



# Riviera Presentation



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# Before getting started...

## TI SW Activities for 2.5G

- 1/ Worldwide activities
- 2/ Nice Activities / SSA

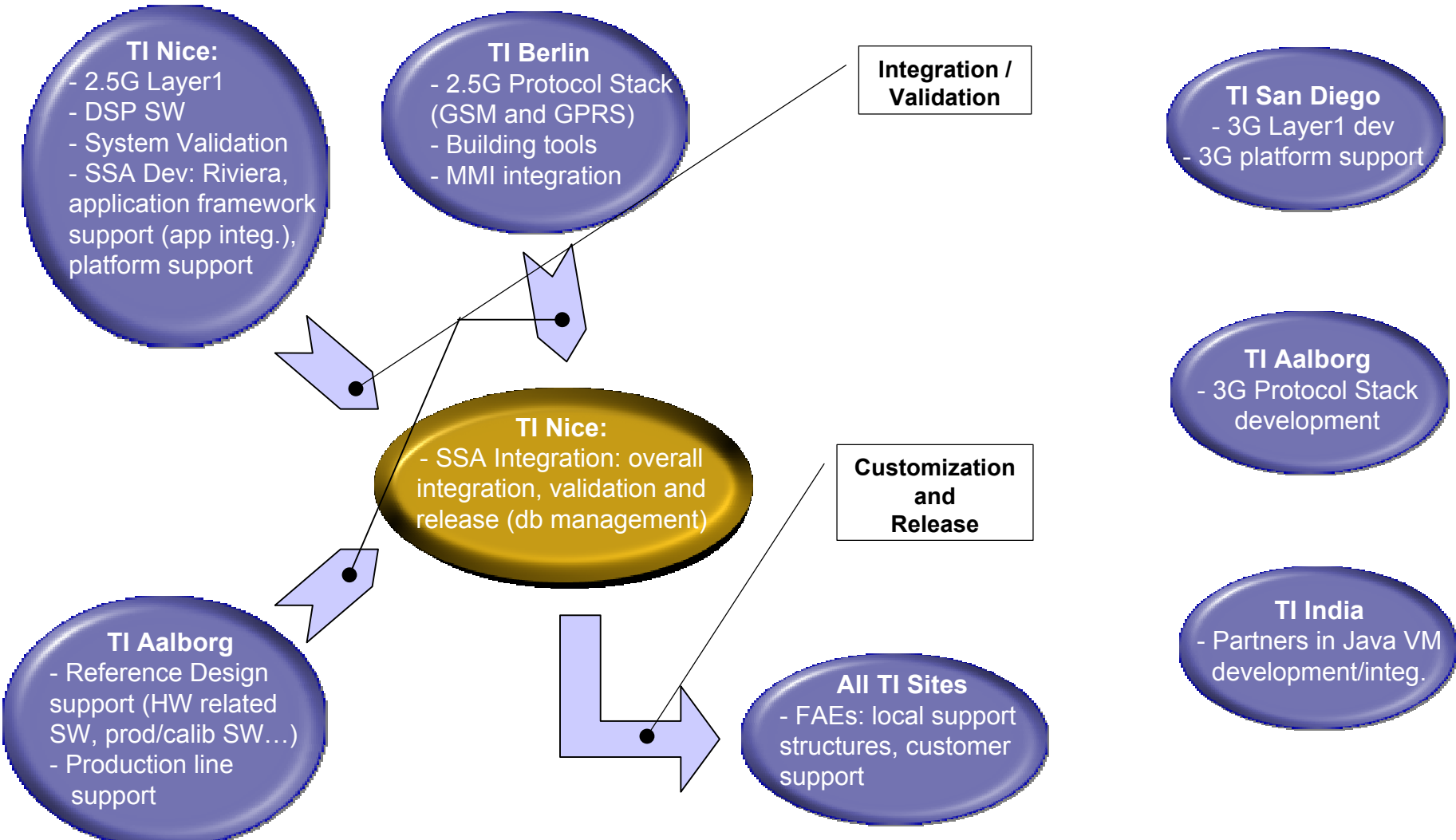


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# TI SW Activities and Development Sites

## 2.5G Chipset



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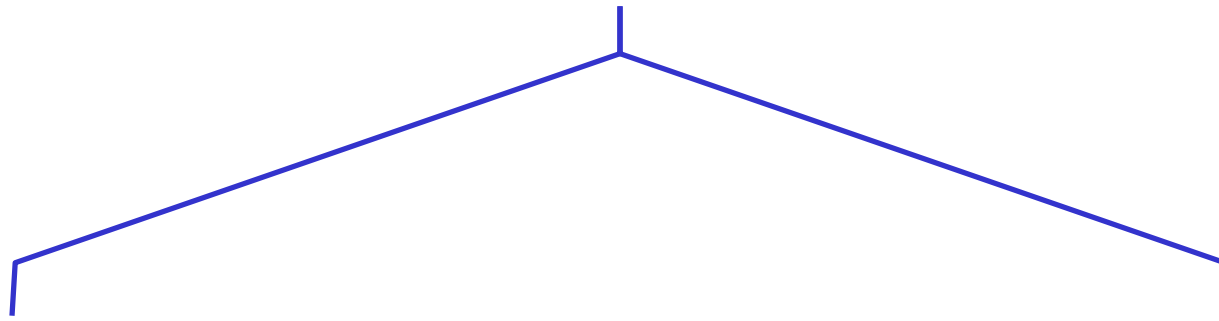


# System Software and Application Group



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Supplying *customizable* turn-key Software database for TI 2.5G reference designs



### Riviera Program Application Development

Core of Riviera SW development and application integration in TI 2.5G chipset

Defining “SW Integration rules”:  
*Riviera development guide*

Development Chain:



from the core  
to the system

### Integration / Database Management / Releases

Integration, validation, release and support of a “turnkey” SW database integrating protocol and applications  
Database management

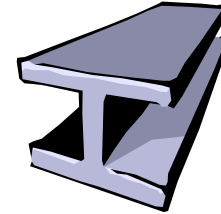


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- Riviera Overview

- What is a SW environment



- Main concepts of Riviera Environment



- A few Riviera SW entities overview



- Riviera Coding Guidelines



- Riviera Integration with other SW environment





# Riviera Initiative Presentation



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# What triggered RIVIERA



- **Background:**  
**More SW and applications are running on wireless terminals:**
  - Increased complexity
  - SW is shared by more and more Development Teams/Companies
  - SW is key to Differentiate the Final Device
  - SW has severe impact on time to market
  
