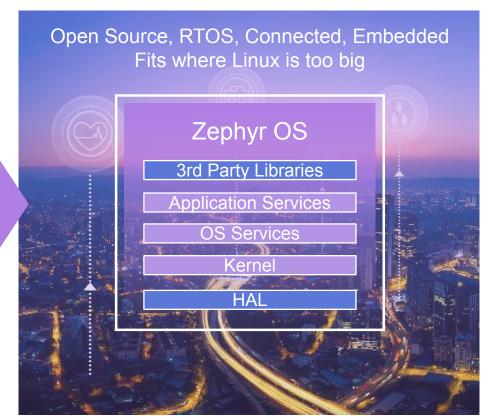
Vision Statement

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



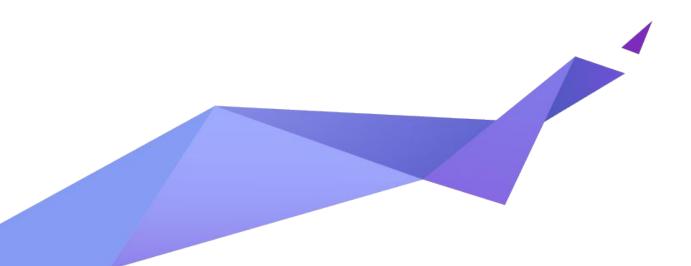
Zephyr Project

- Open source real time operating system
- Permissively licensed Apache 2.0
- Vendor Neutral governance
- Vibrant Community participation
- Cross-architecture with broad SoC and development board support.
- Complete, fully integrated, highly configurable, modular for flexibility
- · Built with safety and security in mind
- Product development ready using LTS includes security updates
- Certification ready with Auditable





The Zephyr Project Community



Zephyr Project Governance





Goal: Separate business decisions from meritocracy, technical decisions

Governing Board

- Decides project goals and strategic objectives
- Makes business, marketing and legal decisions
- Prioritizes investments and oversees budget
- Oversees marketing such as PR/AR, branding, others
- · Identifies member requirements

Technical Steering Committee

- Serves as the highest technical decision body consisting of project maintainers and voting members
- Sets technical direction for the project
- Coordinates X-community collaboration
 - Sets up new projects
 - · Coordinates releases
 - Enforces development processes
 - · Moderates working groups
- Oversees relationships with other relevant projects

Community

- Code base open to all contributors, need not be a member to contribute.
- Path to committer and maintainer status through peer assessed merit of contributions and code reviews
- Ecosystem enablement

Zephyr Project Members









































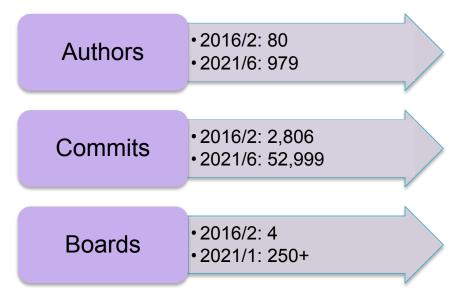


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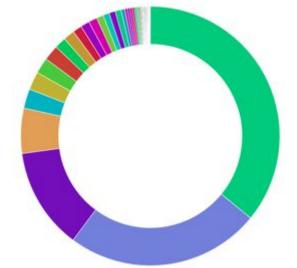
Growing a Diverse Vendor-Neutral Community!



