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Understanding [Embedded - Microprocessors](#)

Embedded microprocessors are specialized computing chips designed to perform specific tasks within an embedded system. Unlike general-purpose microprocessors found in personal computers, embedded microprocessors are tailored for dedicated functions within larger systems, offering optimized performance, efficiency, and reliability. These microprocessors are integral to the operation of countless electronic devices, providing the computational power necessary for controlling processes, handling data, and managing communications.

Applications of [Embedded - Microprocessors](#)

Embedded microprocessors are utilized across a broad spectrum of applications, making them indispensable in

Details

Product Status	Active
Core Processor	ARM® Cortex®-A9, ARM® Cortex®-M4
Number of Cores/Bus Width	2 Core, 32-Bit
Speed	200MHz, 800MHz
Co-Processors/DSP	Multimedia; NEON™ MPE
RAM Controllers	LPDDR2, LVDDR3, DDR3
Graphics Acceleration	Yes
Display & Interface Controllers	Keypad, LCD, LVDS
Ethernet	10/100/1000Mbps (2)
SATA	-
USB	USB 2.0 + PHY (1), USB 2.0 OTG + PHY (2)
Voltage - I/O	1.8V, 2.5V, 2.8V, 3.15V
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 125°C (TJ)
Security Features	A-HAB, ARM TZ, CAAM, CSU, SNVS, System JTAG, TVDECODE
Package / Case	529-LFBGA
Supplier Device Package	529-MAPBGA (19x19)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/nxp-semiconductors/mcimx6x4avm08ab

