OpenRAN at a glance



OpenRAN is an initiative to define and build 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G RAN solutions based on a general-purpose vendorneutral hardware and software-defined technology



What is **OpenRAN**

OpenRAN's mission is to accelerate innovation and commercialization in RAN domain with multi-vendor interoperable products and solutions that are easy to integrate in the operator's network and are verified for different deployment scenarios. TIP's OpenRAN program supports the development of disaggregated and interoperable 2G/3G/4G/5G NR Radio Access Network (RAN) solutions based on service provider requirements.

With OpenRAN

- **OEMs can develop solution equipment** that will interoperate with hardware deployed by any vendor who chooses to adopt TIP technologies.
- **GPP based development**: No vendor specific "secret sauce" – e.g. in Common Public Radio Interface (CPRI) implementation, hardware acceleration, in processor and in chipset optimization etc. thus reducing dedicated HW cost.
- **Multi-vendor flexibility within the RAN**: the ability to adopt best of breed in the RAN space and reduce reliance on a single vendor.

The developments



With OpenRAN, continued

 Allows for a wide range of vendors to provide innovative, best of breed RRUs and virtual BBUs compatible with GPP hardware options for a diverse set of deployment scenarios.

Benefits

- Can use pluggable modules from other vendors
- **More cost-effective** than traditional integrated platform solutions.
- Expands RAN vendor ecosystem and drives innovation.

Use cases



Multiple deployment scenarios can be supported by a variety of off-the-shelf hardware platforms

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OpenRAN tech roadmap - Aligning with 5G release plan

	Q4 2020	Q1 2	Q2 2	2021 Q3	2021 Q4 2021	
	Single Band 7.2x					
Whitebox RU			5G MaMIMO			
			5G MaMIMO	32TR/64TR		
		Whitebo	Radios			
	Basic X86 Platforms					
		Optimise X	86, Integrated ORAN 7.2 Sup	port timing and sync.		
		5G MaMIMO)			
			A	Iternative GPP Architectu	re, Whitebox DU	
RIA	Radio Intelligent Cor	ntroller & xAp	ops			
ΡΟΜΑ		U	Jnified Management			
Roma			Basic continuous integration	n/Continuous delivery tools		
Outdoor	2G split 8/4G 7.2x					
Outdoor		Outdoor Ru	Iral OpenRAN product bluer	print		
				Outdoor Urban OpenRAN	product blueprint	
Indoor				Securit	y, ÇaaS	
				5G FDD & Dynamic Spect	um Sharing	
				Indoor OpenRAN product	blueprint	

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OpenRAN RU Subgroup

Developing RU (Radio Unit) white box HW on open and disaggregated architecture. The white box RU will offer significant deployment and operational cost advantages compared to traditional proprietary base stations in mobile networks.



Why RU?

- This subgroup focuses on defining RU product architecture and requirements that will need to be met by the OpenRAN system in terms of HW and SW features.
- This RU sub-group works on harmonizing the technical requirements from the ecosystem to develop an OpenRAN reference deployment playbook.

At a glance

- **Multiple RU options** for various deployment use cases including single band RU, multi band RU, maMIMO RU.
- **Platform architecture** and HW/SW Requirements.
- Reference architecture and design requirements for white box RU for identified deployment use cases, defining requirements, and specifying architecture and designing requirements.

Developments

- Subgroup launched with VF, Dish and FBC engineering
- **Collected operator input** and objectives for the subgroup roadmap and use cases
- Finalized the format of requirements doc
- Generated the RRH OpenRAN requirements specifications v1

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OpenRAN DU & CU Subgroup

Enable and accelerate development and deployment of OpenRAN whitebox Distributed Unit (DU) / Central Unit (CU) that operators can

deploy in their mobile networks to provide mobile connectivity



Why DU & CU?

Traditional BBU built on proprietary technology and interface leads to single vendor lock-in, high cost of BBU equipment, and slow pace of innovation of new products and service. Unlike traditional BBU, an open and disaggregated whitebox DU/CU platform based on commercial off-the-shelf components and disaggregated software is indispensable for enabling multi-vendor flexibility that provide best of breed RUs, GPP based DU/CU and RAN SW stack options for a diverse set of deployment scenarios.

