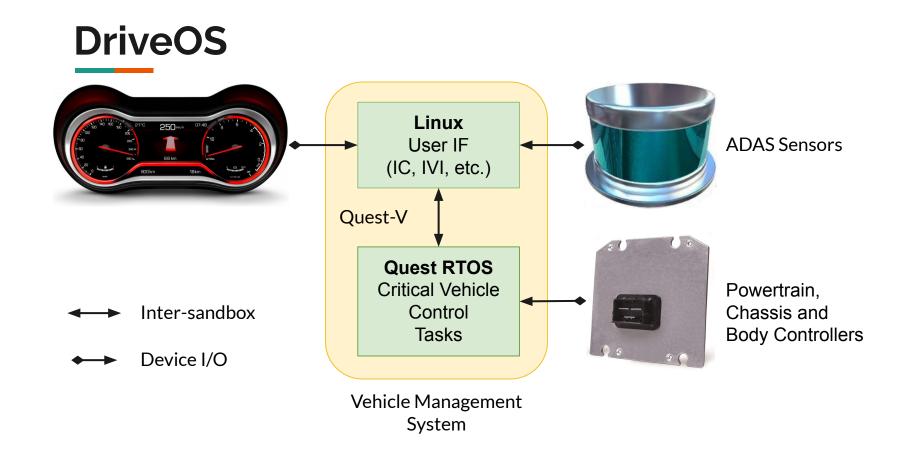
Jumpstart: Fast Critical Service Resumption for a Partitioning Hypervisor in Embedded Systems

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Why PC-class Embedded Systems?

Advantages:

- Higher Processing Capabilities
- Abundant Resources
- H/W Virtualization Technologies
- Smaller Footprint, Lower Cost, etc.

Consolidation of 100+ ECUs into 1 Central System

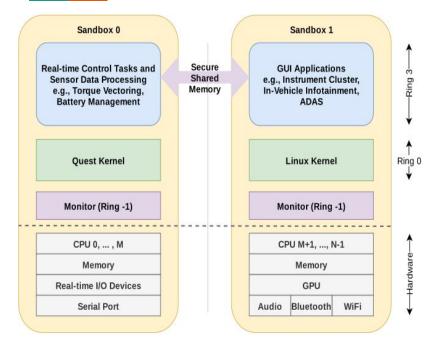
Disadvantages:

- Difficult to Provide Spatial/Temporal Isolation, etc.
- Long Boot Delays

Quest RTOS

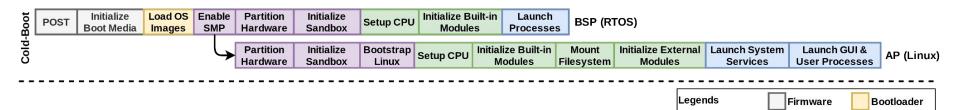
- Real-time OS for multicore x86 platforms
 - UP2, DX1100, Intel Aero, Skull Canyon, etc.
- Dual-mode monolithic kernel
- Unified task and I/O scheduling through time-budgeted virtual CPUs (VCPUs)
 - Main VCPUs for task scheduling
 - I/O VCPUs for interrupt bottom-half scheduling
- More info: www.questos.org

The Quest-V Partitioning Hypervisor



- RTOS boot-strapped
- Support for Linux SBs
- Static partitioning:
 - CPUs, RAM, I/O
- Shared memory ISBC
- Mixed-criticality
 - Temporal & spatial separation

Boot Delay of DriveOS



Delay Components

- Firmware ~ 7 seconds
- Bootloader ~ 1.4 seconds
- Virtualization ~ 4.7 seconds
- RTOS Startup ~ 3.5 seconds
- Linux Startup ~ 11.3 seconds

