

Trusted Firmware-A Tech Forum

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Long term release strategy

Agenda

- Identify problems with the current release model
- Discuss potential solutions

Motivation

- Downstream almost always lags upstream
- Software fixes never available for older releases
- Huge cost to productize a public release; code quality, documentation and testing are the long poles
- Makes it hard to deploy a public release in the field on day 0
- Did we really address the fragmentation problem in the industry?

Potential solution(s)

- Invest in testing and release management
- Aim for a solid public release to allow in-field device upgrades
- Always update older releases with important software fixes
- Invest in creating documentation that is valid at any given changelist
- Long term support release¹ every two years

¹ <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/LTS>

Call to action

- Help us define the problem
- Help us create a solution that covers all bases
- Start a conversation internally to define your role in the process

Questions?