

# **GRCon24 - Project Update**

# Welcome!

# 14th Annual GNU Radio Conference

# Josh Morman





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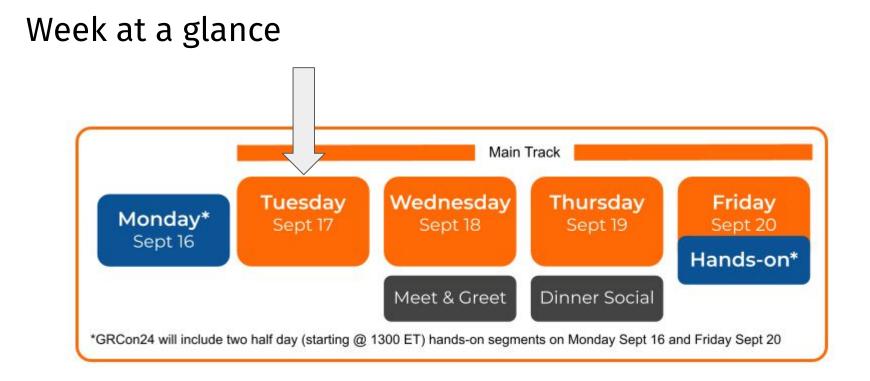
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# **Useful Information**

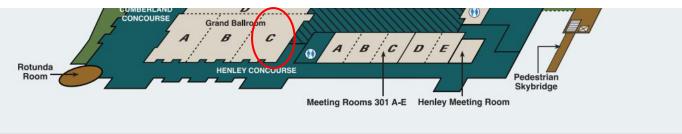
Food and beverages

AM and PM breaks (snacks, coffee)

Lunch each day at noon

Social events - Wednesday and Thursday

Breaks and Lunch in Expo Hall (Ballroom C)





# **Chat Server**

Join the Matrix!

### https://chat.gnuradio.org

Discussions and info during the event

Chat and development year round!

GRCon24 Public Space



Welcome to

#### GRCon24

O Public space · 19 members

Welcome to the GNU Radio Conference 2024

Q Search names and descriptions

#### Rooms and spaces

- Helpdesk (GRCon'24) ✓ Joined
   26 members · Whatever the question at GRCon'24 we're here to help
- Talks (GRCon'24) ✓ Joined 28 members · Discussion of the talks at GRCon'24
- B Backstage (GRCon'24) Joined 18 members · Where presenters, organizers, and boothers meet
- Capture the Flag (GRCon'24)
   34 members · https://ctf-2024.gnuradio.org/
- Docs 🗸 Joined

452 members · Working on GNU Radio's Documentation (Wiki, in-source docume

Ham Radio 🗸 Joined

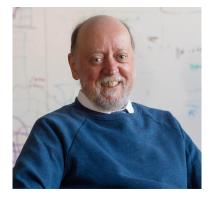
558 members · Using GR in Amateur Radio – Please take the Radioconda Survey https://saneuxdesign.survey.fm/radioconda-survey

Educators-to-Educators Joined

298 members · Discussing how to use GNU Radio in education

# Keynotes

Jack Dongarra





Philip Erickson

Kristina Collins

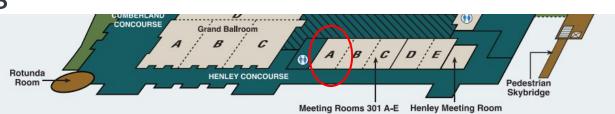


# Capture the Flag

### CTF Room - 301A



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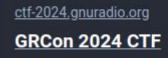


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Registration is now open for the <u>#GRCon24</u> <u>#CTF</u>! Earn points by finding secret messages ("flags") hidden in radio signals. The competition begins in 48 hours, and can be played online or in person. <u>ctf-2024.gnuradio.org/</u> <u>#GNURadio</u> <u>#SDR</u>



# HAM Radio Exams

Wednesday 1PM, 301B

### gnuradio.org/grcon24

GRCon Overview About GRCon Venue Info & Maps Code of Conduct About the Organizers

#### Our Sponsors

Participants Guide Joining the GRCon24 Chat Capture the Flag Amateur Radio License Exams

Keynote Speakers Schedule Contribution List All Contributions List Workshops Registration Info Link to Registration & Student Registration

Call for Participation Call for Participation Guidelines

#### Amateur Radio License Exams

#### Amateur Radio License Exams (In-Person Only)

During GRCon24 we will be hosting Amateur Radio license exams for those interested in obtaini

Amateur Radio License Exams will be offered on Wednesday Sept. 18 at 1:00 PM.