i.MX Smart Devices



Giant Waterproof Tablet – i.MX53



Honeywell Lynx Touch security panel with the i.MX25



Icephone, Medical Phone with i.MX31



Navico Marine Navigation i.MX51



Maxtrack tablet for Brazilian Police with i.MX51



Avaak Vue Personal Video Network With the i.MX25



Invoxia
IP Phone - i.MX503



Gigaset DECT phone with i.MX233



Sophia systems' non-contact card Reader/Writer for DoCoMo with i.MX51



AMX 20.3" Modero X Series Panoramic Table Top Touch Panel with i.MX53



Televisie in België trams using MX51



**Line6
“Stagescape”
audio mixing
system with
i.MX51**



i.MX233 based i'mWatch



Sharp e-Dictionary with i.MX28



Harris military communication equipment with i.MX27



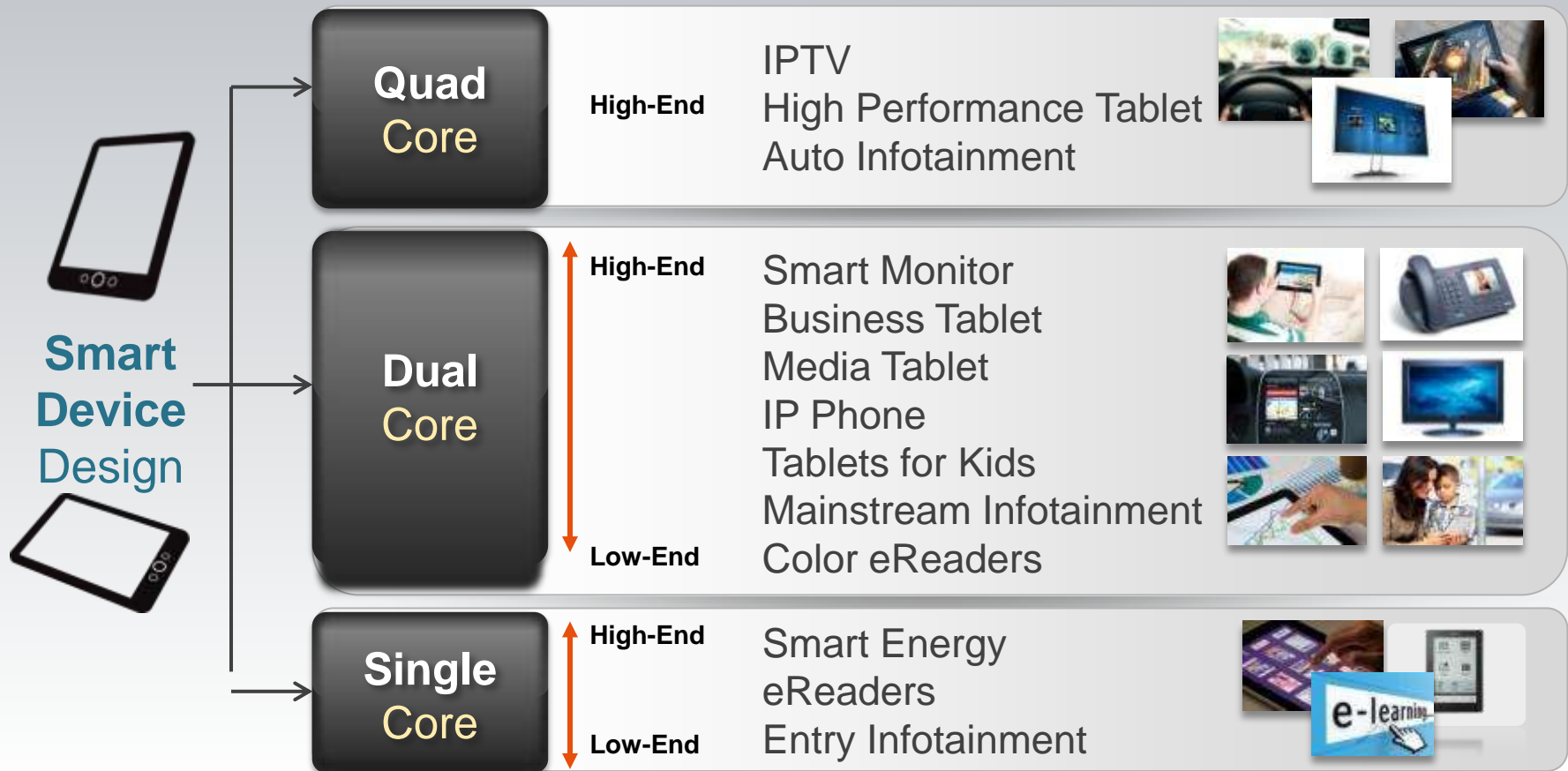
Japanese Boarding Gate Pass Reader with i.MX27



Self service touch screen terminal

i.MX 6: One Platform, Differentiated Products

Saves development costs and improves time to market.
Scalability with multiple cores is key to implement this strategy.



i.MX 6 Series At a Glance

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i.MX 6SoloLite

- Single ARM® Cortex™-A9 at 1.0GHz
- 256KB L2 cache, Neon, VFPv16, Trustzone
- 2D graphics
- 32-bit DDR3 and LPDDR2 at 400MHz
- Integrated EPD controller



i.MX 6Solo

- Single ARM Cortex-A9 at 1.0GHz
- **512KB** L2 cache, Neon, VFPv4, TrustZone
- **3D graphics** with 1 shader
- 2D graphics
- 32-bit DDR3 and LPDDR2 at 400MHz
- Integrated EPD controller



i.MX 6DualLite

- **Dual** ARM Cortex-A9 at 1.0GHz
- 512KB L2 cache, Neon, VFPv16, Trustzone
- 3D graphics with 1 shader
- 2D graphics
- **64-bit** DDR3 and 2-channel 32-bit LPDDR2 at 400MHz
- Integrated EPD controller



i.MX 6Dual

- **Dual** ARM Cortex-A9 at **1/1.2GHz**
- **1 MB** L2 cache, Neon, VFPv4, TrustZone
- 3D graphics with **4 shaders**
- **Two** 2D graphics engines
- 64-bit DDR3 and 2-channel 32-bit LPDDR2 at **533MHz**
- Integrated **SATA-II**



i.MX 6Quad

- **Quad** ARM Cortex-A9 at 1.2GHz
- 1 MB L2 cache, Neon, VFPv4, TrustZone
- 3D graphics with 4 shaders
- Two 2D graphics engines
- 64-bit DDR3 and 2-channel 32-bit LPDDR2 at 533MHz
- Integrated SATA-II



i.MX 6 Series Highlights

- ARM Cortex-A9 based solutions ranging up to 1.2GHz
- HD 1080p encode and decode (except 6SL)
- 3D video playback in High definition (except 6SL)
- Low power 1080p playback at 350mW Integrated IO's that include HDMI v1.4, MIPI and LVDS display ports, MIPI camera, Gigabit Ethernet, multiple USB 2.0 and PCI-Express
- SW support: Google Android™, Windows® Embedded CE, Ubuntu, Linux®, Skype™

Features vary by product family

Intelligent Integration of Multi-Media

i.MX 6Dual/6Quad VPU

- H.264 MVC1080p60 decode
- H.264 MVC 720p60 encode
- 350mW power consumption for single video!



