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# Project Plan Presentation

## SmartSat™ AI Acceleration in Space

### The Capstone Experience

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*From Students...  
...to Professionals*

# Project Sponsor Overview

- Lockheed Martin is a leading global aerospace, defense, and security company.
- Operates in four main segments: Aeronautics, Rotary and Mission Systems, Space, Missiles and Fire Control.
- Major Contractor for the U.S. DoD specializing in advanced technology systems, products, and services.



# Project Functional Specifications

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- SmartSat software integration and functionality for efficient software update and processing.
- Building on the previous capstone project and the developed accelerators for targeted testing.
- Develop test infrastructure for application verification and profiling on target hardware.



# Project Design Specifications

- Development of a custom terminal within the PetaLinux environment, optimized for communication with the ZCU102 hardware.
- Creation of specialized script capable of automating the deployment of ML models tailored for benchmarking.
- Development of a script to record output data including performance metrics.
- Manage different models for image recognition and segmentation.



# Screen Mockup: PetaLinux Terminal

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root@xilinx-zcu102-2020_2:~# The XKEYBOARD keymap compiler (xkbcomp) reports:
> Warning:      Unsupported high keycode 372 for name <I372> ignored
>              X11 cannot support keycodes above 255.
>              This warning only shows for the first high keycode.
Errors from xkbcomp are not fatal to the X server
D-BUS per-session daemon address is: unix:abstract=/tmp/dbus-LgydUQ6N99,guid=elb
d81205457d55d2e3f44cf65b81869
matchbox: Cant find a keycode for keysym 269025056
matchbox: ignoring key shortcut XF86Calendar=!$contacts

matchbox: Cant find a keycode for keysym 2809
matchbox: ignoring key shortcut telephone=!$dates

matchbox: Cant find a keycode for keysym 269025050
matchbox: ignoring key shortcut XF86Start=!matchbox-remote -desktop

dbus-daemon[984]: Activating service name='org.ally.atspi.Registry' requested by
':1.0' (uid=0 pid=980 comm="matchbox-panel --start-applets showdesktop, windows"
)
dbus-daemon[984]: Successfully activated service 'org.ally.atspi.Registry'
SpiRegistry daemon is running with well-known name - org.ally.atspi.Registry
[settings daemon] Forking. run with -n to prevent fork

root@xilinx-zcu102-2020_2:~# █
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# Screen Mockup: Results Display

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Average Model Runtime  
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Time(s)  
Model 1 on System 1: 123.4  
Model 2 on System 1: 123.4  
Model 3 on System 1: 123.4  
Model 1 on System 2: 123.4  
Model 2 on System 2: 123.4  
Model 3 on System 2: 123.4  
Model 1 on System 3: 123.4  
Model 2 on System 3: 123.4  
Model 3 on System 3: 123.4  
  
Do you wish to save these results to a Text File?(y/n): y  
Enter Name of Text File you wish to save to: Demo
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# Screen Mockup: Optimal Results Menu