Lifetime project participation



Company Participation over the last 12 months





Vibrant, Active & Global Community



> 5600 Followers on Twitter



> 2600 Active on LinkedIn



The Zephyr Project

The Zephyr Project is an open source RTOS built for resource constrained devices. Information Technology & Services · San Francisco, CA (2,621 followers)

> 2800 Active on Slack



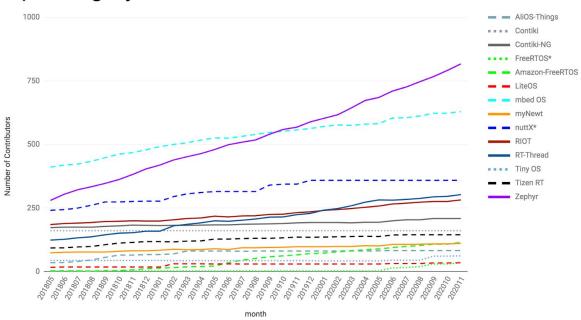
> 335 Members on WeChat Group





Growing Community Momentum

Operating System Contributors







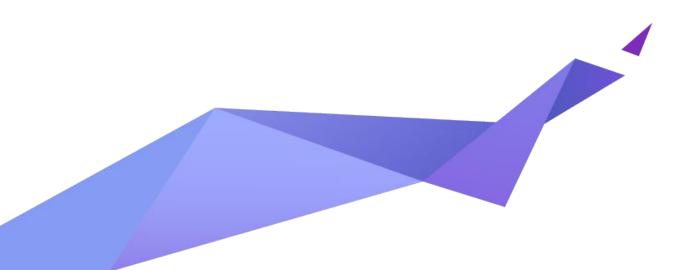




2 weeks of traffic to github.com/zephyr code repository as of **2021/6/3**



Participating in the Zephyr Project





Zephyr General Information

Membership:

https://www.zephyrproject.org/become-a-member/

Github:

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

Mail Lists:

https://lists.zephyrproject.org/g/main

Slack:

http://slack.zephyrproject.org/



Zephyr Project Community Guidelines

Orientation:

- https://www.zephyrproject.org/community/
- https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/index.html

Contribution Guidelines:

https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/contribute/index.html

Code of Conduct:

https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr/blob/master/CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md

Contribution Workflow:

https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/contribute/index.html#contribution-workflow



Zephyr Project Documentation and Guides

Documentation:

https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/index.html

Wiki:

https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr/wiki

Getting Started Guide

https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/getting_started/index.html

Application Development:

https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/application/index.html





Be part of the discussion

- Learn more about the features and functionality on the roadmap
- Help shape the direction of the code base
- Professional engagement and learning
- Fastest path to getting your PR accepted

Technical Call Schedule



Meeting Schedule	
Technical Steering Committee	Weekly, Wednesdays
Process Improvement Forum	Weekly, Wednesdays
Testing Working Group	Weekly, Mondays
Bug Triage/Release Readiness	Weekly, Tuesdays
API Committee	Weekly, Tuesdays
Zephyr Dev Meeting	Weekly, Thursdays
Marketing Committee	Bi-weekly, Mondays
Toolchain Committee	Bi-Weekly, Mondays
Networking Forum	Monthly, 1st Monday