Recording Video



Movie Content



Game Content

i.MX 6Dual/6Quad IPU

- Four Display support (2x MIPI-DSI, Parallel, HDMI v1.4a)
- Stereoscopic camera input
- Color adjustments and gamut mapping
- Gamma correction and contrast stretching
- Compensation for low-light conditions & backlight reduction



3D LCD



Publish



3D Television

i.MX 6Dual/6Quad Triple-Play Graphics

- 3 engines: 3D, OpenVG and BLT
- 200 MT/s, 4 shaders, 3 separate engines
- High quality 3D games optimized for mobile
- Augmented reality views (real world + 3D objects)
- Advanced 3D video formats (source/depth format)

i.MX 6Dual/6Quad– 2x/4x cores

- Create, transform, enhance, & publish multimedia fast!
- Intuitive User Interfaces for content viewing
- Scalability for 'the next big use case'

i.MX 6 Series Triple-Play Graphics support

i.MX 6Solo / i.MX 6DualLite



Composition
(2D BLIT)



3D + GP GPU
1 shader core

i.MX 6Dual



Composition
(2D BLIT)



Vector Graphics



3D + GP GPU
4 shader cores

i.MX 6Quad



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Same GPU drivers for all i.MX 6 Processors

- HW Dependency #1
- HW Dependency #2
- HW Dependency #3
- User satisfaction 'metric'

- CPU speed (rendering)
- Video HW unit
- Memory bandwidth
- Fast page draw

- JPEG HW dec
- Memory bandwidth
- 2D perf (swipe)
- Fast image viewing



- CPU speed (geometry)
- - 3D HW unit
- Memory BW
- **Responsiveness**

- HW video unit
- Memory bandwidth
- jitter-free video

- CPU speed (geometry)
- 3D HW unit (TPS)
- Memory Bandwidth (complexity)
- **Richer graphics, no 'lag'**

- CPU speed
- Memory Bandwidth
- **Responsiveness**

User Interfaces – Characteristics and Implications

- **UI content is inherently dynamic**
 - Unlike Games (which use pre-cached images/textures)
 - User content can/will change at any time
 - Therefore UI must refresh continuously in case new content emerges
 - Requires high speed (533Mhz) and wide (64-bit) memory bus to ensure high frame rates

Recommend Dual Core + 64-bit Memory Bus



User Content is dynamic and (potentially) always changing. Especially true of streaming movies, YouTube, pictures, home movies

- **User expects their 'latest' content to be instantly visible when scrolling (either touch or via remote with TV)**
- **Thumbnails must be visible and smooth as they scroll left to right.**

Gaming Performance

- **Benchmarking 3D game performance is tricky**
 - Dependent upon the 3D HW, the CPU speed and memory BW
 - Must balance all three to get best performance
- **Review websites use generally available benchmarks to rate tablets**
 - Example: Basemark, NenaMark, Antutu, Quadrant

Taiji Girl (Basemark ES2)



NenaMark2 3D Benchmark



AnTuTu Benchmark



Quadrant Benchmark

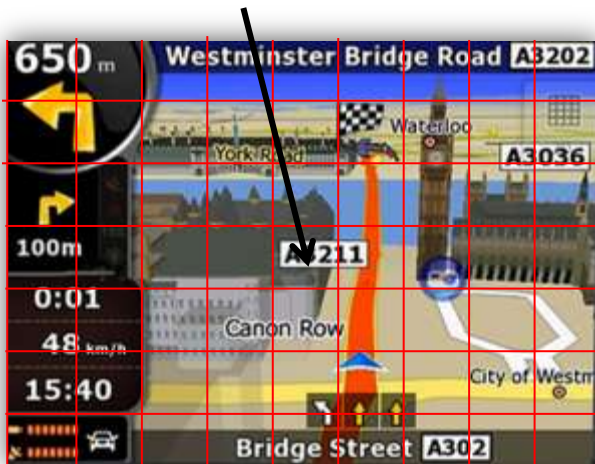


	6Quad	6DualLite	6Solo	Tegra2
Taiji Girl	25.65 fps	9.2 fps	7.67 fps	6 fps
NenaMark	49.2	30.5	27.2	21
AnTuTu	9605	5583	4531	4904
Quadrant	4011	3005	2414	2559