- **RIVIERA Objective:**  
**Be able to easily develop, add new functionalities and applications on top of TI wireless solutions**
  - Provide a complete SW Package, ready for FTA
  - Improve Time to Market, while Reducing Risk
  - Provide Customers with Easy Access to Differentiation
    - Customer can easily configure the SW package
    - Customer can focus development on key differentiator SW



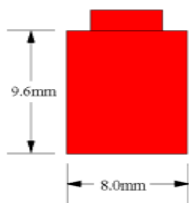


# Riviera Offer : an Enabling Technology



- A **SW Environment** (Riviera SW environment)
  - Runs on standard GSM/GPRS solution
  - Make any SW development easy to develop, to integrate and to customize on TI wireless real-time systems.
- A **SW Development Tool** (Riviera Tool) running on a single PC, emulating the GSM/GPRS target
- A **SW Database** (Riviera compliant SWs)
  - Includes most of the basic SWs needed for a GSM/GPRS solution
  - Regular releases , validated with GSM/GPRS PS are provided.
  - Very easy to customize, add custom SWs ...

Note 6:5 ratio of unit height to unit length.



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# Riviera SW Environment Overview (1)



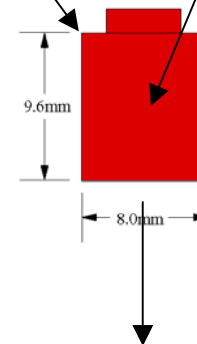
## Riviera SW Environment

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- C code Library (Core SW)
- Methodology:
  - **Development** methodology
  - **Coding** rules / guidelines
  - **Integration** methodology
  - **Validation** methodology
  - **Customization** method

The environment defines what is outside the box and the shape of the box

The developers Define what is inside the box



The integrator Assembles the boxes to make a system





# Riviera SW Environment Overview (2)



- **Easy to program:**
  - No need of wireless knowledge (abstraction layer)
  - Independant on HW roadmap
- **Safe:**
  - Modem resource are protected (memory available, real time constraints)
  - Usual developers do not have access to critical parts of the SW
- **Modular:**
  - SW components can easily be added / removed / changed, dynamically, using only resources when activated
  - Easy to integrate a new SWE and debug
- **Cost Efficient:**
  - SW environment has a small footprint (15 kB Flash, 5 kB RAM)
  - Optimal memory use in term of RAM and FLASH
  - Data handling optimisation (zero copy mechanism)



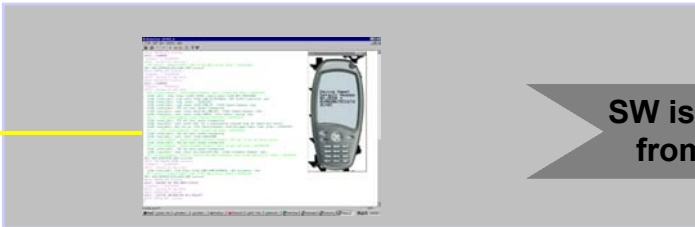
# Riviera SW Development Tool (-Set)



SW development when no external connection is needed



SW development with a Network connection (GSM/GPRS or TCP/IP)