Objective < 1 second for VMS



Monitor

→ CPU Startup Signal

Kernel

User Space

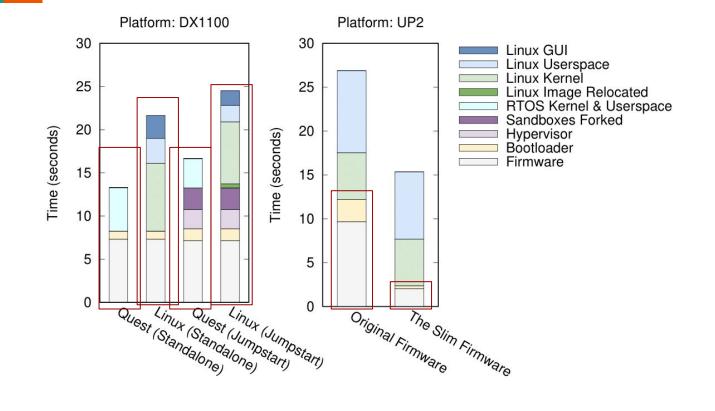
Boot Delay of DriveOS

• Firmware and Bootloader

- At least 2.5 kernels between the Guest and IA-PC H/W (Minich et al)
 - UEFI Firmware
 - Intel Management Engine (IME) running Minix
 - Intel System Management Mode (SMM)
- Existing solutions: NERF, Coreboot, Intel Slim
 - Reduced F/W, ROM-hosted OS images, etc.
- Hypervisor
 - Architectural setup, Resource Partitioning, etc.
- Guest Kernel and Drivers
- User-space Services

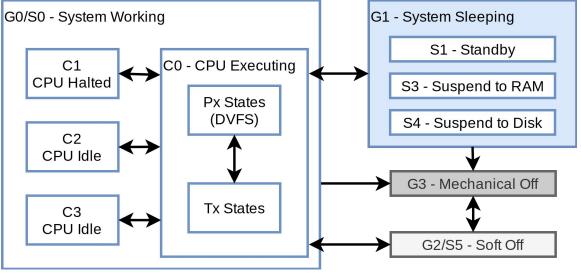
Issues: Portability Stage Coverage

UEFI vs Intel Slim Bootloader

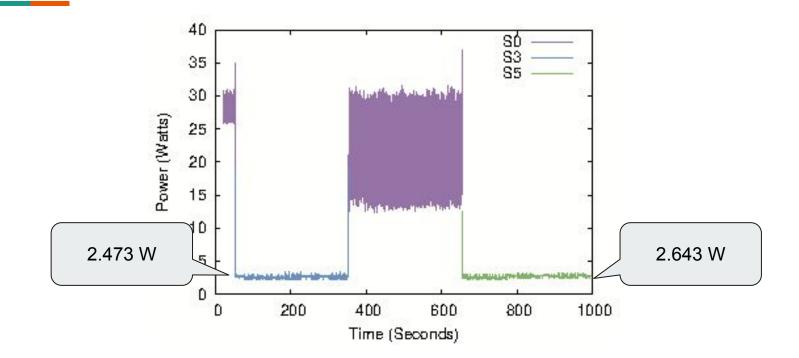


Power Management

- ACPI(CA)
- PCI-PM
- Dynamic vs Static
- Virtual vs Real



Feasibility of a PM Solution



Jumpstart

Framework

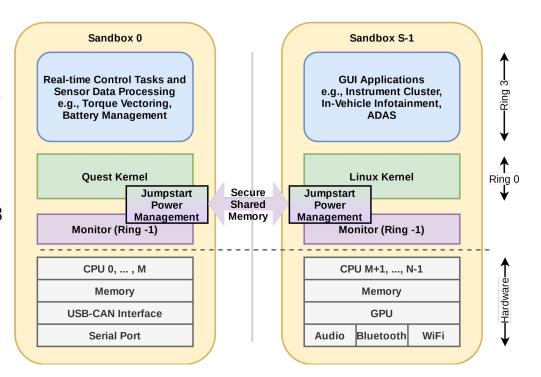
- Quest/Linux Kernel Modules
- Quest-V Monitor Module

