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software

Using VectorCAST/C++ with Renesas HEW and the RX63N

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Agenda

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- > Overview of VectorCAST tool suite
 - > Unit / Integration Testing
 - > Code Coverage Analysis
 - > Target and Simulator Testing
 - > Continuous Integration
- > Lab Intro and VectorCAST Demonstration
- > Interactive Lab
- > Wrap-up



> About Vector Software

Bio – Ryan Lavinger



- Field Applications Engineer, Vector Software
- B.S. Computer Engineering, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Seven years experience in embedded industry
- Expertise:
 - RTOS
 - Compilers
 - Debug
 - Integration
 - Testing

Our Company

- > Vector Software develops embedded software testing products
 - > U.S. Based company founded in 1990 by embedded developers
 - > First product released in 1994 for Lockheed Martin's C-130J "Super" Hercules
 - > Corporate headquarters in Rhode Island
 - > Sales and support office worldwide
 - > Providence
 - > Boston
 - > Baltimore
 - > Jacksonville
 - > Denver
 - > Phoenix
 - > Los Angeles
 - > Düsseldorf
 - > London



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Companies who...

- *have safety or mission critical applications*
- *have processes which specify rigorous testing*
- *have unit and integration testing requirements*
- *need the ability to automate regression testing*
- *have requirements to prove code coverage*
- *realize that NOT testing... is NOT an option*

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Our Solution

Full Embedded Software Testing

- > Unit and Integration testing
- > Code coverage analysis through lifecycle
- > Automated regression testing
- > Testing on embedded targets and simulators
- > Qualification materials for FAA, FDA, and others

True Embedded Test Automation

- > “Easiest to Use” test tool on the market
- > Easy continuous integration and test for repeatability
- > Integration with best of breed static analysis tools

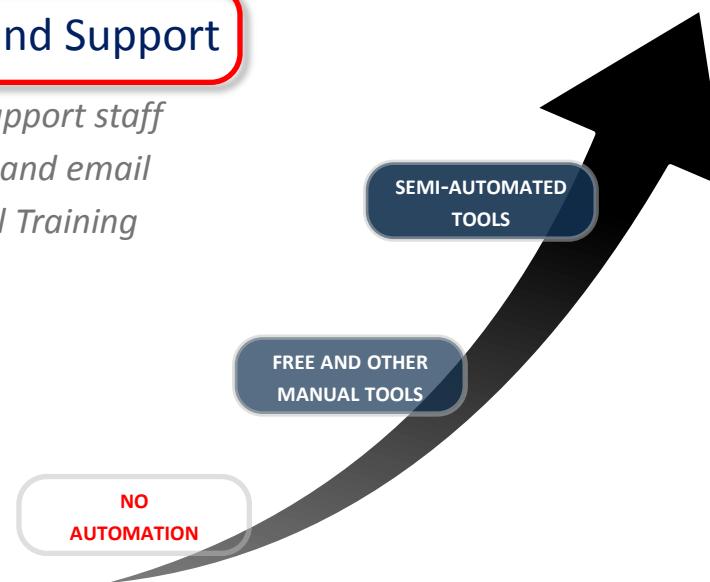
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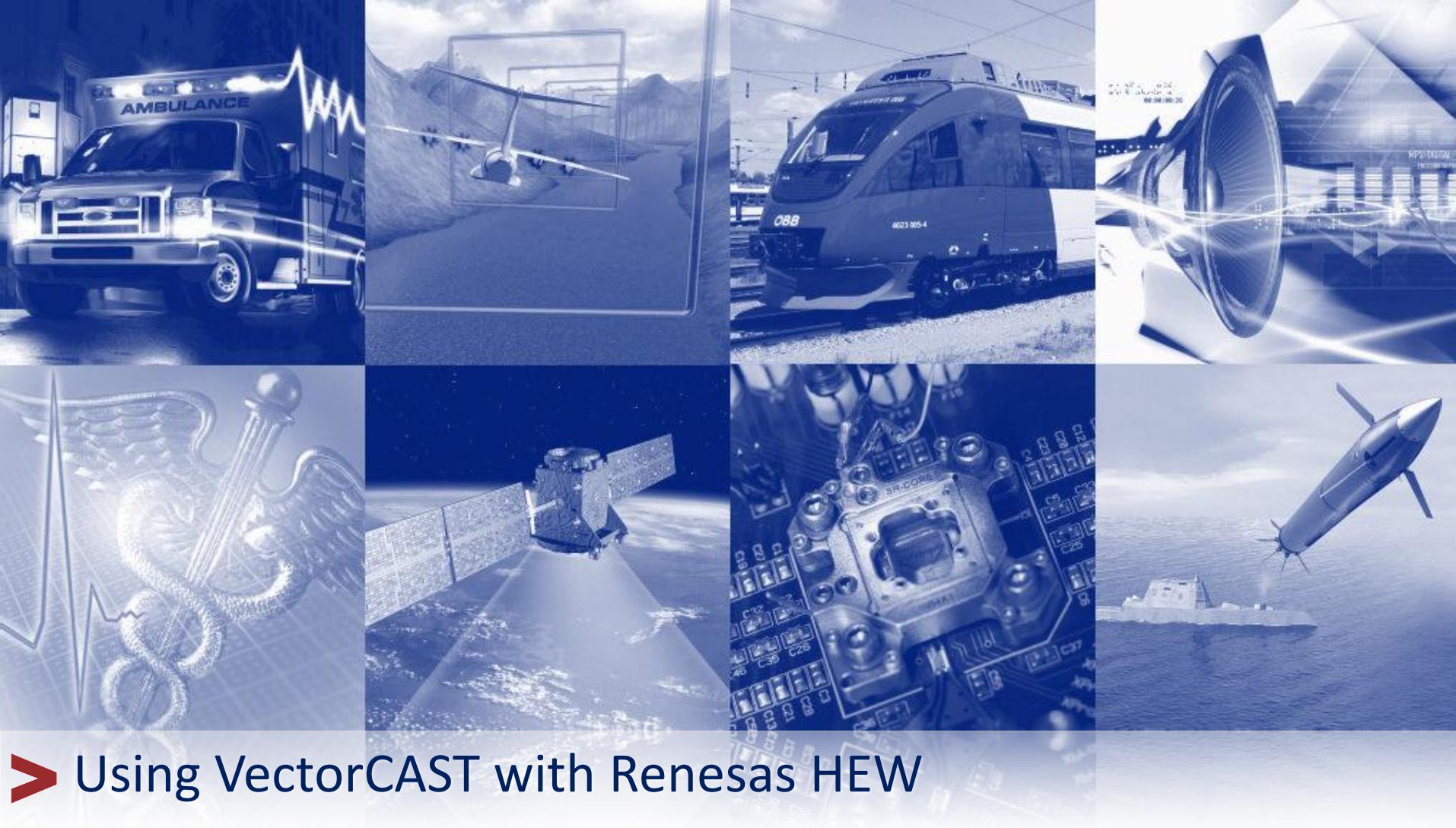
- > Reduced Time-To-Market
- > Easier Certification / Qualification
- > Verifiable savings of time and money

World-Class Service and Support

- > Our engineers are our support staff
- > Local support via phone and email
- > Consulting and Technical Training