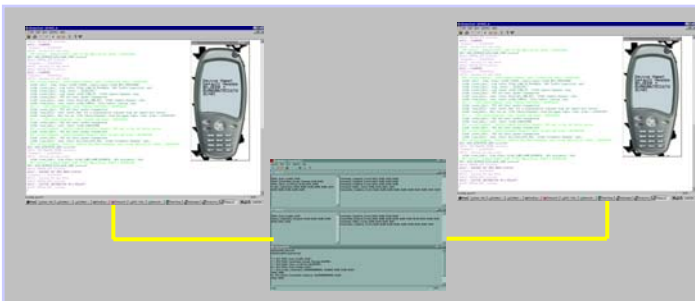


TCP/IP  
AT cmd / PPP

SW is ported transparently  
from tool to final target



Bluetooth SW development example

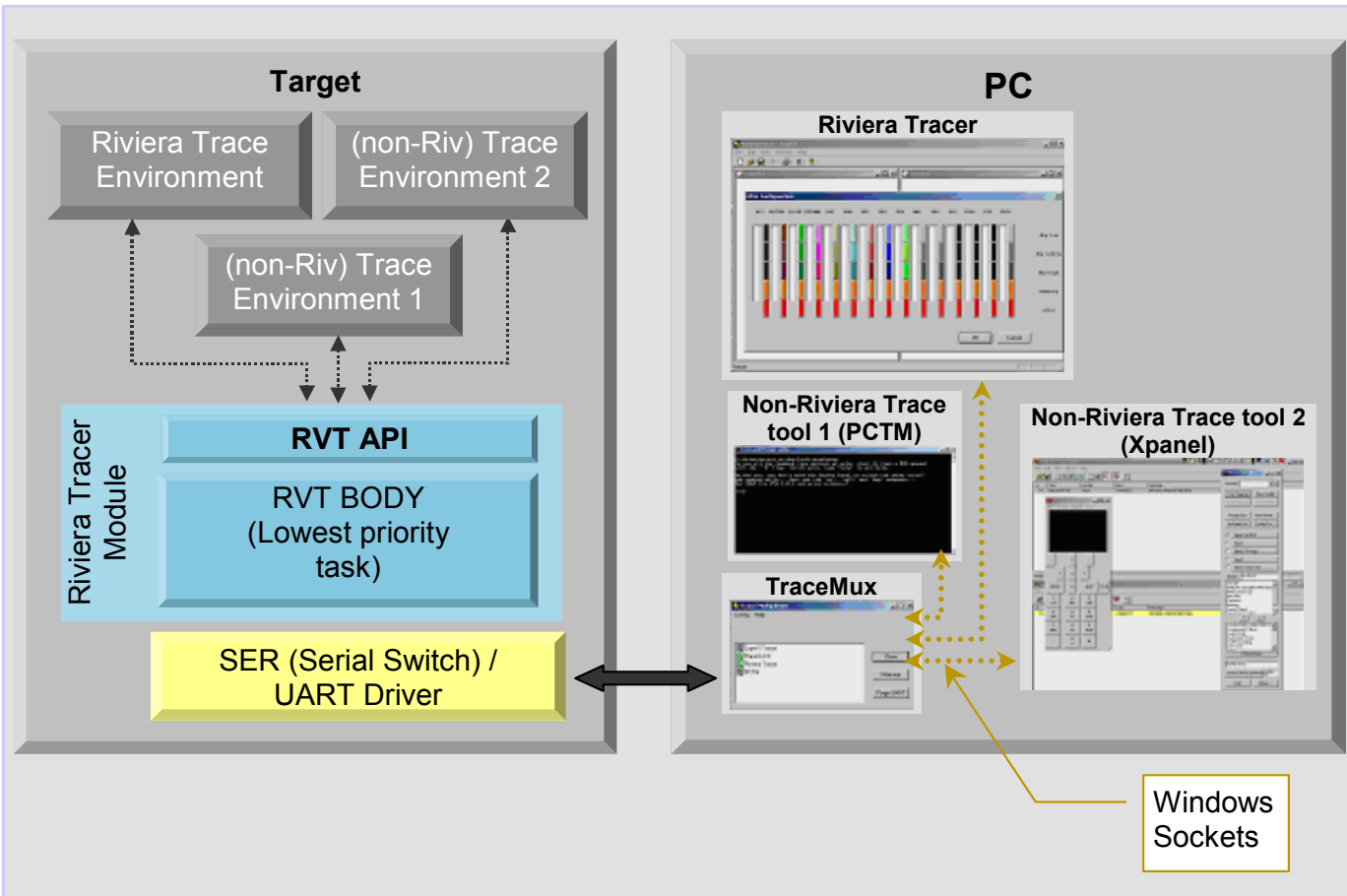


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# Riviera Trace Multiplexer / Riviera Tracer



**Trace Multiplexer:**  
Serial Mux / Unmux  
on PC and target for  
traces and other  
(TCP/IP, AT...)

Allows to connect as  
many flows as  
required

**Allows to use legacy  
/ cust. application on  
PC** (socket instead of  
COM: low rework)

**Riviera Tracer:** Displays, filter and saves log messages coming from Riviera entities and from Layer1.



# Riviera Database



- A **SW Database** (collection Riviera compliant SWs)
  - Easier for the **developer** of a SW Entity:
    - Service based APIs: Developers know to which bricks it should interact
  - Easier for the **integrators** of the final product:
    - Bricks interfacing and inter-dependencies has been checked. No intrusion of other native SW.
    - Integrator can have Riviera Environment along with other environment





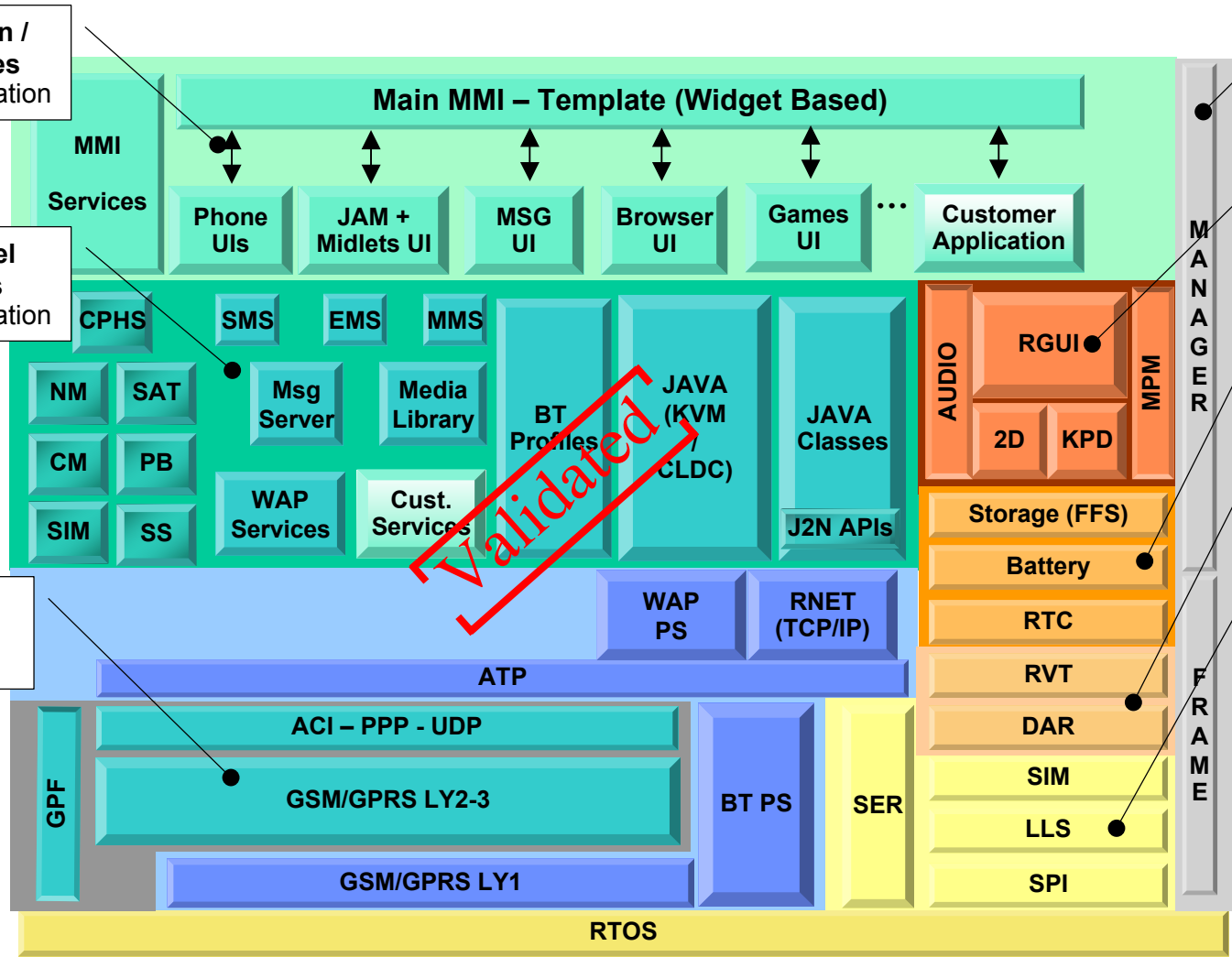
# Example of Riviera SW Database



Application / UI Services Under Integration

High Level Services Under Integration

Transport Services Released



Core Services Released

Multi-Media Services Released

Generic Services Released

Debug Services Released

Low Level Services Released

- DSP Routine Libraries
- Modem Algo
  - Voice Codecs
  - Melody Generator
  - Speech Recognition
  - Voice Memo
  - DSP Schedul.