There are study guides and trial exam tests available for free online:

- Dan Romanchik No-Nonsense Study Guides
- ARRL trial license testing ARRL Exam Review

### **Details About the Exams**

#### Exams Available

All three exam levels are available: Technician, General, and Extra. Applicants may take any exar example, the Technician Class exam does not have to be passed to take the General Class exam

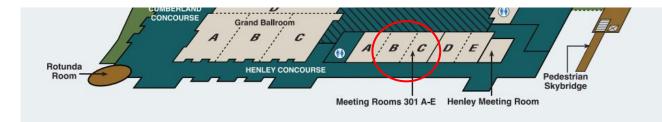
Exams are closed book. No books, notes, or any other materials are allowed.

Applicants who are not successful may be allowed, at the discretion of the VEs, to retest at the sexams that are available, more than once, to determine whether they were ready to take their lice

#### FCC Registration Number (FRN)

The FCC requires you to use a Federal Registration Number (FRN). The FRN is a unique number

# Workshops



Basics of SDR USRP FPGA Processing Using the RFNoC Framework Getting Started with GNU Radio in the Classroom Introduction to RF Processing for Satellite Constellations

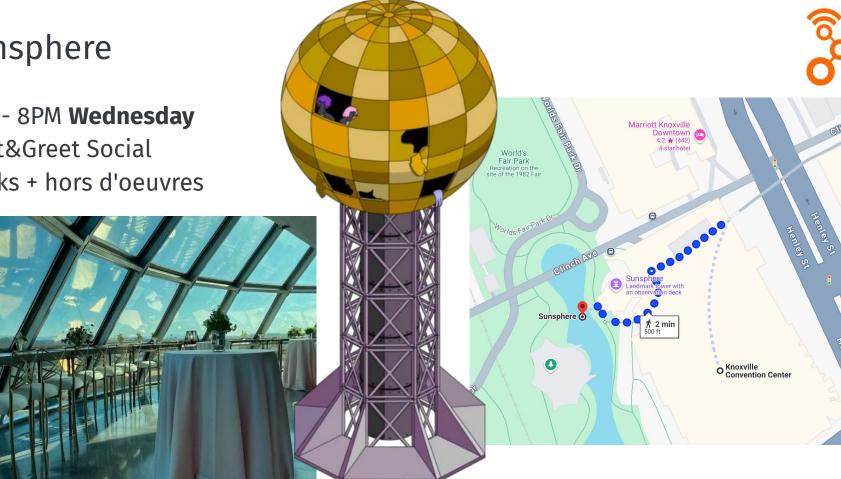
Fast Track to Designing FIR Filters with Python Quick Start on Control Loops with Python



Dan Boschen Invited Workshops

# Sunsphere

### 5PM - 8PM Wednesday **Meet&Greet Social** Drinks + hors d'oeuvres



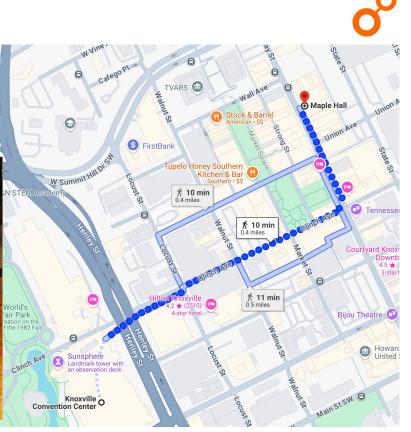
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# Maple Hall

### 6 PM Thursday

### Dinner + Drinks + Bowling!





# Our Organizers

- Samantha Palazzolo
- Barry Duggan
- Toby Flynn
- Seth Hitefield
- Andrej Rode
- Marcus Müller
- Neel Pandeya
- Josh Morman



# Helping with the conference

Thank you to everyone who registered early!



### GRCon25 Planning Session Friday!

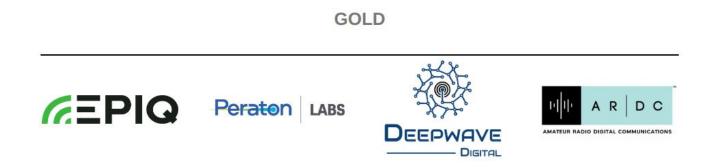




### PLATINUM



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# What is the GNU Radio Project?

The codebase of the core, VOLK, and SigMF

The dozens of supporting projects and infrastructure

The active contributors

The ecosystem of modules, applications, and interfaces

This conference, EU GNU Radio Days, other events

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# Where is GNU Radio Used

Wireless Communications RADAR

4G/5G/6G Radio Astronomy Spectrum Monitoring

IOT and SensorsSpace Comms"Particle Accelerators!"

