

D1.3 – PRELIMINARY VERSION OF CPSOSAWARE SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

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Abstract

Package

This document focuses on the capturing and presentation of technical specifications of the system components, including functional and nonfunctional requirements. It introduces the **CPSoSaware Technical Specification Elicitation Framework**: based on established requirements engineering processes, the framework is aimed at eliciting a comprehensible list of system and component requirements that will facilitate reaching a precise architecture design for the CPSoSaware system. The results from applying the framework are manifested as an aggregate collection of knowledge items related to technical component specifications and requirements that take the form of a **living reference document** accessible by all involved stakeholders, in the sense that it will be frequently revisited and reiterated throughout the project lifetime. The presentation of this living document, along with an account of the defined architectural blocks and the preliminary version of the system architecture, constitute the main outputs from this deliverable.

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Executive Summary

This document constitutes D1.3 "Preliminary Version of CPSoSaware System Architecture" and reports on the outcomes of the first phase of Task 1.3 during the first year of the project. The focus is on the technical specifications of the system components, including functional and non-functional requirements. Towards this direction, D1.3 introduces the **CPSoSaware Technical Specification Elicitation Framework**: based on established requirements engineering processes, the framework is aimed at eliciting a comprehensible list of system and component requirements that will facilitate reaching a precise architecture design for the CPSoSaware system. The results from applying the framework are manifested as an aggregate collection of knowledge items related to technical component specifications, requirements, and interfaces that take the form of a **living reference document** accessible by all involved stakeholders, in the sense that it will be frequently revisited and reiterated throughout the project lifetime. The presentation of this living document, along with an account of the defined architectural blocks and the preliminary version of the system architecture, constitute the main outputs from this deliverable.

1 Introduction

When referring to software and hardware systems, the term "**architecture**" is used metaphorically, with a meaning equivalent to the architecture of a building, referring to an outline for the system to be developed and the tasks that need to be completed in order to reach the final result [Perry & Wolf, 1992]. Therefore, **system architecture** is aimed at specifying the fundamental components of a (sophisticated) system, the involved software and hardware elements, their interrelations, and the properties of both elements and relations [Clements et al., 2003].

Specifying the architecture of a system is heavily interlinked with the process of **requirements engineering**, which is aimed at assessing whether the developed system meets the purpose for which it was initially intended [Nuseibeh & Easterbrook, 2000]. In fact, the two processes are often seen as complementary: architecture is aimed at the "how", while requirements engineering is aimed at the "what"; both of them, nevertheless, revolve around stakeholder concerns, needs and wishes [Shekaran et al., 1994].

In this context, the overarching goal of this document is to present the technical specifications of the CPSoSaware system components, which have been elicited based on established requirements engineering processes and will lead to deriving a preliminary version of the system architecture.

1.1 Document Structure

The rest of the document is structured as follows:

- **Chapter 2** is an introduction to requirements engineering, requirements elicitation methodologies and the CPSoSaware objectives within this context;
- **Chapter 3** describes the methodologies applied for capturing of CPSoSaware technical component specifications and requirements;
- **Chapter 4** presents the collected knowledge per technical component of the CPSoSaware system;
- **Chapter 5** presents a preliminary version of the CPSoSaware system architecture;
- **Chapter 6** concludes the document with some final remarks and directions for the next steps.

1.2 Definitions and Acronyms

Below is a list of the most relevant acronyms used in the document together with their recurring definitions:

2 Requirements Elicitation and Analysis - Background

This chapter briefly introduces Requirements Engineering and focuses on two of its key activities, requirements elicitation and analysis. The most popular methodologies for eliciting requirements are then presented, followed by an overview of the objectives of the requirements capturing process within CPSoSaware.

2.1 A Broad Definition of Requirements Engineering

As discussed in the introduction, within the context of software and hardware systems development, **Requirements Engineering** (**RE**) is the process of assessing whether the developed system meets the purpose for which it was initially intended [Nuseibeh & Easterbrook, 2000]. This process entails the identification of stakeholders and their respective needs from the system, as well as the documentation of these needs in a way that will facilitate their analysis and will drive the subsequent implementation of components that will address them. Due to the numerous challenges involved (e.g., communication gaps with stakeholders, unclear or even conflicting goals and needs, etc.), RE is considered highly critical for delivering an accurate software architecture design and plays a key role particularly during the first steps in the development process, as illustrated in **Figure 1** [Liao, 2002].

Figure 1. The process from requirements analysis to system architecture [Liao, 2002].

RE involves two main activities: (a) **requirements elicitation**, which is aimed at specifying the system to be developed in a form that the end-user understands, and, (b) **requirements analysis**, which promises to deliver an analysis model that can be unambiguously interpreted by the developers of the system [Bruegge & Dutoit, 2009].

Regarding requirements, a typical distinction is often made between **user requirements**, i.e., the requirements derived from the potential end-users, and **technical requirements**, i.e., the requirements referring to the technical aspects of the components to be developed. Although the elicitation of the former usually precedes the latter, a successful system design should involve the collection and analysis of both types of requirements.

