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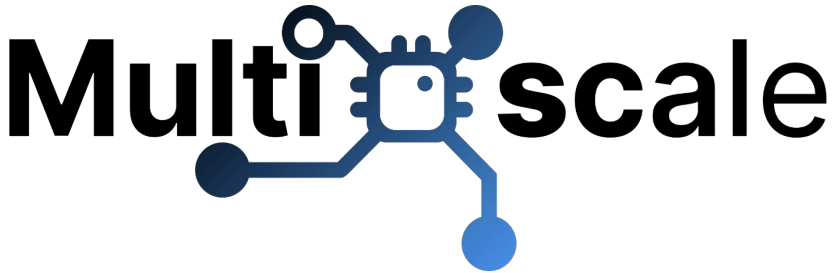

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Preparing to Hit the Ground Running: Adding RISC-V support to EESSI

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1.

Introduction

Towards a scientific software stack for RISC-V

[1]

RISC-V architecture expected to be one of the key elements in the European HPC community

RISC-V software stack and system platform is much more mature than one could expect

Adding support to EESSI will facilitate the development, testing, and use of RISC-V-based systems

[1] https://www.european-processor-initiative.eu/

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2.

A shared stack of optimized software installations

EESSI (http://www.eessi.io/)

EESSI main goal (https://www.eessi.io/docs/)

- To provide a collection of scientific software installations on a wide range of different platforms:
  - HPC clusters
  - Cloud infrastructure
  - Personal workstations and laptops
- Without compromising performance

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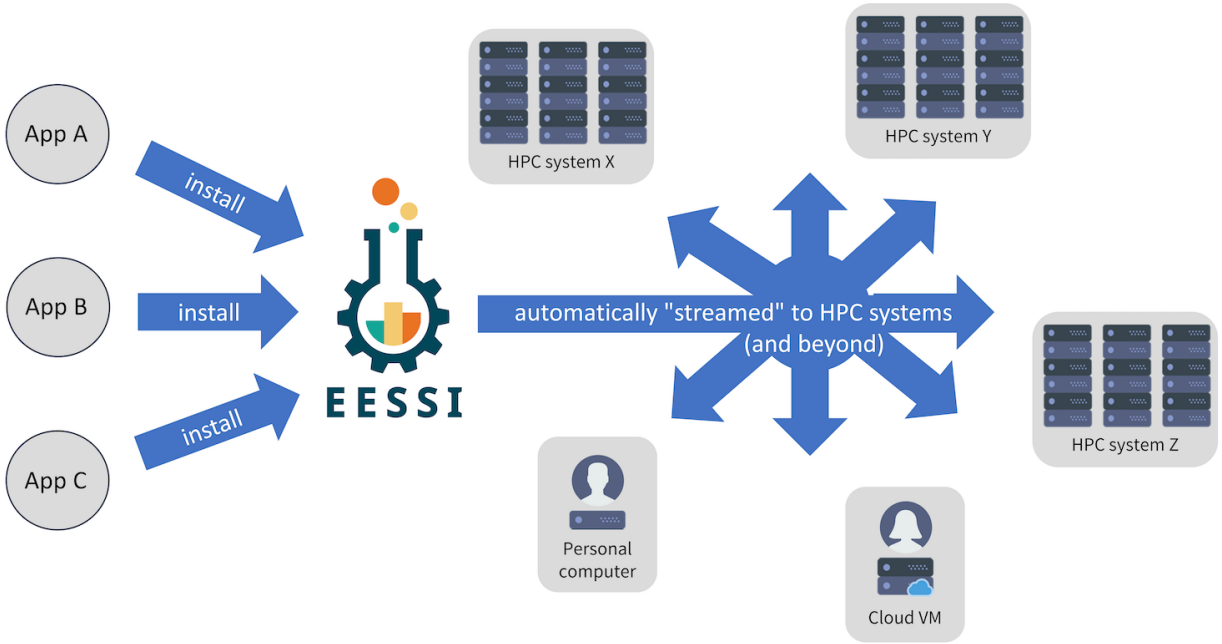
European Environment for Scientific Software Installations (EESSI)