Education Amateur Radio Physics Research

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Security Research Public Safety Citizen Science

Transportation Recreation (CtF) Weather

Medical RFML

THEME GNU Radio enables innovation in scientific applications





# Packaging

Installing GNU Radio has gone from headache to trivial over the past several years

Thanks to the packagers in our community

Debian(/Ubuntu) - Maitland Bottoms

RadioConda - Ryan Volz

osh@josh-Alienware-m15-R3:-\$ sudo apt install gnuradio [sudo] password for josh: Reading package lists... Done Building dependency tree... Done Reading state information... Done The following additional packages will be installed: gnuradio-dev libboost-filesystem1.83-dev libgnuradio-analog3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-audio3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-blocks3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-channels3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-digital3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-dtv3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-fec3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-ff libgnuradio-filter3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-iio3.10.9t64 libanuradio-network3.10.9t64 libanuradio-pdu3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-pmt3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-gtgui3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-runtime3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-soapy3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-trellis3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-uhd3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-video-sdl3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-vocoder3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-wavelet3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-zeromg3.10.9t64 libvolk python3-networkx python3-pygt5.gwt soapysdr-tools Suggested packages: gqrx-sdr gr-fosphor gr-osmosdr rtl-sdr uhd-host python-networkxpython3-pydot python3-pygraphyiz python-pygt5.gwt-doc The following NEW packages will be installed: gnuradio gnuradio-dev libboost-filesystem1.83-dev libgnuradio-analog3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-audio3.10.9t64

Packaging status Alpine Linux 3.19 Ipine Linux Edge ALT Linux p9 Arch Linux 32 i686 rch Linux 32 pentium4 h Linux ARM aarch64 BlackArch Buildroot 2023 02 x Buildroot 2023.05.x Debian 10 Debian Unstable deepin 20 Devuan 4.0 EPEL 7 EPEL 8 EPEL 9 Fedora 26 Fedora 27 Fedora 28 Fedora 29

# **GNU Radio Maintenance**

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Looking for additional maintainers!

- Be a recognized part of the maintenance team
- Own a module or group of modules (e.g. gr-qt, gr-soapy, gr-zeromq)
- Be responsible for ensuring relevant PRs are reviewed and merged
- Help backport merges to maint-3.10

Reduce the number of maintenance releases

- Quarterly has been great, but a lot of overhead
- Release management help appreciated

Email: <u>info@gnuradio.org</u> for more information

# How is GNU Radio Governed?

### GR BOARD

MARC LICHTMAN - VP



UPCOMING ELECTION





JOSH MORMAN - PRESIDENT





DEREK KOZEL - PI



# **General Assembly**

Martin Braun - Community/Ecosystem

Andrej Rode - Infrastructure

Bastian Bloessl - Architecture

Johannes Demel - VOLK

Jeff Long - Maintenance

Seth Hitefield - GRC

Josh Morman - President

Marc Lichtman - Vice President

Derek Kozel - SETI PI

Marcus Müller - Chief Architect Nate Temple - Community Philip Balister - Embedded Samantha Palazzolo - GRCon Jacob Gilbert - SigMF Jean-Michel Friedt - Academic Engagement **Ben McCall - Documentation** John Sallay - GR 4.0

# Teams

GNU Radio Conference - grcon@gnuradio.org

Architecture architecture@gnuradio.org

- GRC grc@gnuradio.org
- Documentation docs@gnuradio.org
- SigMF sigmf@gnuradio.org
- VOLK volk@gnuradio.org
- Infrastructure admin@gnuradio.org

Education and Academic Outreach - educators to educators chat

# **Getting Involved**

Join Chat - <u>https://chat.gnuradio.org</u> Join the Mailing List - discuss-gnuradio File issues - <u>https://github.com/gnuradio</u> Review issues, add details, recreate ones Improve the tutorials - <u>https://tutorials.gnuradio.org</u> Give a talk about GNU Radio

# **Getting Involved**

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# Google Summer of Code

- GRC: Standalone application and pluggable workflows
  - Zaky Hermawan
  - Mentors: Håkon Vågsether, Sebastian Koslowski

https://github.com/ZakyHermawan/grc

- Forward Error Correction
  - Kayla Comer
  - Mentors: Daniel Estevez, Andrej Rode

https://github.com/kaylacomer/gr-fec\_dev

### **Forward Error Correction blog**

**GNU Radio project for Google Summer of Code** 

- 2024-08-29 06:40 Final blog post: project overview and conclusions
- 2024-08-20 08:45 Week 10: August 12-16
- 2024-08-12 08:42 Week 9: August 5-9
- 2024-08-05 12:53 Week 8: July 29 August 2
- 2024-07-19 16:27 Week 7: July 15-19
- 2024-07-15 07:09 Week 6: July 8-12
- 2024-07-08 09:02 Week 5: June 24-28
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# EU GR Days 2024



