

# Introducing the next generation of Arm Compiler

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# Part 1 Why do we need another compiler?

## Automakers Face Unprecedented Complexity & Opportunity

A New Approach to Automotive Development is Needed



More Autonomy



Advanced User Experiences

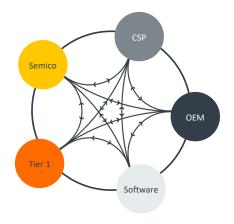




Growing Software Complexity



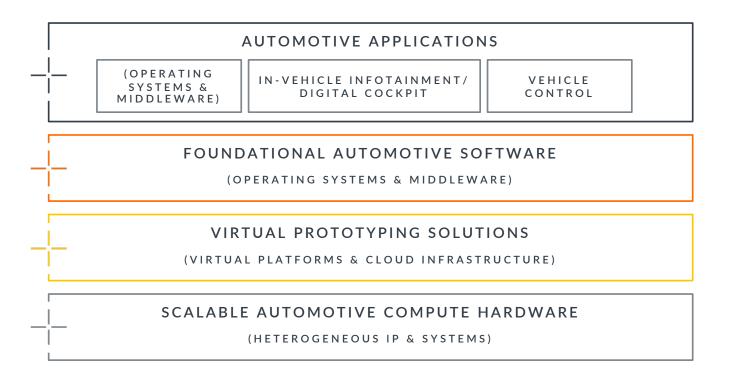
Increased Demand for AI Capable Compute



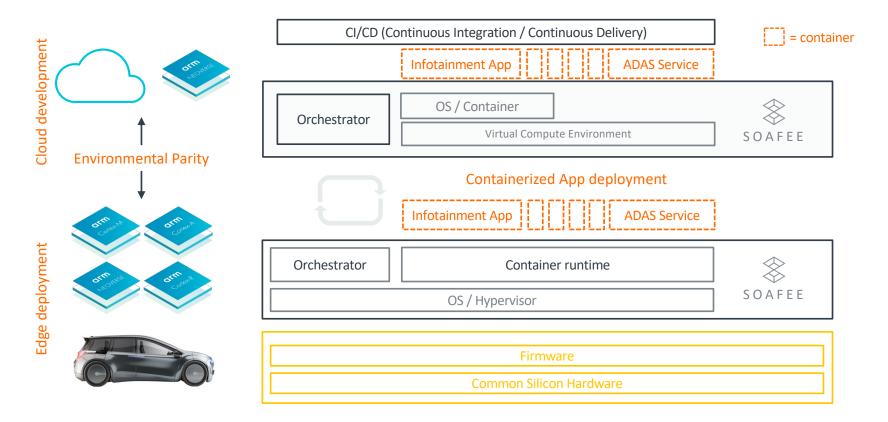
New Challenges and
Opportunities for the Industry
Demand New Solutions

## The Automotive Technology Stack

A complex landscape that requires collaboration



# Paradigm Shift in Development Methodologies



# Case Study | Elektrobit Corbos Linux for Safety Applications





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EB corbos Linux for Safety Applications provides the industry with the first open sourcebased automotive OS solution for safety applications, including full life cycle maintenance.

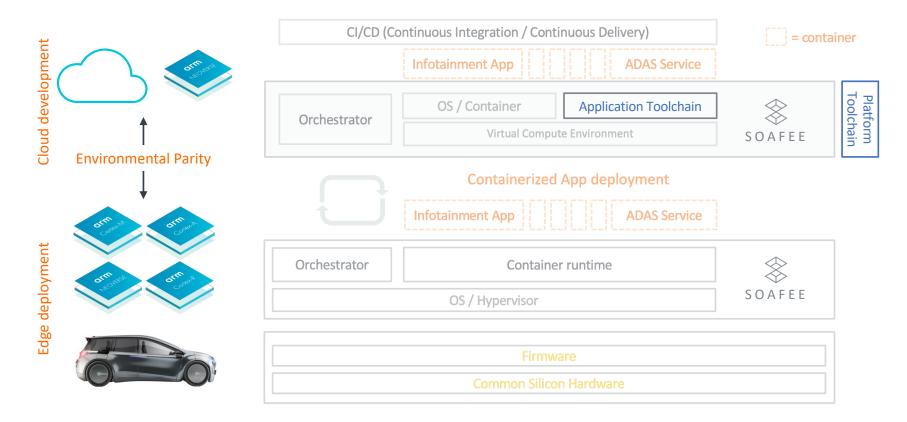
- Elektrobit are collaborating with Ubuntu to build Corbos Linux for Safety Applications
- This is a functional-safety qualified Linux distribution
  - Hardware
  - Firmware
  - Kernel
  - Libraries
  - Applications