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EESSI benefits

- Allows HPC support teams to more closely collaborate on building optimized software installations
- Scientists benefit from having a uniform software stack available regardless of where they want to work, and…
- …get this environment without worrying about architecture-specific optimization
- Publicly accesible / free

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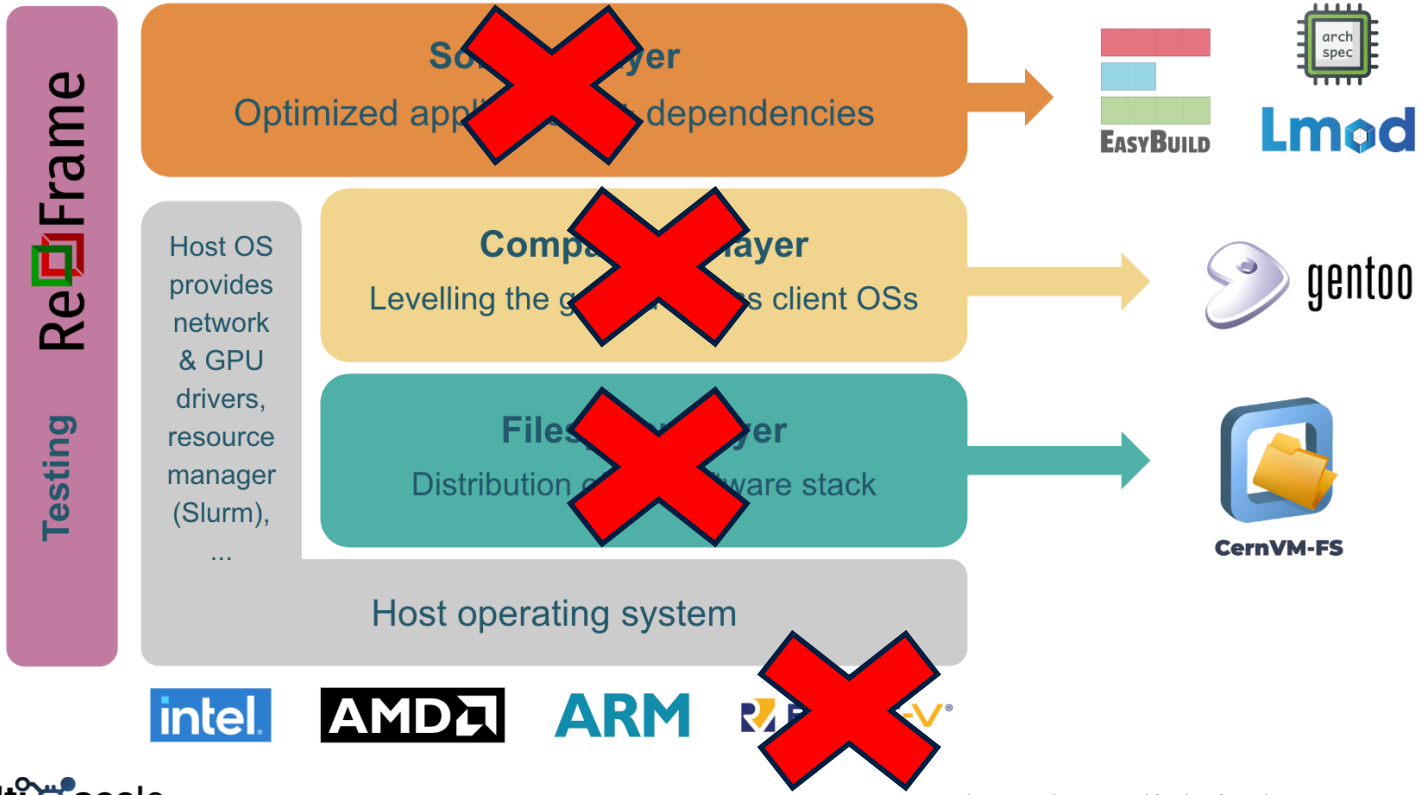
High-level design of EESSI (https://github.com/EESSI)



