

# GOKUL VASAN

Embedded Linux [Kernel]  
Developer



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## PROGRAMMING

C • OOC

Yocto • Bitbake • Make

Git

C++ • Python • Quartz • Shell script

## LINUX SUBSYSTEM

Memory Management

locking • Diagnostics • LITMUS-RT

Scheduler • Signalling

## USERSPACE PLATFORMS

Cisco's Reference Platform • E-Gold

LG-Wise

## RTOS

OSEK • OSE166

Micro C OS II

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- 0-1 : Novice (Needs help)
- 1-2 : Advanced beginner (Comfortable)
- 2-3 : Competent (independent)
- 3-4 : Proficient (tutor)
- 4-5 : Expert (visionary)

## Education

2014 - 2017 **MSc., Informatik** (GPA: 2.0) [Technische Universität kaiserslautern](#), Germany  
*Specialisation:* Embedded systems

2002 - 2006 **BTech., Information Technology** (GPA: 2.0) [Anna University, India](#)

2006-2007 **Post Graduate Diploma in Embedded Systems** [Cranes Varsity, India](#)

2008 **Certification on basics of networking** [IIIT-B, India](#)

2011 **Certificate course on Linux Device Drivers** [emertex, India](#)

## Experience

**6.5** Years industrial experience + **2.5** Years Research assistant

Company	Duration	Designation
Chair of Real Time Systems @ TUKL	Sep 2014 - Jul 2017	Research assistant (HiWi)
CISCO Sytems	Aug 2011 - Feb 2014	Software engineer II
LG Electronics (LGE)	June 2008 - July 2011	Senior Software engineer
Cranes Software Systems(LGE)	Sep 2007 - June 2008	Trainee

## Awards

- "Spark award" from CISCO sytems.
- "Certificate of Excellence" from LG Electronics.
- "Award for Innovation" from LG Electronics.

## Patent and Publications

- **Patent:** Method for making buzz call (Indian patent number: 2235/CHE/2009).
- **Poster presentation:** Download accelerator at **DevCon Monaco** from Cisco Systems.

## Personal information

Nationality	Indian
Date of birth	07 January 1985
International Languages	English (Fluent), German (A2)
Organizational skills	Good coordination and management skills, Self-determined and Persevere

## Tools Created

### Quiescent aware task en-queuing [QUITE]

- Generic kernel module that enqueues less important tasks only when the real payload is below a **specified** cut-off threshold.
- specified threshold is made task specific criterion.

### Job table generator and parser for slot shifting scheduler

- Uses UUnifast and Ripoll to generate tasks.
- Generates job table and creates interval table from tasks for slot shifting scheduler.

### Software watch dog

- Hrtimer based kernel implementation.
- Generic framework to which task registers, sets and resets.
- If task doesn't reset within the registered time, core dump is collected by diagnostics framework.

### Heap analyzer for E-Gold platform

- Tool which logs the heap status whenever malloc and free.
- Logs Filename, line number, Date with time when heap fails to allocate.

### Ulog: Controlled Syslog interface

- Online switch for user space module logging.

### Lockless fifo based separate kernel trace tool

- Separate logging mechanism for debugging schedulers and memory management.

<b>Project name</b>	Dynamic watermarking the page reclamation algorithm in Linux kernel using programme phase behaviour
<b>Company/Institution</b>	Master thesis @ Technical University of Kaiserslautern (TUKL) [Micro electronics group]
<b>Software approach</b>	Agile
<b>Platform</b>	Linux
<b>Language and tools used</b>	C, Git, Yocto

### Description and contribution:

- \* Online programme phase detection algorithm to trigger page reclamation.
- \* Design and implement a new resource stealing policy for page reclamation algorithm.
- \* Design and implement double chance algorithm, an approach to avoid thrashing.

Project name	slot shifting scheduler implementation in Linux kernel ( LITMUS-RT patch)
Company/Institution	Research assistant @ TUKL [chair of real time systems]
Software approach	Agile
Platform	Linux
Language and tools used	C, Git, busybox

#### Description and contribution:

- \* Design and implement slot shifting scheduler for [LITMUS-RT](#) based Linux kernel.
- \* Make the slot shifting scheduler into generic framework independent of OS, with portability wrappers.
- 🔗 **source Link:** [gokulvasan/Slot-shifting-in-LITMUS-RT-Kernel-2.6](#).

