MontaVista Carrier Grade Express

Powerful Linux® Environment for Intelligent Devices

MontaVista® Linux® Carrier Grade eXpress (CGX), delivers Carrier Grade Linux reliability, security, and serviceability to embedded Internet of Things (IoT) devices along with high configurability and flexibility.

CGX meets the demands of the interconnected intelligent devices, providing application portability, dynamic configuration, field maintenance, and real-time performance in a single platform. Development teams are under tremendous pressure to build leading-edge features into the next generation of highly intelligent and interconnected devices, while getting them to market rapidly. CGX is the ideal platform for developers who want to leverage the flexibility of a true open source development platform, as well as the ability to achieve rapid time to market.

MontaVista® CGX enables state-of-art development across a wide array of intelligent devices, from traditional 5G networking and communication to Network Function Virtualization (NFV), general embedded and industrial control to Internet of Things (IoT). As a fully integrated, pre-tested environment, CGX offers a truly robust out of box experience for development teams.

Rapid Release

MontaVista® CGX will follow rapid release cadence to better align with latest Yocto® releases, enabling adoption of newer Long Term Support (LTS) Kernels and Tool-chains.

Reliable

MontaVista® CGX offers “Carrier Grade” quality enhancements of “High Availability”, “Security”, “Rich Networking and IO support”, “Real-Time response time with high throughput” and “Multicore & Virtualization support”.

Agile

MontaVista® CGX enables rapid development using QEMU simulator, flexible Import Custom packages, Real-time, Power Management, Memory Footprint Optimizations, and Deep Connectivity.

Commercial

Developers can leverage MontaVista® CGX rich productivity tools, intensive testing and bug fixes to deliver proven quality for commercial products. Consistent updates, training, technical support, custom engineering, along with access to GPL legal expertise and export compliance make CGX a full featured platform solution.

**BENEFITS**

- Powerful Linux Environment delivers carrier grade Linux reliability, security and serviceability to 5G Networks, NFV, Internet of Things (IoT) devices
- Rapid Release Cadence
- Alignment with latest revisions of Yocto® Project releases
- A non-unified kernel approach, to reduce productization cost and release cadence
- Real Time / Deterministic Kernel, Low Footprint Configuration, Power Management & Fast boot
- Agile development with QEMU Simulator, Secure Builds, and Flexible Configuration
- Latest 4.9 Long Term Support (LTS) Linux kernel
- Pre-built cross architecture BSPs based on ARM®v7/v8 & Intel® X86 64 (Power PC and MIPS as per roadmap)
- Carrier Grade : High Availability, Serviceability, Long Term Support
- Virtualization: Linux Containers (LXC), Docker™, & KVM
- Eclipse-based IDE (DevRocket™)
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Comprehensive Development Platform

MontaVista® Linux® Carrier Grade eXpress (CGX), delivers a comprehensive platform meeting developers need of a truly open solution for higher control that is fully tested for reduced time to market. MontaVista also provides risk mitigation by providing its customers with protection from IP and patent infringement and will provide full US export registration coverage for CGX.

- Linux Board Support with latest Linux 4.9 or higher LTS Kernel version with Pre-integrated OE user-land.
- Software Development Kit that includes latest Yocto™ latest release with GNU toolchains and DevRocket™ Eclipse IDE.
- MontaVista Zone secure content repository

CGX BSP enablement is based on profiles that will be enabled depending on the target market of the board/SoC. Customers can optimize value by selecting to subscribe only required profiles for a particular BSP.

MontaVista Support & Professional Services

In addition to the technical values, MontaVista CGX users benefit from MontaVista’s global support organization that can also provide customized support programs for all customer needs. This is complemented by MontaVista’s world-class Engineering Services group to assist customers in building solutions to support their specific use cases ranging from portability of legacy applications to scalable KVM implementations with real-time performance.

In addition to the initial solution, the Engineering Services group can build out a full test and validation process and a long-term support and maintenance strategy to suit the requirements of any deployment strategy.

DevRocket™ IDE

MontaVista CGX includes new runtime components that integrate with MontaVista DevRocket, an Eclipse-based IDE with development tools that enhance productivity for both kernel-level and application-level engineers. Integrated memory leak detection, performance profiling, memory usage analysis, and system tracing combine to accelerate system development and maintenance, and increase system availability. MontaVista Image Designer™ GUI simplifies the creation of the smallest and highest performance file-system.

HIGHLIGHT

BOARD SUPPORT PACKAGE (BSP)
- EMBEDDED LINUX KERNEL
- DEVICE DRIVERS & LIBRARIES
- USERLAND APPLICATIONS
- CGX PROFILES*

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT KIT
- LATEST YOCTO BUILD ENGINE
- KERNEL & APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT TOOLS
- SYSTEM MEASUREMENT TOOLS
- DEVICE MANAGEMENT TOOLS

MONTAVIDA CONTENT SERVER
- ON-DEMAND CODE FETCHING
- NETWORK BINARY CACHE (PRE-BUILT BINARIES)
- LOCAL SOURCE MIRROR
- SECURE BUILD & UPDATES

MONTAVIDA DEVROCKET
- ECLIPSE-BASED IDE
- PERFORMANCE MONITORING
- PROFILING
- MEMORY LEAK DETECTION
- MEMORY USAGE ANALYSIS
- SYSTEM & APP TRACING
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Multicore Resource Management
MontaVista® CGX, provides multiple options for maximizing the resource utilization of multi-core processors. With both AMP and SMP support, along with new partitioning and virtualization technologies, CGX provides the most flexibility and the highest performance for multi-core applications.