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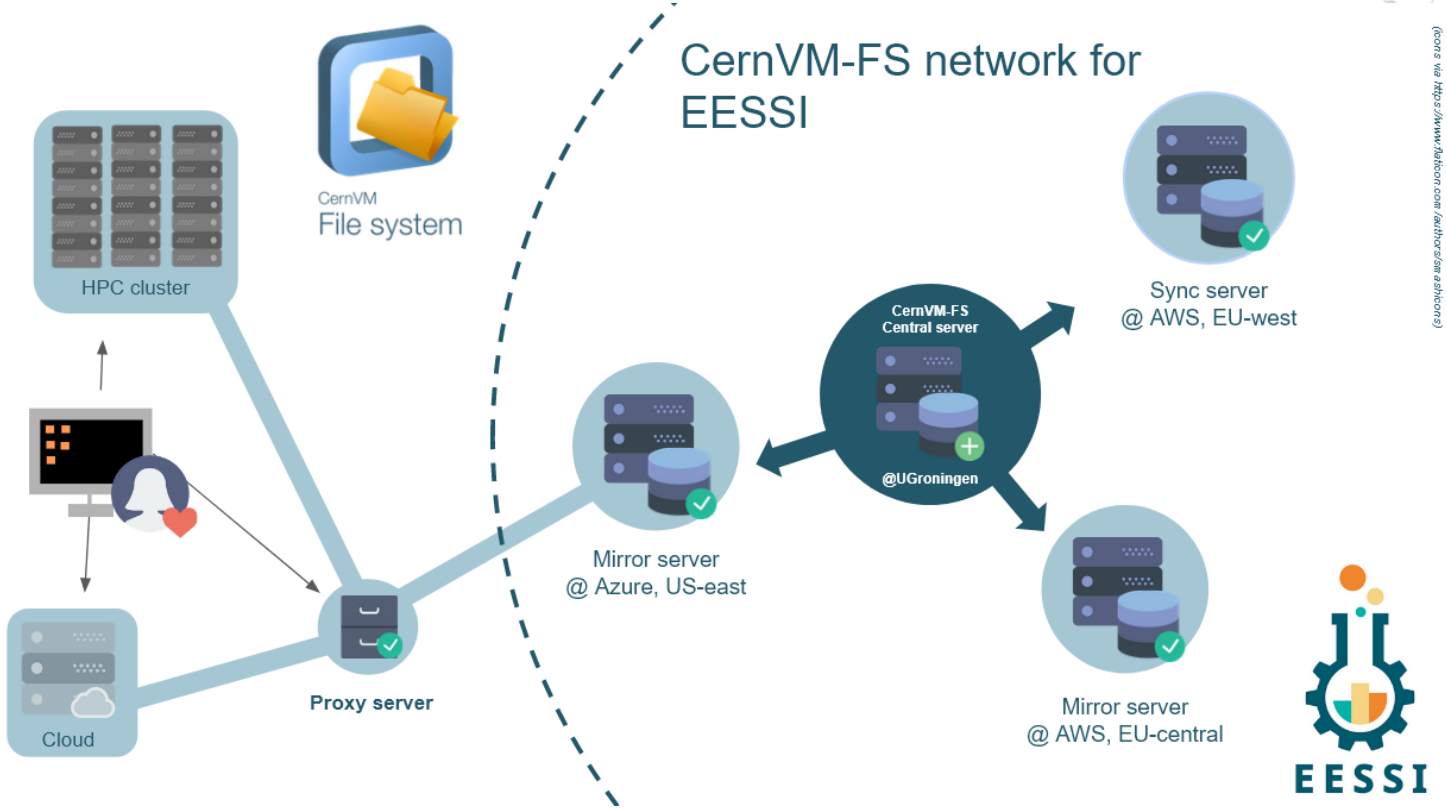
File system layer

CernVM-FS

CernVM-FS overview



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CernVM-FS client for RISC-V

- No pre-built package for RISC-V
- Built CernVM-FS from source in a SiFive Hifive Unmatched running Ubuntu 21.04
- Issue with old `config.guess` files in two of the dependencies packed into the source code:
  - libressl-3.5.3
  - protobuf-2.6.1
- PR (https://github.com/cvmfs/cvmfs/pull/3446) already merged into main development branch of CernVM-FS:
  - Basically, running `autoreconf –vfi` to have a fresh `config.guess`