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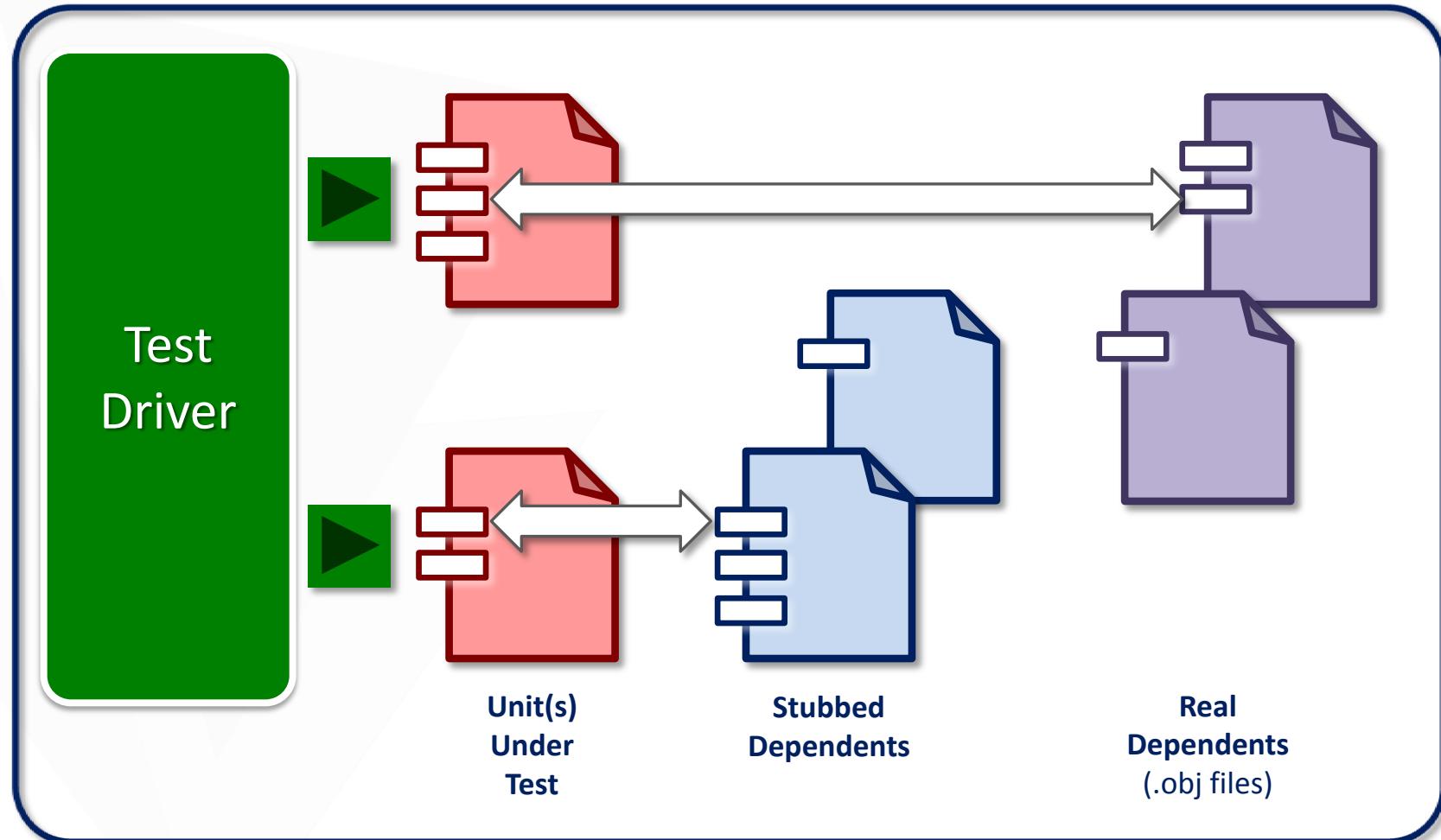
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Unit and Integration Testing

Units
(.c, .cpp)



Source
Code



VectorCAST builds test harnesses automatically

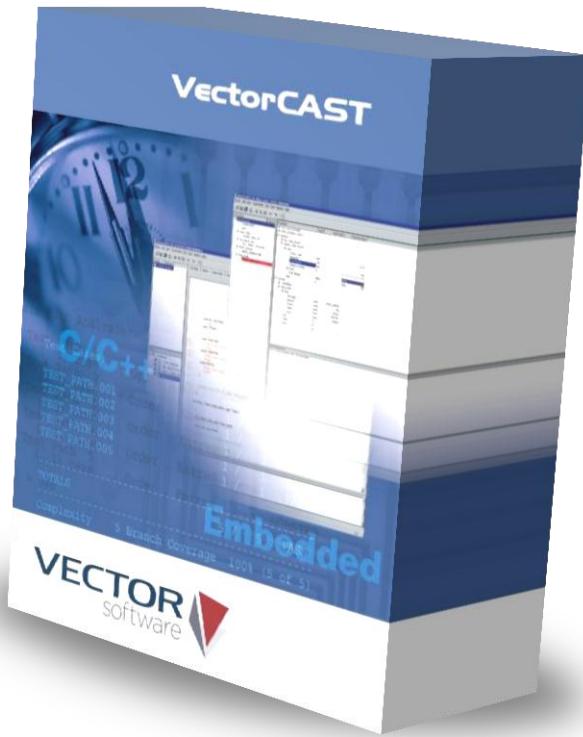
VectorCAST/C++

> Unit Testing

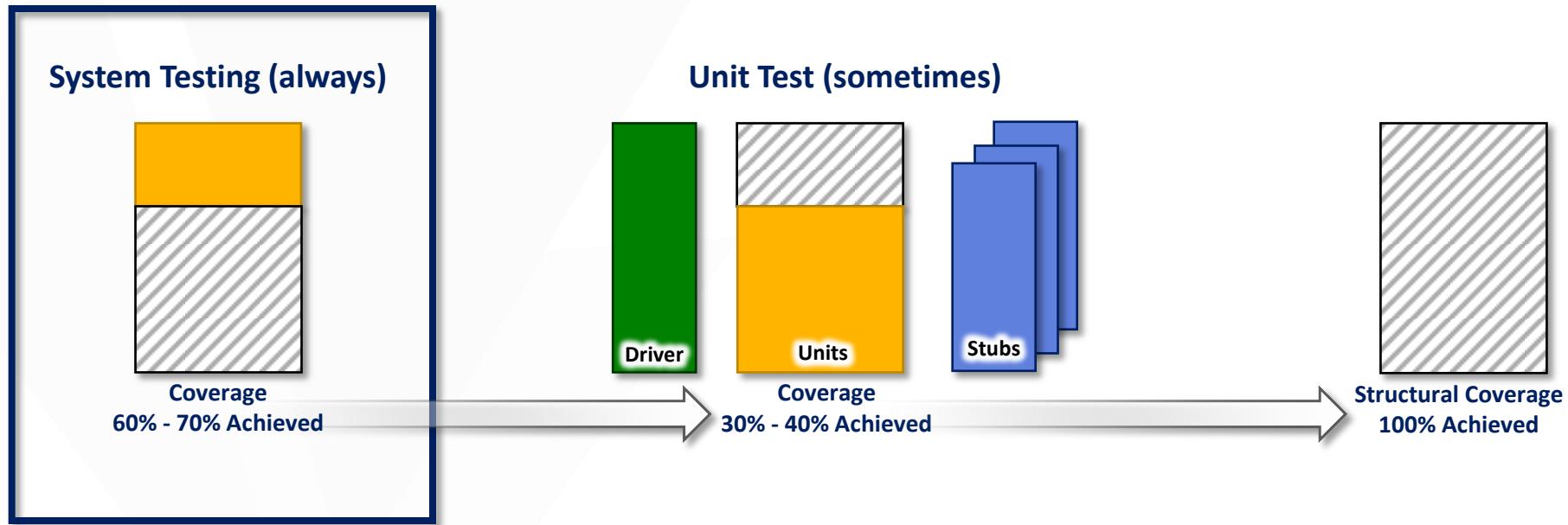
- > Testing smallest piece of testable software
- > Unit is C/C++ source file
- > Requires generation of test stubs and drivers
- > Driver simulates calling unit and stub(s) simulates called unit
- > Enables generation of tests to ensure complete code coverage