Validated



# Riviera Database: Products and Platforms



- **Riviera Database vs. Product Definition and Platform**
  - Transparent:
    - Ported and validated on every TI wireless platform (reference design)
    - Basic Support of new Platform within 2 months
  - Modular: any application can be added or removed depending on product definition
  - Optimal: all application are optimized on TI Chipset, application **consumes resources only when running**.
  - Opened: SSA database brings the needed standard bricks to build a product, but is opened to customization:
    - Existing SW customization (Look and Feel, application customization, pick and choose)
    - Adding of new custom application, through ease of porting.
  - Vertical:
    - Targets low cost as well as middle range products
    - 1 Single SW database for all TI wireless platforms (Calypso, Locosto1/2/3, Calypso+, Perseus2...)
      - => Easy and fast MIGRATION to new TI wireless platforms  
(Provides a roadmap for integration and optimization)
      - => Easy handling of several “feature based” product lines / segments  
(Easy definition of product features)





# Riviera Database: Products and Platforms



- ⇒ Scalable and Flexible product definition.
- ⇒ Maximum Synergy and reusability amongst platform,
- ⇒ Starting point available NOW (for all platforms!!).



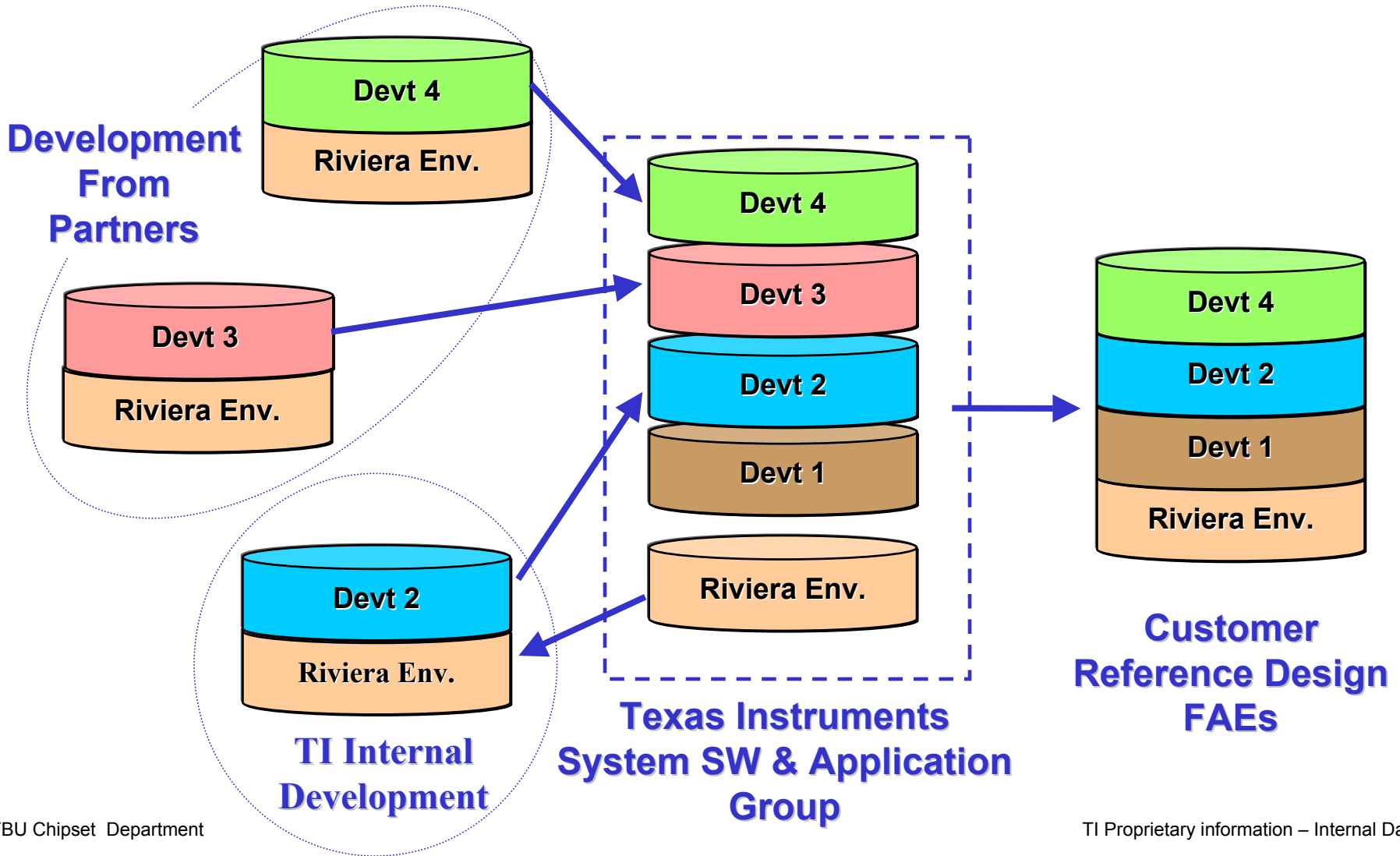
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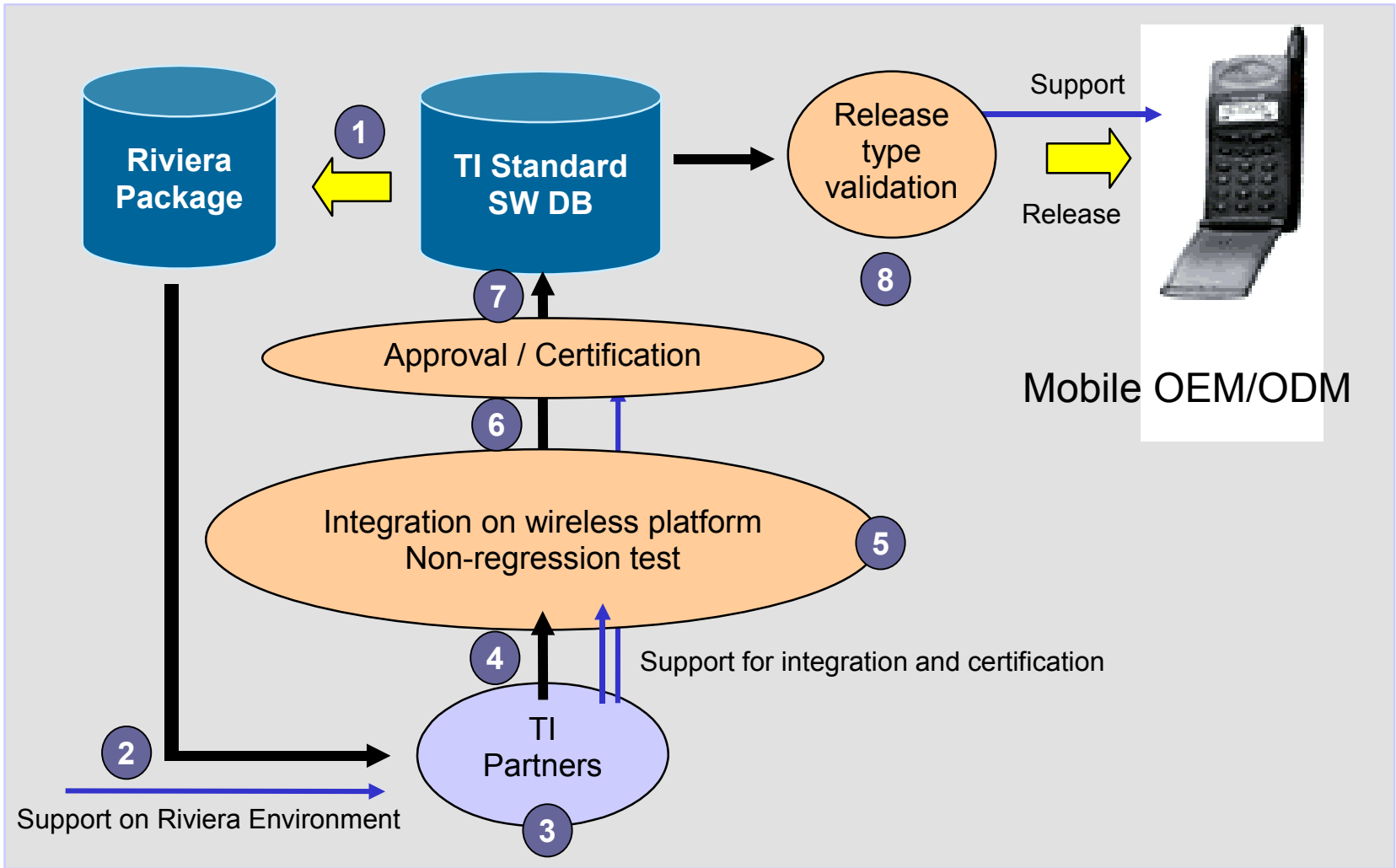