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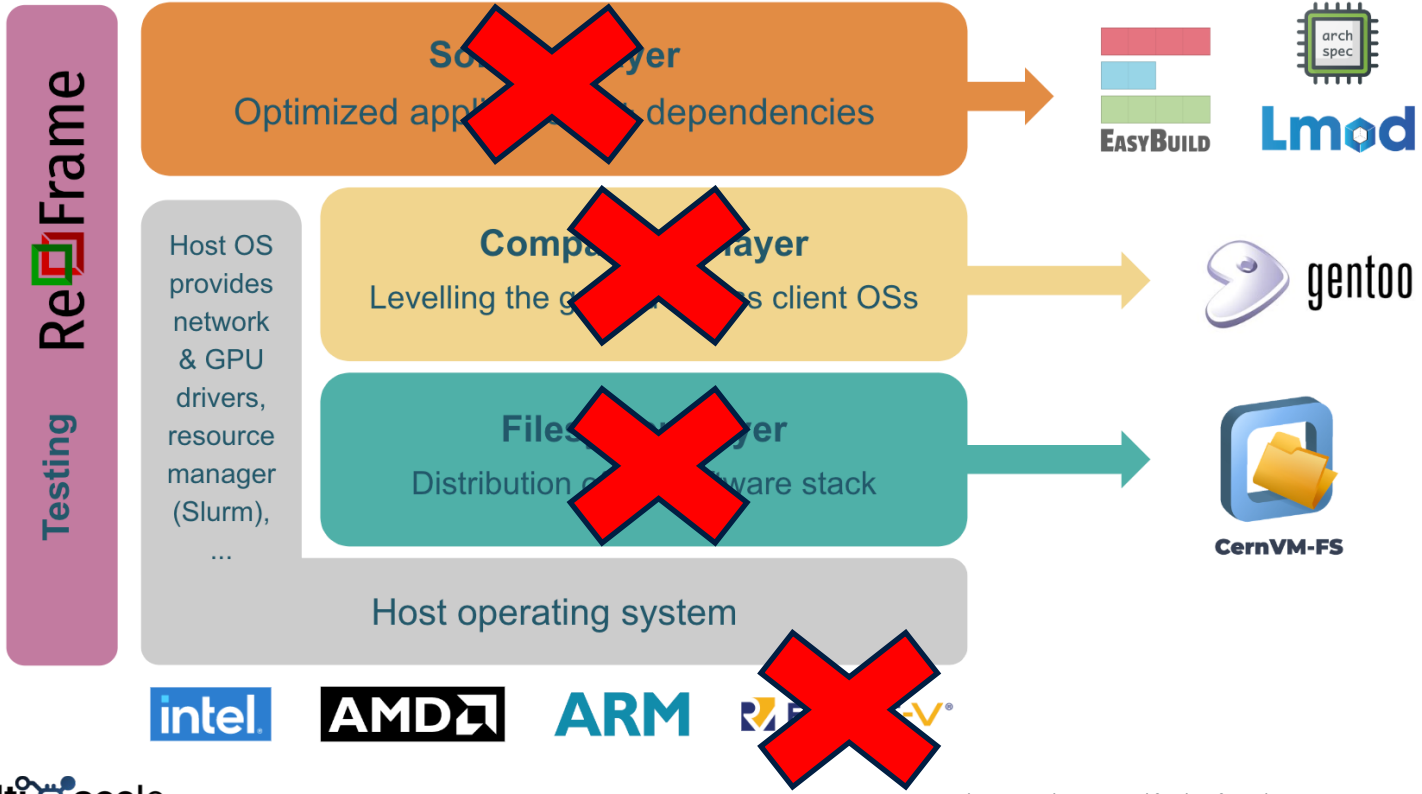
riscv.eessi.io

Dedicated CernVM-FS repository for RISC-V
(https://eessi.io/docs/repositories/riscv.eessi.io)

High-level design of EESSI



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Compatibility layer

Ensures that the scientific software stack is compatible with different operating systems

Components

- Gentoo Prefix (main component)
- EESSI package set
- Container with Ansible
- ReFrame

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Bootstrapping Gentoo Prefix in RISC-V

