

# STM32Java

Embedded Java Solutions for STM32



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**STM32Java Overview**

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**Adding Java to your system**  
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# What is STM32Java ?

- STM32Java is a complete solution to develop and to deploy applications on STM32 microcontrollers using Java technologies
- The solution was developed by
  - **STMicroelectronics** - semiconductor company
  - **IS2T** - software editor (embedded Java solutions provider)



- **Dedicated STM32 Java enabled Devices**
  - « U » Part numbers for sampling (ex: STM32F407IGT6U)
  - « J » Part numbers for production (ex: STM32F407IGT6J)
- **An embedded Java SDK**
  - Based on MicroEJ® by IS2T
  - On PC simulator for easy prototyping
  - Java Virtual Machine with standard libraries & BSP
  - A set of libraries & tools for Embedded Graphics:
    - Widgets, Fonts, Images, ...



# Target Markets for Embedded Java



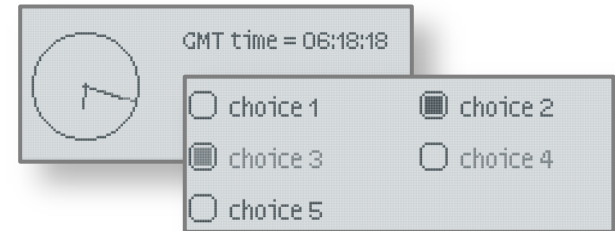
## Consumer

- Kitchen equipment (Cookers, Ovens, Washing machines)



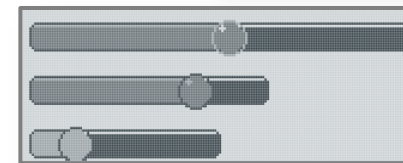
## Home appliance

- Comfort (Heating)
- Security (Alarms, Access control)



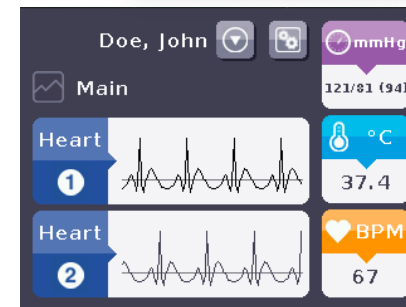
## Industrial, Metering

- Automation, Smart-metering



## Healthcare

- Body control equipment

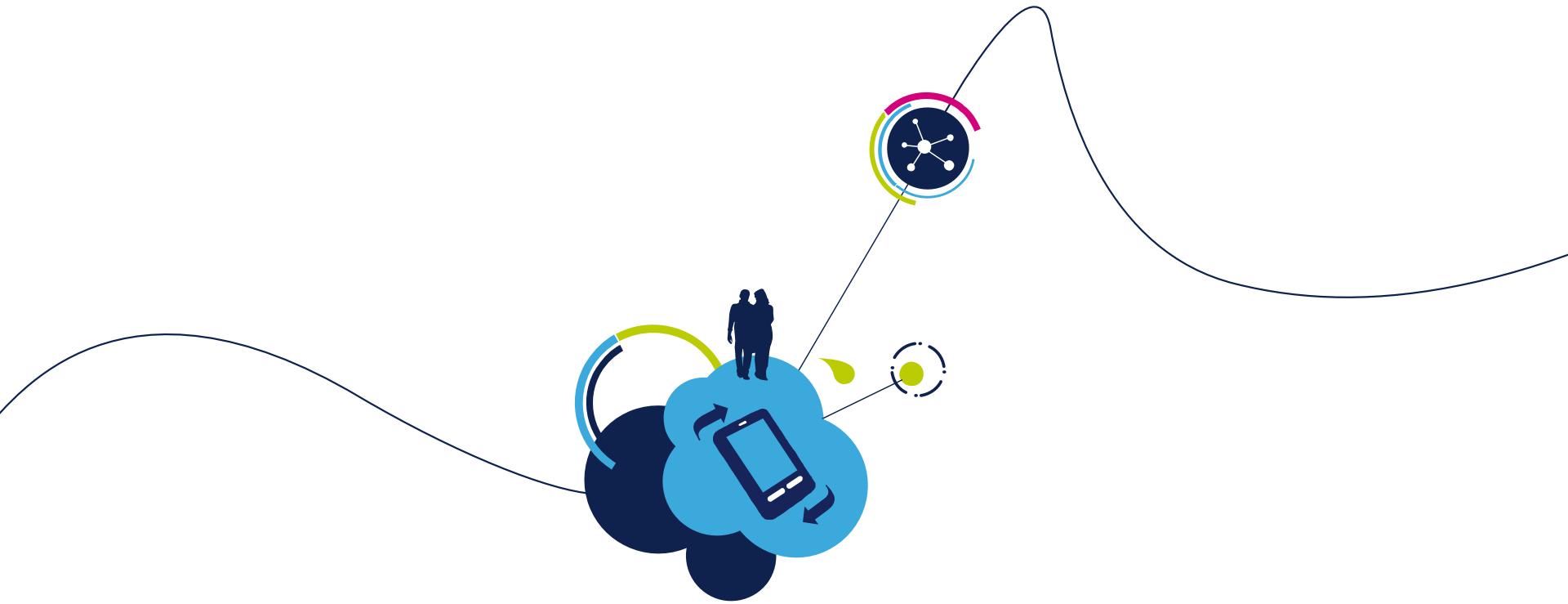


## *Marketing Directors*

- Broaden product portfolio
  - Improved software scalability to derivate new products from older ones
- Shorten product definition phase
  - Use simulation capabilities to test prototypes, especially for GUI design
- Speed-up product first sales
  - Train sales force using simulators before products are ready

## *R&D Directors*

- Deliver on time
  - Increase software productivity
- Improve software engineering skills
  - Train your technical staff on Object Oriented Programming, access to “pure” software people.
- Maintain quality level
  - Improve testing capabilities



# Embedded Java



# Embedded Software Challenges

- Microcontrollers now offer more than 1M Bytes on-chip Flash
  - Embedded software complexity increases
  - Testing time increases
  - New topics complex to address such as Graphical User Interfaces
- Hardware & OS market fragmentation
  - How to deal with a different ranges of processors?
  - How to reuse existing embedded software, including RTOS?