> Integration Testing

- > Logical extension of unit testing
- > Allows testing of all units that make up a functional process
- > Requires multiple units under test at the same time
- > Identifies problems when units are combined



Achieving 100% Structural Coverage

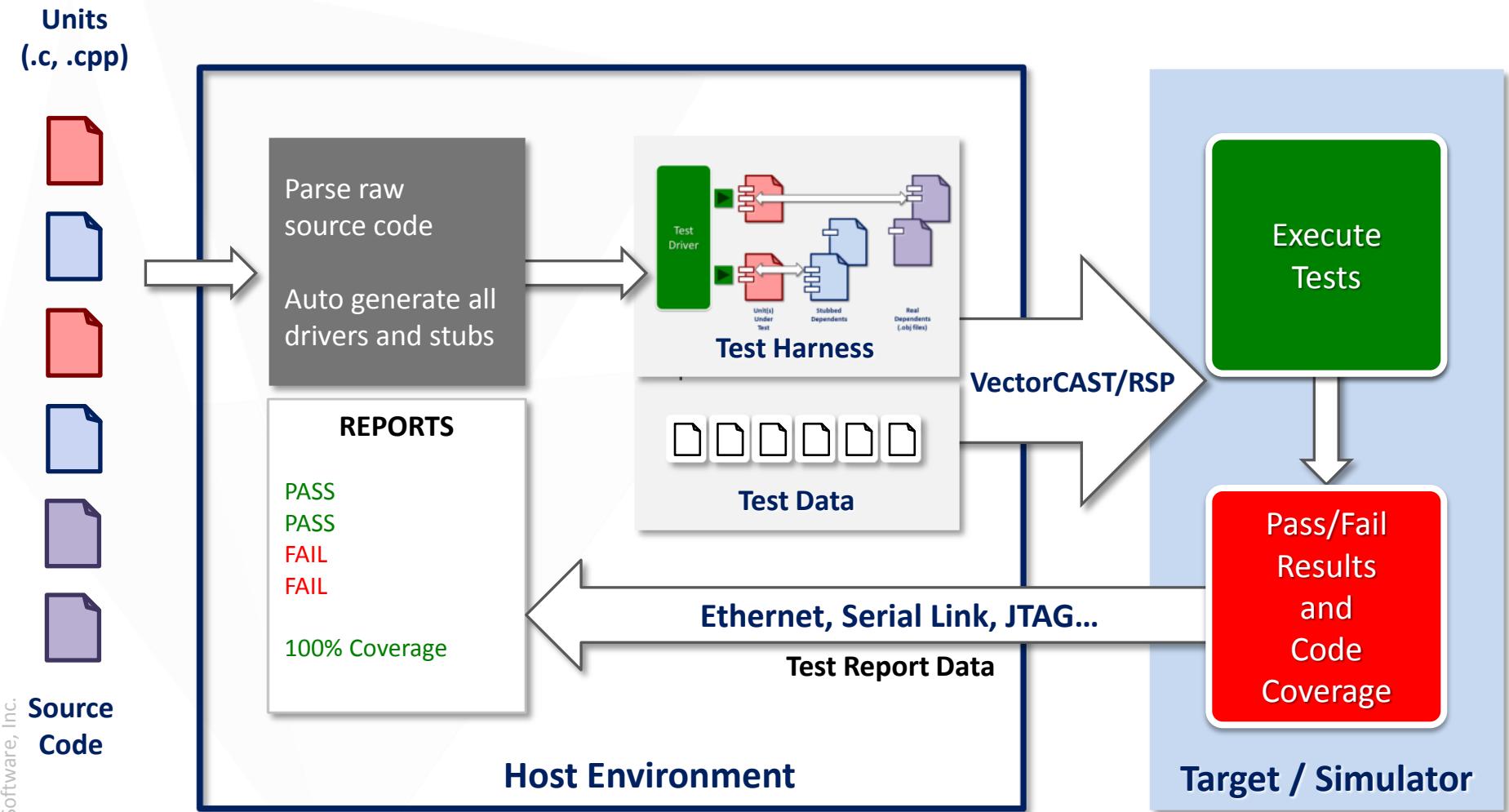


VectorCAST/Cover

- > Code Coverage
- > System / Functional Test Verification
 - > Running your existing tests to see what code is being executed
 - > System tests can be executed different ways:
 - > *from scripts, manually through GUI, simulator,...*
 - > Generally performed by a dedicated test group
- > Issues with System Test
 - > Unlikely that full code coverage will be achieved
 - > 60-70% coverage is common
 - > Coverage should be combined with unit test coverage to achieve 100%