More specifically, user requirements typically describe aspects of the system from the end-user perspective that are not directly related to the functional behaviour of the system, like, e.g., response time, accuracy, etc., and are also known as **non-functional requirements**. On the other hand, **functional requirements** specify the explicit functions of a system and its interaction with the environment, and give

an outlook of its technical aspects, processes, and dependencies. Consequently, functional requirements are the key driver in defining the architecture of the system.

In the case of a complex software system consisting of numerous software components, the system requirements include the functional and non-functional requirements of each component, as well as the specifications that refer to the system-wide behaviour and functionality. In order to avoid confusion between the two levels (i.e., system vs component) and to better organize the pertinent knowledge, it is common practice to come up with lists of system and component-level use cases and then map requirements to them accordingly.

2.2 Methodologies for Capturing Requirements

During requirements elicitation, it is common practice to apply a variety of related methodologies and techniques, in order to obtain a more holistic outlook of the domain and to acquire knowledge from various stakeholders, such as end-users, domain and technical experts [Eid, 2015]. This subsection briefly presents the most established methodologies in gathering requirements.

2.2.1 Document Analysis

The analysis of existing documentation is a valuable first step in requirements elicitation, since it leads to a better understanding of the domain and the system to be developed and can help substantially during the next steps, e.g., for formulating more accurate questions for the interviews with stakeholders (see next subsection). And, inversely, if certain responses from the interviews are unclear, analysing existing documentation may help in clarifying things. The downsides to this approach are that (a) it is a timeconsuming process, and, (b) the documentation may be out of date.

2.2.2 Interviews with Stakeholders

There are two types of interviews with stakeholders in order to elicit requirements: one-on-one sessions and group interviews. One-on-one sessions are arguably the most common technique for gathering requirements and should be well-prepared beforehand, in order to get the most out of them. The appropriate stakeholders to be interviewed should be identified and a list of both open-ended and closeended questions must be prepared. The former questions facilitate retrieving more holistic and high-level knowledge and allow the interviewer to focus on more specific aspects with more elaborate subsequent questions, while the latter are more useful in covering more topics in a deeper manner and in less time. Once the list of questions is complete, it is typically a good practice to send them to the interviewee prior to the interview so that they better prepare (see also next subsection). An additional good practice is to record the session (with the interviewee's consent), so that the responses can be revisited at a later time.

Group interviews, on the other hand, are similar to one-on-one interviews, with the exception that more persons are being interviewed at the same time. This type of interview is ideal when the interviewees all have similar positions in the organization and/or experience and background. The key advantage of group interviews is that responses by one interviewee may trigger further discussion by the others, which leads to eliciting richer information during the interview. The major drawback is that group interviews are hard to schedule, since establishing a date/time slot that works well for all parties can prove quite challenging.

2.2.3 Requirement Specification Templates

Requirement specification templates are structured questionnaires circulated to stakeholders prior to interviews and are very well suited for involving multiple parties at once, guiding them to provide focused

responses and descriptions on specific aspects of the system to be developed. In case of unclear responses, clarifications may be discussed during the interviews.

In the literature one can find several established requirement specification templates, like, e.g., Volere¹, which can be extended, in order to include additional fields specific to the system at hand.

2.2.4 Use Case Analysis

Use cases in software engineering are the sets of actions or events that define the interactions between a system and the involved agents; the latter being human or machines external to the system [Bruegge & Dutoit, 2009]. Use cases do not directly point to requirements, but analysing them leads to identifying desired system behaviours and qualities, which may be implicitly converted to requirements. In the cases of complex systems consisting of multiple components, use cases are typically defined per component or per group of components, and their analysis will lead to extracting functional and non-functional requirements at the component level.

Figure 2. Top-down vs bottom-up use case analysis approaches [Regnell, 1996].

According to Regnell (1996), the process of extracting requirements from use cases can be either bottomup, with the aggregation of component-level use cases comprising the system-level use cases, or topdown, where high-level use cases and related actors are initially identified, and then sub-scenarios and requirements are specified towards the component-level (see **Figure 2**).

2.3 Requirements Elicitation Objectives in CPSoSaware

Our overarching objective for the requirements elicitation process during this first period (M1-M12) of the project was focused on generating a project-wide reference document collaboratively with the rest of the involved partners that will focus on the following:

- (a) **Functional and non-functional requirements** both on the component and the system level, identifying the desired functionalities of each component and of the system as a whole.
- (b) **Mapping of use cases and roles** to the technical requirements.
- (c) **Dependencies** per system component.

¹ https://www.volere.org/templates/volere-requirements-specification-template/

(d) **Potential implications and conflicts** between requirements.

Towards this objective, we adopted the requirements elicitation methodologies presented in the previous subsection and came up with a reference document, which we intend to have in the form of a "**living document**" that will be frequently revisited and reiterated. This way, the requirements will be refined and re-adjusted throughout the project's lifecycle. The first version of the document and its elements is described in the rest of this deliverable, while the next iterations of the document will be reported in the upcoming deliverables D1.4 "Second Version of CPSoSaware System Architecture" (due M24) and D1.5 "Final CPSoSaware System Architecture" (due M36).

3 CPSoSaware Technical Specification Elicitation Framework

Within CPSoSaware and under the scope of WP1, a task force has undertaken the application of established requirement engineering processes towards fulfilling the requirement elicitation objectives and enabling a precise architecture design for the CPSoSaware system. This chapter is aimed at presenting the activities that were performed to capture technical component specifications, driven by the team's expertise and methodologies found in literature.