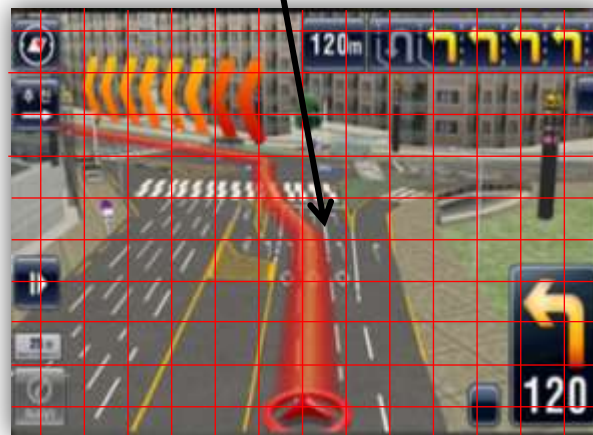
Tile Based Rendering (Chunkers)

- Size of scene buffer unknown before rendering
 - Possible overflow if scene requires more data than expected
- Good rendering method for baseline GUI/3D Apps with smaller object count (less details)
 - More bandwidth efficient than FMR in simple (yesterday) use cases
- For next generation dynamic scenes in new and future applications with lots of objects, details and post-processing effects, tile based Chunkers require multi-pass memory access to constantly process changing 3D/scene data
 - PC Level Applications (Performance, Quality, Effects) → Tablets → Smartphones → Infotainment

Tile



Tile



Tile (Complex Scene)

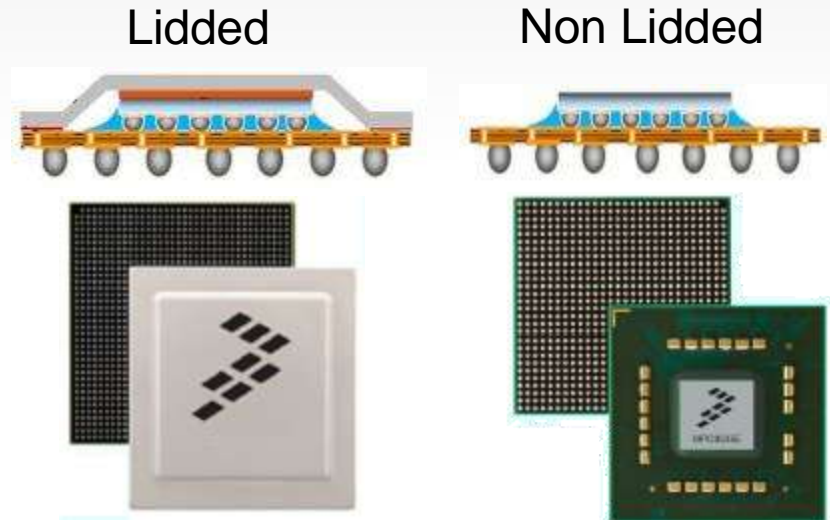


i.MX 6 Series VPU: *Multi-streams*

	Standard	Profile	Max # Streams			
			D1 @ 30fps	720p@ 30fps	1080p@ 24fps	1080p@ 30fps
HW Decoder	H.264	BP/MP/HP	8	3	2	1
	On2 VP8	--	4	2	1	1 (iMX6Q/D, TBD) 1 (iMX6D/S)
	VC1	SP/MP/AP	8	3	2	1
	MPEG4	SP/ASP	8	3	2	1
	H.263	P0/P3	8	3	2	1
HW Encoder	H.264	BP	6	2	2 (TBD)	1
	MPEG4-SP/H.263	MPEG4-SP H.263-P0/P3	6	2	--	--

