

Press Release:

acontis technologies Joins the Wind River Partner Validation Program



Partnership Helps Industrial and Medical Customers Integrate EtherCAT Technology

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acontis technologies, one of the leading software manufacturers for EtherCAT Master Stack software, provides validated EtherCAT solutions based on Wind River's industry leading VxWorks and Wind River Linux in combination with the acontis EtherCAT Master Stack AT-EM.

"Wind River's Partner Validation Program offers a rich software ecosystem for the critically important industrial and medical markets," said Christoph Widmann, managing director, acontis technologies. *"acontis is a committed partner and we are leveraging the Wind River industrial platforms to provide a pre-validated solution for our EtherCAT real-time Ethernet communication products. Our customers will greatly benefit from the reduced development time and lower costs resulting from this partnership."*

The solutions include the out-of-the-box EtherCAT Master Stack as well as optimized Ethernet link layer drivers and demo applications. Consulting and commercial support is also provided to customers. The benefits of validated solutions include reduced development time, integration and quality assurance efforts, reduced overall risk and accelerated time-to-market.

"Wind River has forged strong partnerships with market leaders like acontis to bring customers a validated software stack that meets the requirements of specific market segments," said Jens Wiegand, general manager, Industrial and Medical, Wind River. "Wind River's Partner Validation Program offers validated software components and an ecosystem with a clear commitment to industry connectivity, vertical application stacks, and tools to help solve critical business issues so customers can reduce overall time spent on integration and have their products completed more rapidly at a lower cost."

As a system integrator and specialist in the field of real-time networking and VxWorks, acontis also offers the option of tailoring the EtherCAT Master Stack to specific customer requirements and integrating it into the customer's system.

Wind River and acontis technologies focus on providing the pre-validated software solutions for several industrial key markets where fieldbuses are used like: industrial automation, test and measurement, medical, semiconductor industry and building automation. Applications include control systems, motion control and sensor/actor control.

About acontis

acontis technologies GmbH, based in Weingarten, Germany, is a software service provider specializing in real-time operating systems, real-time networking, embedded control as well as driver-specific and customized software development. The company is a member of the EtherCAT Technology Group and one of its core focus include supporting companies in realizing systems which use EtherCAT. With the EtherCAT Master Stack, companies can speed up and simplify the use of real-time Ethernet technology in automation. acontis technologies serve many customers in the industrial automation, robotics and test and measurement industries, including ABB, Bosch, Hilscher, KUKA, Phoenix Contact and Siemens. For more information visit acontis technologies at <http://www.acontis.com/eng>.