To build this stack, Elektrobit need two toolchains:

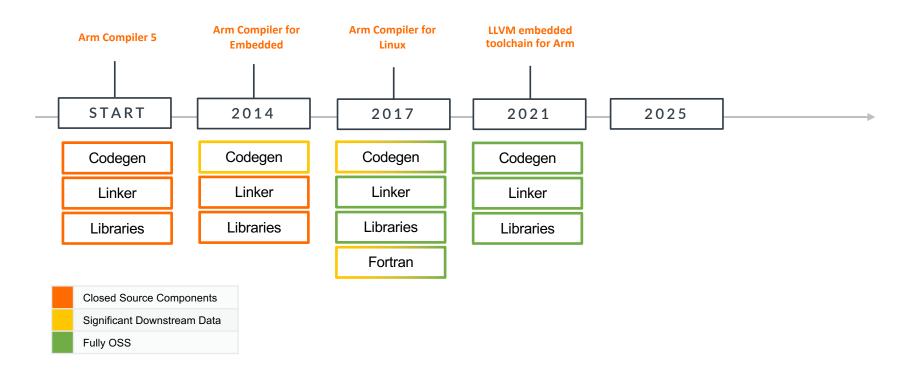
- A Functional-safety platform toolchain for building the OS itself
- A functional-safety C++ application toolchain for building Applications

# Paradigm Shift in Development Methodologies



# Part 2 How we're using LLVM to deliver compilers

# A Brief History | LLVM @ Arm



# A Brief History | LLVM @ Arm | Arm Compiler 5

START 2014 2017 2021 2025

#### **Arm Compiler 5**

Codegen

Linker

Libraries

- Designed for baremetal embedded development
- All development is closed-source

Closed Source Components
Significant Downstream Data
Fully OSS

#### A Brief History | LLVM @ Arm | Arm Compiler for Embedded

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# Arm Compiler for Embedded

Codegen

Linker

Libraries

Closed Source Components
Significant Downstream Data
Fully OSS

- + First LLVM-based toolchain from Arm
- + Flagship compiler for Architecture, Licensed by all Arm IP licensees
- + Designed for embedded development
- + Significant downstream delta for codegen
- + Linker and libraries are closed source

Inherits advance code-placement linker features from Arm Compiler 5

Proprietary linker configuration - migration from GNU has a learning curve

- + Long-term supported Functional safety (FuSa) releases
  - + Safety qualified compiler
  - + Safety qualified C libraries for embedded development
  - + Long-term support of >10 years

#### A Brief History | LLVM @ Arm | Arm Compiler for Linux

START 2014 2017 2021 2025

# Arm Compiler for Linux

Codegen

Linker

Libraries

Fortran

Closed Source Components
Significant Downstream Data
Fully OSS

- + Designed for HPC and server application development on Linux
- + Codegen now fully upstream
- Uses Linux system linker
- Most libraries now upstream
  - + Arm Optimized Routines (<u>link</u>)
  - + glibc
- + LLVM Fortran project progressing well
  - + Beta release this year

#### A Brief History | LLVM @ Arm | LLVM Embedded Toolchain

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# **LLVM Embedded Toolchain for Arm**