Package and Qual levels – 21x21 FCBGA Package

- **Lidded – Auto and Industrial**
 - Contains a metal lid covering the processor
 - More robust for industrial or automotive environments
 - **Non-Lidded – Consumer**
 - Exposes the back side of the die (flipchip)
 - Lower Z-height for space constrained devices
 - Easier to attach custom heat spreaders
 - **Three types of Qual for i.MX 6Series**
 - Consumer→ Highest Frequency
 - Automotive→ Maximum environmental support
 - Industrial→ Longest duration (“always on”)
 - **Only Non-Lidded packaging will be available in Consumer Temp**
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Type	Characteristics
Consumer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -20 to 105Deg Tj • 5 year life cycle @ 50% duty cycle • Max of 1.2Ghz CPU speed
Automotive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -40 to 125Deg Tj • 10 year life cycle @ 10% duty cycle • Max of 1Ghz CPU speed
Industrial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -40 to 105Deg Tj • 10 year life cycle @ 100% duty cycle • Max of 800Mhz CPU speed



FC-BGA Manufacturing
App note (Lid and non-Lid)
Available on freescale.com

i.MX 6 Series feature list (3/4)

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	i.MX 6SoloLite	i.MX 6Solo	i.MX 6DualLite	i.MX 6Dual	i.MX 6Quad
Display Resolution (@60Hz)	WXGA (WXGA=1366x768)	2x WXGA	2x WXGA	2x 4XGA or 2x [1080p + WXGA] (4XGA=2048x1536)	2x 4XGA or 2x [1080p + WXGA]
Display Interfaces	2x Outputs • 1x Parallel • EPDC	2x Outputs • 2x Parallel • 2x LVDS • HDMI • MIPI-DSI • EPDC	2x Outputs • 2x Parallel • 2x LVDS • HDMI • MIPI-DSI • EPDC	4x Outputs • 2x Parallel • 2x LVDS • HDMI • MIPI-DSI	4x Outputs • 2x Parallel • 2x LVDS • HDMI • MIPI-DSI
GPU 3D	-	Vivante GC880 • 53Mtri/s • 266Mpxl/s • OpenGL ES 1.1/2.0/3.0	Vivante GC880 • 53Mtri/s • 266Mpxl/s • OpenGL ES 1.1/2.0/3.0	Vivante GC2000 • 176Mtri/s • 1000Mpxl/s • OpenGL ES 1.1/2.0/3.0 • OpenCL 1.1 EP	Vivante GC2000 • 176Mtri/s • 1000Mpxl/s • OpenGL ES 1.1/2.0/3.0 • OpenCL 1.1 EP
GPU 2D (Vector Graphics)	Vivante GC355 • 300Mpxl/s • OpenVG 1.1	via GPU 3D • OpenVG 1.1	via GPU 3D • OpenVG 1.1	Vivante GC355 • 300Mpxl/s • OpenVG 1.1	Vivante GC355 • 300Mpxl/s • OpenVG 1.1
GPU 2D (BLIT)	Vivante GC320 • 600Mpxl/s	Vivante GC320 • 600Mpxl/s	Vivante GC320 • 600Mpxl/s	Vivante GC320 • 600Mpxl/s	Vivante GC320 • 600Mpxl/s
Video Dec	SW Only	1080p30 + D1 MPEG-2, H.264 MVC, VC1, MPEG-4/Xvid, DivX 6, H.263, MJPEG, VP6 / WebM VP8	1080p30 + D1 MPEG-2, H.264 MVC, VC1, MPEG-4/Xvid, DivX 6, H.263, MJPEG, VP6 / WebM VP8	1080p60 + D1 2x 1080p30 MPEG-2, H.264 MVC, VC1, MPEG-4/Xvid, DivX 6, H.263, MJPEG, VP6 / WebM VP8	1080p60 + D1 2x 1080p30 MPEG-2, H.264 MVC, VC1, MPEG-4/Xvid, DivX 6, H.263, MJPEG, VP6 / WebM VP8
Video Enc	-	1080p30 2x 720p H.264, H.263, MPEG-4, MPEG-2, MJPEG	1080p30 2x 720p H.264, H.263, MPEG-4, MPEG-2, MJPEG	1080p30 2x 720p H.264, H.263, MPEG-4, MPEG-2, MJPEG	1080p30 2x 720p H.264, H.263, MPEG-4, MPEG-2, MJPEG

...MX 6 Quad SABRE Lite Board (TO1.0 Silicon)