3.1 Component Specification Templates

Inspired by the Volere methodology and its variations (see Subsection 2.2.3), a detailed requirement specification template was assembled and distributed to partners involved in the design and implementation of technical components. The template intended to provide a common vocabulary for the homogeneous expression of technical and non-technical details. Divided into four logical sections, the template incorporated free text fields for questions regarding the component high-level description, expected inputs and outputs, functional and non-functional requirements, and deployment/integration conditions.

Since this effort started early in the project and proceeded in parallel with the definition of pilot use cases, the participants were encouraged to only insert available information - omitting fields that remained yet undecided - and periodically revisit the document with updates deriving from the evolvement of systemlevel requirements.

A detailed presentation of the template segments is presented in the following sections. The complete specification template can be found in *Appendix A: CPSoSaware Component Specification Template*.

3.1.1 Descriptive Component Specification

The first part of the component specification template intended to capture high-level component metadata. More specifically, it included the following fields:

- **Task name:** The task(s) from the Description of Action (DoA) where the component implementation is detailed.
- **Task leader:** The partner(s) assigned to lead the corresponding task(s) in the DoA.
- **Component name:** The name of the technical component.
- **Type:** An indication whether the component is a software, a hardware, or a combination of both.
- **Short description:** An abstract of the component's functionality and purpose within CPSoSaware.
- **Methodologies that will be used:** A short description of the technical and/or scientific methodologies orchestrated for the component implementation.
- **User-defined scenarios (non-technical):** A set of component-level use case descriptions in a nontechnical manner.
- **Map to project objectives:** An association of the technical component with the CPSoSaware project objectives as described in the DoA.
- **Relevant Use Cases:** An association of the technical component with the CPSoSaware pilot use cases.

• **Estimated date of first release that can be deployed/integrated:** An early estimation for the first delivery expressed as the month of the project's lifecycle.

3.1.2 Component Inputs and Outputs

A template section is dedicated to collecting information regarding a component's interfaces and expected inputs/outputs. Along with the headway in the pilot use case definitions, the acquisition of such knowledge will prove critical for the design of meaningful pipelines for the CPSoSaware system. A mapping between data owners and data consumers is expected to facilitate development and integration. The corresponding questionnaire fields for data inputs are:

- **Main inputs:** A description of the expected input sources for this component.
- **Input data from partner:** The partner(s) responsible for providing the input(s), either via their technical components or in the form of datasets, etc.
- **Nature of expected input:** The expected format for the requested input (e.g. JSON format, video streams, image files, etc.).
- **Related Scenarios:** Use case scenarios and pilots that associate with the production and/or processing of these data.
- **Interfaces:** The interface(s) provided or required by the technical component for the retrieval of input data.
- **Triggered by:** The event(s) or condition(s) that will trigger the execution or functionality of the component.

Similarly, the fields for expected outputs are:

- **Main outputs:** A description of the output(s) that will be produced by this component.
- **Output data to partner:** The partner(s) responsible for consuming the generated output(s), either via their technical components or in the form of datasets, etc.
- **Nature of expected output:** The expected format for the produced output (e.g., JSON format, video streams, image files, etc.).
- **Related Scenarios:** Use case scenarios and pilots that associate with the consumption and/or processing of these data.
- **Interfaces:** The interface(s) provided or required by the technical component for the delivery of output data.

3.1.3 Functional and Non-functional Requirements

The definition of requirements at the technical component level is meant to portray functional and nonfunctional necessities for the design, operation, and integration of the component itself. This bottom-up approach suggests that the collection of requirements per component will constitute a subset of the system-level requirement set. Consequently, this effort will be associated with the top-down definition of requirements at the pilot use case level, reported in the upcoming D1.2 "Requirements and Use Cases". Therefore, the corresponding fields in the template are:

• **Main functional requirements:** A set of technical requirements for the design, development, and functioning of the component.

• **Main non-functional requirements:** A set of qualitative and quantitative conditions that the component should cover. These can be related with topics such as scalability, security, accessibility, availability and more.

3.1.4 Deployment and Integration Requirements

The final section of the component specification template aims at eliciting technical details related to the development, deployment, and integration with the rest of the CPSoSaware system. More specifically, the included fields are:

- **Development environment:** The development environment incorporates the operating system(s), IDE(s) and programming language(s) used for the implementation of the component.
- **Execution time:** An estimation for processing time of the component, in case of including heavy processing tasks, etc.
- **Execution frequency:** This indicates how often the execution is expected to take place, in case of periodic executions.
- **Software requirements:** The component's dependency from external software.
- **Hardware requirements:** The component's dependency from external hardware.
- **Communications:** Connectivity requirements, such as access to the Internet, Bluetooth interface, etc.
- **Integration requirements:** Specific requirements regarding the integration of the component with the rest of the system.
- **Deployment requirements:** Specific requirements regarding the deployment of the component.
- **Security requirements:** Specific requirements to avoid any potential security issues.
- **Privacy requirements:** Specific requirements to avoid any potential privacy issues.
- **Critical factors:** Any critical factors that might affect the development or functionality of the component.
- **Containerization:** The ability to be containerized (e.g. with Docker) if the component of discourse is a software module.