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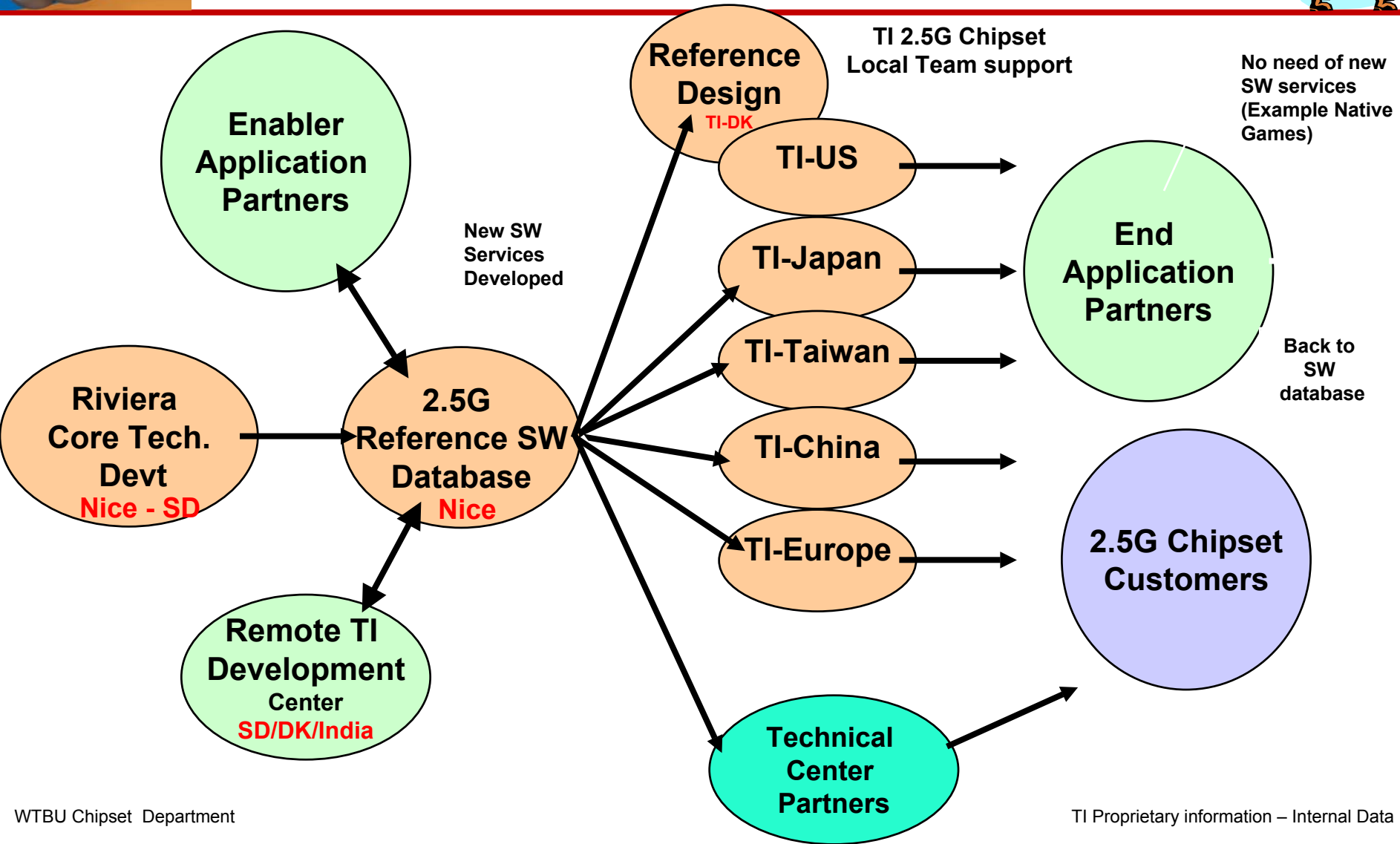