- https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Project:Prefix/Bootstrap
- bootstrap-prefix.sh failed to detect architecture identifier riscv64-unknown-linux-gnu
  - Submitted patch to Gentoo developers already applied (https://gitweb.gentoo.org/repo/proj/prefix.git/commit/?id=e66a8e81b12473d92c7fadb361feffb2aa127d9e)
- Compilation of GCC (during *Stage 2*) failed with finding some header files
  - Previously reported *GCC bug* (https://gcc.gnu.org/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=106271)
  - Error and solution were reported to Gentoo's bug tracking system (https://bugs.gentoo.org/890636)
    → 4 commits already merged into main development branch:
    - https://gitweb.gentoo.org/proj/gcc-patches.git/commit/?id=f373ff919da62443ca59681f219b4899e72a6f2f
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EESSI package set

- Additional packages installed on top of Gentoo Prefix:
  - Communication libraries required by OpenMPI
  - Lmod
  - pip
  - bash-completion
  - …
- We cloned the package set for the Arm CPU architecture
  - Worked out of the box ☺
- https://github.com/EESSI/gentoo-overlay/blob/main/etc/portage/sets/eessi-2023.06-linux-riscv64

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Container with ansible

- Container images based on Debian 11 for CPUs already supported in EESSI, but Debian 11 does not (yet) support RISC-V

  → We created a new build container recipe based on Debian Sid.

- Kernel of the Debian provided by StarFive in the VisionFive 2 system (5.15.0-starfive) does not (yet) support SquashFS:
  - Workaround: `singularity build --sandbox`

- Ansible worked just fine on RISC-V ☺

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ReFrame (https://reframe-hpc.readthedocs.org/)

- Ansible role includes a test suite using ReFrame
  - (https://github.com/EESSI/compatibility-layer/blob/main/test/compat_layer.py)
- Installation of ReFrame worked fine ☺
- Test step revealed only one minor issue entirely unrelated to RISC-V, but due to a renamed Gentoo package.
  - Easily fixed
  - Full test suite then passed without problems ☺

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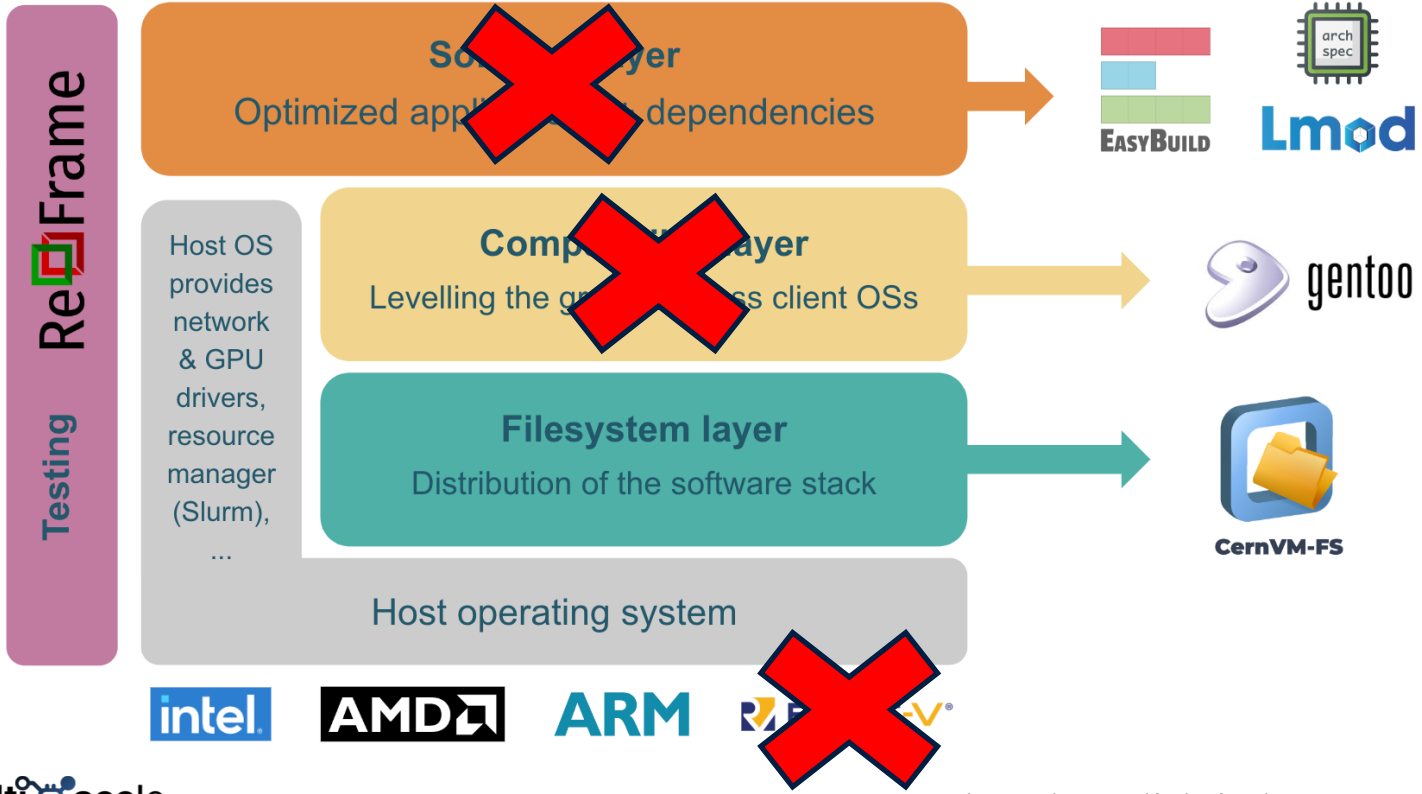