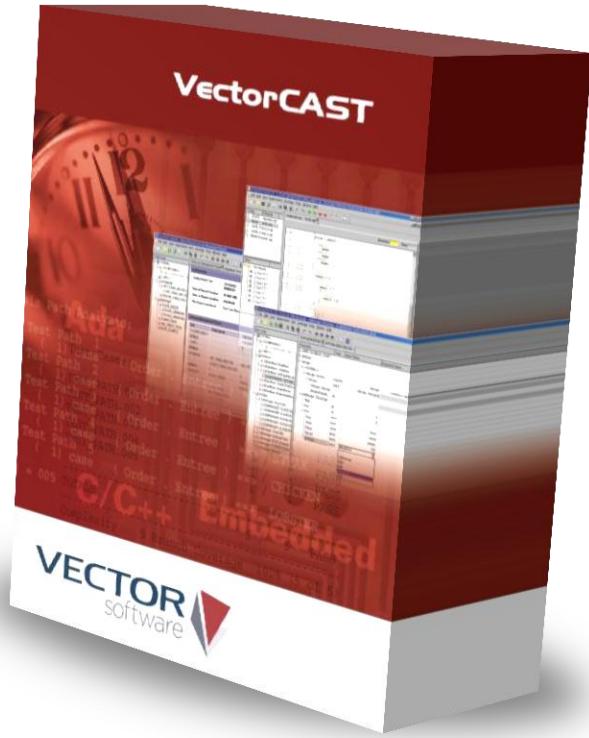


Embedded Target / Simulator Testing

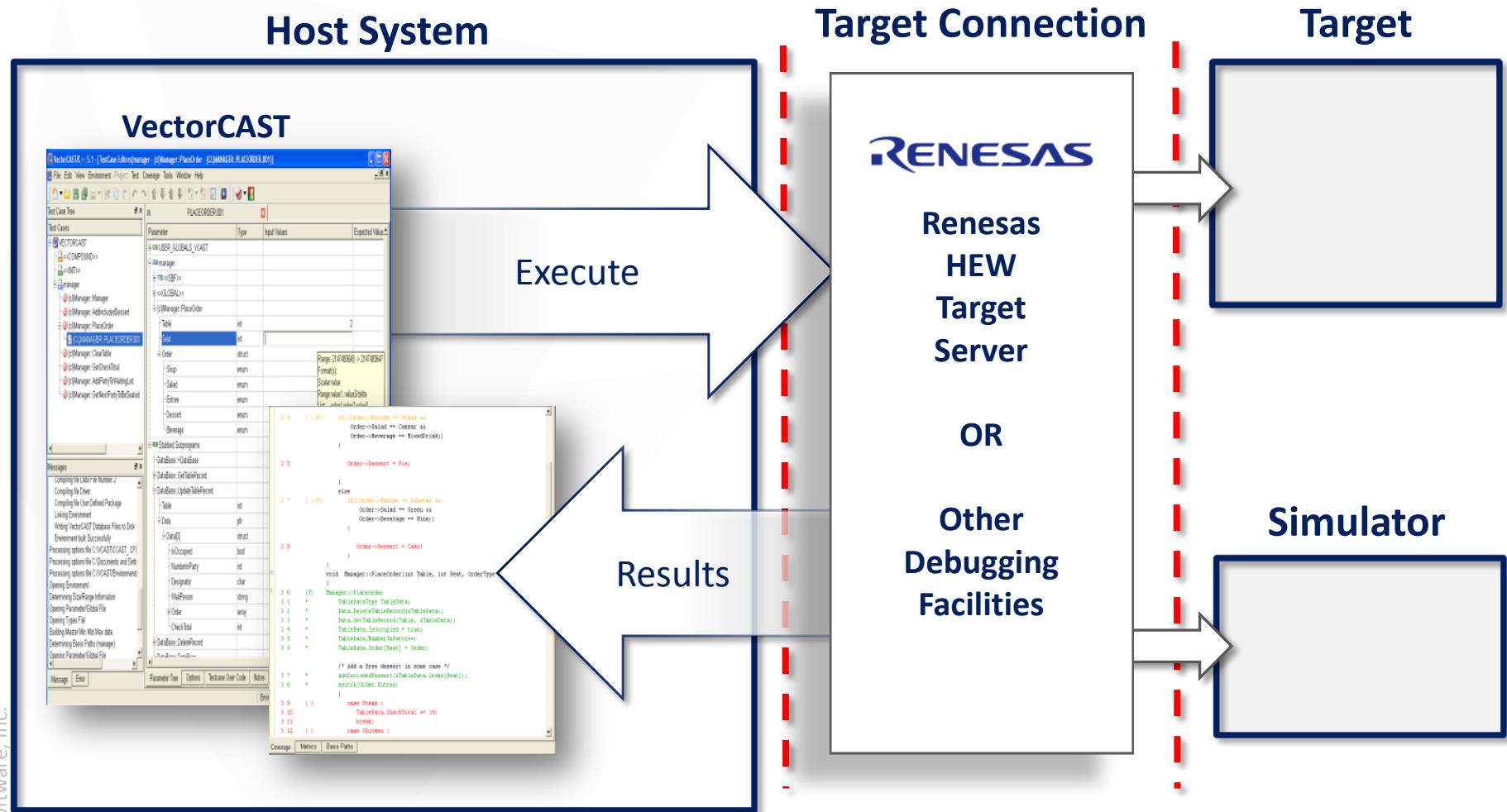


VectorCAST/RSP

- > Runtime Support Package
- > Target or Simulator Testing
 - > Used with VectorCAST/C++
 - > Cross-Compiler specific test-harness generation for execution on a target or simulator
 - > Automatic download of test harnesses and test cases for execution on a target
 - > Execution controlled from GUI provides an ease-of-use not common to component target testing
 - > Customized I/O facilities on both the host and target sides allow communication between the host and target processors for test reporting



VectorCAST/RSP for Renesas HEW Target



Why is Regression Testing Important?

- > **Code can be re-factored over time**
 - > The biggest reason that engineers don't re-factor code is the lack of adequate test cases
 - > Re-factoring code is risky – I might break something!
 - > Robust test infrastructure means code can be re-factored with confidence
- > **Leverages testing investment across the life cycle**
 - > Testing once makes no sense
 - > Testing once per release cycle makes no sense
 - > Testing Constantly makes sense
- > **Bugs are easiest to fix on the day that they are introduced.**
 - > Finite number of patches to be reviewed
 - > Conversely months later it may take days to find the source of the bug
- > **Test cases are kept in sync with code**
 - > Minimal maintenance required if tests are constantly maintained
 - > Huge effort if tests are updated only at release time

Regression Testing must be...

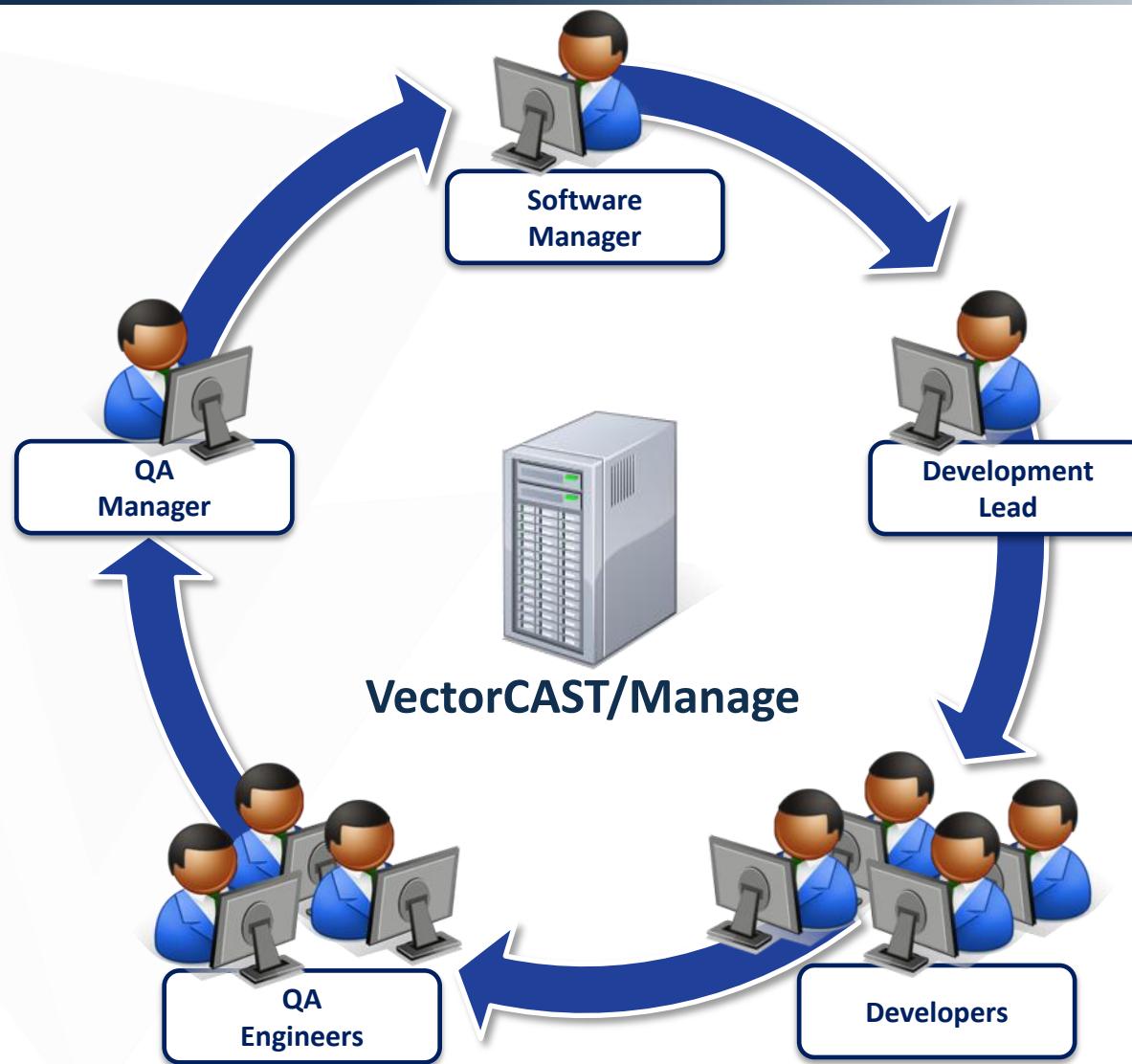
- > Quick
 - > Hardware is relatively cheap
 - > 10K of hardware is 1 engineer for 1 month
 - > Time is of essence
- > Robust
 - > Run frequently; constant testing
- > Support Parallel Testing
 - > Want each branch to be tested completely, under 1 hour