# Partnership Model for Standard SW





# Riviera SW release and support Flow





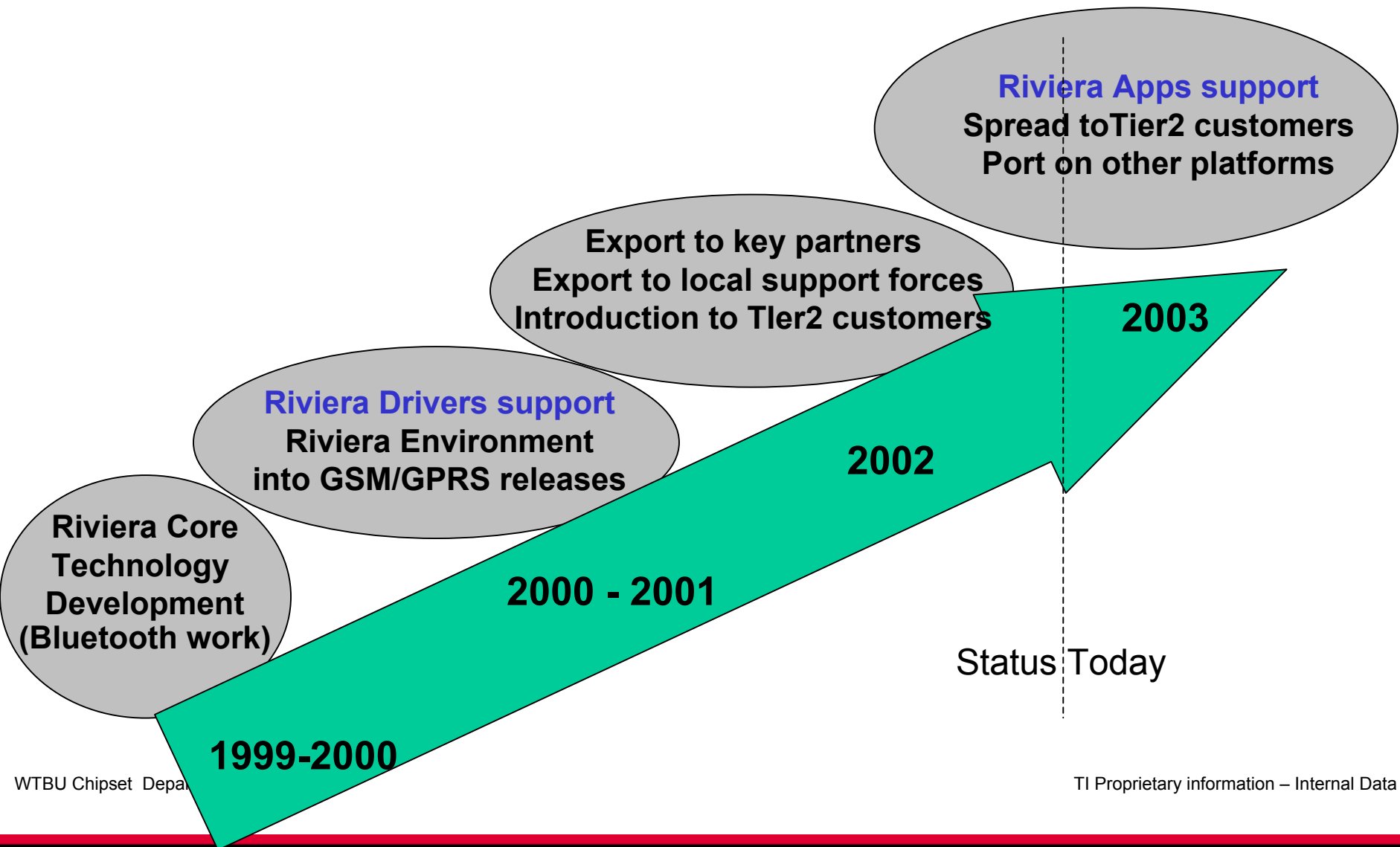
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# Riviera Initiative Steps



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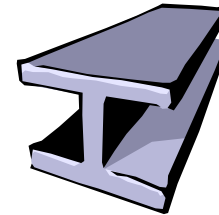