3.2 Consulting with Stakeholders

Extensive discussions with involved technology experts allowed the extraction of requirements, system specifications, and potential architecture designs. A series of project meetings, periodic WP1 meetings, ad-hoc sessions with stakeholders and offline communications enabled the dissemination of the component specification templates, the collection of the component list, the elicitation of useful information and, finally, the establishment of a common understanding on the overall CPSoSaware system design. Recurring communications also ensured better comprehension over the applied requirements elicitation framework and allowed the iteration of the process towards a more precise requirement elaboration.

3.3 Analysis of Description of Action

The requirements elicitation process at the early stages of the project demanded the detailed study and analysis of the main reference document, the DoA. The detailed descriptions of the overall project objectives, the proposed system architecture, and the use cases offer a playground for the extraction of functional and non-functional requirements. Work package and task descriptions extensively portray the expected technical components and features. As a result, details from the document were initially studied to identify the main architectural blocks and sub-blocks, while the use case analysis resulted in a preliminary requirement set. Since the DoA was authored prior to the project kick-off, the knowledge derived from the document acted as the basis for the requirements elicitation process, and needed to be verified, refined, and extended along with the maturing of the project's objectives.

3.4 Formalization of Captured Requirements

A critical part of the requirements engineering process is requirement management. This includes the mechanisms for documenting, prioritizing, tracking, agreeing, and communicating specifications to relevant stakeholders. Therefore, we have pursued the aggregation of collected knowledge related to technical component specifications and requirements into a single living document, accessible by all involved stakeholders, where information is encoded in a uniform format. This document intends to limit ambiguity and facilitate the reference and update of requirements throughout the project lifetime.

The document is in MS Excel format, containing several tables that are briefly described below. Information is encoded using appropriate prefixes/suffixes and colour codes to facilitate browsing and search.

Technical component list

This table includes the collection of CPSoSaware technical components, along with short descriptions, architectural blocks, state-of-the-art, and requirements. More specifically, the table contains the following columns:

- **Code:** A unique identifier assigned to the technical component, by assembling the prefix *TC*, the task number, and an incrementing integer (e.g., *TC3.1.2*). This field also acts as a hyperlink to the component specification template previously filled by the corresponding technology expert, in order to enable the fast review of provided information.
- **Component name:** The name of the technical component.
- **Type:** Indicates whether this is a software, hardware, or both.
- **Task:** Indicates the task(s) involved in the design and implementation of the component.
- **Partner:** The partner(s) leading the design and implementation of the component.
- **Short description:** A textual description of the scope, functionality, and objectives of the component.
- **Architectural block:** A set of architectural blocks and sub-blocks has been identified by the study of DoA (see Section 0). This field allows the selection from a pre-defined list of values [*CPSoS system layer*, *CPS/CPHs layer*, *Simulation and training*]. This classification of components enables the conceptualization of the architecture.
- **Architectural sub-block:** Similarly, the component is assigned to the appropriate sub-block. The list of sub-blocks also derives from the DoA analysis and conferencing with stakeholders.

- **Functional requirements:** A set of technical/functional requirements that characterize the component as a standalone module. The requirements are encoded using the component's code, along with the suffix *.R* and an incrementing integer (e.g. *TC3.1.2.R2*) to enable unambiguous references to requirements.
- **Non-functional requirements:** Just like above, non-functional requirements are listed and encoded using the suffix *.NFR* and an incrementing integer (e.g. *TC3.1.2.NFR1*).
- **State-of-the-Art / Innovation:** A short textual description for the state-of-the-art in the technological domain of the technical component, along with potential innovation and advance beyond the state-of-the-art.
- **Current TRL:** The technology readiness level of the component.

Use cases list

This table enlists the identified use cases at the component level (see Section 2.2.4). Use cases are expressed with the simple pattern *Actor* -> *interacts (Use case or functionality)* -> C*omponent*. The table contains the following columns:

- **Component code:** A reference to the technical component using its unique identifier.
- **Component name:** The name of the technical component.
- **Use cases:** The set of use cases for this technical component. Each use case is assigned a code combining the component code with the suffix *_UC* and an incrementing integer (e.g. *TC3.1.2_UC1*).
- **Actor:** The entity that interacts with the component within the context of the specific use case. An actor, which assumes a *role*, can be a human that interfaces with the component or another software/hardware. System-compatible roles are extensively described on a dedicated table.
- **If Actor is HW/SW, identify:** If the actor interacting with the use case has been defined as some hardware or software component, it should be denoted here which external or system component that is. The corresponding component code is the required value (e.g. *TC3.1.1*). This is meant to facilitate the precise architecture definition. In several cases, an actor's appropriate use case code is also defined in this field, indicating connections like: *The use case of component TC3.1.1 (TC3.1.1_UC1) will interact with the use case of component TC3.1.2 (TC3.1.2_UC2)*. The expected result of this drill is to generate sequences of interconnected use cases which will be later used for the definition of sequence diagrams and system-level use cases.
- **Role's interaction:** A textual description of the interaction between the actor and the component within the context of this use case.