VectorCAST/Manage

- > Regression Testing
- > Testing multiple source code configurations
 - > Application deployed on different physical targets
 - > Application built with multiple tool chains
 - > Application built with multiple compile options
- > Testing multiple source code versions
 - > Production, Beta, or R&D code
- > Testing across multiple machines or architectures
 - > Test suite may take weeks to run on one machine
 - > Application may be deployed on multiple operating systems (Windows, Linux)
- > Testing what has changed
 - > Interim testing of only those source files that have changed
 - > Based on file checksums or change dates



VectorCAST/Manage User Community



How Regression Testing Results are Analyzed

> QA Manager

- > Reviews HTML Over-Night Reports
- > Assigns Each Test Failure to a QA Engineer to investigate



> QA Engineers

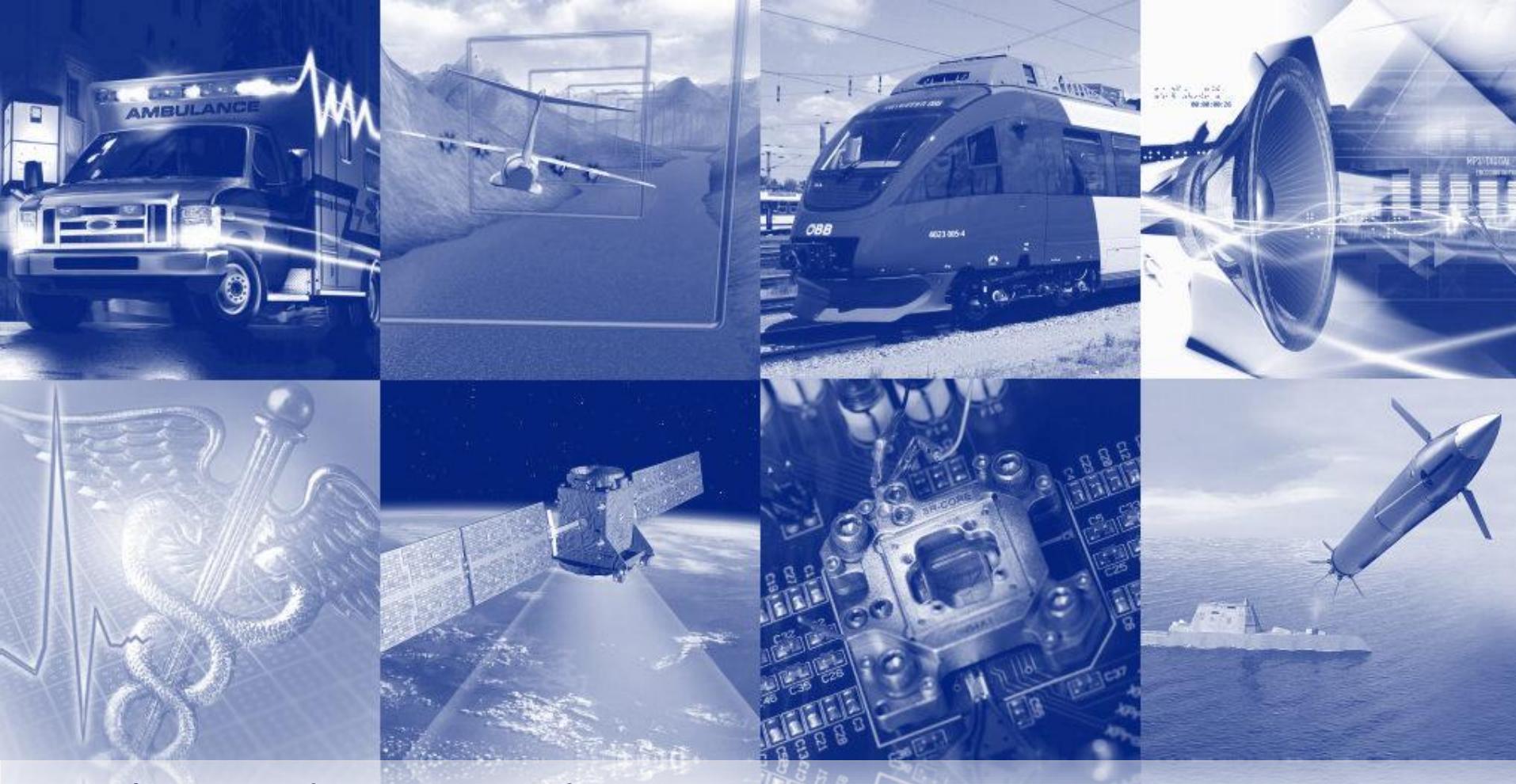
- > Run Test Manually to Confirm Test Failure
- > Test Failure can be a Regression or an Intended Change in Functionality
- > Analyze Commit Log to determine cause of failure
- > Create an Internal Bug Report and Assign responsible developer



> Developers

- > Dispatch Debug Build to Build Servers
- > Run Failing Test on Debug Build in Development Environment
- > Confirm Breakage
- > Determine Corrective Action





> Lab Introduction and VectorCAST Demonstration

Overview

- > Intro to Tutorial Code
- > Setting up VectorCAST for use with HEW
- > Runtime Support Package (RSP) details
- > Configuration and basic tool usage (demo)

Introduction to Tutorial Code

- > In this lab, we'll be using the VectorCAST tutorial code
- > Simulation of a restaurant point-of-sale application
 - > Code handles various elements of managing a table
 - > Place order, get check total, clear table, specials, etc.
- > Located in VectorCAST install dir (C:\VCAST\Tutorial)
- > We'll mainly focus on manager.c and database.c

Setting up VectorCAST for use with HEW

The screenshot shows the VectorCAST/C++ 6.0 application window. On the left, the 'Test Cases' browser displays a tree structure under 'TUTORIAL_C' with nodes like '<<COMPOUND>>', '<<INIT>>', and several test cases under 'manager'. The 'Messages' panel at the bottom left shows build logs. The main area features the 'Welcome Window' with a 'VectorCAST Examples' section. This section includes a brief description of examples, details about MinGW compiler usage, and information about Cover and Manage examples. It also lists various example categories: C Examples, C++ Examples, Ada Examples, and Ada Examples for Ada. Each category has a corresponding icon and a list of tutorial topics.

VectorCAST Examples

The VectorCAST examples allow you to easily experience the ease of testing with VectorCAST.

Each Unit Test example consists of easy to understand source code and the required VectorCAST scripts to build and run some test for that code. When you select an example, VectorCAST will automatically build the test environment, load the example test cases, and display an HTML overview of the tool features demonstrated by the example.

The examples use the MinGW compiler that is bundled with VectorCAST, so no compiler configuration is required.

The VectorCAST/Cover Example, will build a simple coverage environment using our tutorial code.

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All of these examples can be accessed from the Help -> Examples menu.