# Embedded Software Challenges

*Need to industrialize embedded software production.*

*Object Oriented Programming & Virtual Platforms  
are the known best solutions since the 80's.*



# Java Technology Key Benefits

- Use a modern programming technology
  - Object oriented to enable loose entity coupling and complex entity organizations (business code, widgets, servers)
  - Portable across a wide range of platforms including 3rd party HW like smart-phones
  - Automatic RAM management, ideal for event driven systems like GUIs
- Improve your software design process
  - Short learning curve
  - Better software productivity (x3 to x5 usually)
  - Large engineer community
  - Keep hardware & software design cycles independent

# Embedded Java Platforms

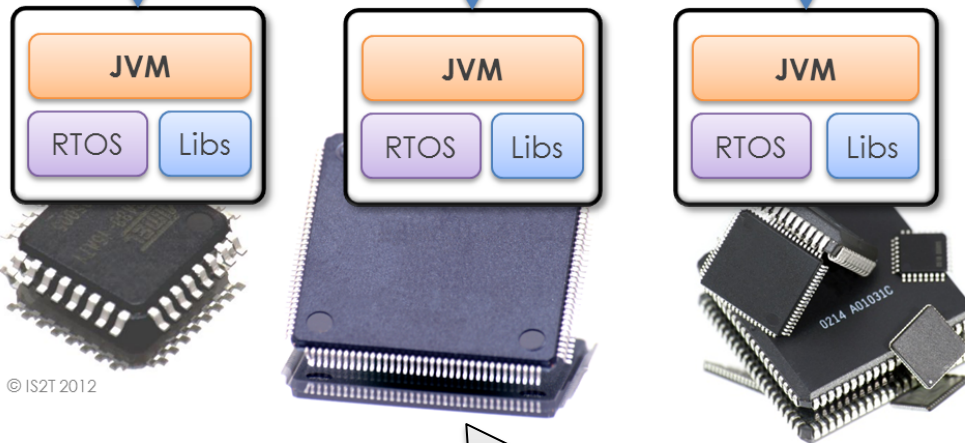
```
/**
 * Java
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 * subject to license terms.
 */
package
com.is2t.appnotes.microcui.mvc;
import java.io.IOException;
import *j.microcui.EventGenerator;
import *j.microcui.io.Display;
import *j.microcui.io.FlyingMouse;
import *j.microcui.io.Keys;
import *j.microcui.io.Pointer;
/**
 * Shows three views (bar, pie,
 * text) that represents the same
 * data model (a percentage value).
 * It is possible to resize the
```

Java language

Java technology

Java Virtual Machines  
(software processors)

Microprocessors



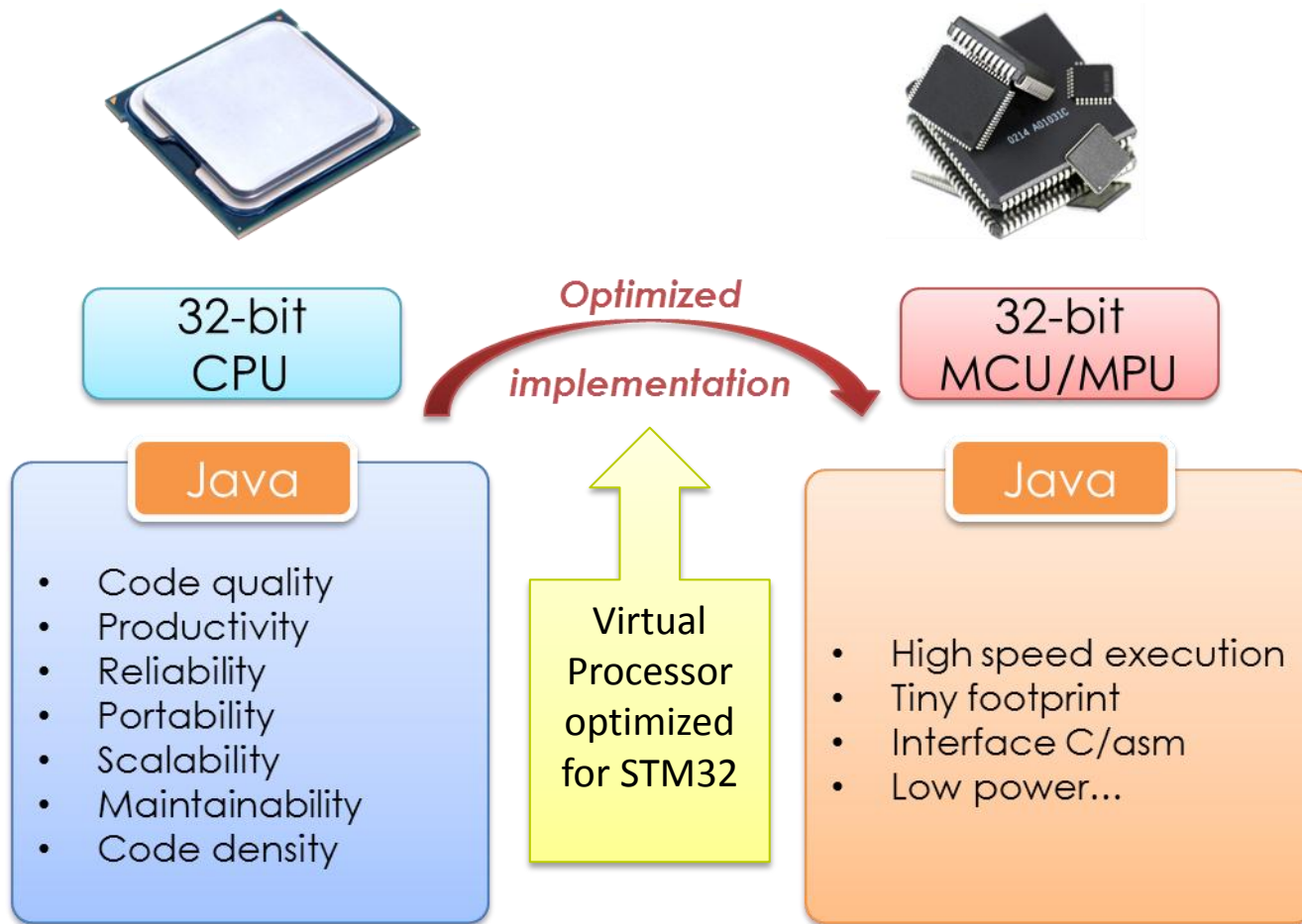
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Flexible JVM architectures to  
fit hardware constraints

# A Virtual Machine: a Virtual Processor


- 32-bit instructions set (~200 instructions, high density)
- Multitasking operation
- Automatic memory optimizer
- Run-time error handling
- Interface to other languages like C