<http://boundarydevices.com/products/sabre-lite-imx6-sbc/>

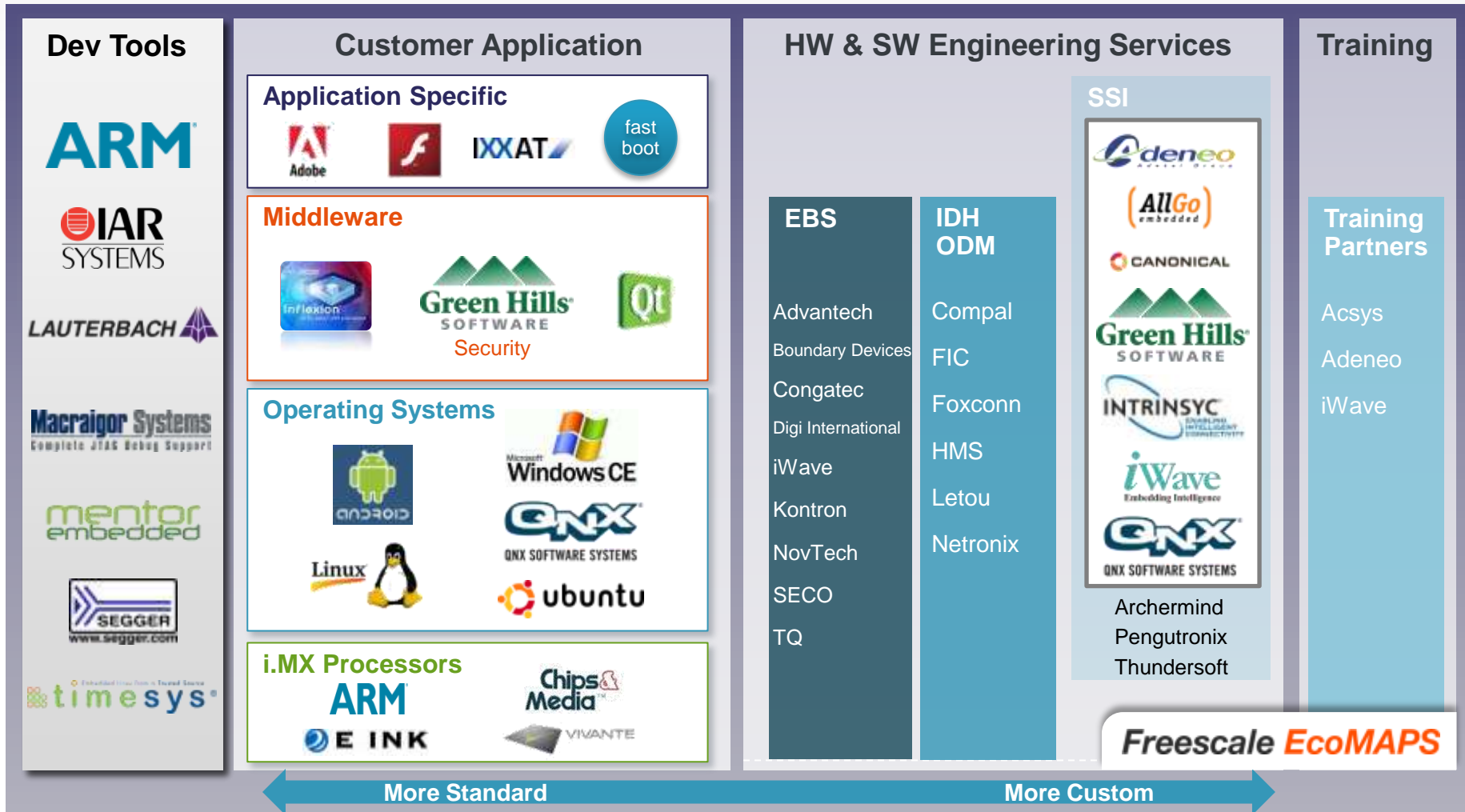
Low Cost Community Board



- 1GByte of 64-bit wide DDR3 @ 532MHz
 - Three display ports (24-bit RGB, LVDS, HDMI)
 - Two camera ports (1xParallel, 1xMIPI)
 - Serial ATA (SATA)
 - Dual SDHC card slots (1 std, 1 micro)
 - PCI express port
 - Analog (headphone/mic) and Digital (HDMI) audio
 - Compact size (3¼"x3¼")
 - 10/100/1G Ethernet
 - 10-pin JTAG interface
 - 3 High speed USB ports (2xHost, 1xOTG)
 - CAN port
 - UART debug port
 - I2C
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- Purchase directly from Boundary Devices
 - PO, Credit Card or PayPal placed directly with Boundary Devices
 - Schematics and user manual available on Boundary website
 - Additional supply partners available in Q3