C Examples

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- Stubbing malloc
- CSV-based Testing
- Testing void* Parameters

C++ Examples

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- Basic Class (BlackBox)
- Basic Class (Whitebox)
- Class Inheritance
- Namespaces
- STL Containers
- C++ Templates
- C++ Exceptions

Ada Examples

- Tutorial for Ada

VectorCAST/Manage

Manage Demo

VectorCAST/Cover

Cover Demo

Environment: Normal Coverage: Statement C:/VCAST/60b/examples/environments/tutorial_c

Setting up VectorCAST for use with HEW

One time:

- > Prep HEW and template workspace for execution

For each environment directory:

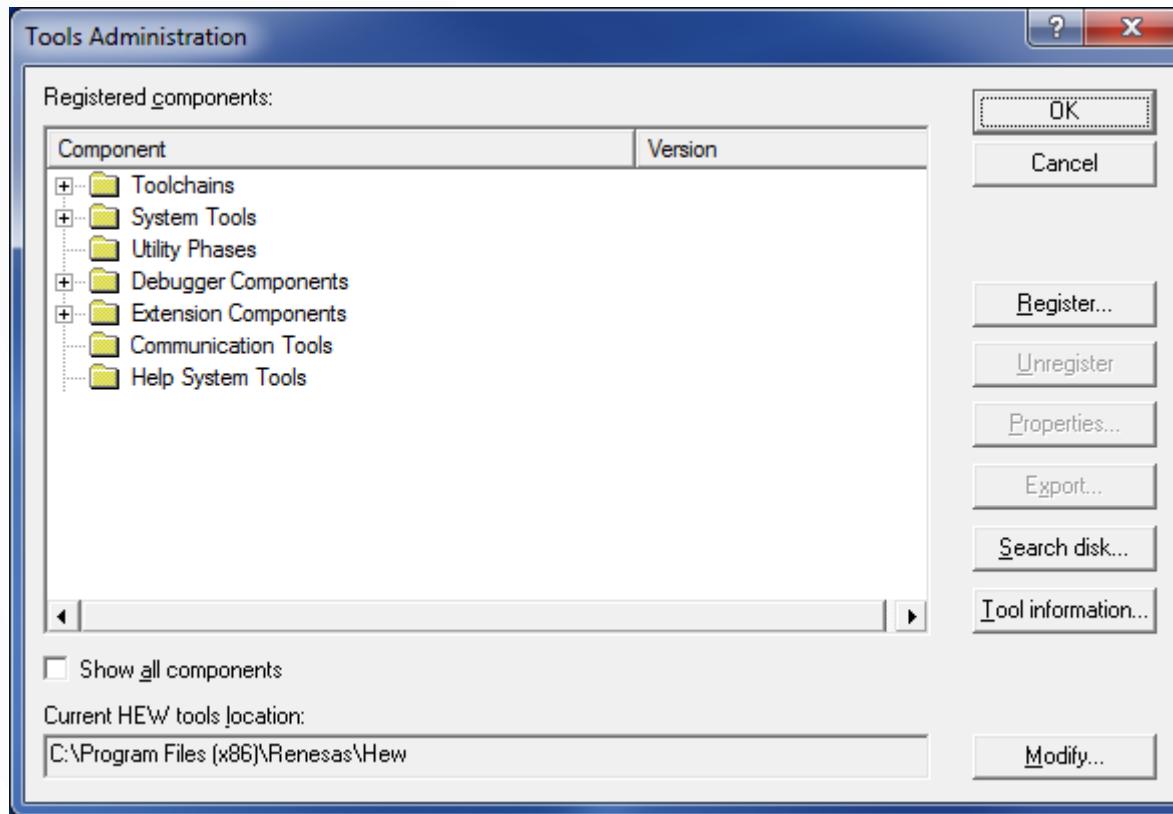
- > Launch VectorCAST
- > Select working directory
- > Create new unit test environment
- > Select RX600 compiler template
 - > Designed to work with a range of RX600 processors, including RX62N and RX63N

For more environments:

- > Just create new unit test environment
 - > Compiler template is automatically filled in

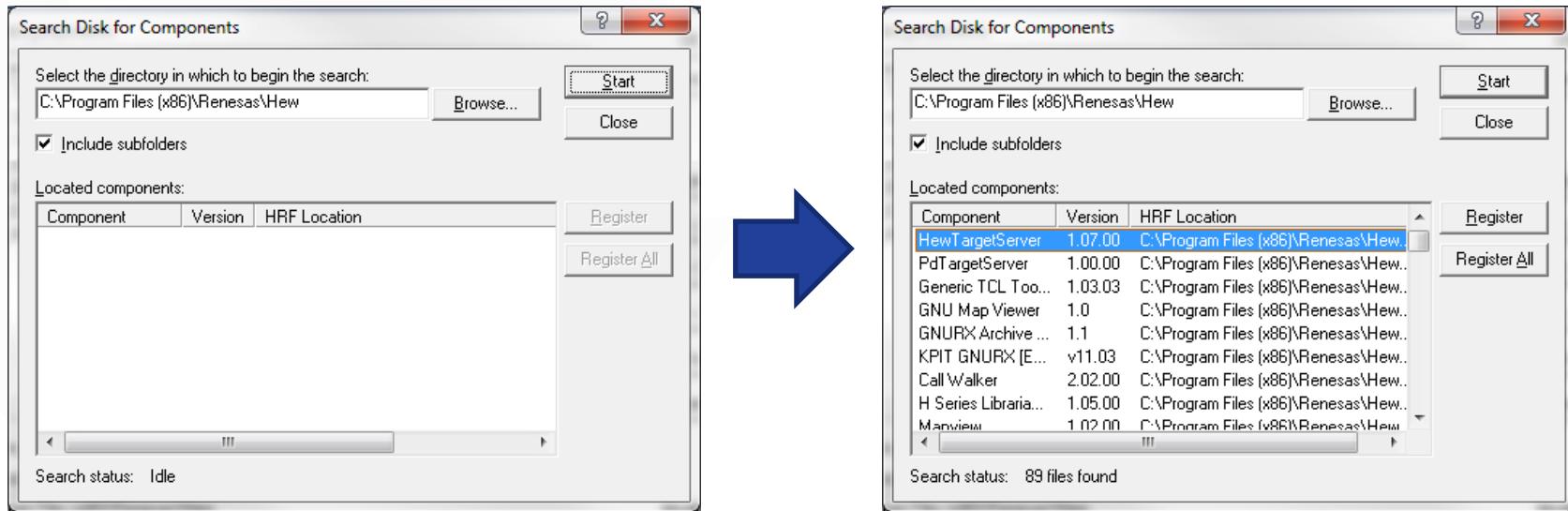
Preparing HEW and Template Workspaces for Execution

- > Enable HEW Target Server (COM scripting support)
- > Tools => Administration



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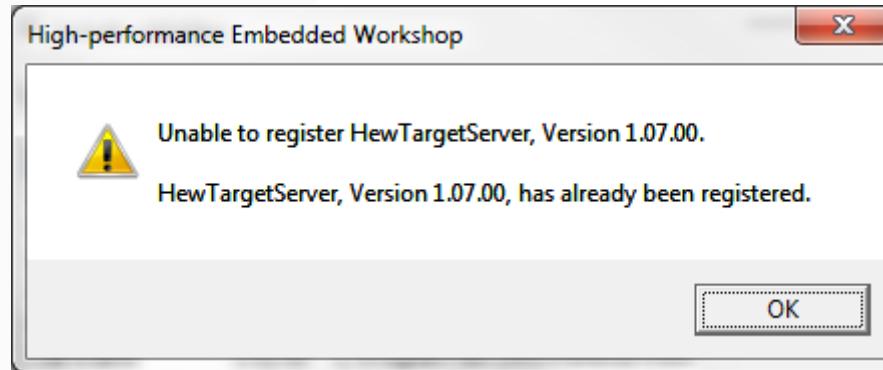
- > Enable HEW Target Server (COM scripting support)
- > Click “Search disk” to find components to register