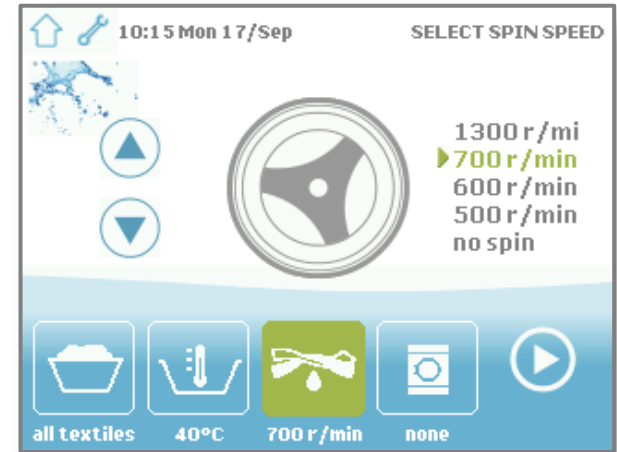
# Optimized MicroJvm® VMs by IS2T



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# Embedded Java Platform Example

- STM32F2x (Cortex-M3) – 120MHz
- 16-bit col. QVGA LCD, Touch
- APIs: CLDC, B-ON, MicroUI, MWT, SNI
-  Boot time (reset to `main(String[] args)`): 2ms

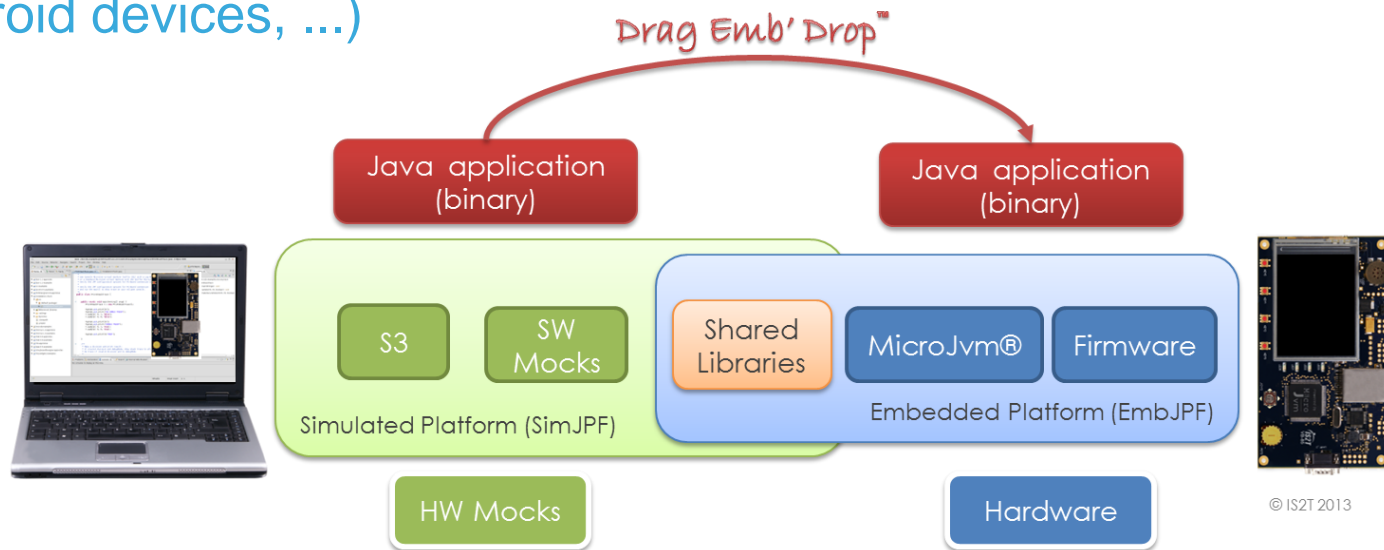


Application Memory Requirements				
	Flash	422KB	RAM	42KB
Java needs	Virtual Machine (runtime & GC)	28KB	Virtual Machine	1KB
	Libraries (graphics, com, float...)	132KB	Native Stack	28KB
	Graphical resources (images)	228KB		
	Application	34KB	Application	13KB

# Prototyping Using Simulation

- Ubiquity

- Same binary code can be executed by different Java platforms on various software and hardware platforms (PC, MCU/MPU, iOS & Android devices, ...)



- Embedded / Simulated platforms

- Java calls C/asm (firmware, drivers) on target
- Native code simulated by mocks (SW/HW) on simulator