SABRE-Lite will not be stocked, sold, or supported by Freescale
All support from Boundary Devices, partners or IMXCommunity.org

FreescalE EcoMAPS for i.MX Architectures



IDE: Integrated Development Environment
BDM: Background Debug Module

EBS: Embedded Board Solutions

IDH: Independent Design House
ODM Original Design Manufacturer

SSI: Software & Solution Integrators

- 802.11a/b/g/n low power SDIO cad based on Qualcomm Atheros AR6003
- Wi-Fi driver software integrated with Freescale i.MX 6 platform
- Family of hardware solutions available
 - System-in-Package (SiP)
 - Radio Module
 - SD Card Form Factor



i.MX 6 Series Triple-Play Graphics support

i.MX 6Solo / i.MX 6DualLite



Composition (2D BLIT)



3D + GP GPU
1 shader core

i.MX 6Dual



Composition (2D BLIT)



Vector Graphics



3D + GP GPU
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i.MX 6Quad



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Same GPU drivers for all i.MX 6 Processors

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- **i.MX 6SoloLite**
- **Single DDR**
- **EPD**

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SABRE Platform for Smart Devices (SDP)

i.MX 6Quad 1GHz Cortex-A9 Processor
i.MX 6DualLite 1GHz Cortex-A9 Processor

- Freescale MMPF0100 PMIC
- 1 GB DDR3 memory (non terminated)
- 3" x 7" 8-layer PCB

Display connectors

- Native 1024x768 LVDS display (comes with kit)
- 2nd LVDS connector
- Connector for 24 bit 4.3" 800x480 WVGA with 4-wire touch screen
- HDMI Connector
- MIPI DSI connector

Audio

- Wolfson Audio Codec
- Microphone and headphone jacks
- Dual 1W Speakers

Expansion Connector

- Enables parallel LCD or HDMI output
- Camera CSI port signals
- I2C, SSI, SPI signals

Part Numbers:

MCIMX6Q-SDP (\$999)
MCIMX6DL-SDP (\$999)

Display (4.3"):
WiFi:

MCIMX28LCD (\$199)
Silex WiFi module



Connectivity

- 2x Full-size SD/MMC card slot
- 22-pin SATA connector
- 10/100/1000 Ethernet port
- 1x high-speed USB OTG port
- mPCI-e connector

Debug

- JTAG connector
- Serial to USB connector

Additional Features

- 3-axis Freescale accel
- GPS receiver
- Ambient Light Sensor
- eCompass
- Dual 5MP Cameras
- Power supply
- Battery Charger
- Battery connectors

OS Support

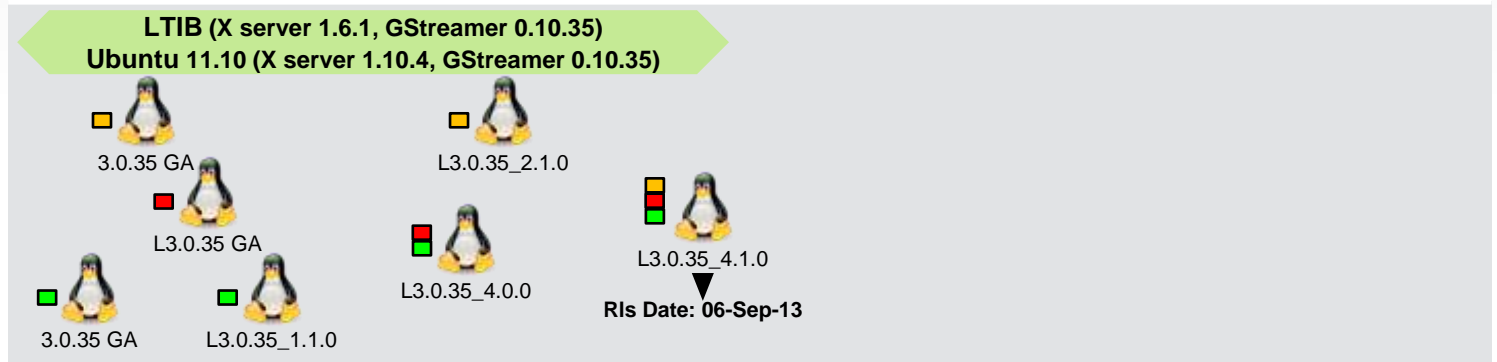
- Linux and Android IceCream Sandwich from Freescale;
- Others: support by 3rd parties

