PikeOS
DO-178B/C Certification Kit

Reduce Certification Costs and Time-to-Market by using pre-certified Software Components
SYSGO Business Solution
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PikeOS is the ideal platform for safety certifiable avionics applications requiring DO-178 certification up to Design Assurance Level A. Projects benefit from the fact that PikeOS has achieved DO-178 certification on civil and military aircrafts systems.

Introduction

PikeOS combines a real-time safety operating system and a virtualization platform for embedded systems in one architecture. The safety concept of the PikeOS Real-Time Hypervisor is based on safe and secure separation of mixed critical applications, which is the fundamental basis for IMA architectures.

The PikeOS Certification Kit (CertKit) provides all necessary artifacts to prove the compliance of PikeOS to all objectives of the DO-178B/C safety standard. By using the PikeOS CertKit, SYSGO customers can focus on the certification of their application(s).

The PikeOS Board Support Package (BSP) implements software support for the customers hardware and will require its own certification artifacts. SYSGO has the in-house expertise and tools to develop and certify PikeOS BSPs for custom hardware. If SYSGO customers want to develop their own BSP, the PikeOS/BSP Validation Kit provides the tooling to re-run a subset of the PikeOS test-suites together with the customers BSP, in order to validate the correct coexistence of both components.

PikeOS Certification Kit (CertKit)

In order to comply with the applicable parts of the DO-178B/C, SYSGO generates all artifacts, which are required for the certification of PikeOS running on custom hardware. The following list is a high level summary of the certification artifacts generated by SYSGO and mandated by the DO-178B/C:

- Planning documentation (PSAC, SDP, SVP, SQAP, SCMP)
- Software Standards (SRS, SDS, SCS)
- Software High Level Requirements documentation
- Interface Documentation for all PikeOS components
- Design Documentation (Architecture and Low Level Requirements) including component and module design
- Implementation and verification documentation
- Software Integration documentation
- Software Verification and Testing documentation (SVCP, SVR)
- The Stack Analysis, Timing Analysis and Partitioning Analysis reports for PikeOS.
- Structural Coverage Documentation (Statement Coverage (SW level A, B, C), Decision Coverage (SW level A, B), MC/DC coverage and Source-Code-to-Object-Code coverage (SW level A)
- Traceability documentation
- The Safety Manual for PikeOS (generic and processor architecture specific)
- The Tool qualification reports for the tools used within the PikeOS development which need qualification based on requirements of DO-178B/C and DO-330
- Software Delivery documentation (SCI, MDL)
- The SW Accomplishment Summary (SAS) for the generic PikeOS components. The SAS gives a compliance statement to the processes performed by SYSGO during the software lifecycle.

The Master Document List (MDL) for the overall certification process references detailed documentation, which SYSGO is able to present to the certification authorities (e.g. EASA, FAA) in order to obtain the PikeOS certification. If requested, this documentation is available for reviews and audits by SYSGO customers or the certification authorities.

PikeOS/BSP Validation Kit

The integration of a custom BSP requires a re-run of a subset of the PikeOS test suites. If SYSGO customers develop their own BSP, SYSGO provides a self-contained (i.e. independent from customer infrastructure) subset of the PikeOS Test Suites as part of a PikeOS/BSP Validation Kit. The content is project specific and will include a customized version of:

- The SYSGO Test Framework (TFW)
- Test-Suite for Timing Analysis and Worst Case Execution Time(WCET) Analysis
- Test-Suite for PikeOS validation

The Test Framework (TFW) is a stand-alone software package, which provides a framework to execute test cases on the customer target hardware. After finishing all tests, special tools provided by the Test Framework create a test case result document.

SYSGO DO-178B/C Certification Process

The SYSGO Certification Kit includes all mandatory evidence and artifacts to comply with the international software standard DO-178B/DO-178C for avionic software applications, which ensure that any certification audit can be fulfilled by showing compliance to all objectives of this standard.
PikeOS is designed as a Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) software component (as defined in DO-178C chapter 2.5.3) so that it can be used for a variety of installations purely by the provision of application-specific configuration data and algorithms. It is usable in systems with safety integrity requirements up to DO-178B/C SW Level A and is developed using software processes in compliance with this standard.