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Optimal Hardware Component per Model  
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Input Name of text file:   FileName.txt
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Model 1 performs optimally on Hardware X
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Model 2 performs optimally on Hardware X
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Model 3 performs optimally on Hardware X
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Model 4 performs optimally on Hardware X
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Model 5 performs optimally on Hardware X
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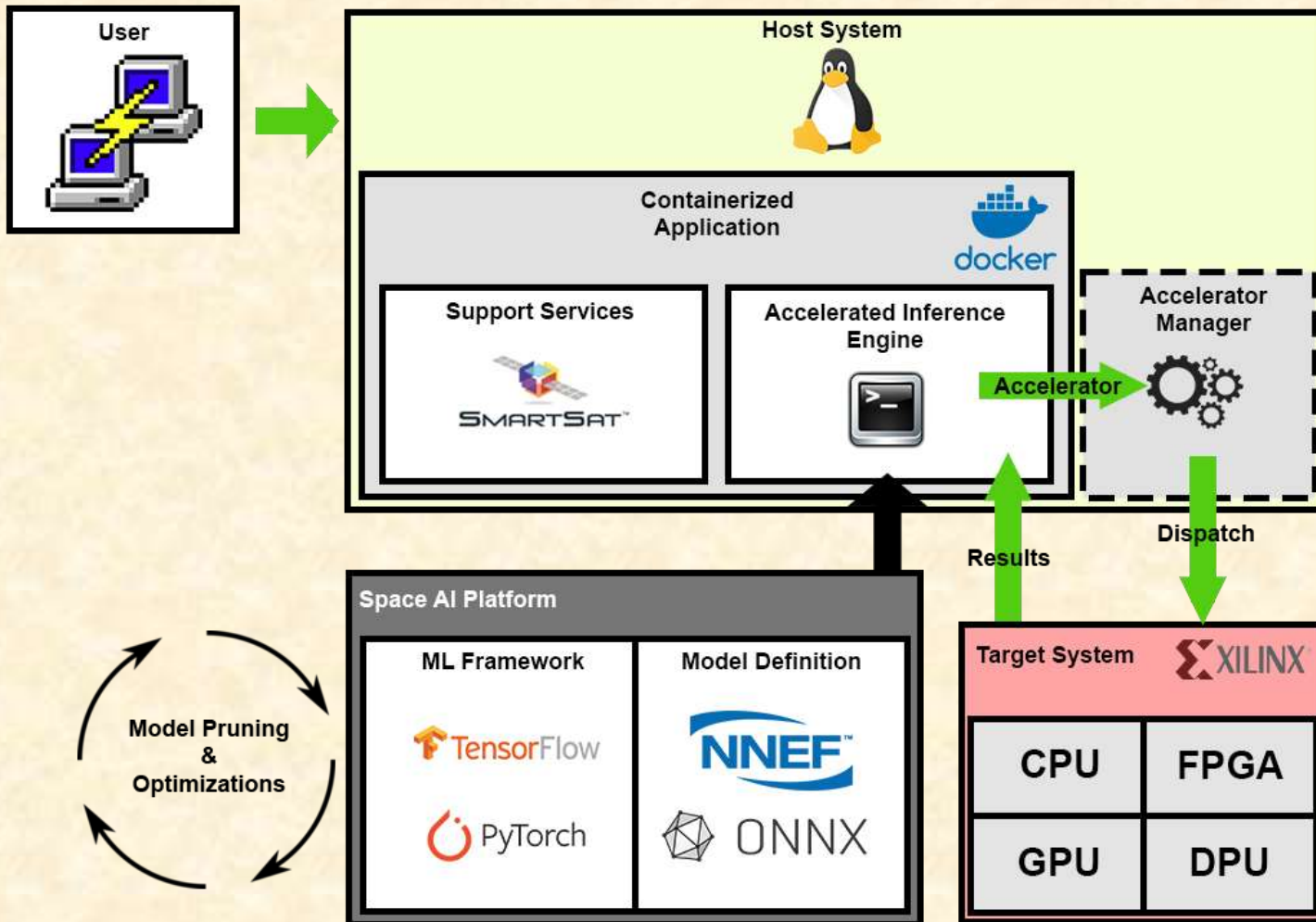
# Project Technical Specifications

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- Integration of TensorFlow models with VitisAI for optimized execution, enabling efficient benchmarking on Xilinx hardware platforms.
- Configuration of a custom PetaLinux system to facilitate communication and operation of AI applications.
- Utilization of the SmartSAT SDK environment, focusing on prototyping and testing.



# Project System Architecture



# Project System Components

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- Hardware Platforms
  - Xilinx ZCU102
  - UDOO Bolt Gear
  - AMD Jetson TX
- Software Platforms / Technologies
  - Vitis AI
  - PetaLinux OS
  - SmartSat DSK



# Project Risks

- Xilinx Hardware and non-commodity Embedded Systems
  - Limited, convoluted, sometimes incorrect documentation
  - Mitigation - Frequent communication with sponsors and more frequent team meetings to resolve issues
- Machine Learning
  - No prior experience with ML. Will pose a challenge integrating with FPGA hardware
  - Mitigation – Each develop our own small image recognition model
- Vitis AI
  - Minimal documentation on Vitis, as well as a different workflow than typical software development
  - Mitigation - The team immediately began research on Vitis documentation and will work with sponsors.



# Questions?

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