Tools Support

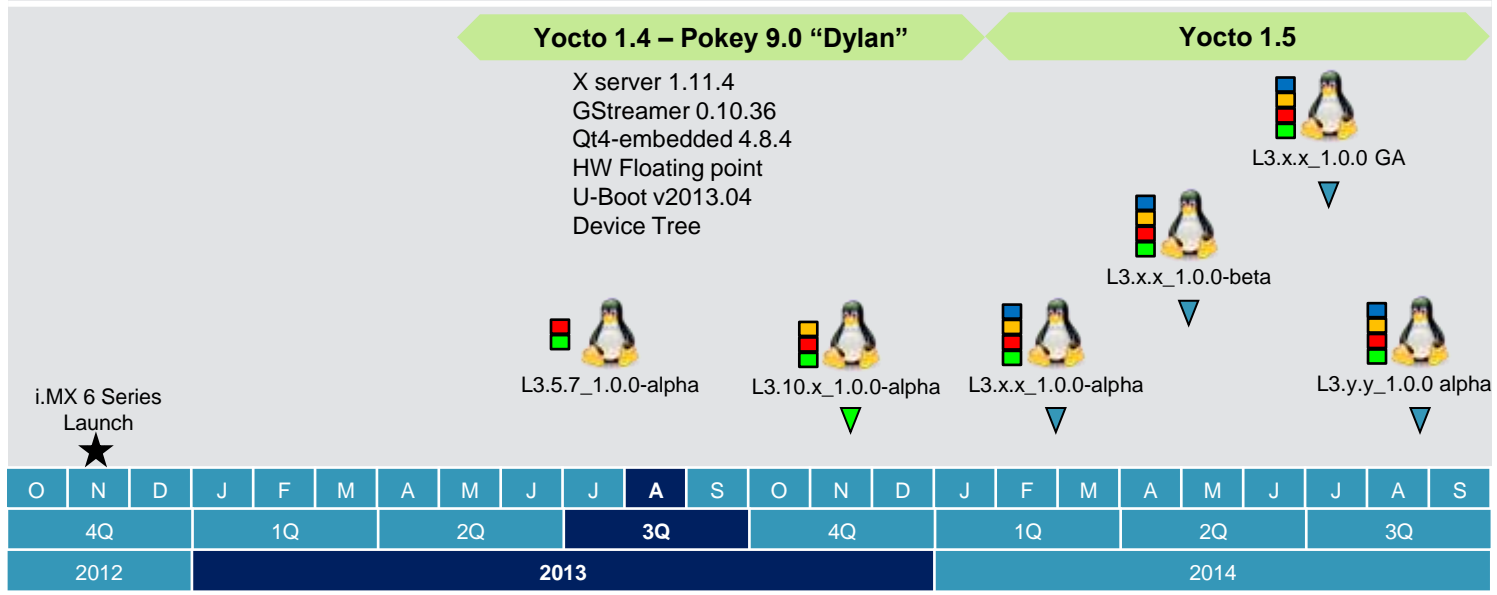
- Lauterbach, ARM (DS-5), Macraigor debug/IDE tool chain

Linux Roadmap

Legacy Distribution



Yocto



- ▼ Execution
- ▼ Planning
- ▼ Proposed

-  i.MX6Q/i.MX6D SabreSDB/SDP, SabreAI
-  i.MX6DL/i.MX6S SabreSDP, SabreAI
-  i.MX6SL EVK
-  i.MX6SoloX SabreSDP

GA – Support for 1 year
Alpha & Beta – Support until next release