Videos are live! <u>youtube.com/gnuradioproject</u>

Held at GSI/FAIR in Darmstadt

4 days of introductory tutorials and developer workshops

Focus on the development of GR 4.0



# GR 4.0

### Dr. Ralph J Steinhagen

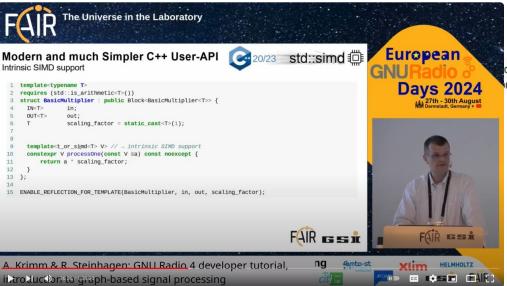
# GNU Radio 4.0: Use-Cases at the GSI/FAIR Accelerator Facility & 🔼 🚍 an Overview of New Features and Significant Enhancements

Sep 19, 2024, 10:00 AM
 45m

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### Speaker

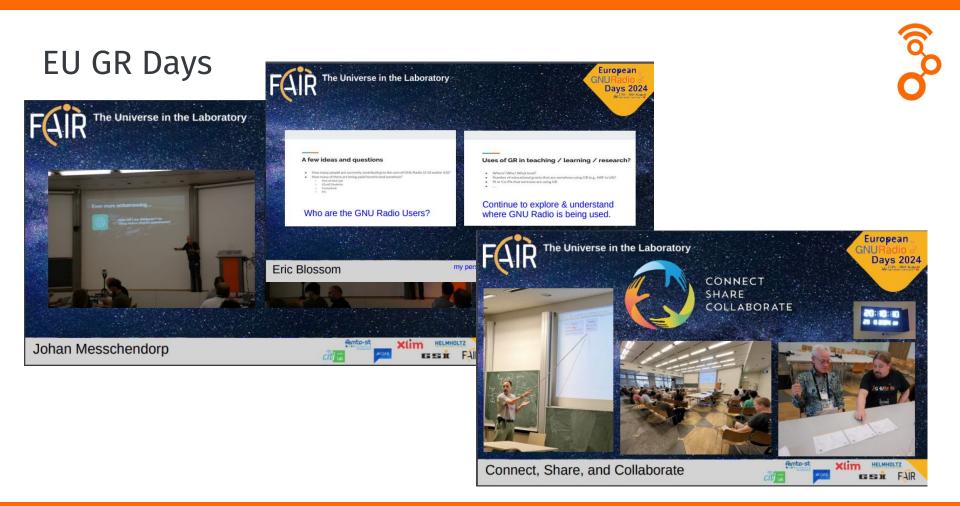
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development will be presented including outlining the benefits and necessity of re, and its usage at the international accelerator facility FAIR.