Codegen

Linker

Libraries

Closed Source Components
Significant Downstream Data
Fully OSS

- + Open-source Github project, Apache 2.0 license
- + Complete Embedded toolchain using OSS LLVM releases
- + Contributions to the Ild Linker so far include

Added improved support for advance code placement features

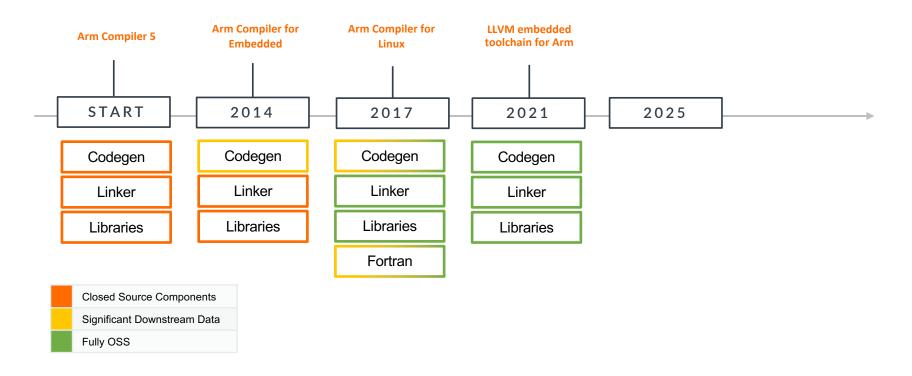
Added support for multilib (automatic selection of library variants)

Improved compatibility with Arm GNU Toolchain

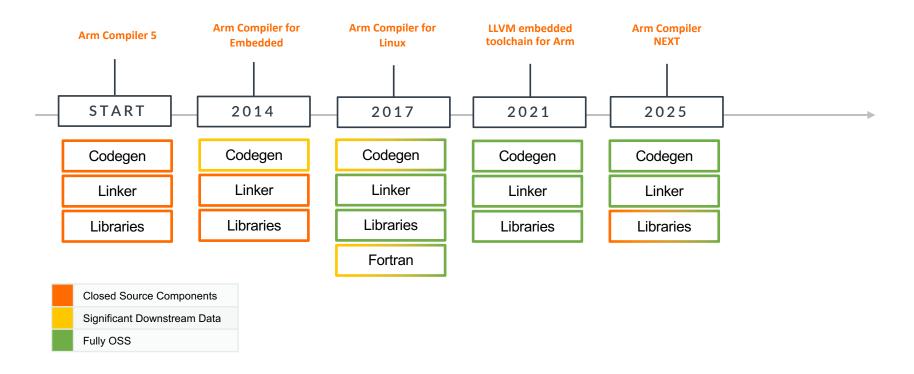
Added runtime library support for security features (UBSan, code profiling)

- + Pre-built binary packages available on GitHub
  - + For all major LLVM releases since LLVM 13
  - + For all major host platforms (Linux, Windows, macOS)
- Supports Armv6-M and above (ie. all Arm Cortex cores)
  - + R and A profile support is in progress

# A Brief History | LLVM @ Arm



# A Brief History | LLVM @ Arm | Arm Compiler NEXT



#### **Introducing Arm Compiler NEXT**

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# Arm Compiler NEXT

Codegen

Linker

Libraries

Closed Source Components
Significant Downstream Data
Fully OSS

- + New flagship compiler from Arm, launching in 2025
- Upstream-first development model
  - Fully upstream LLVM codegen
  - + Fully upstream LLVM linker
- + Support for embedded development
  - + Arm Compiler for Embedded C libraries ported to IId
  - Baremetal C++ library
- Now also supports Linux/RTOS hosted development
  - Work with Elektrobit to develop a Fully qualified C and C++ toolchain for EB Corbos application development
- + First functional safety release planned later in 2025

### Summary

Close collaboration with partners to develop Functional-safety toolchains for Automotive

10+ year shift from downstream compilers to upstream-first everywhere

Only possible due to the exceptionally-high quality of Upstream LLVM



# Thank you