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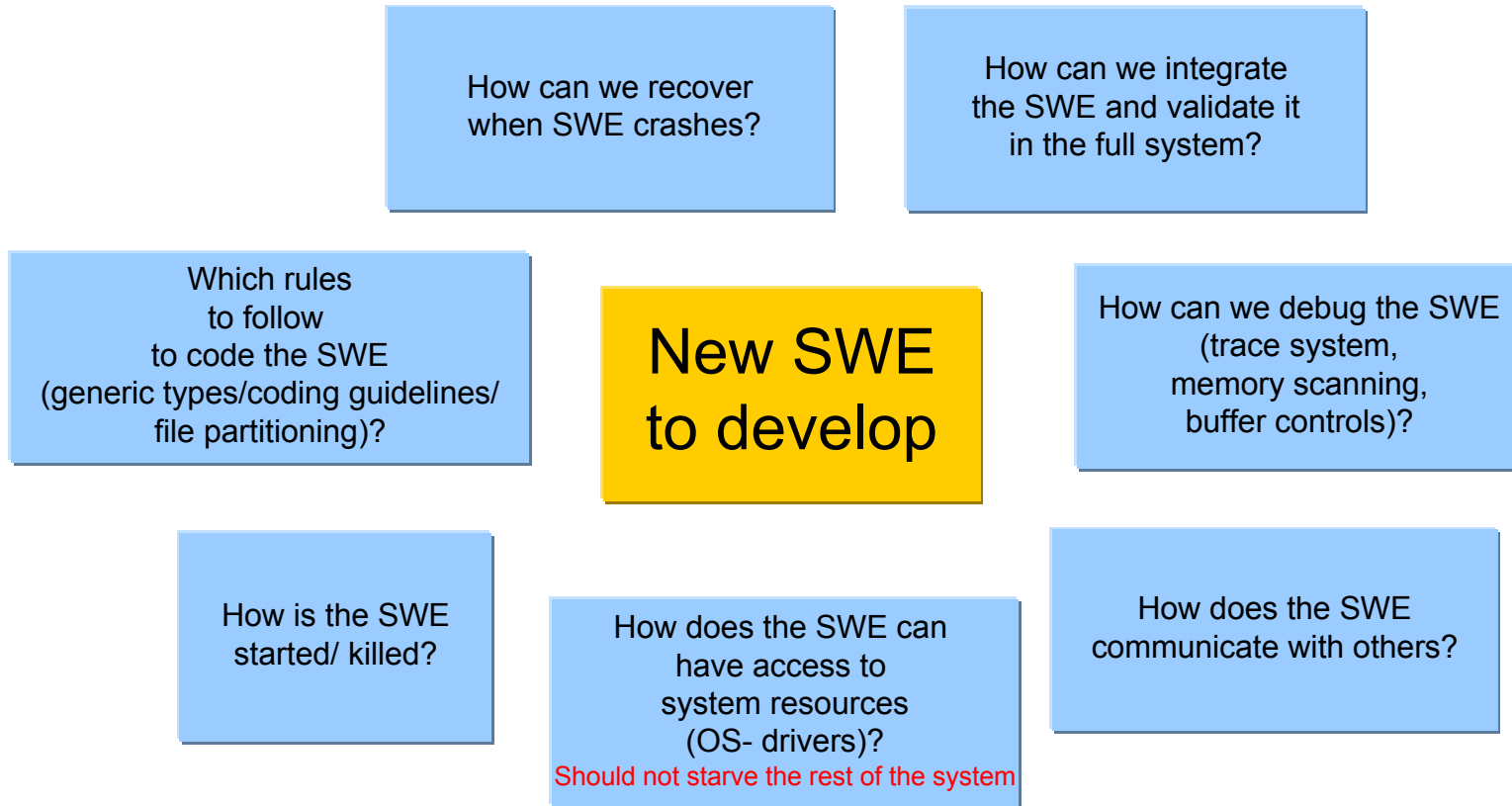




# What is a SW environment? (1)



A SW environment allows to create and integrate a new SW block = **SW Entity** into a complex system without complex knowledge on this system.



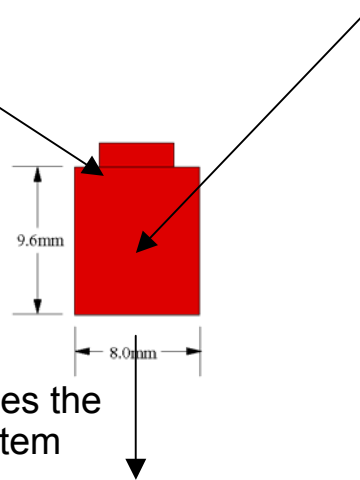


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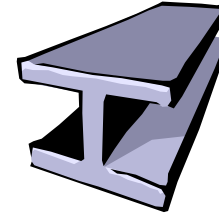


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# SW entity Concept



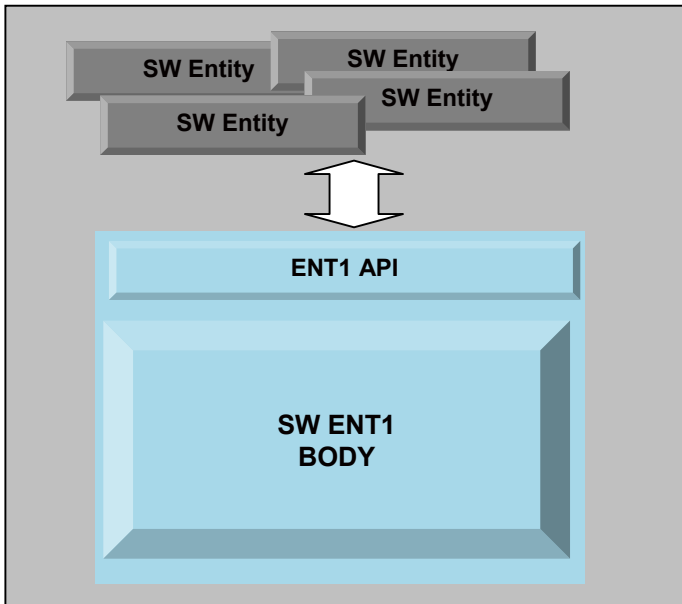
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# SW Entity concept



- SW Entity = SW component, which provides a certain number of coherent services to the other SW components of the system.
- Software system = collection of SW entities.
- Exchanges performed between SW entities are exchange of service requests and service answers.



The SW is splitted in 2 distinct parts :

- API = SW allowing to access the services provided by the SW entity
- BODY = SW implementing the services