Microstate Accounting
For the first time in a commercial Linux product, engineers can accurately measure process and thread utilization on a CPU. CGX performs high-resolution process accounting, so applications can be monitored to anticipate and prevent CPU overload situations. This enables engineers to design automated load balancing and graceful protocol degradation using reliable and accurate CPU load numbers. Engineers can accurately monitor and precisely predict CPU loads, increasing the accuracy of worst-case planning, preventing downtime, and reducing the purchase of backup equipment for traffic surges. Older systems report CPU and thread activities based on statistical sampling estimates, which can be very inaccurate, instead of the actual measurement now enabled by microstate accounting. Microstate accounting in CGX will improve the scalability, reliability, and cost of carriers & IOT device networks.

Flight Recorder
When a system fails today, field engineers must wait until the next failure to investigate the first one. Engineers have no way of gathering enough data about what happened before and during a crash to conduct an effective post-crash diagnosis and take corrective action. CGX includes the new Flight Recorder, which acts like a black box to track and log system history. It keeps a history log containing the scheduled processes and system events which provides much more information than a crash dump snapshot, and is user-extensible for customized tracking.

Live Kernel Patching
One of the key benefits of the Open Source environment is the speed at which kernel developers respond to security issues. With the addition of Kernel Live Patching system administrators now have the best of both worlds, security fixes can be immediately implemented without any time consuming reboots. In addition to security updates the feature can be used to apply diagnostic patches and critical bug fixes.

Security
MontaVista has worked closely with the leader in enterprise security to create a platform that meets all relevant requirements for the network enterprise market. Additionally, CGX update leveraged the features applicable to the embedded environment from Security Technology Implementation Guideline (STIG) and Common Criteria Operation System Protection Profile (OSPP) standards to build out the security features for the platform. As a trusted Operating System Vendor, MontaVista receives notification of all security fixes and CGX security team provides rapid updates of any new security fixes to the CGX platform. To help further improve uptime availability, CGX includes native Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR).

Kernel Virtual Machine (KVM) Hypervisor
KVM provides a full virtualized environment for hosting multiple guest OS’s. KVM allows users to partition the system into multiple OS’s with maximum isolation and security. Currently available for all architectures that support KVM.

Linux Containers (LXC)
Linux containers provide an isolated application space without the need for a complete virtualization solution. They are an operating system-level partitioning method for running multiple isolated processes. Containers do not provide a virtual machine, but rather provides a virtual environment that has its own process and network space allocated which allows CPU time and memory constraints to be set.

Docker
Docker™ is a project by Docker Inc., initially based on the LXC project to build single application containers. Docker has now developed their own implementation libcontainer that uses kernel container capabilities directly. Designed specifically to support a single application per container.
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CGX Solution Themes
MontaVista® CGX is designed for versatility. As an embedded Linux solution it helps developers to deliver next generation devices that range from core networking to the Internet of Things (IoT) Gateways. MontaVista profiles provide flexible building blocks that reduce development time, effort and risk. Here we look closely at some of the leading themes that CGX provides for:

5G with CGX
5G Demands - Higher capacity, lowest latency and more consistent experience.
MontaVista continues to participate in the way networks are created and behave. This is important because the next generation 5G networks are not only a new radio but also a framework to deliver 5G applications that require omnipresent scalable service delivery with highest reliability and performance.

NFV with CGX
Carrier Grade Linux for Next Generation Telecom & Network Infrastructure.
With rapid increase in mobile and IoT traffic NEP’s (Network Equipment Providers) are challenged with scaling mobile networks more efficiently than the static networks of the past. Many are looking for a solution where their networks can change on demand.

IoT with CGX
Modular and standards-based solution that delivers connectivity, reliability and security needed for IoT systems.
Internet of Things (IoT) is driving the next wave of the embedded device revolution. From wearables to smart appliances to automobiles, connected devices are being developed today. These devices require a rich set of wired/wireless connectivity options and modular frameworks that can scale rapidly for resource constrained devices with advanced security for data storage and transmission.

CGX meets the demands of the Software Defined Networks (SDN) and Network Function Virtualization (NFV), providing application portability, dynamic configuration, virtualized functions, and real-time performance in a single platform.
MontaVista products are being deployed globally and in over 100 million devices, ranging from cell phones to automobiles to Carrier equipment. Our domain expertise spans the gamut from network infrastructure (high performance and high availability of long device life and support capabilities), 5G Wireless & Software Defined Networks (Virtualization, Network Function Virtualization (NFV), Security, Datapath Acceleration (ODP & DPDK), Internet of Things (Connectivity, Reliability and Security) to General Embedded.

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MontaVista CGX Key Benefits

MontaVista Is Your Linux Consultant

- Custom BSP
- Advanced Features
- Kernel and Userland Customizations
- Proxy Services
- Multi-tenant Operating Systems
- Flexible OSS & Linux Distribution Services

Expertise
- Only working on Linux since 1999 – 1st Pre-emptible kernel, 1st Carrier Grade (6-9s HA)
- Supported embedded Linux in variety of markets and industries
- Accelerate your schedule – Triage problems quickly, backport future features, dedicated support engineering

Reliability and Certainty
- Robust Quality Assurance Testing
- Frequent critical security patches and bug fixes
- Board Maintenance Program (BMP) - QA performed on customer hardware

Lower Cost Ownership – Open Source+
- Embedded Linux distribution ready to run on SoC of choice, TODAY
- 10+ Years Maintenance
- Commercial Linux at a fraction of the cost of doing yourself

About MontaVista Software

MontaVista Software, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cavium Networks (NASDAQ:CAVM) is a leader in embedded Linux commercialization. For over 15 years, MontaVista has been helping embedded developers get the most out of open source by adding commercial quality, integration, hardware enablement, expert support, and the resources of the MontaVista development community.

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