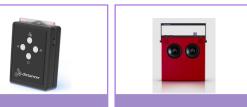
Sample of Products Running Zephyr Today













Proglove

Rigado IoT Gateway

Adero Tracking Devices

Distancer

OB-4



Ellcie-Healthy Smart Connected Eyewear



Intellinium Safety Shoes



GNARBOX 2.0 SSD



HereO Core Box



Safety Pod



Oticon More



hereO Smartwatch



Point Home Alarm



RUUVI Node



Anicare Reindeer Tracker



Sentrius



See.Sense AIR

Board Support – 250+ and growing





Development Boards Shipping with Zephyr Today











Icarus (Adafruit Feather) - Actinius



Antmicro Badge



Phytec Link Board BASE



Electronuts Papyr



SonicBoard BLE



Zephyr Supported Hardware Architectures









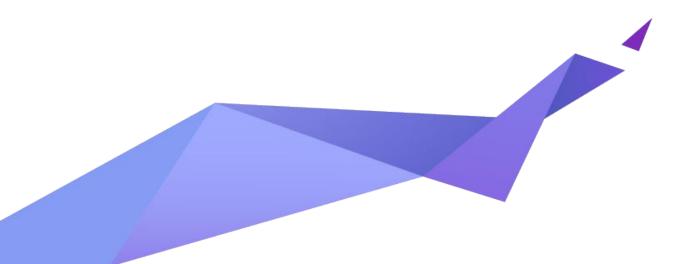






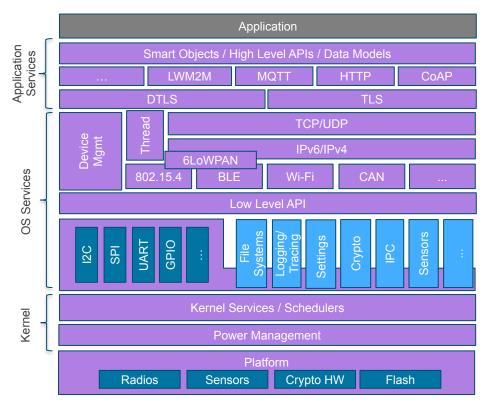


Zephyr OS Basics



Architecture





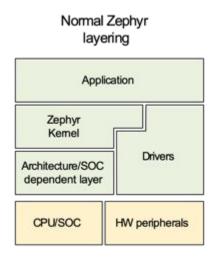
- Highly Configurable, Highly Modular
- Cooperative and Preemptive Threading
- Memory and Resources are typically statically allocated
- Integrated device driver interface
- Memory Protection: Stack overflow protection, Kernel object and device driver permission tracking, Thread isolation
- Bluetooth® Low Energy (BLE 5.1) with both controller and host, BLE Mesh
- 802.15.4 OpenThread
- Native, fully featured and optimized networking stack

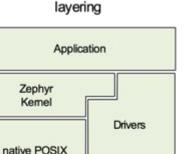
Fully featured OS allows developers to focus on the application



Native Execution on a POSIX-compliant OS

- Build Zephyr as native Linux application
- Enable large scale simulation of network or Bluetooth tests without involving HW
- Improve test coverage of application layers
- Use any native tools available for debugging and profiling
- Develop GUI applications entirely on the desktop
- Optionally connect to real devices with TCP/IP, Bluetooth, and CAN
- Reduce requirements for HW test platforms during development





Host OS Kemel (i.e. Linux)

HW models /

host HW API

adaptation

Native build Zephyr

arch

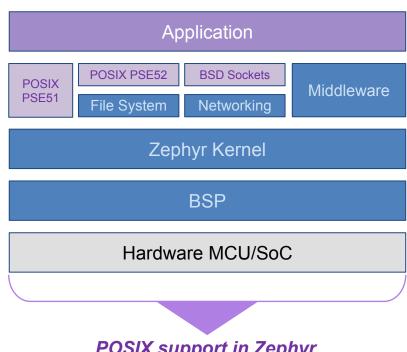


POSIX API on Zephyr

Provides familiar API to non-embedded programmers, especially to Linux developers

Enable re-use (portability) of existing libraries based on POSIX APIs

- Provides efficient subset appropriate for small (MCU) embedded systems
- POSIX API subset is increasingly popular operating system abstraction layer (OSAL) for IoT
- Supports subsets of PSE51, PSE52, and BSD sockets API



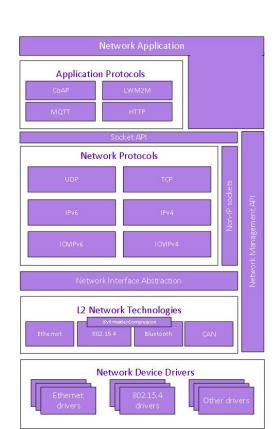
POSIX support in Zephyr



Native IP Stack



- Build from scratch for Zephyr
 - Using Zephyr native kernel concepts
- Dual mode IPv4/v6 stack
 - DHCP v4; IPv4 autoconf; IPv6 SLAAC; DNS; SNTP
- Multiple network interfaces support
- Time Sensitive Networking support
 - 802.1QAV API
 - 802.1AS (gPTP, generalized Precision Time Protocol)
- BSD Sockets-based API
 - TLS/DTLS supported via setsockopt call
 - RAW socket support for IP and non-IP traffic
- Supports IP offloading
 - Transparent for application using Socket API
- Compliance and security tested
 - >500 automated tests for TCP level using commercial products like IWL Maxwell Pro







