

LTSI – Developer Experiences

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- Internal Project for Platform Team:
 - 2.6.35.7 target (gingerbread)
 - 2.6.38 upstream (initially)
 - Improve quality of Drivers for Production Team
 - Do so in a re-usable way
 - Experiment with reproducible back-porting methods



- LTSI-3.0
 - 3.0.31 target
 - 3.4 upstream
 - Improve quality of Drivers for Production Team
 - Bring code re-use to a wider audience



- LTSI-3.4
 - 3.4.25 target
 - v3.5, v3.6, v3.7 upstream



Target Selection Process

- SoC, Driver, etc... selection based on customer needs



Patch Pool for each Target

- Target files isolated in conjunction with domain expert
- Short-list of patches obtained using git
`git log --oneline v3.4..v3.7 -- x/y/z.[ch]`



- Full backport of target drivers, board, SoC, etc...
 - Reproducible
- Partial backport of dependencies
 - Limits scope creep



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- Requests for many components to be back-ported
- A sign of success?



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- Git cherry-pick and rebase in conjunction with rerere are rather handy to create single branch



Questions?