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Software layer

The actual shared stack of (scientific) software

Initial step: building GCC for RISC-V with EasyBuild

- We ran into the same problem encountered when bootstrapping Gentoo Prefix
  - Patch mentioned there not included yet with GCC 13.2
  - PR to Easybuild to include this patch for GCC versions 12.x and 13.x
- Two additional changes:
  - Add to **$LIBRARY_PATH** the lib and lib64 subdirectories of the GCC installation in the Python script used by EasyBuild
  - NVPTX feature of GCC had to be disabled

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Towards a complete toolchain and software applications

- Plan to install the **foss toolchain**:
  - GCC, OpenMPI, FlexiBLAS + OpenBLAS, FFTW
  - Most (if not all) of these components should already support RISC-V
- Then, actual scientific software:
  - GROMACS, HPL, OSU Micro Benchmarks, OpenFOAM, BLIS, ESPResSo, HDF5, LAMMPS, LLVM, netCDF, netCDF-Fortran, Perl, Python, Pytorch, QuantumESPRESSO, Rust, ScaLAPACK, TensorFlow, walBerla…
  - Many are known to be already working for RISC-V, so we do not expect many troubles in such cases.

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Expectations and approach for collaboration

- When adding more software installations we expect to run into various problems
  - Probably a significant part of the software projects are not compatible with RISC-V yet
  - We will engage with developers to jointly resolve issues
- Based on Arm CPU experience, we expect that problems will arise on RISC-V with the test suites provided by some software projects