Roles list

This is a table for listing actor types (roles), and - in case of human roles - their responsibilities, rights, and duties towards the system.

4 Presentation of Captured CPSoSaware Specifications

This section presents the knowledge captured via the application of the specification elicitation framework described in Sections 2 and 3. This knowledge is contained in the *living document*, arranged in structures, as presented in Section 3.4.

4.1 Roles

As already mentioned, *roles* indicate the types of actors that interact with the CPSoSaware system and its technical **components**. These actors may be other system components, external systems or humans participating in use cases. The identification of the CPSoSaware-compatible roles, along with their potential interactions with CPSoSaware, is crucial for the definition of precise use cases and meaningful architecture designs. Defining roles is a continuous process, highly affected by the ongoing design of pilot use cases, therefore it is performed on an iterative basis. Table 1 presents the currently defined actor types.

Table 1. CPSoSaware compatible roles

4.2 Technical Component Specifications

This section outlines the specifications for the technical components provided by the responsible partners who filled in the respective information in the shared reference document. The information was then homogenized into a uniform format by lead partner CTL and is presented subsequently per component.

4.2.1 Data Collection Module

The Data Collection Module is the component based on ElasticSearch that will be developed in order to ingest, store and manage data that is obtained from the activities in T2.1 covering the analysis of user skills/factors, virtual cognitive user/environment models and metrics modelling.

4.2.2 Intra-Communication Sim Tool

Tool designed and implemented to match network requirements imposed by the application and deployed CPSoS to proposed network technologies and configurations (e.g., modulation, signal strength,

duty cycle etc.) and network topologies. The tool will be based on the NS3 simulator and it will be built based on experimentation on models of dominant wireless protocols for intra-communication, e.g., BLE, ZigBee/802.15.4, Wi-Fi.

4.2.3 PoCL-Remote

Scalable distributed OpenCL runtime layer with P2P event synchronization capabilities.

4.2.4 Slice Manager

The i2CAT 5G platform is an open architecture software platform that facilitates the sharing and slicing of 5G infrastructure elements. This is achieved by leveraging new network virtualization solutions and dynamic configuration enabled by 5G technologies (based on ETSI NFV and Network Slicing). The Slice Manager is the main "entry point" and the "heart" of this platform, and it "hides" OpenStack, OSM (OpenSourceMano), Racoon (i2CAT' s RAN controller), and potentially other controllers behind it. It

provides a REST interface which can be used for either performing or triggering (via delegation to other components) the following main functionalities:

- Manage (create/read/update/delete) computes, physical NWs, and Wi-Fi APs (mainly for Infrastructure owners via the Dashboard);
- Manage (create/read/update/delete) chunks of the above resources (mainly for Slice Users via the Dashboard);
- Manage (create/read/update/delete) slices as collections of the aforementioned chunks;
- Manage (create/read/update/delete) users, which are authenticated by AAA;
- Trigger the deployment of Network Services (NS) on specific slices, while performing related configuration actions (that can be useful for diverse NSs during deployment, so that they function properly).

Component-level Use Cases

4.2.5 LightEdge

LightEdge is responsible for bringing the MEC solutions for the mobile network operators and enable the edge facilities among the end-users. Importantly, LightEdge helps end-users to move from the current 4Gbased system to 5G-enabled system.

4.2.6 Hardware Accelerator IP Cores

This refers to FPGA-based IP core components. The FPGA IP cores will be automatically generated from higher-level models by using an appropriate ML framework, whenever feasible. The IP cores will be seamlessly integrated in the PoCL-based OpenCL run-time system by means of a hardware abstraction layer (AlmaIF).

4.2.7 Security Accelerators for CPS Security Agents/Sensors

FPGA based IP core components (interfaces) focused on security/cryptography.

State-of-the-Art / Innovation:

Algorithmic modifications are provided in order to increase the performance of the cryptography primitives. Such modifications are aiming to increase the parallel processing capabilities of the algorithm and rely on performing analysis of the Data and control flow so that operations within the cryptographic primitive can be disassociated so as to be parallelized. Apart from that the current state of the art is focused on providing resistance against side channel attacks i.e. secret information leaking from an implementation as the algorithm is executed. Latest research is focused on postquantum cryptography algorithms that are in the process of getting standardized by NIST.

The SoC platform used as starting point features a Linux operating system but do not fully exploit the capabilities of FPGA for accelerating/enforcing security. Reconfigurable hardware needs to be used to provide more advanced security functionalities and to improve the performance.

Component-level Use Cases

4.2.8 Model Transformation to OpenCL

4.2.9 Xilinx XRT KPI Monitoring

4.2.10 Modelling Orchestration Tool

HW/SW component(s)

Hardware to OpenCL stack

The modelling orchestration tool captures the CPS overall, manages individual CPS inputs and outputs between other CPSs, and orchestrates the CPSoS components in order to achieve a model of models.

run-time system. Deploys the FPGA IP accelerator to the OpenCL system software stack via a simple common hardware interface.

State-of-the-Art / Innovation:

The evaluation phase so far of the orchestrator component has selected a generic component which can be further specified to the requirements of creating a decentralized and autonomous CPSoS model operation. Occupus² cloud orchestrator is the primary candidate to serve as the basis for the system. Furthermore,

² Cloud agnostic orchestrator, flexible, allows for complex, constantly changing topologies.