Additionally to the compliance to DO-178B/C, SYSGO provides additional documentation to support the integration of PikeOS into the customer specific hardware certification strategy. E.g. a Safety Manual for PikeOS (generic and processor architecture specific) will be provided to establish safety requirements for integrators and application developers how to use PikeOS to build a safe system.

PikeOS Source Code Inspection

Source code inspection is typically required for a certification in the avionic industry. Source Code is not automatically included in the PikeOS CertKit, but always available additionally. Depending on the customers’ requirements, PikeOS source code can be licensed as read-only, build and read/write license. If requested, a source code inspection can be agreed for reviews and audits by SYSGO customers or the certification authority.

SYSGO Certification Services

The certification kit is complemented with a certification services package. The main objective of this service is to establish communication and understanding between SYSGO, the customer and the certification authorities regarding the certification aspects throughout the software life cycle and to assist the customer in the certification process.

The coordination with the certification authorities is typically managed by the customer. Nevertheless SYSGO has established a good partnership to the certification authorities (e.g. EASA) due to successful projects in the past. Therefore the attendance of SYSGO to audits and meetings with authorities is usual. SYSGO is open to provide detailed information about the developed products upon request.

SYSGO Certification Support and Maintenance

To comply with the DO-178B/C safety standard, SYSGO and the customer have to establish, document and maintain procedures for problem reporting and corrective actions. Especially these procedures cover the following aspects:

- Define the documentation needed for problem reporting and/or corrective actions, with the aim of giving feedback to the responsible management
- Define analysis of the information collected in the problem reports to identify its causes

- Define the practices to be followed for reporting, tracking and resolving problems identified both during the development phase and during software maintenance

The PikeOS CertKit support contract enables SYSGO customers to have an effective implementation of this regulatory. The support contracts include SYSGO’s commitment to maintain:

- The certified PikeOS version as well as corresponding certifications artifacts purchased by the customer
- The certification knowledge of the related certification standard and of the particular version of PikeOS used by the customer
- All tools used for the certification of the PikeOS version (i.e. development and test tools)

The SYSGO Safety Board analyses and communicates safety-related problem reports within Safety Bulletins regularly to SYSGO customers under a valid support and maintenance contract. Safety Bulletins are generated on a quarterly basis for all certification related projects.

Certified PikeOS Add-Ons / Optional Components

PikeOS and its middleware components were certified according to various industry standards (e.g. DO-178B, EN50128 and EN61508). Certification artifacts are available for the following PikeOS components:

- The Native Personality provides a direct API for PikeOS.
- The PikeOS POSIX Personality provides a PSE51 and PSE52 conformant API for PikeOS.
- The ARINC 653 Personality for PikeOS is a complete and fully compliant implementation of the ARINC 653 P1-3 specification and parts of ARINC 653 P2-2.
- Certifiable File System (CFS) add-on provides a compact and robust file system running on top of a POSIX Personality or PikeOS Native Personality. CFS guarantees data integrity under any conditions, such as power failures.
- Certifiable IP Stack (CIP) add-on provides a UDP/IP stack implemented for POSIX and PikeOS Native API.

In a Nutshell

- More than 20 years experience in certifying safety critical software in international projects
- ISO 9001:2015/SPICE Level 3 certified development process
- In-house expertise and tools for full SW-Certification Process
- Services to support customers software certification
- ARINC 653 compliant robust Safety RTOS and Hypervisor
- Certified to DO-178B DAL B with all Artifacts up to DAL A
- Mixed Criticality on one platform to build IMA systems
- All relevant Certification Artifacts up to DAL A available
- Tool Qualification Reports for development and testing tools
- Problem reports and corrective actions process for complete project life-cycle
- All SYSGO products and services are free of any Export restriction and free of ITAR Control