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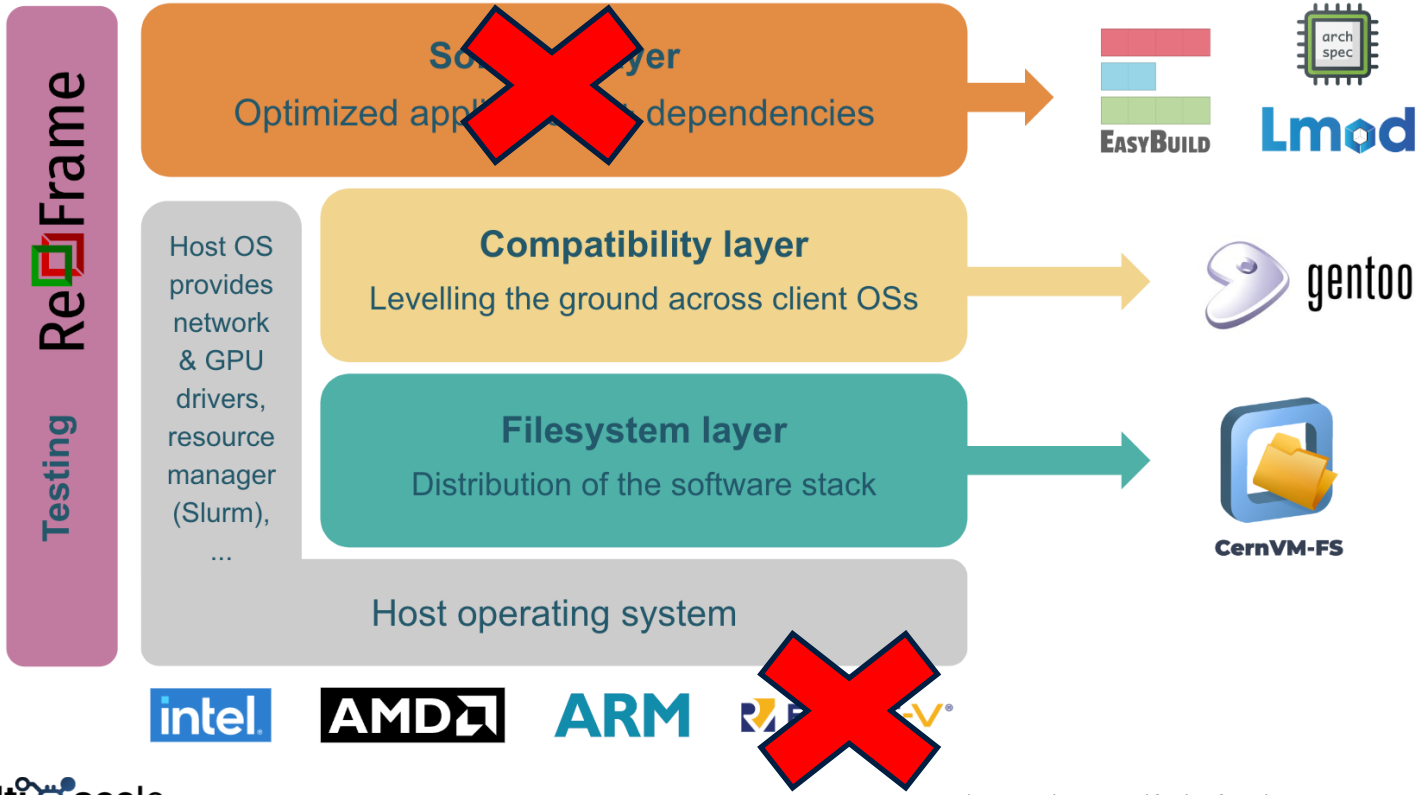

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Lessons learned

Experiences and insights gained from implementing support for RISC-V in EESSI

Lessons learned

- In projects that support multiple CPU families (**x86_64**, **aarch64**, **ppc64le**) it should be relatively *easy* to add **riscv64** support
  - Blueprint for needed changes (specially true for **aarch64**)
- RISC-V already has support in many OS, compilers, runtimes and tools
- Many software packages are closer to working on RISC-V than expected
- High interest from the open source software community for RISC-V

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7.
Conclusions

Paving the way to the first generation of RISC-V HPC systems that may not be so far away

Conclusions

- Remarkable level of software readiness and maturity
- Contribution to the RISC-V software ecosystem by enabling the use of EESSI
  - CernVM-FS
  - Gentoo Prefix
- riscv.eessi.io
- No significant roadblocks along the way
  - Actually…

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Entering Gentoo Prefix /cvmfs/riscv.eessi.io/versions/20240402/compat/linux/riscv64
jmorillo@arriesgado-10:~$ source /cvmfs/riscv.eessi.io/versions/20240402/init/bash
Found EESSI repo @ /cvmfs/riscv.eessi.io/versions/20240402!
archdetect says riscv64/generic
Using riscv64/generic as software subdirectory.
Found Lmod configuration file at /cvmfs/riscv.eessi.io/versions/20240402/software/linux/riscv64/generic/.lmod/lmodrc.lua
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Initializing Lmod...
Prepending /cvmfs/riscv.eessi.io/versions/20240402/software/linux/riscv64/generic/modules/all to $MODULEPATH...
Environment set up to use EESSI (20240402), have fun!
{EESSI 20240402} jmorillo@arriesgado-10:~$ module --nx avail

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