4.2.11 Visual Localization

This component will handle the robustification to GPS spoofing attacks: Create a database in which every record will include the descriptor of each image and the GPS coordinates. Given a set of images, a visual search is applied against a set of relevant geo-tagged images from the database. As a result, a ranked list of images is obtained sorted by descriptors distances. A weighted average of the GPS coordinates of the extracted descriptors yield a corrected GPS value for the query image, providing a coarse localization fix.

Code: TC3.1.1	Tasks: T3.1	Partner: ISI		Type: Software	TRL: 3	
Architectural block: CPSoS system layer			Architectural sub-blocks: Security Runtime Monitoring and Management (SRMM)			
State-of-the-Art / Innovation: TC3.1.1 will act as complement to TC3.3.1, facilitating the vehicle to localize itself, without relying on other vehicles. Moreover, it will reduce the impact of GPS spoofing.						
Functional requirements				Non-functional requirements		
TC3.1.1.R1 Trajectory of vehicle generated by CARLA.				TC3.1.1.NFR1 Minimize the computational time of visual search in the database.		

³ Input sensory data from CPS to drive autonomic functionality and de-centralized approach.

4.2.12 Deep Multimodal Scene Understanding

The main objective of this module is to derive the semantic information within a given scene, namely, understanding a scene. This is the basis for autonomous driving, traffic safety, vision-guided manufacturing, or activity recognition. This module will deploy deep architectures to derive semantic information from a fusion of sensor data and the fusion of their semantic interpretation, since understanding a scene from an image or sequence of images requires more effort than simple feature extraction. RGB/Lidar, RGB/depth data will be deployed, and this module will include algorithms and deep architectures operating in distributed or centralized manner to define the operation of CPSs.

4.2.13 User Behaviour Monitoring

The user behavioural monitoring will be based on CPSoSaware's collaborative sensory multi-modal fusion mechanism and will be based on algorithms for physiological and behavioural monitoring that will facilitate the evaluation of cognitive load/situational awareness development of a smart sensing module to allow inertial and optical sensor fusion, providing 6DoF pose estimation, thus dealing with occlusions and drifts. The specificities of the algorithms will be defined by the system requirements and use cases.

4.2.14 AI Acceleration

DCNNs achieve ground-breaking performance in a great variety of applications, including classification tasks such as object recognition. However, DCNNs are computationally expensive, meaning that they usually demand high-performance platforms for their implementation.

The goal is the study of DCNN acceleration / compression techniques for their effective implementation in embedded platforms, lower the computational cost (number of operations, storage requirements). With the least possible loss in accuracy. Specifically, our efforts are focused on pruning and sharing techniques:

- Can achieve considerable acceleration without significant performance loss
- Can be applied to pre-trained DCNNs.

These are orthogonal and could potentially be combined.

4.2.15 PoCL-accel

This is a generic OpenCL driver (for PoCL) to interface with custom devices (hardware accelerators) from the OpenCL API.

4.2.16 Multimodal Localization API

This component will implement a software library (written mostly in Python Programming Language) of novel techniques for multi-modal localization. Combination of LiDAR data and angle of arrival/departure will be investigated for improved cooperative localization. The studied techniques will be implemented via distributed approaches.

State-of-the-Art / Innovation:

Our aim is to study and develop both non-Bayesian and Bayesian cooperative localization and tracking methods. Moreover, we will focus on distributed implementations that increase the robustness and safety, but also converge to the centralized solution.

4.2.17 PathPlanning API

This component will implement a software library (written mostly in Python Programming Language) of novel techniques for collaborative path planning.

Currently collaborative path planning is focused on centralized solutions. We aim for the study and the implementation of distributed techniques. This will increase the robustness, the safety, and the awareness levels of the CPS platform.

Component-level Use Cases

4.2.18 XR Tools for Increasing Situational Awareness

AR-based enhancement tools to improve the human in the loop awareness. The tools should facilitate the transfer of information (streams, reminders, or visual aids) to the user to improve focus on the current task, remember other parallel or scheduled tasks, improve response time, avoid imminent dangers or accident-related factors. More specifically, the AR methods will be used for increasing the situational awareness of the drivers in the following applications:

- Pothole detection approaches.
- Rendering of occluded objects that will be identified by cooperative localization methods.

State-of-the-Art / Innovation:

State-of-the-art geometrical analysis approaches will be used, applied to point clouds, in order to extract information from the captured scene (e.g., object detection). Consequently, this information will be visualized using AR-based technology, providing also warning signs to the drivers. Additionally, coalition information of other neighbouring vehicles will be used to highlight occluded or partially observed moving objects like other vehicles or pedestrians.

4.2.19 CPS Layer Security Sensors/Agents

CPS layer Security sensors/agents that collect security related data and pre-process them before transmitting them to the CPSoSaware SRMM at the system layer.

4.2.20 TCE (openasip.org) Soft Cores

Customized processors designed using TTA-Based Co-design Environment (TCE), an open source application-specific instruction set toolset based on the transport-triggered architecture (TTA). Various hardening features can be added via replication of functionality and special instructions.