High-Level Protocols

- CoAP v1
- MQTT Client v3.1.1
- HTTP
 - As of Zephyr 2.0 server is implemented using CivetWEB library
 - Native HTTP client
 - Websocket client
- SOCKS5
- LWM2M
- Thread
 - Supported by OpenThread project

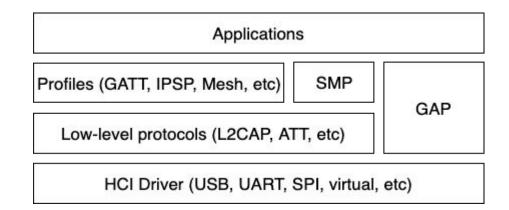
Supported technologies

- Ethernet
- Ethernet over USB
- WiFi with IP offload
- IEEE 802.15.4 with 6Lo
- Bluetooth LE with 6Lo
- CANbus with 6Lo
- PPP



Bluetooth Host and Mesh

- Bluetooth 5.1 compliant
- Low Energy & experimental Bluetooth Classic
- Multiple HCI transports
- Qualified (as of 1.14.1) for LE and Mesh
- Can be built separately or combined with the controller
- Active community developing upcoming standards
- Mesh & GATT reference stack in Bluetooth SIG training materials





Bluetooth Low Energy Controller

Second-generation open source BLE software Controller:

- Bluetooth 5.1 compliant and qualified (v1.14.1)
- Split design with Upper and Lower Link Layers
- Support for multiple BLE radio hardware architectures
 - Nordic nRF5 on Arm Cortex-M
 - VEGAboard on RISC-V
 - Proprietary radios (downstream only)
- Support for both Big and Little-Endian architectures
- Asynchronous handling of procedures in the ULL
- Enhanced radio utilization (99% on continuous 100ms scan)
- Latency resilience: Approx 100uS vs 10uS, 10x improvement over 1st gen
- CPU and power usage: About 20% improvement over 1st gen
- Multiple advertiser and scanner instances

Zephyr USB Device Stack



- Supports multiple MCU families (STM32, Kinetis, nRF, SAM, ...)
- USB 2.0 support
- Full and High speed support
- Supported classes:
 - CDC ACM, ECM, EEM
 - RNDIS
 - HID
 - Mass Storage
 - Bluetooth
 - Device Firmware Update
- Tight integration with the RTOS
- Flexible descriptor instancing
- Native execution support for emulated development on Linux
- WebUSB support



Getting Started with west

Zephyr's "meta-tool" or "swiss army knife," used for many common development workflows.

An extensible command line tool for managing a Zephyr workspace:

https://docs.zephyrproject.org/2.3.0/guides/west/index.html

Recommended but not required:

https://docs.zephyrproject.org/2.3.0/guides/west/without-west.html

Developed in its own git repository:

https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/west



West Documentation and Guides

West page in the Zephyr guides and Troubleshooting west

Or

\$ west help

List all commands and one line help for each (including extensions).

\$ west <command> help

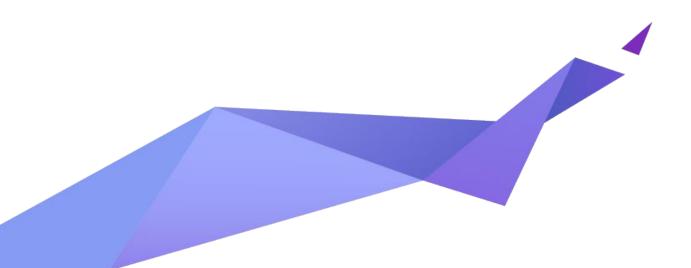
Help for a specific <command>, like west help init