# Replace Waterfall Design Process...

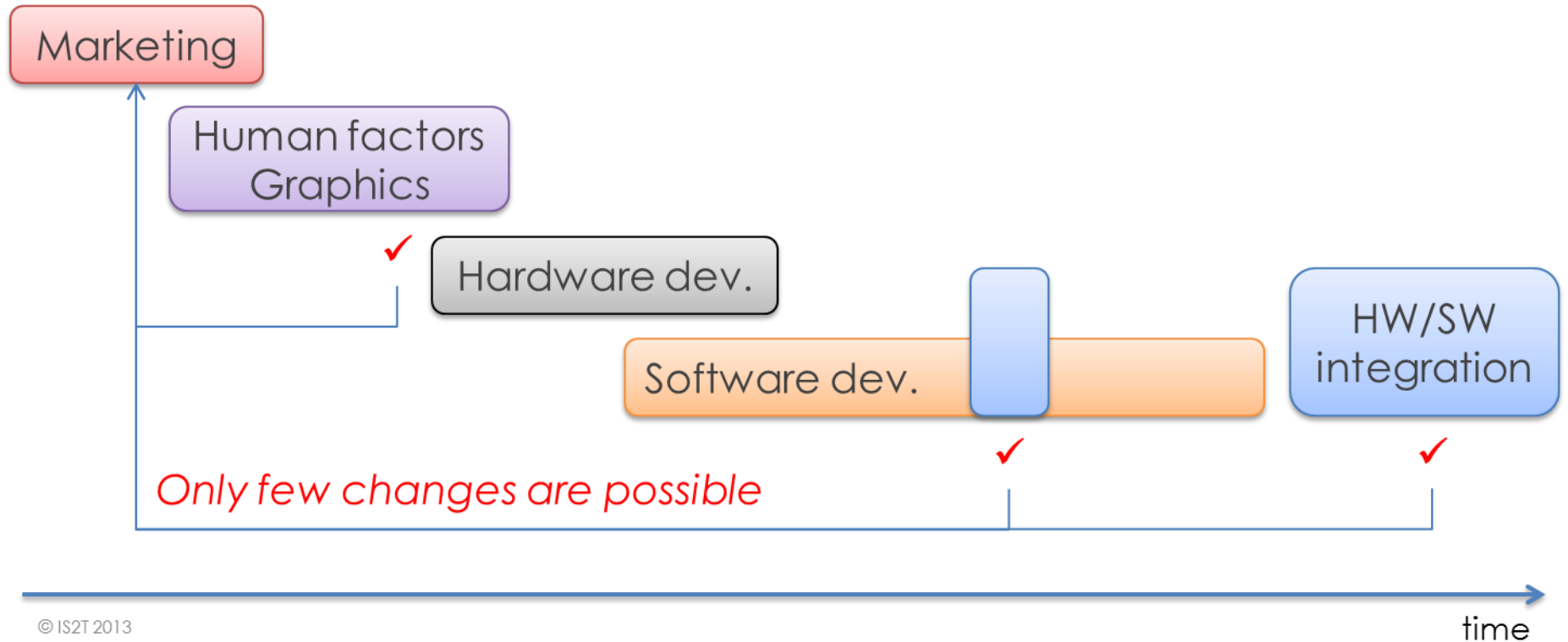
Mkt. specs

HW ready

1<sup>st</sup> integration

SW ready

Release



# Agility – Combine Simulation & OOP

Mkt. specs

HW ready

JPF ready

Release



Marketing

Human factors & Graphics

Software dev. (continuous integration and iterative deliveries)

Hardware dev.

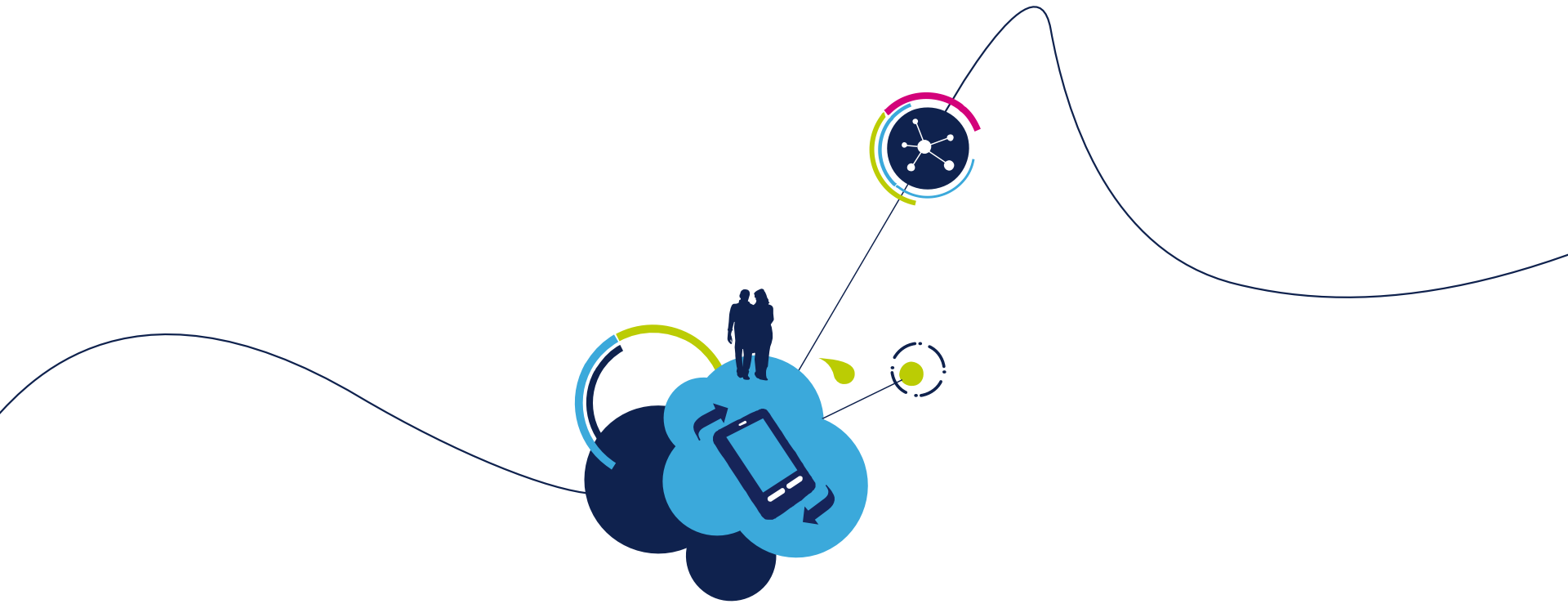
Simulated Java Platform

Embedded Java Platform

HW/JPF test



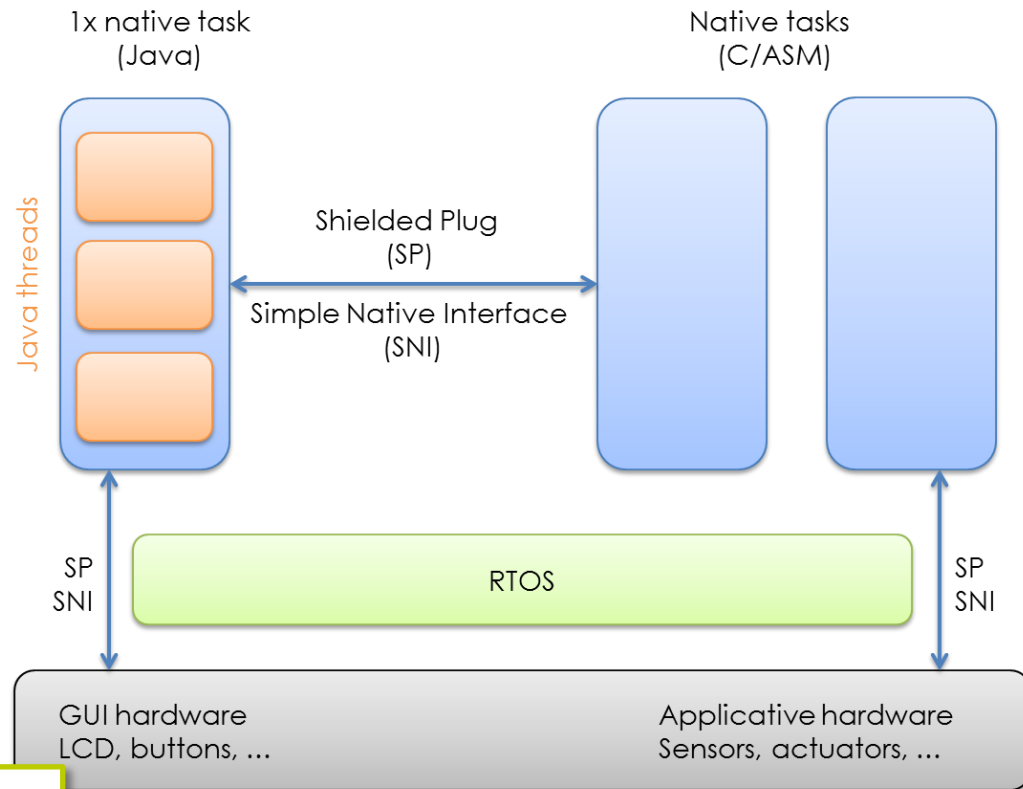
**Changes are possible anytime**



# Adding Java to your system

# Easy RTOS Integration (Green Thread)

- Multi-threaded Java environment within a single RTOS task
- Java thread scheduling policy independent of the RTOS
- Easy control of CPU resource usage for Java world
- CPU resource allocation irrespective of the number of threads