- > Select HewTargetServer and click “Register”

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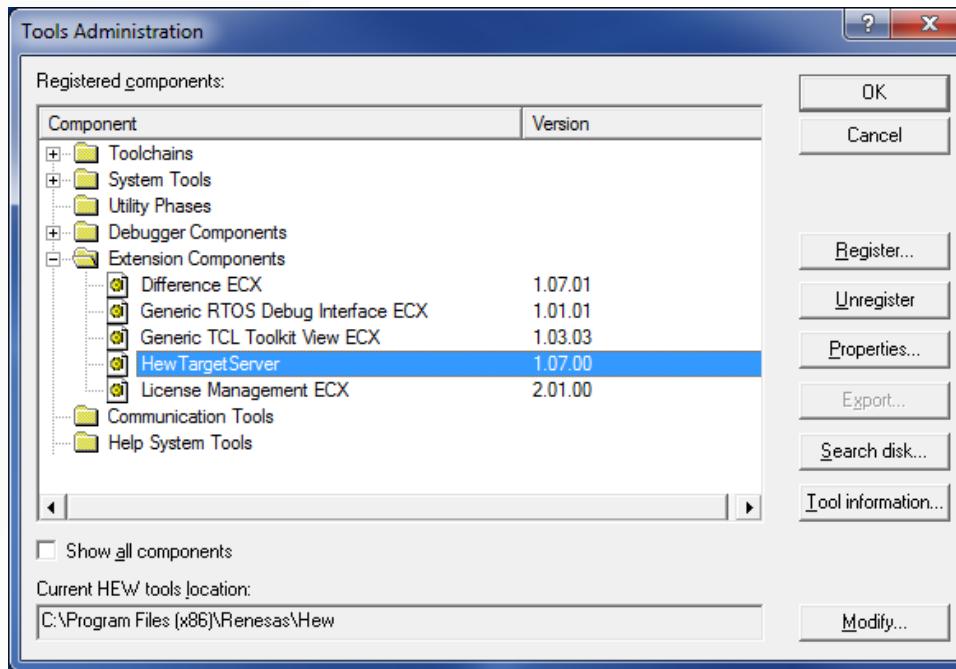
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- > If component already registered, you'll see this:



- > That's fine. Just click OK.

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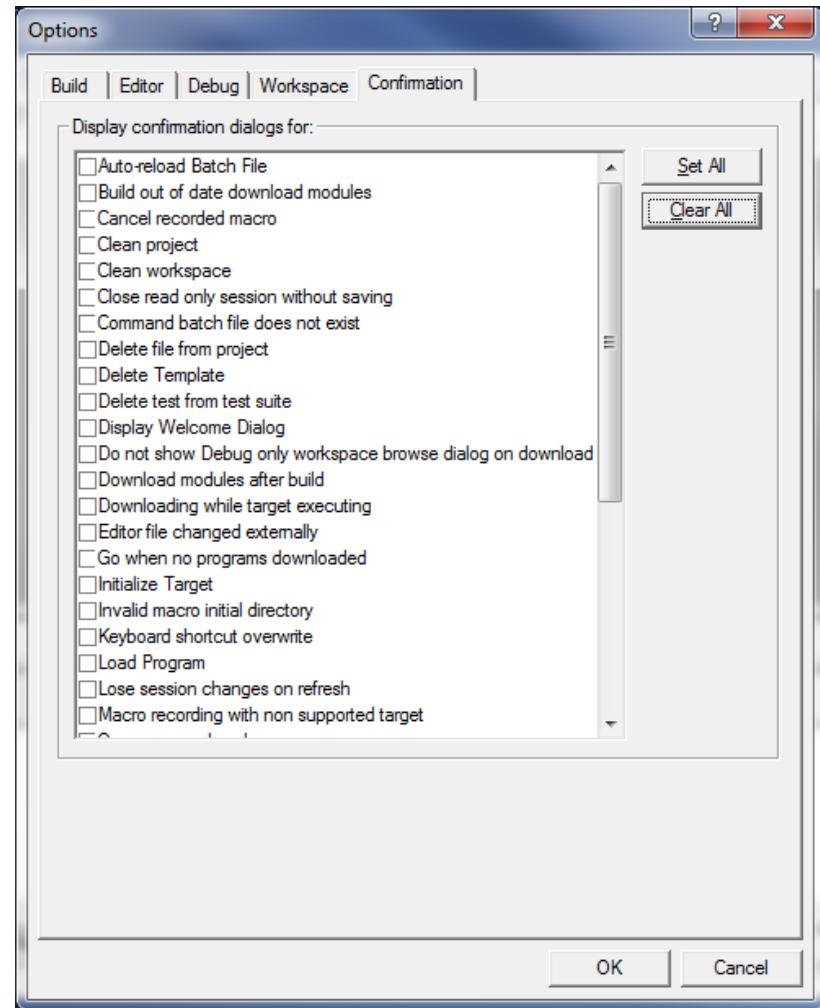
- > Enable HEW Target Server (COM scripting support)
- > Shut down HEW and re-launch, then confirm that HewTargetServer is listed in the Tools Administration dialog
 - > Should be under Extension Components



- > Occasionally, the registration will not stick the first try, so it's good to verify that the registration takes hold before moving on.

Preparing HEW and Template Workspaces for Execution

- > Disable HEW confirmation dialogs to avoid breaking script automation
- > Setup => Options => Confirmation tab
- > Click “Clear All”
- > Click OK



Preparing HEW and Template Workspaces for Execution

- > Open VectorCAST template workspaces to update internal paths
- > Templates are located under VectorCAST installation directory (default: C:\VCAST)
 - > Simulator: C:\VCAST\DATA\renesas\rx\RX600\hew_sim\hew_sim.hws
 - > J-Link target: C:\VCAST\DATA\renesas\rx\RX600\hew_target\hew_target.hws
- > Open template workspace in HEW
 - > Template will automatically connect to simulator or target
 - > On target connection, if extra connection dialogs are shown, click option at bottom to hide the dialog in the future.

RX63N HEW Runtime Support Package (RSP) details

- > Interface program is implemented using HEW Target Server (COM) interface
- > Renesas_Interface.exe:
 - > Launches or connects to HEW instance
 - > Opens VectorCAST template workspace
 - > Connects to target (simulator or board)
 - > *Templates are provided for each connection type*
 - > Downloads test harness
 - > Sets up I/O channel and logging
 - > Runs test harness
 - > Cleans up target and returns control to VectorCAST
- > Prerequisites:
 - > HEWTargetServer plugin must be enabled
 - > Some HEW configuration settings must be tweaked to ensure correct operation
 - > Template workspace must be opened once in HEW to reconfigure local paths
 - > This setup only needs to be done once per machine

Configuration and Basic Tool Usage (Demo)