Project Talk

Project Talk



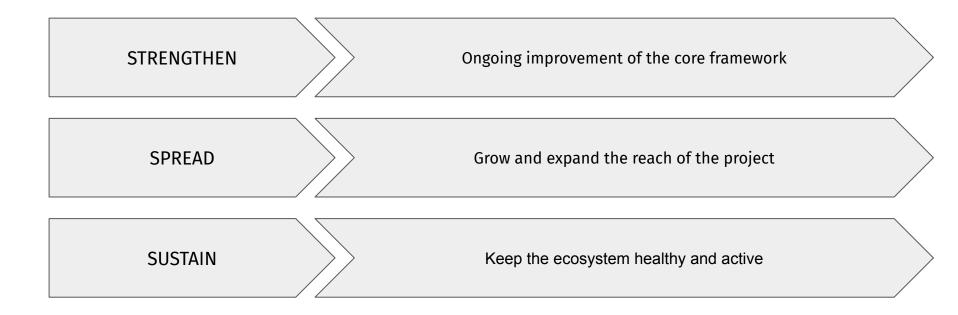
# EU GR Days





The Universe in the Laboratory

# **Project Vision**



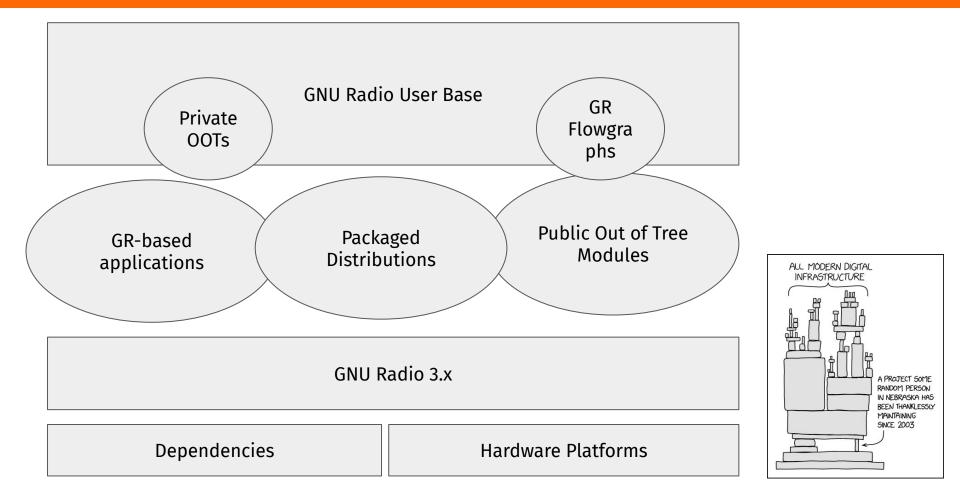
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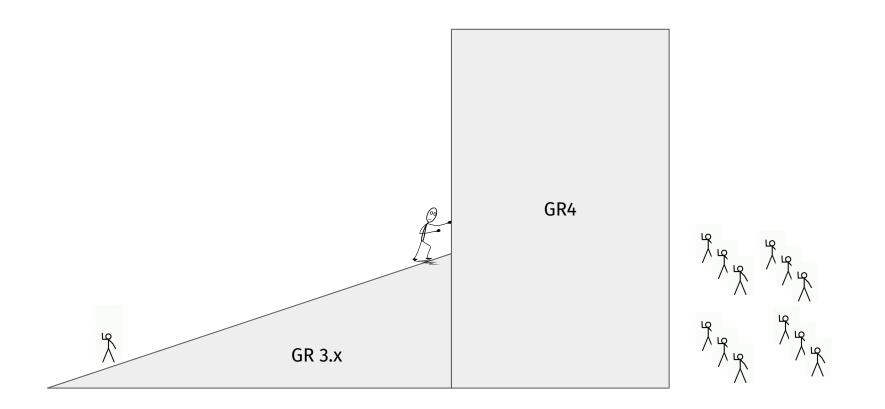


- Make GNU Radio continually improving and feature-rich
- Maintain GNU Radio's position as the leading open-source SDR framework for rapid prototyping and real-time signal processing applications.
  - Make the framework better and more accessible
  - Make the framework more performant
  - Make the framework more stable and consistently maintained

WHY?

GNU Radio enables innovation in scientific applications



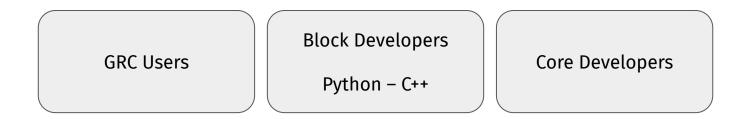


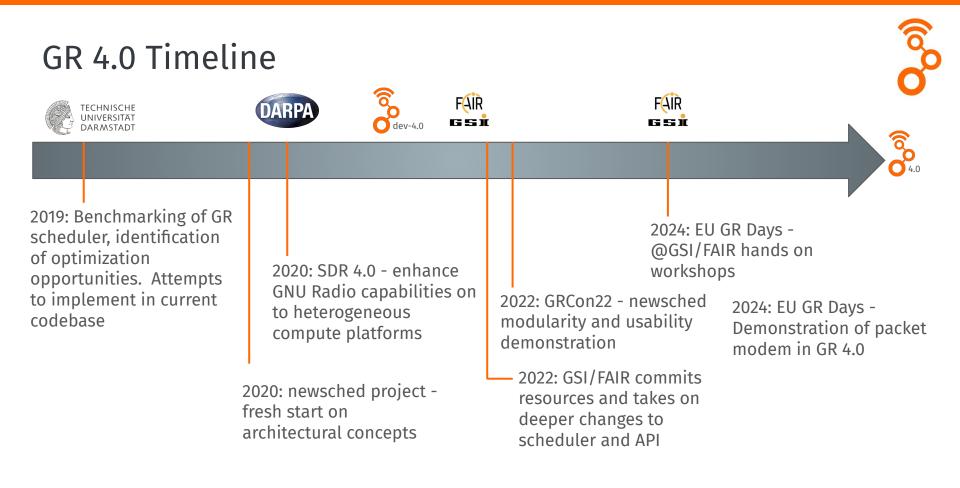
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# Improving GNU Radio with the ecosystem in mind

Changes to the framework have to either:

- 1) Not disrupt the existing ecosystem
  - a) Even small API changes have not been adopted by all OOTs
- 2) Provide enough benefit to justify a "jump"
  - a) Benefit means different things to different users
  - b) Some users happy with GR as a prototyping framework





# Current State of GR 4.0



For GNU Radio to be used in critical infrastructure and real-world applications, it must meet higher standards for safety, cybersecurity, and product liability.