\$ west -v <command>

Enable verbose output for <command>, like west -v init

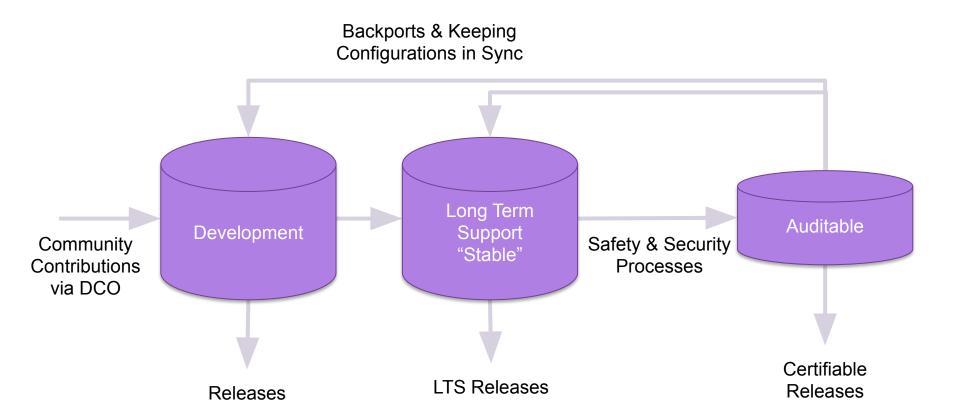


Zephyr OS Releases



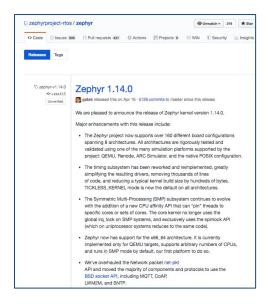


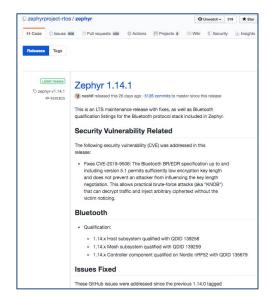


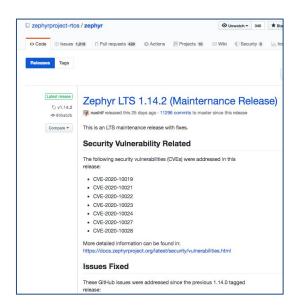




Zephyr OS: Long Term Support (LTS - 1.14)







Delivering bug fixes and latest security updates!



Zephyr OS: Long Term Support (LTS - 1.14)

It is:

- Product Focused
- Current with latest Security Updates
- Compatible with New Hardware: We will make point releases throughout the development cycle to provide functional support for new hardware.
- Tested: Shorten the development window and extend the Beta cycle to allow for more testing and bug fixing
- Supported for 2 years

It is *not*:

- A Feature-Based Release: focus on hardening functionality of existing features, versus introducing new ones.
- Cutting Edge



Zephyr OS: 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.

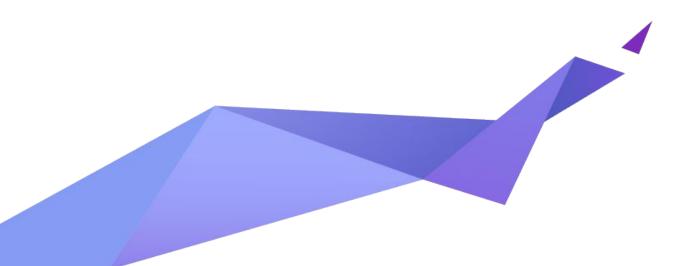
Processes to achieve selected certification to be:

- Determined by Safety Committee and Security Committee
- Coordinated with **Technical Steering** Committee