## ***RTOS Examples***

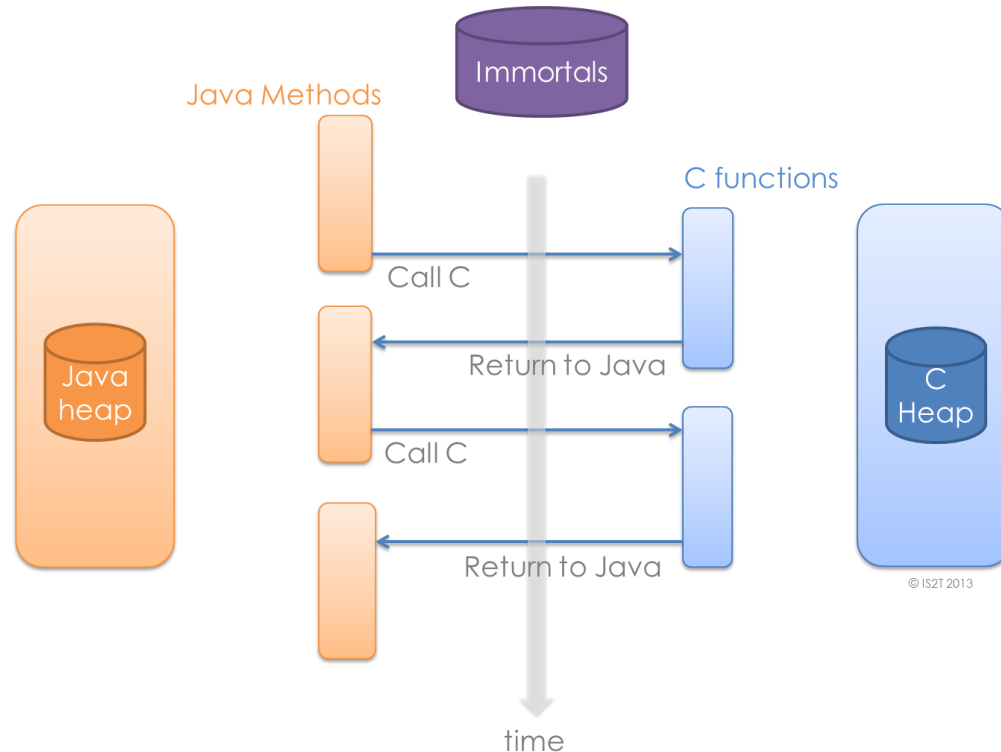
- FreeRTOS
- ThreadX,  $\mu$ C/OS, EmbOS
- Yours!

# Easy Java ↔ C Interface (Calls 1/2)

- SNI (ESR 012) : Simple Native Interface
- Call Java world → C/asm
- Arguments: base types (int, float, double , char)



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# Easy Java ↔ C Interface (Calls 2/2)

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- Easy mapping using naming convention

```
package GPIO;  
  
public class Main {  
    public static native void toggle();  
  
    public static void main(String[] a) throws InterruptedException  
    {  
        while(true) {  
            toggle();  
            Thread.sleep(10);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

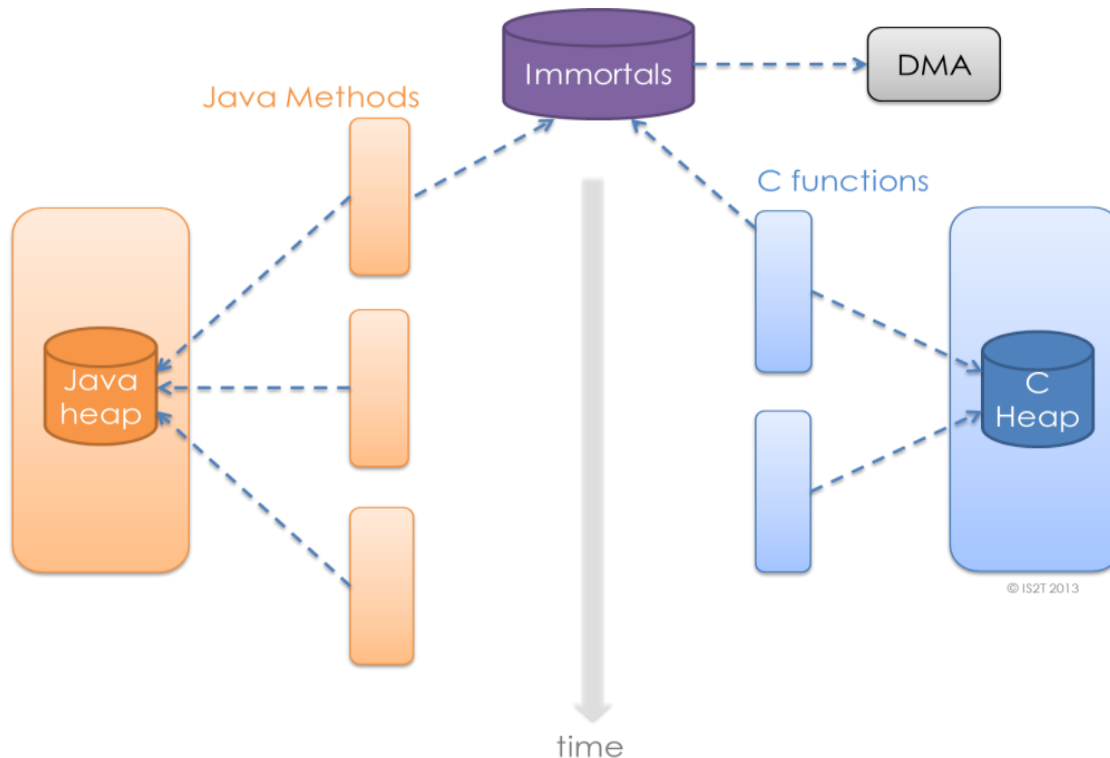
```
#include <snr.h>  
#include "gpio.h"  
  
void Java_GPIO_Main_toggle() {  
    GPIOE->ODR ^= GPIO_Pin_2 ;  
}
```

# Easy Java ↔ C Interface (Data 1/2)

- SNI (ESR 012): Simple Native Interface
- Share arrays of base types
- Zero copy buffers and compatible with DMA systems



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# Easy Java ↔ C Interface (Data 2/2)

- Immortals are used to share data memory between Java and C