- Type Safety
- Modern C++ and Best Practices
- Lean, clean codebase

Maximize compute performance on modern CPUs by unleashing the power of modern compilers

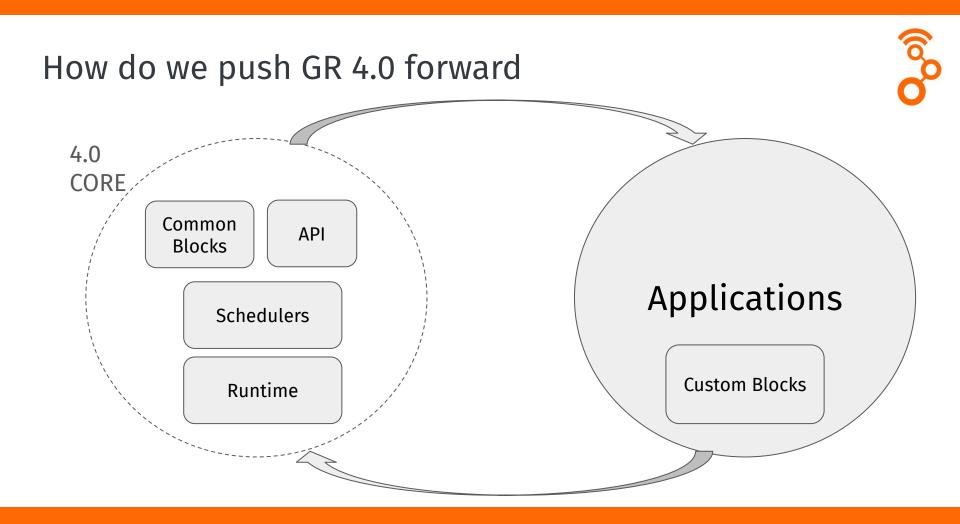
- Lock Free buffers
- constexpr optimization
- std::simd standardization
- Block Merging

# Current State of GR 4.0

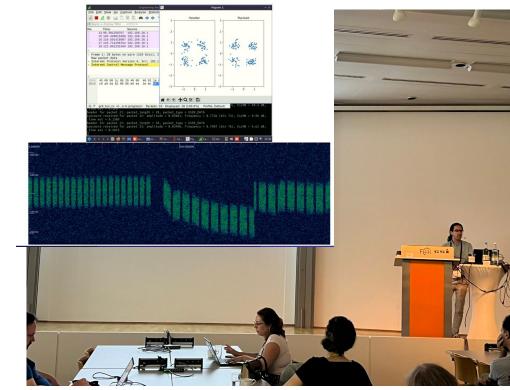


Improved Usability

- User customizable schedulers
- Easy integration of heterogeneous, distributed, and embedded compute
- Asynchronous packet events a first class citizen
- More liberal licensing (LGPL currently agreed upon, open to other options)
- Simplified Block API



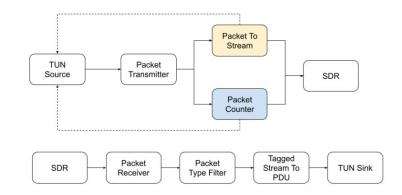
### GR 4.0 Packet Modem



https://github.com/daniestevez/gr4-packet-modem

Daniel Estevez - full modem implementation

### Using ARDC grant funds

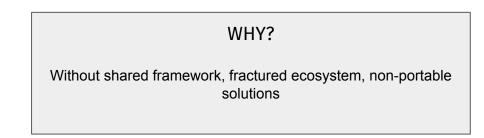




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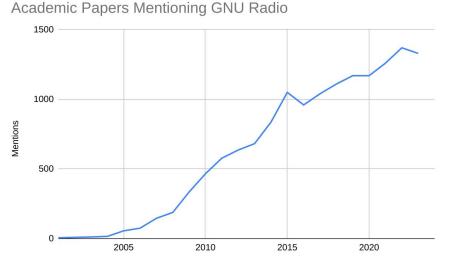


- Increase the footprint of GNU Radio in educational programs University courses, Community College, High School
  - Prepare the next generation of signal processing engineers with the tools to develop real-time applications (as opposed to MATLAB/Python scripts)
  - Usability for beginners, installation, etc.
- Better marketing and outreach
- Training Opportunities