4.2.21 OpenCL Wrapper for Hardware IP Cores

OpenCL kernel description interface to associate Hardware IP cores with the OpenCL models.

4.2.22 HW/SW profiling and analysis based on Vitis Tools

Profiling for a highly heterogeneous platform consisting of multicore ARM processor, ASIP processors as well as FPGA fixed logic IP. FPGA logic is a "morphable" computation resource without predefined computational capabilities. All SW nodes will be handled by PoCL, enabling dynamic remapping and rescheduling opportunities.

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State-of-the-Art / Innovation:

Xilinx profiling framework, based on Vitis, taking as input a set of profiling parameters extracted by LLVM framework by implementing a new set of LLVM API calls.

Output: Library of SW/HW components

4.2.23 Architecture Optimization

This component aims to provide all necessary optimizations in order to reconfigure and redesign the System's CPSs/CPHSs so as to holistically match the systemic design and operational goals/parameters achieving reliability, robustness, responsiveness, CPS/CPHS criticality, energy efficiency, and security/trust.

4.2.24 Intra-Communication Manager

On one hand mechanisms to supervise a running network configuration in a real deployment. The metrics that reflect the application requirements will be monitored to provide feedback on whether the application requirements are met. Feedback will be extracted as a structured file by the end of each experiment on real deployments. The extracted feedback file will be used for further optimization during the simulation time. On the other hand, mechanisms allowing the reception of new network interface firmware or/and configuration file and application of these on the embedded platform.

4.2.25 Security Runtime Monitoring

The Security Runtime Monitoring will be based on the ATOS XL-SIEM which will be receiving events from security sensors deployed in the infrastructure, normalizing them and using them to generate alerts based on a set of correlation rules.

4.2.26 V2X Simulator

First implementation of V2X simulator is a simulator based on OMNeT++, Vanetza, and SUMO modules. It implements IEEE 802.11p and LTE C-V2X Mode 4. It can represent realistic scenarios based on OpenStreetMaps.

Another module for V2X simulation is developed based on OMNeT++ network simulator, but without using SUMO. The communication with AV Simulator will be done using ROS/ROS2 interface directly. Thanks to such approach, V2X module can work with any AV Simulator with ROS/ROS2 communication implemented.

4.2.27 Manufacturing Environment Simulation

This component is a simulator based on one of the available solutions (Gazebo, Nvidia Isaac) with additional CPSOSaware related modules enabling advanced simulation of all scenarios and integration with other simulations (factory sensors, human behaviour modelling, cybersecurity).

TC4.4.2_UC3 Generate training data End-User **TC4.4.2** generates datasets for perception & reports of scenario validation

4.2.28 AV Simulation

This is a simulator based on one of the available open-source solutions with additional CPSoSawarerelated modules, enabling advanced simulation of all scenarios and integration with other simulations (V2X, HIL, cybersecurity, DMS, etc.). Simulation of sensors, cyberattacks, communication with vehicles and infrastructure.

4.2.29 Commissioning of Hardware Components in CPSs

The Developed Hardware components after HW/SW partitioning will need to be deployed in the CPS. We focus on the dedicated HW accelerator components designed in other tasks and we aim at structuring the deployment/commissioning mechanism in the CPS SoC FPGA Fabric. In T4.6 we will focus on the commissioning mechanism from the system layer perspective while in task T5.2 we will focus on the commissioning mechanism infrastructure (support) at the CPS layer (in each CPS).

Component-level Use Cases

4.2.30 HLS based SW to HW Transformation

HLS based synthesized HW components with PoCL compatible interfaces.

4.2.31 Extended Reality lifelong learning tools/Interfaces for integrated CPSoS

An AR-based CPHS user training toolkit will be developed so as to help the user adapt to changes in the environment and the dynamic CPSoS, whether these may concern a new machine that is added in the system or some new task process. Users often encounter strong outer constraints such as time or

occupation, thus more immersive technologies aim to better exploit the uniqueness of AR and designing more effective virtual environments to improve the learning process. Virtual training scenarios will cover a broad range of user-desired activities.

5 CPSoSaware System Architecture – Preliminary Version

The analysis of the collected information, as presented in Section 4, along with architecture descriptions deriving from the DoA (**Figure 3**), has led to the identification and refinement of architectural blocks and sub-blocks for the efficient conceptualization of the overall architecture and the classification of technical components into interconnected, sensible and coherent groups. At this design stage, technical components are treated as *black boxes*, meaning that their internal functionality and architecture are not yet taken into consideration. However, the progress in the definition of pilot use cases, technical requirements, and system-level use cases will feed the architecture designing process at the next stages of the project.

Figure 3. CPSoSaware proposed architecture

This section shortly presents the defined architectural blocks and a preliminary version of the architecture that includes the - so far - identified interconnections.