```
package com.corp.examples;
public class Hello {

    static int[] array = (int[])Immortals.setImmortal(new int[50]);
    public static native int getData(int[] array);

    public static void main(String[] args){
        int nb = getData(array);
    }
}
```

```
#include <jni.h>

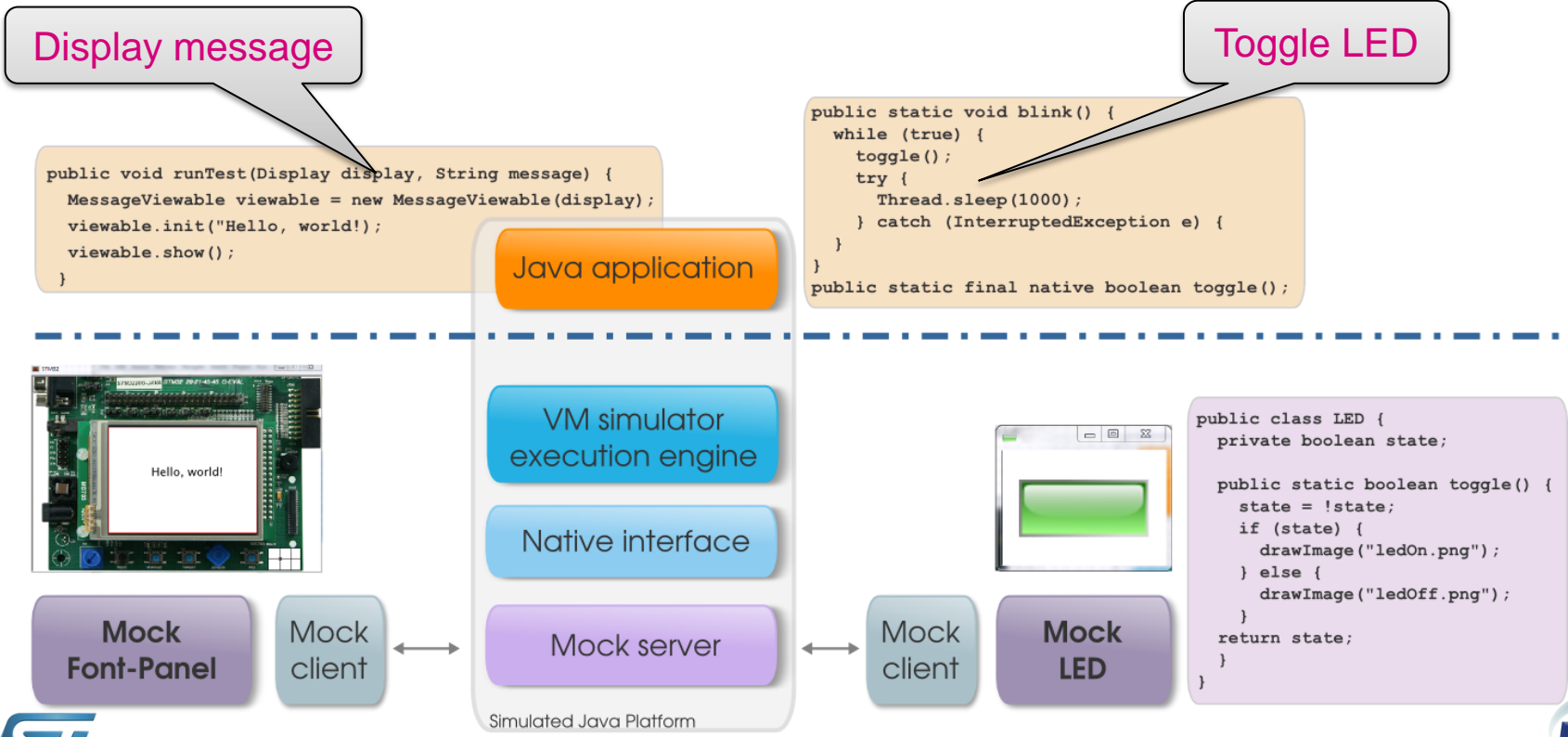
jint Java_com_corp_examples_Hello_getData(jint* array){
    array[0] = 0xBEEF;
    return 1 ;
}
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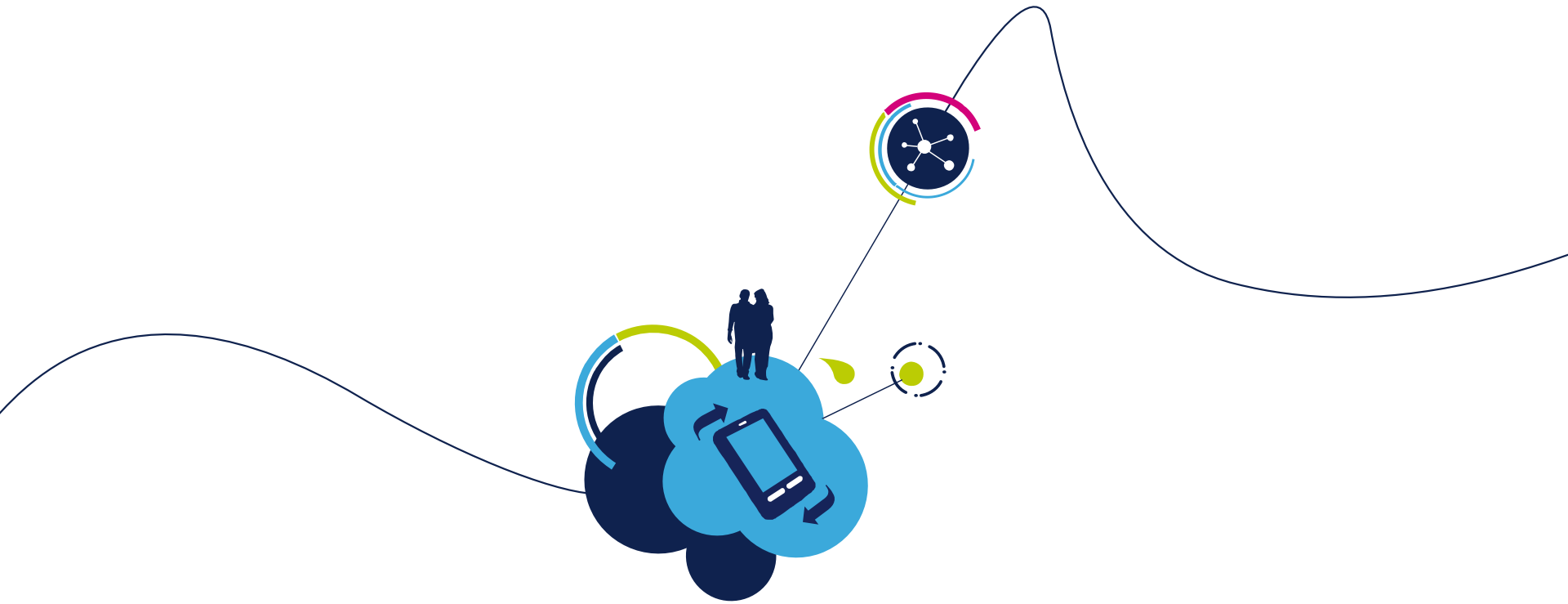