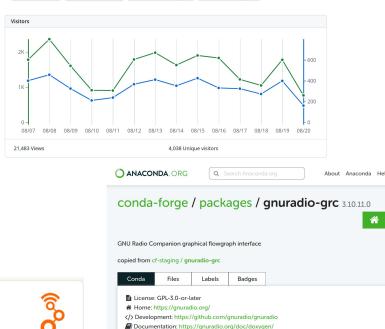
# Hard to quantify the pervasiveness of GR Usage



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GNU Radio - the Free and Open Software Radio Ecosystem



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# GNU Radio in the Classroom

Neil Rogers Professor, USAFA

Thursday 1PM 301C

### Getting Started with GNURadio in the Classroom

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Sep 19, 2024, 1:00 PM
 2h
 301C (Knoxville Convention Center (KCC))

### Speaker

L Neil Rogers (USAFA)

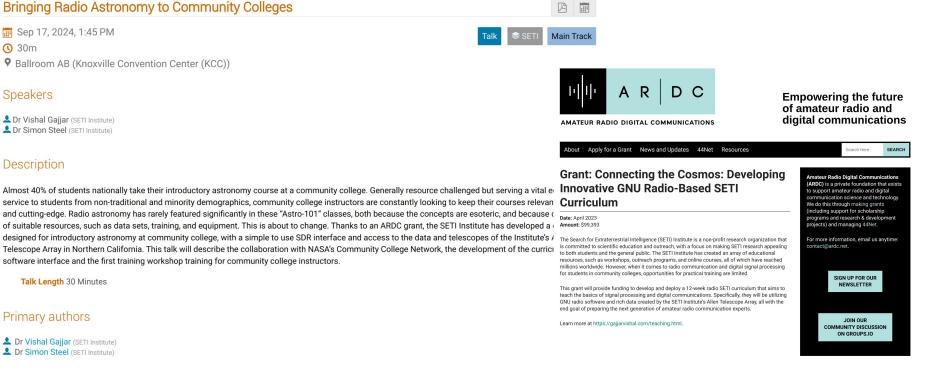
### Description

An increasing number of educational institutions make use of SDRs as a low-cost means of demonstrating a wide range of communication system applications. However, due to the interrelationship between various hardware and software configurations, this approach introduces significant logistical and pedagogical complexities. As with any open source project, getting started with GNURadio in the classroom can be a daunting prospect; furthermore, the wide range of available hardware can make navigating the landscape even more complicated. This short course aims to fill this gap by providing a sufficient foundation for classroom SDR usage, including lessons learned from several years experience in the following areas:

- SDR hardware overview and recommendations
- SDR configuration
- Software configuration
- Curriculum topics
- Potential hands-on projects
- Question/Answer time

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# GNU Radio Based Community College Curriculum



### Communication Systems Engineering with GNU Radio: A Hands-on

#### Approach 1st Edition

by <u>Jean-Michel Friedt</u> (Author), Herve Boeglen (Author)

See all formats and editions

#### ✓ Pre-order Price Guarantee. Terms∨

#### An approachable guide to an invaluable radiofrequency communication toolkit

Software-defined radio (SDR), which emerged in the 1990s, has become a core development method in certain high-profile fields, including military and space communications. High cost and problems with hardware availability, however, prevented this technology from being widely disseminated. The advent of low-cost hardware beginning in the 2010s, however, has made GNU Radio—the leading open-source software toolkit for developing SDR systems—an increasingly viable and even critical tool for a new generation of radiofrequency communication engineers.

*Communication Systems Engineering with GNU Radio* provides an accessible overview of this toolkit and its applications. Beginning with the fundamentals of using GNU radio for digital signal processing, the volume then moves to the practicalities of decoding data and the advantages of accessing raw data normally unavailable in hardware-defined radiofrequency receivers. The result is a potentially crucial tool for engineers looking to adopt this cost-effective and flexible standard for transmitting and processing radiofrequency signals.

Readers will also find:

- A careful balance of radio communications theory with GNU Radio practicalities
- Practical implementation examples employing well-developed open-source GNU Radio platforms
- Extensive accompanying documentation and explanation

*Communication Systems Engineering with GNU Radio* is ideal for graduate and undergraduate students in communications systems courses, as well as professionals working in SDR.