Zephyr's Security Focus





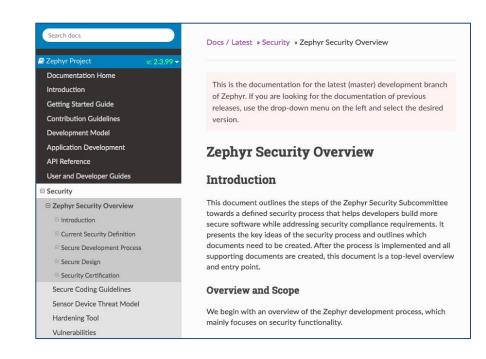
Building in Security for LTS & Auditable

- Established Security Committee in 2016 meets bi-weekly.
- Secure Coding Practices have been <u>documented</u> for project.
- Zephyr Project <u>registered as a CVE Numbering Authority</u> with MITRE.
- Security Working Group has vulnerability response criteria publicly documented
 - addressed weaknesses and vulnerabilities already
- "Gold" Best Practices for projects as defined by CII
 - https://bestpractices.coreinfrastructure.org/projects/74
- Leveraging Automation to prevent regressions:
 - Weekly Coverity Scans to detect bad practices in imported code
 - MISRA scans being incorporated, to evolve to conformance and address issues.



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





CII Gold Badge

- Core Infrastructure Initiative Best
 Practices Program
- Awards badges based on "project commitment to security"
- Mostly about project infrastructure: is project hosting, etc following security practices
- Zephyr achieved gold Feb, 2019



CVE Numbering Authority with PSIRT

- PSIRT is Subset of Security Subcommittee
- CNA: CVE Numbering Authority
- Registered with MITRE as the numbering authority for the project. We issue our own CVEs
- Must satisfy MITRE documentation and process requirements

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		vulnerabilities@zephyrproject.org	
Zephyr Project	Zephyr project components, and vulnerabilities that are not in another CNA's scope	Zephyr Disclosure Policy	Vendors and Projects
	unother civil 3 scope	Zephyr Security Advisories	
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Recent Security Report

- NCC Group reported ~26 issues
- Critical, High and Medium made into JIRA tickets
- These have now been fixed
- Embargo is past, everything updated now in the <u>vulnerability</u> report page
- Most resulted in 1 or more CVEs being reported





Zephyr and MCUboot Security Analysis

NCC Group Research Report

May 23, 2020 - Version 1.0

Ilya Zhuravlev

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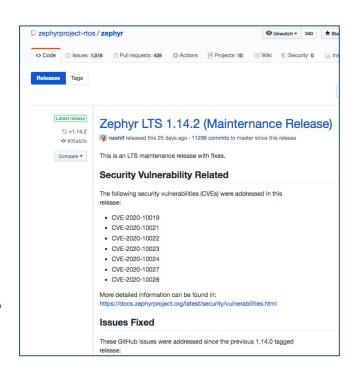






Results from the Report

- 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 process



Zephyr Crypto Drivers



- Same API for different implementations
 - Provided by hardware
 - Atmel ATAES132A
 - ST STM32_crypt
 - Nordic nRF_AEB
 - Provided by software modules
 - mbed TLS feature-rich
 - <u>TinyCrypt</u> very small footprint





Zephyr PSIRT: Ready to Respond



Advisory Issued by project on 20201208:

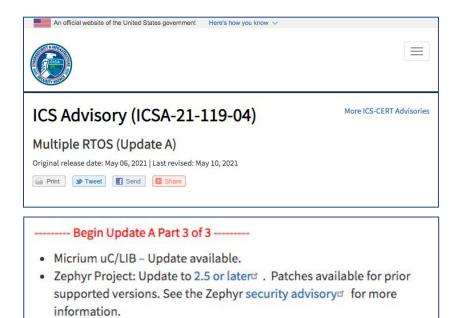
Zephyr current release (2.4) does **not use** Fnet or other stacks.