Project name	Capacity shifting: Optimization of slot shifting by desynchronizing slots
Company/Institution	Research assistant @ TUKL [chair of real time systems]
Software approach	Agile
Platform	SimSo
Language and tools used	Python, Git

#### Description and contribution:

- \* Design and implement desynchronized slot shifting scheduler called **capacity shifting**.
- \* On average scheduling overhead is reduced by 40% and in best cases overhead is reduced by 60%.
- 🔗 **source Link:** [gokulvasan/capacity shifting](#).
- 🔗 **Paper:** [slideshare/capacity shifting](#)

Project name	Improve slot shifting's aperiodic task guarantee algorithm performance from $O(N^2)$ to $O(N)$
Company/Institution	Research assistant @ TUKL [chair of real time systems]
Software approach	Agile
Platform	SimSo and Linux kernel
Language and tools used	Python, Git

#### Description and contribution:

- \* Make use of off-line spare capacity computation to improve the existing online performance of aperiodic guarantee algorithm.
- \* Asymptotically reduced computation from  $O(N^2)$  to  $O(N)$ , where N is length of relation window.
- \* Improved performance and eased implementation.
- 🔗 **source Link:** [gokulvasan/capacity shifting/guarantee algorithm](#).

<b>Project name</b>	<b>File Browser for Infineon's E-Gold</b>
<b>Company/Institution</b>	LG Electronics
<b>Software approach</b>	Waterfall model
<b>Platform</b>	IFX E-Gold (OSE166)
<b>Language and tools used</b>	C and Rational Clearcase

#### Description and contribution:

- \* Implemented a common MIDI, MP3, JPEG support interface for File Browser.
- \* Implementation of Radix sort for display.
- \* Filter support mechanism, On-Click execution.

<b>Project name</b>	<b>Mp3 driver, middleware and player implementation in Infineon's E-Gold platform</b>
<b>Company/Institution</b>	LG Electronics
<b>Software approach</b>	Waterfall and Agile [ Hybrid approach]
<b>Platform</b>	IFX E-GOLD, OSE166
<b>Language and tools used</b>	C, Rational Clearcase

#### Description and contribution:

- \* Owner of the whole MP3 module.
- \* Solely designed and scripted the mp3 player from scratch as a whole.
- \* Implementation includes: Driver, File system traversal, ID3 V1 and V2 parsing, Display sorting .

## Teams

<b>Team name</b>	<b>Diagnostics and Linux kernel team</b>
<b>Company/Institution</b>	Cisco Systems
<b>Software approach</b>	Kanban
<b>Platform</b>	Reference platform, Linux kernel
<b>Language and tools used</b>	C, C++, Git, OpenEmbedded, Code collaborator, CDETS

#### Roles and Responsibilities:

- \* Back porting linux kernel patches.
- \* Fix issues related to platform Diagnostics module.
- \* Hardening the software stability by introducing new debugging features.
- \* Integrating busybox into platform.
- \* Energy star compliance certification.

<b>Team name</b>	<b>BSP Team</b>
<b>Company/Institution</b>	LG Electronics
<b>Software approach</b>	Waterfall
<b>Platform</b>	Android(V1.5) and Linux kernel
<b>Language and tools used</b>	C, Git.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- \* Porting linux kernel to new hardware platforms.
- \* Fix issues related to call related RPC.
- \* **Chipset:** OMAP4430, MSM7x27 .

<b>Team name</b>	<b>Call Team</b>
<b>Company/Institution</b>	LG Electronics
<b>Software approach</b>	Waterfall
<b>Platform</b>	E-Gold, LG-Wise, <b>RTOS:</b> OSE166, Nucleus
<b>Phone Models</b>	LG7, Ruby, Angela (GS155), GB130, Spring Roll (GU200), GB125, Papaya (T300), Plum (T310).
<b>Language and tools used</b>	C, C++, Rational Clearcase

#### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- \* Fix call 3gpp standard related protocol issues.
- \* Member and coordinator of Code review committee.
- \* Member of Wise optimization platform.

<b>Team name</b>	<b>Lab coordinator @ Real time systems Lab</b>
<b>Company/Institution</b>	chair of Real time systems @ TUKL
<b>Software approach</b>	None
<b>Platform</b>	Linux, OSE
<b>Projects</b>	synchronization techniques, Device Drivers, SCHED_DEADLINE, Cgroups, RTOS applications & resource aware RTS.
<b>Language and tools used</b>	C, C++, Rational Clearcase

#### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- \* Coordinate and tutor students.
- \* Propose and design new projects.
- \* Prepare questionnaire for exam.

I hereby declare that all the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

**Date:** 13-Sep-2017.

Yours truly,  
L.J.Gokul vasan