# Simulation Platform Example

- Simulation is key to Design GUI

- Prototype several GUI options
- Anticipate human factors issues
- Check graphical design against display characteristics





# Focus on GUI Design

# Design GUI with MicroUI® & MWT

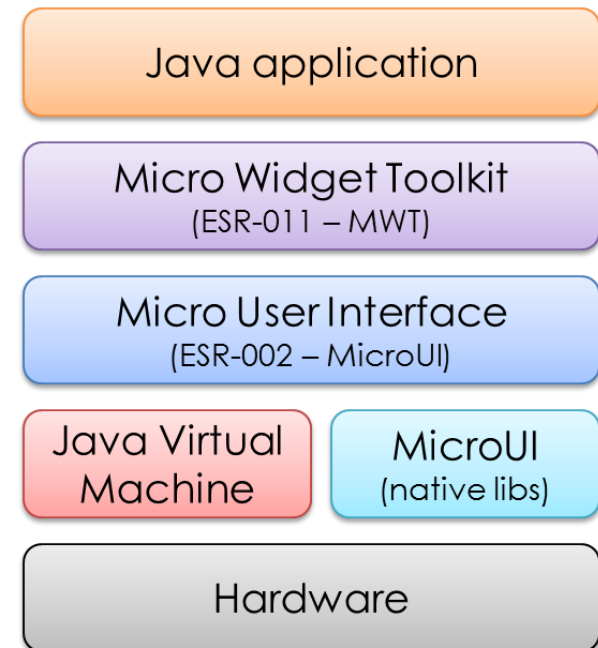
- MicroUI (ESR 002)

- 2D graphical APIs, character LCD, multi-display, fonts
- Button, joystick, LED, sound, touch & multi-touch
- Thread-Safe
- Model-View-Controller based



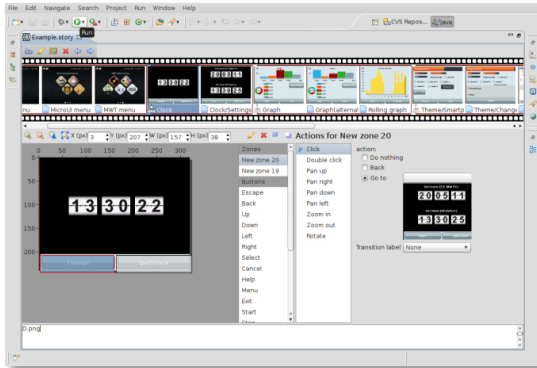
- MWT (ESR 011)

- Composite & Layout
- Focus management
- Look & Feel
- Full Java implementation (high portability)



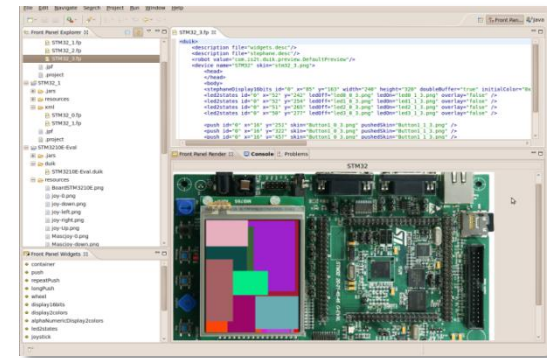
# GUI Pack – Tools for GUI Design

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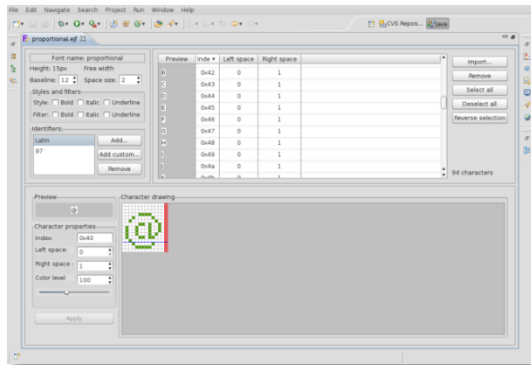


**Storyboard Designer**  
Prototype how users move around menus

**FrontPanel Designer**  
Design mechanical front panel with displays, LEDs, buttons etc.

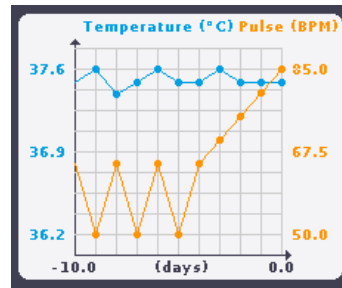
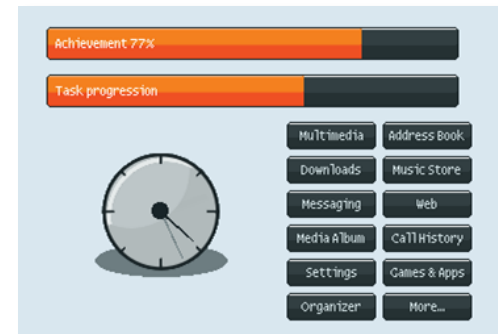
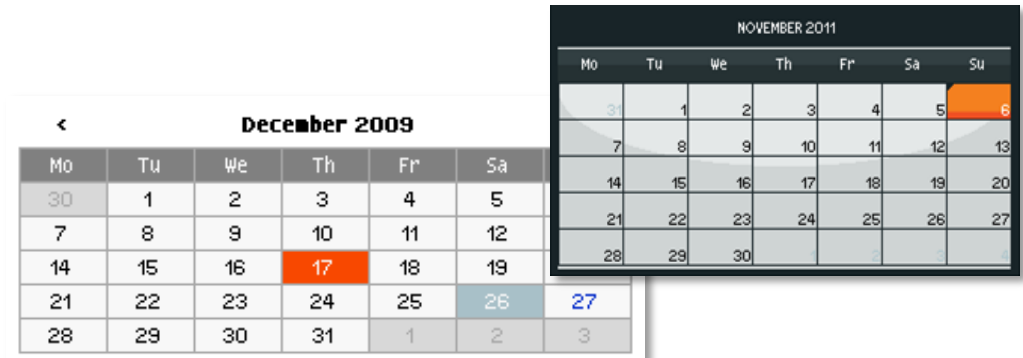