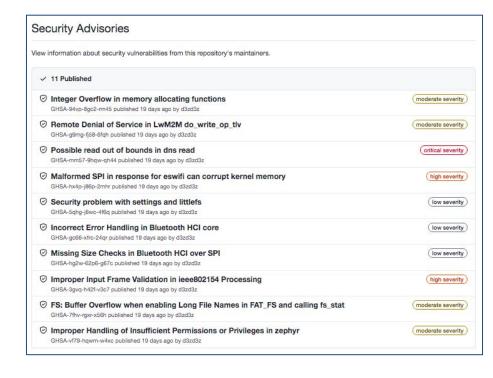
The Zephyr LTS release 1.14 contains an implementation of the TCP stack from Fnet.

- 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.



WIP: Improve vulnerability tracking automation Zephyr







----- End Update A Part 3 of 3 -----





WH.GOV



- (iii) employing automated tools, or comparable processes, to maintain trusted source code supply chains, thereby ensuring the integrity of the code;
- (iv) employing automated tools, or comparable processes, that check for known and potential vulnerabilities and remediate them, which shall operate regularly, or at a minimum prior to product, version, or update release;
- (v) providing, when requested by a purchaser, artifacts of the execution of the tools and processes described in subsection (e)(iii) and (iv) of this section, and making publicly available summary information on completion of these actions, to include a summary description of the risks assessed and mitigated;
- (vi) maintaining accurate and up-to-date data, provenance (i.e., origin) of software code or components, and controls on internal and third-party software components, tools, and services present in software development processes, and performing audits and enforcement of these controls on a recurring basis:
- (vii) providing a purchaser a Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) for each product directly or by publishing it on a public website;
- (viii) participating in a vulnerability disclosure program that includes a reporting and disclosure process;
- (ix) attesting to conformity with secure software development practices; and $% \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$
- (x) ensuring and attesting, to the extent practicable, to the integrity and provenance of open source software used within any portion of a product.

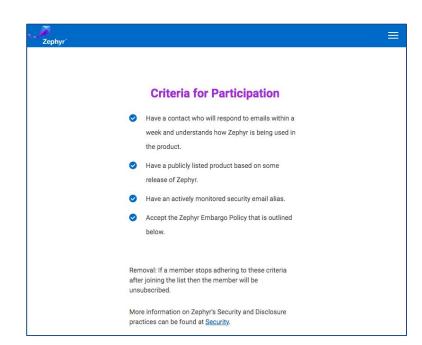
Zephyr Project provides a **SBOM** on the source code with each release, starting with version 2.5.

Starting with upcoming version 2.6, thanks to Steve Winslow, **product makers** using Zephyr are able to **automatically generate a SBOM for binaries they create** using SPDX document format (NTIA recognized SBOM format) which is accurate to the source file level (with included libraries & binaries). Details at: https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr/pull/34555



Vulnerability Alert Registry

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





Zephyr Security Summary

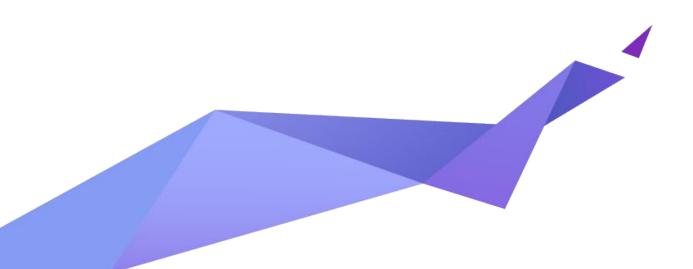
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- Secure Coding Practices have been publicly <u>documented</u> for project.
- Zephyr Project registered as a CVE Numbering Authority with MITRE since 2017.
- "Gold" Best Practices Badge criteria Core Infrastructure Initiative met in 2018
- Leveraging Automation to prevent security regressions:
 - Weekly Coverity Scans to detect bad practices in imported code
 - MISRA scans being incorporated, to evolve to conformance and address issues.
- Vulnerability Management in 2020
 - Vulnerability response criteria publicly documented
 - Product makers can register for free for notification of Zephyr

and now supporting **SBOM generation** in 2021

- Source SBOM's for releases and updates going forward from version 2.5
- Ability to automatically generate SBOM for built images included in version 2.6