Available for pre-order <u>https://a.co/d/cXoltKj</u>

### COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ENGINEERING WITH GNU RADIO

**A HANDS-ON APPROACH** 

#### JEAN-MICHEL FRIEDT • HERVÉ BOEGLEN



### Matrix Chat room for Educators

chat.gnuradio.org



### **Educators-to-Educators**

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Discussing how to use GNU Radio in velucation

# Sustain

- Future-proof the leadership of the organization
  - Continually build leadership team great opportunity for developing professionals
  - Move beyond all-volunteer
- Funding beyond GRCon
- Industry and Government partnerships
  - Partnership Program\*
- Funding via external development efforts
  - Government funded efforts
    - Who can fund and execute large scale projects
    - E.g. DARPA SDR 4.0
  - Spirit of Public Money / Public Code
  - Actively engage with current and potential users of GNU Radio

Maintaining a healthy ecosystem requires a cohesive and active organization able to make good decisions for the broader community

WHY?

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### **GNU Radio Funding**

- → GNU Radio Conference
- → Grants

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→ Donations

→ Sustainability



# **GR Small Development Grants?**

### **Grant Ideas**

Similar to the GSoC Ideas page, this is a list of things we could potentially ask for grant money to accomplish, or even just volunteers who want something specific to dive into:

#### Contents [hide]

#### 1 Documentation Related

- 1.1 Doxygen Cleanup
- 1.2 More Tutorials!
- 1.3 Filling out Block Docs
- 1.4 Coming up with a system for exporting and versioning wiki
- 2 Training Materials Related (Not including tutorials in our docs)
- 3 Packaging
  - 3.1 Windows & OS X Packaging
  - 3.2 CI-generated Packages
  - 3.3 Maintainer Assistance
- 4 GNU Radio 4.0 and Beyond

The NumFOCUS Small Development Grants program is a community collaboration which addresses project needs while also engaging dedicated volunteers. See the process below:







Mission:

To support, promote, and enhance digital communication and broader communication science and technology

To promote amateur radio, scientific research, experimentation, education, development, open access, and innovation in information and communication technology.

https://ampr.org

### **ARDC Grant**

(https://www.ardc.net/apply/grants/2022-grants/grant-gnu-radio-usability-enhancements/)

- Installation of GNU Radio and out-of-tree modules (OOTs)
  - Native installers integrated with CI Kitware
- Ongoing software maintenance and support
  - Marcus Mueller thrashing the issue tracker
- GNU Radio Companion (GRC) (Haakon V)
  - gnuradio-companion --qt
- Updated Tutorials
  - Wavewalker DSP
- Documentation Infrastructure
  - Bailey Campbell
- Documented Packet Modem Example with GR4
  - Dani Estevez

### Grant: GNU Radio Usability Enhancements

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Date: March 2022 Amount: \$263,011

GNU Radio is a free, open-source software-development toolkit that provides signal processing blocks to implement software radios. GNU Radio is always striving to be accessible to anyone across the globe, regardless of which operating system they are using and how much experience they have with wireless communications and digital signal processing. Historically, Windows operating system users have not had adequate support, despite it being the operating system used by nearly all K-12 students. Increasingly, macOS is becoming the platform of choice for both students and individuals. GNU Radio wants to be more intuitive and make it easier to install thirdparty modules known as out-of-tree modules (OOTs).

The GNU Radio project has identified a number of improvements to GNU Radio that it hopes will make GNU Radio easier to use, more accesible, and easier to maintain. These improvements are broken down into the following categories:

Installation of GNU Radio and out-of-tree modules (OOTs)

- Documentation
- Ongoing software maintenance and support
- GNU Radio Companion (GRC)

The projects were carefully chosen to extend and advance work already underway, but hindered by lack of specialist experience. This grant from ARDC will allow GNU Radio to hire experts specialized in each area. We believe the specific GUI projects this ARDC grant would fund will also give the new GRC the final push that it needs to become the interface that ships with GNU Radio and provides users a much-improved experience. For each improvement category described above, one or more mentors (who will be volunteers from the GNU Radio leadership or core developers) will guide the work. These mentors will help the contractors stay aligned to the goals and offer feedback at periodic intervals. This grant will unlock the considerable existing capabilities to a large population in a timely manner and bring new people into the community.

Learn more at https://www.gnuradio.org/.

# GNU Radio Industrial Advisory Board

Motivation:

- Guarantee the continued maintenance and expansion of GNU Radio while providing benefit to stakeholders

- Ensure the long term financial stability of the organization

Wednesday@14:30 - Introduction in Main Ballroom Wednesday@15:20 - Info Session in *Rotunda* 

Frank Howley Director of Corporate Engagement SETI Institute



### How to Support GNU Radio

Get Involved

Advertise that you use GNU Radio

Write a letter of support

Publish a whitepaper

Join a team

Explore Industrial Advisory Board