**Font Designer**  
Import fonts or design fonts from scratch



# GUI Pack – Widget Libraries

- Simple models
- Small memory footprint
- Look & Feel support
- More complex (composite)
- .....



# GUI Portability – Java Platform Level

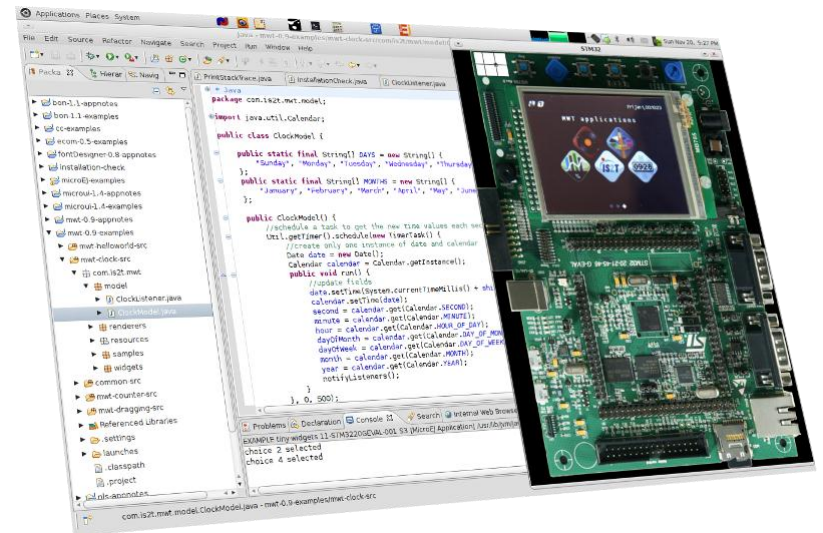
- Use flexible Java platforms based on the MicroJvm® VM
  - Available on a wide range of processor configurations
  - OS agnostic
  - Easy to interface to C/asm
- Typical usage
  - Microcontrollers (simple RTOS) ↔ Processors (Linux)
  - Android / iOS
- Other advantages
  - Application code is portable too! (not only GUI)
  - Green-thread guarantees same scheduling



# Want to Try STM32Java?

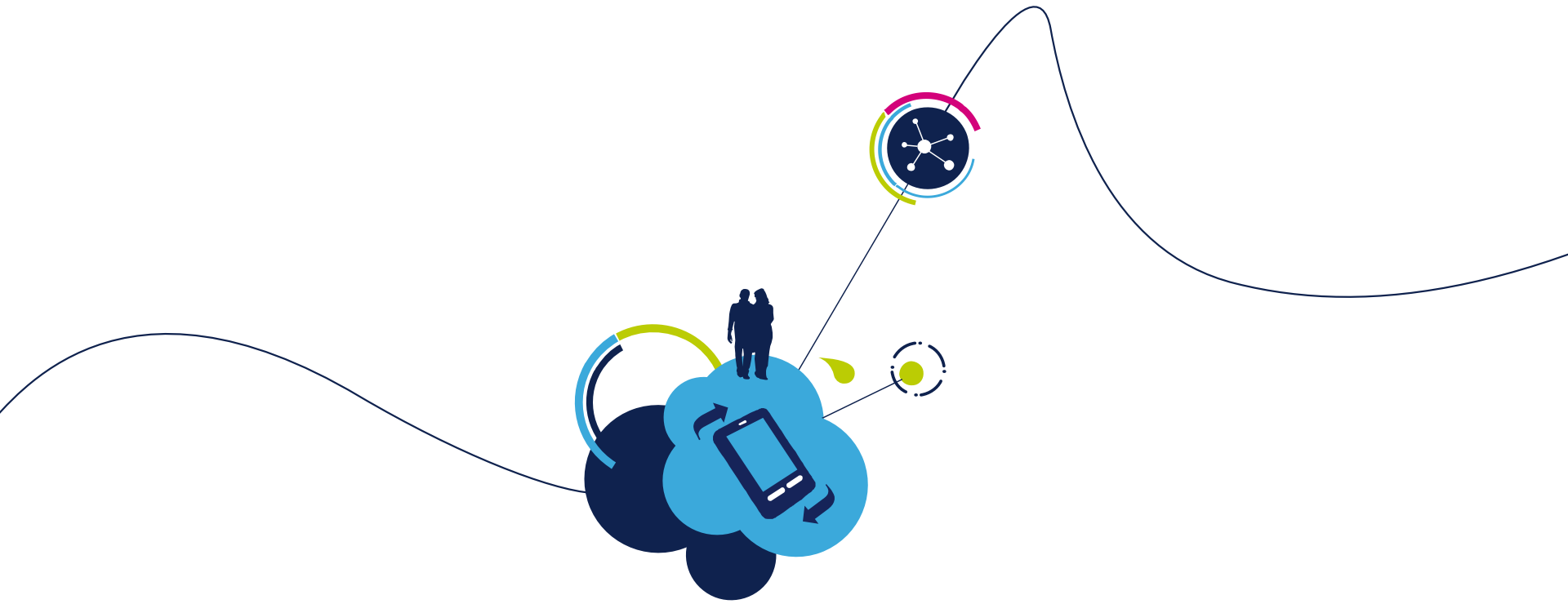
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- STM32Java solution brings:
  - The intrinsic strengths of Java technology to STM32:
    - OOP, Garbage Collector, Simulation, ...
  - Footprints and performances that fit STM32 portfolio
  - Easy integration with existing C code
  - An easy way to build up GUIs
  - A complete answer with silicon, libraries and development environment





# Q&A