5.1 Architectural Blocks

5.1.1 CPSoS System Layer

This layer serves the modelling, configuration, redesign, evaluation, optimization, commission, communication, and orchestration of CPS/CPHs in the CPSoS of discourse. Included sub-blocks are:

- **Security Runtime Monitoring and Management (SRMM)**: This block contains components aimed at providing security awareness to CPSoSaware. By deploying anomaly detection and threat assessment mechanisms, it will provide information for mitigation strategies and feed the CSAIE.
- **Cognitive System AI Engine (CSAIE)**: This block intends to add a layer of cognitive control over the system KPIs. It periodically collects and analyzes data from SRMM and ME, and it provides input to the MRE regarding the collaborative decentralization strategy to be followed in the various CPSs.
- **Modelling and Redesign Engine (MRE)**: MRE incorporates system components that enable the modelling, optimization, and redesign of the CPSoS. It allows the definition of models and metamodels considering system requirement KPIs. With the use of OpenCL, the MRE components manage the implementation of the CPSoSaware *Model, Optimize, Design, Deploy* (MODD) approach.
- **System Inter-Communication Layer (SICL)**: This layer undertakes the responsibility to deploy communication technologies between the CPSoS and the CPSs.
- **CPS Commissioning and CPS to System Inter-Communication Layer**: This block is responsible for commissioning resources and strategies to the variety of participating CPSs.

5.1.2 CPS/CPHS Layer

This block provides the mechanisms for the preparation and deployment of CPS/CPHS to programmable SoC computing devices, such GPUs and FPGAs. It contains the following architectural sub-blocks:

- **OpenCL Description Execution (ODE)**: With the use of Portable Computing Language (PoCL⁴) and its distributed extension PoCL-Remote, ODE manages the deployment of OpenCL configurations to FPGAs at the CPS and CPSoS level.
- **Distributed, Cognitive and Cooperative Intelligence (DCCI)**: This block provides a multitasking mechanism to be shared between CPSs without the involvement of the CPSoS System Layer after deployment. Thus, the participating CPSs will collectively present reliability and fault tolerance towards the fulfilment of system-wide objectives.
- **CPSoSaware Intra-CPS Communication Layer (CICL)**: CICL is aimed at establishing efficient and reliable communications between a) CPSs and their respective sensors, and b) CPSs with other CPSs in the system, in accordance with the DCCI objectives.
- **Extended reality tools and interfaces (XRT)**: This block will provide CPS users with appropriate interfaces and tools for high engagement, optimal experience, situational awareness, and reduced reaction times.

⁴ http://portablecl.org/

• **Monitoring Engine (ME)**: The CPS Monitoring Engine collects information regarding the status of CPSs in order to extract appropriate knowledge (e.g. features, decisions). The collected information includes input from involved humans and the cyber-physical environments of CPSs.

5.1.3 Simulation and Training Layer

In a nutshell, this layer serves and orchestrates the simulation of the various CPS/CPHS and their communications, generating training data required for effective optimizations.

5.2 Preliminary Architecture Block Diagram

For the visualization of architectural blocks, we used PlantUML⁵, which provides a thoroughly documented domain-specific language (DSL) for the description and automatic generation of UML diagrams. More specifically, we utilized a free web-based PlantUML editor named *PlantText⁶* to define the PlantUML code. This section presents the generated UML block diagrams that illustrate the preliminary version of the CPSoSaware architecture.

Figure 4. UML diagram - Architectural blocks

Figure 4 displays the top-level architectural blocks of CPSoSaware. The UML source within the PlantText editor can be reviewed via this link. Consequently, the sub-blocks were added to the appropriate layers, resulting in the diagram of **Figure 5**. The UML source of the latter - and an image of higher quality - can be found in this link.

Figure 5. UML diagram - Architectural blocks and sub-blocks

⁵ https://plantuml.com/

⁶ https://www.planttext.com/

Finally, we corresponded the technical components to the appropriate blocks and sub-blocks by utilizing information collected via the component specification templates. By consulting the technology experts and the DoA, a preliminary set of connections (arrows) among blocks and components has also been identified. The resulted UML diagram, shown in **Figure 6**, can also be found in high resolution via this link.

Figure 6. UML diagram - Architectural blocks and sub-blocks with technical components

The next steps in the CPSoSaware architecture include the elicitation of all component interconnections and the definition of interfaces for their communications, in order to facilitate the precise system development and deployment.

6 Conclusions and Next Steps

This deliverable initially introduced the background notions of requirements engineering along with the established requirement elicitation methodologies, and then focused on presenting the outputs from the first phase of Task 1.3. The key outcome from our work on this task during the first year of the project was the **CPSoSaware Technical Specification Elicitation Framework** presented in Chapter 3. Based on a combination of requiring technical partners to fill a circulated requirement specification template, analyzing the existing documentation (DoA), and consulting with the involved stakeholders, we produced a uniform information-rich reference document (Chapter 4). This document contains technical component specifications, including the respective functional and non-functional requirements, and is a **living document** in the sense that it will constantly be accessible by all involved stakeholders and will be frequently reiterated throughout the project lifetime. The overarching aim is to reach a precise architecture design for the CPSoSaware system. An additional key outcome from this work is an overview of the defined **architectural blocks** and a **preliminary version of the system architecture**, which were also presented in this document (Chapter 5).

Relying on the requirements presented in Chapter 4 as the foundation, the next steps in this thread of work involve working towards clearly specifying the interfaces between the functional modules and components of the CPSoSaware framework. The key outcome will be a detailed system architecture, provided in a format that can be parsed by the CPSoSaware framework.

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Appendix A: CPSoSaware Component Specification Template