Zephyr OS Safety Certification





Building in Safety for LTS → Auditable

- Established Safety Committee in 2019, meets bi-weekly. Community that understands Safety considerations, and implications.
- Initial target was decided by Governing Board to be IEC 61508 (it is a common basis for others standards that the members care about)
- Build on Coding Practices have been <u>documented</u> for the project to establish more general Coding Guidelines
- Passing Best Practices for project quality as defined by CII
 - https://bestpractices.coreinfrastructure.org/projects/74
- Leveraging Automation to prevent regressions:
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 - MISRA scans being incorporated, to evolve to conformance and address issues.
 - Looking for open source as well as commercial tooling to help here.



- Quality is a mandatory expectation for software across the industry.
- Assumptions:
 - Software Quality is enforced across Zephyr project members
 - Compliance to internal quality processes is expected.
- Software Quality is not an additional requirement caused by functional safety standards.
- Functional safety considers Quality as an existing pre-condition.



Functional Safety Process

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Quality is the

foundation

Functional Safety Standards e.g. IEC 61508

Basic Quality Management System

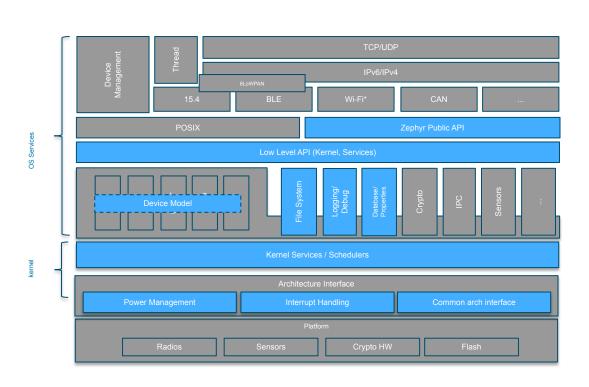
Zephyr OS: Initial Certification Focus



In scope
Out of scope

Scope will be **extended** to include **additional components** as determined by the safety committee

Some of the modules under consideration for the next iteration include: Crypto, IPC, Flash, etc.



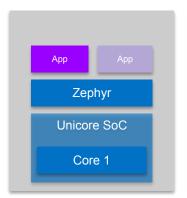
61508 Safety Collateral



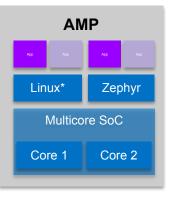
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	Safety Plan and Safety Assessment Plan	Plan/Process	FSM	Platinum	
	Verification / Validation / Integration Test Plans	Plan/Process	Testing WG	Public	
pt	Software Development Plan	Plan/Process	TSC	Public	
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	Software Requirements	Code	TSC	Public	
	Software Safety Requirements Specification	Result Artifact	Safety WG	Platinum	
	Tests (Integration, Arch / Module, Validation)	Code	TSC	Public	
	Code Review Report	Result Artifact	Safety WG	Platinum	
	Verification / Validation / Integration Test Reports	Result Artifact	Testing WG	Platinum	
	Fault Injection Test Report	Result Artifact	Testing WG	Platinum	
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	Software User Manual	Result Artifact	TSC	Platinum	
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System Configurations

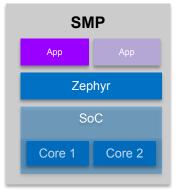




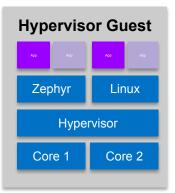
Single Core MCU



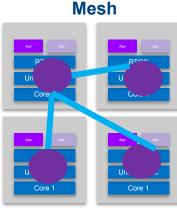
Supported with OpenAMP



Supported on some architectures



Supported with ACRN



Supported with Bluetooth & 15.4

Safety and security can apply to all these configurations





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