At a glance

- Define multiple DU/CU options for various deployment use cases including split DU/CU, and integrated DU/CU.
- **Develop reference architecture and HW/SW** requirements for white box DU and CU.
- **Develop test and validation requirements** and specification to enables whitebox DU/CU products to be listed on TIP market exchange.

Developments

• Developed a common set of use cases and deployment scenarios that incorporate Vodafone, T-Mobile USA and Dish's inputs.

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- Requirements document with harmonized MNOs' requirements is to be completed by end of 2020.
- Whitebox DU/CU test requirements and specifications development is in progress.
- Phase 1 of end-to-end whitebox DU/CU testing in MPK TIP CL testing kicked off.

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OpenRAN RAN Intelligence and Automation

Enable an ecosystem that leverages AI/ML to improve RAN performance, efficiency and total cost of ownership through applications on the O-RAN RIC (RAN Intelligent Controller) platforms.



Why RIA?

Network planning, configuration and optimization needs to happen predictively and in near real time to support networks that are Open and built to serve dynamic traffic demands.

At a glance

- The combination of AI/ML driven approaches to network optimization combined with access to rich data sets through O-RAN E2/O1 interfaces makes this possible resulting in unprecedented ROI for deployed spectrum and network assets.
- Allows domain experts that understand the nuances of application demands (video, delay sensitivity, peak demands etc.) to develop targeted use cases for RAN management and optimization.
- **Operator defined use cases** with clear path to success for vendors and operators.

Developments

OpenRAN defines the RAN Intelligent Controller (RIC) that enables development of rich use cases by third party vendors using open APIs and interfaces. The first set of ten use cases have been defined by Operators requiring solutions for load, coverage, capacity, interference, maMIMO and energy management.

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OpenRAN Outdoor Macro

The sub-group addresses the challenges of large scale, outdoor OpenRAN deployments by defining requirements, aggregating technology solutions and developing playbooks for accelerating OpenRAN deployments.



Why Outdoor Macro?

Traditional outdoor RAN systems built on proprietary technology and interfaces leads to a fragmented ecosystem where components from different vendors cannot interoperate with each other. Yet, no single vendor can provide best of breed solution to address a wide range of deployment scenarios from high-density high capacity urban to rural. A flexible, cost-effective disaggregated outdoor solution based on open interfaces would greatly facilitate large scale deployment to enhance mobile network capacity and coverage.

At a glance

The group will develop requirement documents for various outdoor macro segments, 1. rural 2. peri-urban and 3. urban. Key focus areas and deliverables include:

- **Reference architectures for RAN** including the components CU, DU and RU.
- APIs and interfaces for multi-vendors'

interoperability based on industry specifications.

Playbooks and test reports.

Developments

- Identified top priority use cases based on input from TPG, Ooredoo, Vodafone, and Smartfren.
- Baselined Technical requirements for RU, DU & CU against all use cases - 1. Rural 2. Semi urban 3. Urban.
- Initiating solution build and testing phase.

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OpenRAN Indoor Small Cell

To enable development of indoor small cell whitebox systems based on open interfaces that can be deployed cost-effectively at large scale to enhance in-building mobile capacity and coverage



Why Indoor Small Cell?

Traditional indoor small cell systems built on proprietary technology and interfaces leads to a fragmented ecosystem where components from different vendors cannot interoperate with each other. Yet, no single vendor can provide best of breed solution to address a wide range of indoor small cell deployment scenarios. A flexible, cost-effective disaggregated indoor small cells solution based on open interfaces would greatly facilitate large scale deployment.

At a glance

- Define multiple architecture options of indoor small cell systems to enable flexible large scale cost-effective indoor small cell in various deployment scenarios.
- Develop HW/SW requirements of modules and open interfaces between modules for indoor small cell system.
- Develop test and validation requirements and specification to ensure multi-vendor Inter-

operability and End-to-End system performance.

Developments

- Developed and published a set of requirements documents for 5G indoor small cell systems based on fronthaul split option 7.2.
- Two teams, Baicells/QCT/Windriver and Inno-gence/QCT, are participating in China Unicom's lab/field trial.
- Development of detailed test requirements and specification is in progress.

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