Function

 Turns System-wide Shutdown/Boot into ACPI S3 Suspend/Resume

Achieves

- ~600ms Quest
- ~1050ms Linux



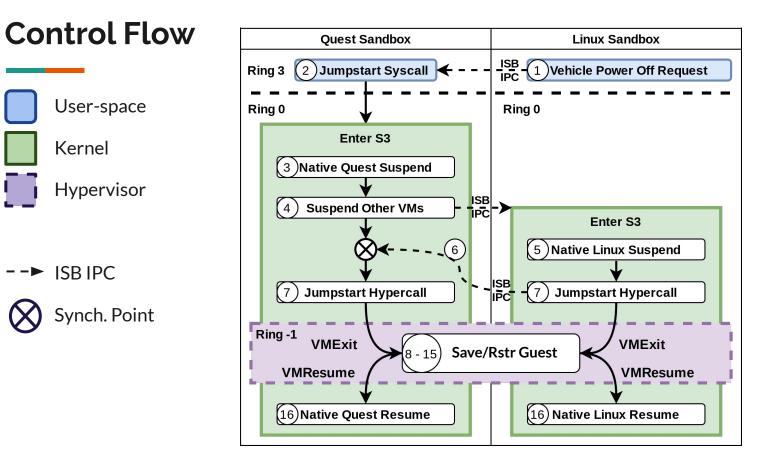
Jumpstart Power Management

Challenges

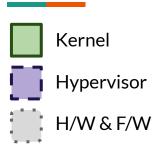
- Unauthorized guest access to the system's Embedded Controller
 - $\circ \quad \text{ I/O Ports \& ACPI memory} \\$
- Orchestration of system-wide power transition
 - Power Master & Inter-sandbox IPC
- Resumption of critical real-time tasks
 - Idempotent vs Resumption
- Resumption of critical real-time sandbox with lower latency
 - Shared boot logic of Quest and Quest-V

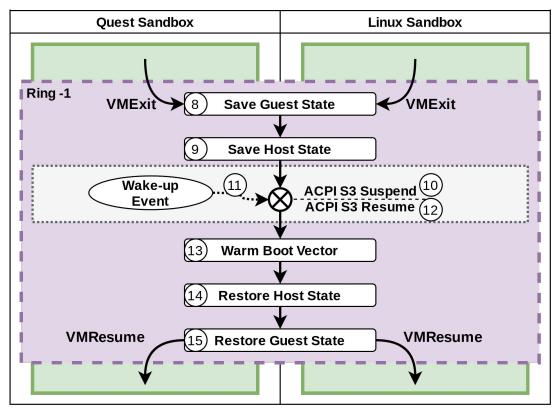
Requirements

- ACPI-compliance platform
- Support of ACPI S3 natively by the guest

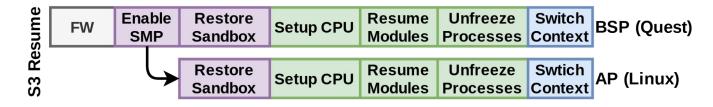


Control Flow



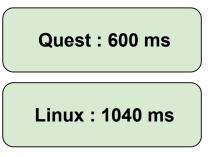


Resumption Delay of DriveOS with Jumpstart

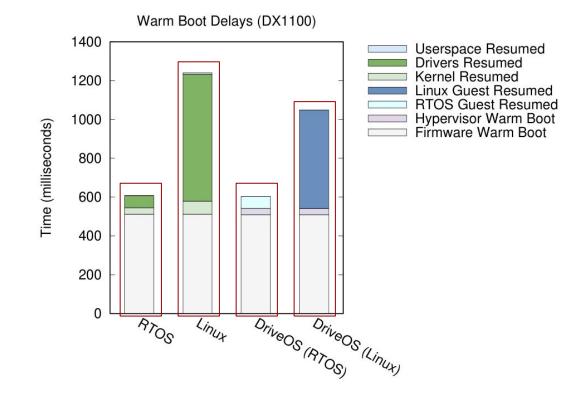


Delay Components

- Firmware ~ 500 ms
- Quest-V ~ 30 ms
- Quest Guest ~ 66 ms
- Linux Guest ~ 510 ms



Jumpstart vs Standalone Quest/Linux



Conclusions and Future Work

- Why Jumpstart?
 - Similar power consumption of Suspend-to-RAM and Shutdown
 - Higher degree of portability
 - Faster parallel resumption of partitioned guests w.r.t. Standalone
 - Complementary to firmware optimizations
- Future Direction
 - Fast non-volatile memories and ACPI S4

Thank you!

Q & A