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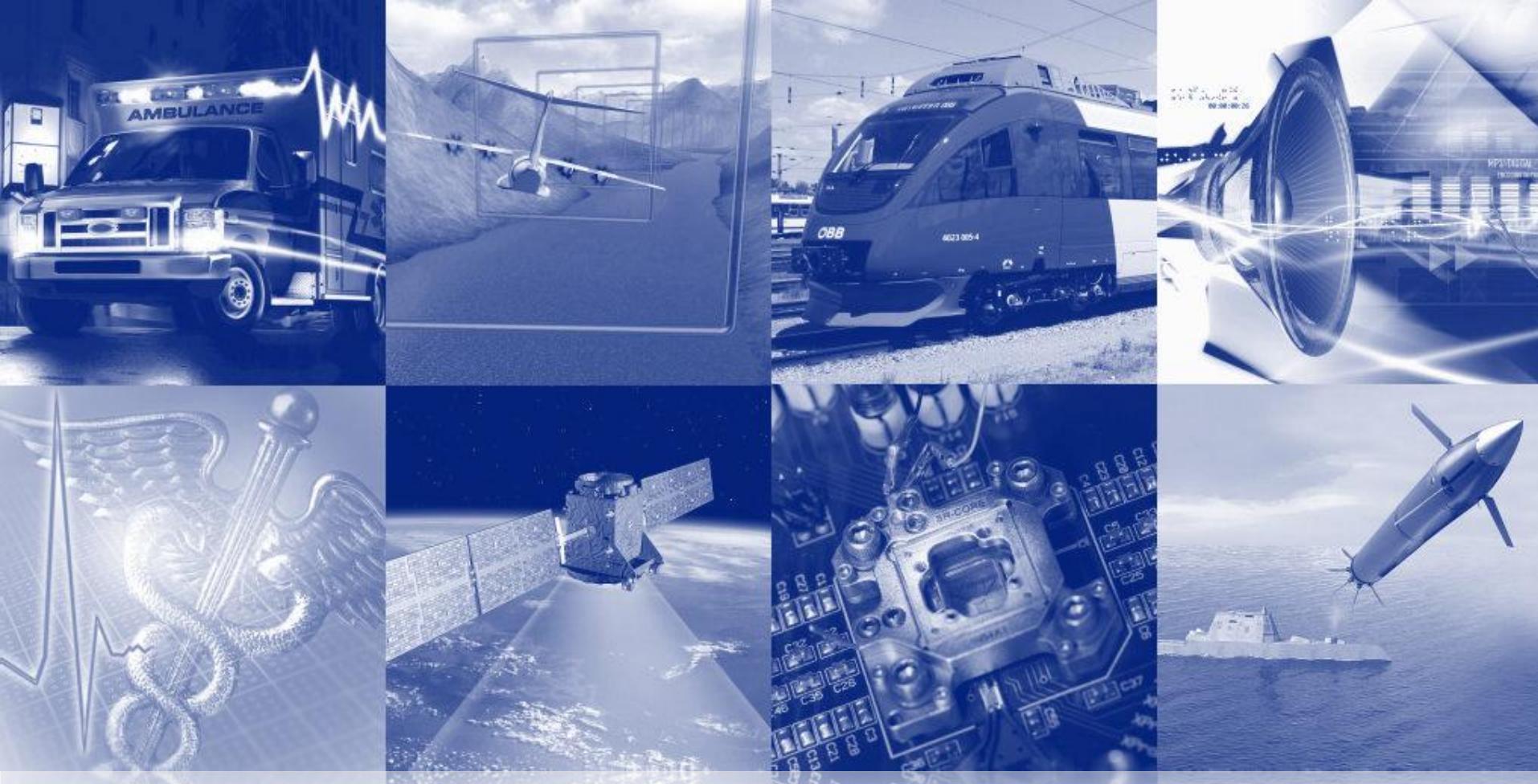
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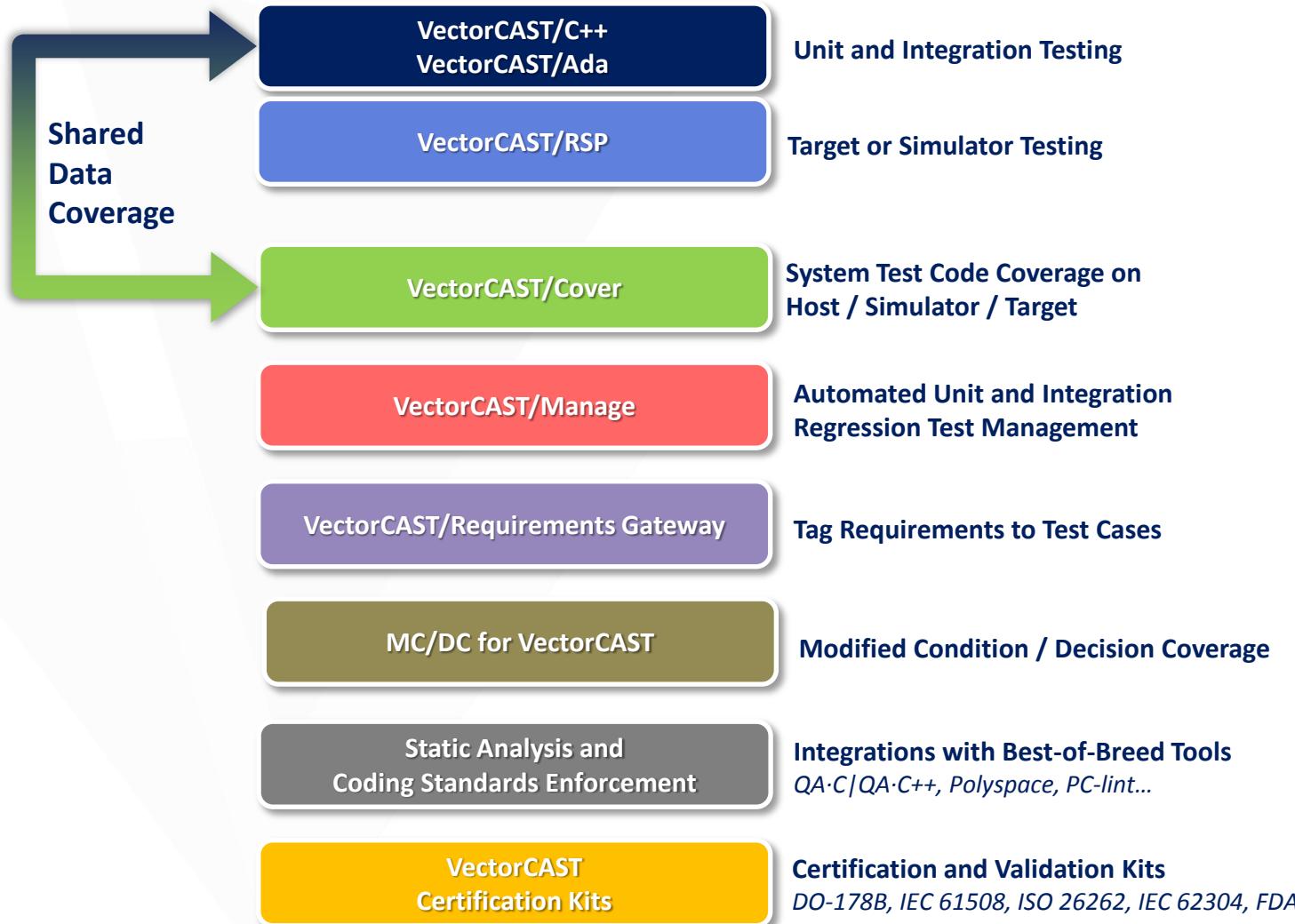


> Interactive Lab – See Handout for Instructions



> Wrap-up Discussion

VectorCAST Product Suite Overview



Vector Software Advantage



1

Experienced Team

2

Proven Track Record

3

Solution Centric Approach

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Committed To Your Success

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