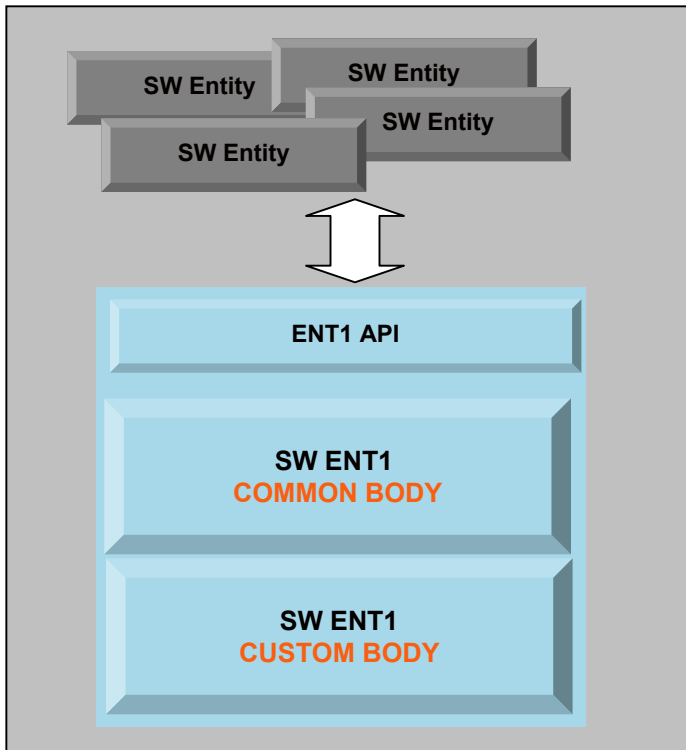
# A Particular SWE : Riviera Drivers



- A driver is a SW entity which has a HW dependency

In most of the cases, the SW entity body of a driver is spitted into 2 pieces:

- A 'common body' : part of code independent from HW
- A 'custom body' : part that needs to be recoded when driver needs to be modified. Compilation flags allow support of different platforms
- API is kept unchanged in order to guarantee backward compatibility with the rest of the system



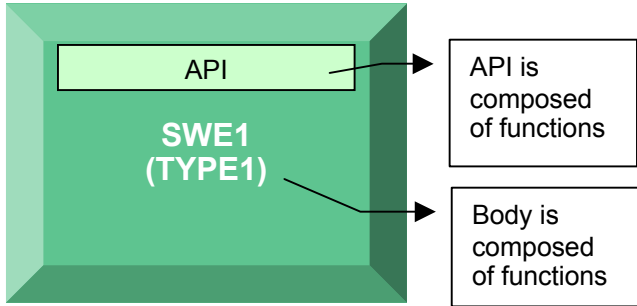




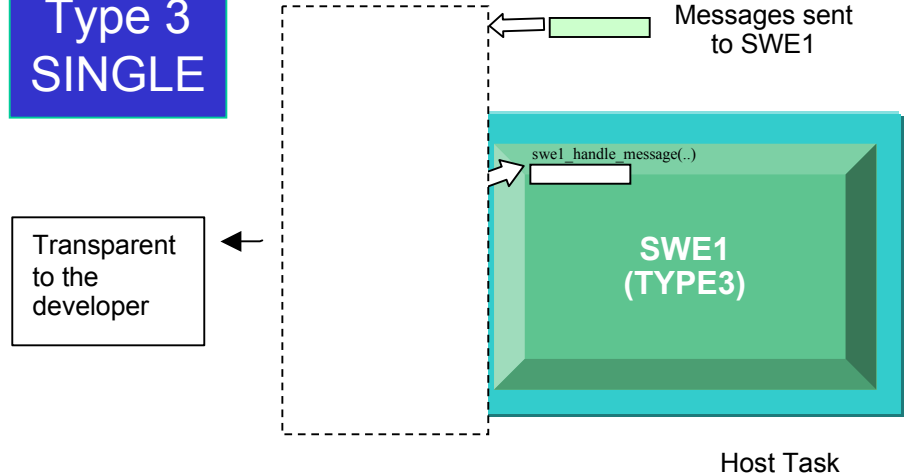
# SW Entity types



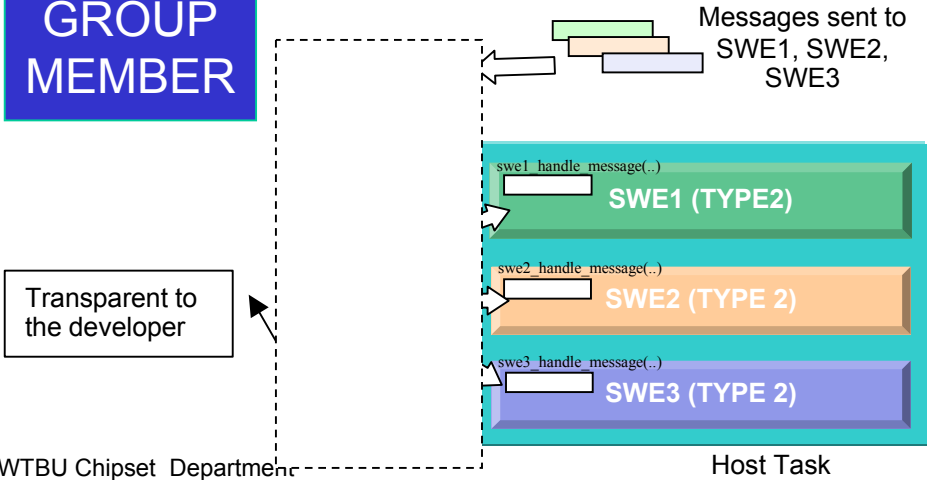
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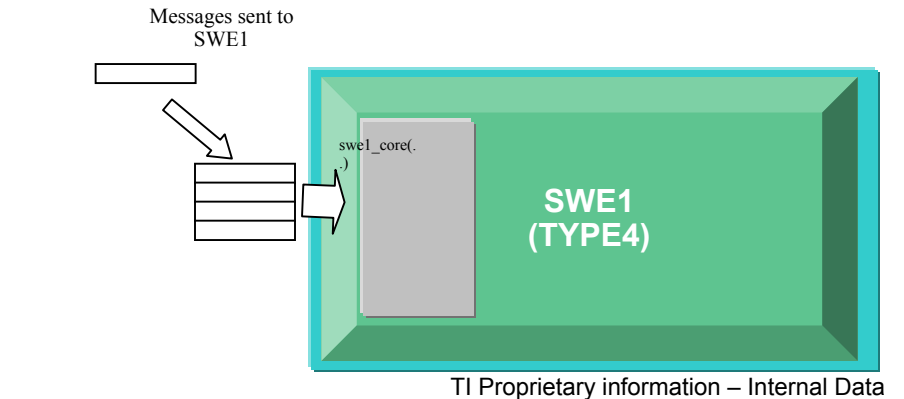
## Type 3 SINGLE



## Type 2 GROUP MEMBER



## Type 4 SELF-MADE



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# Creation / Destruction of SWE



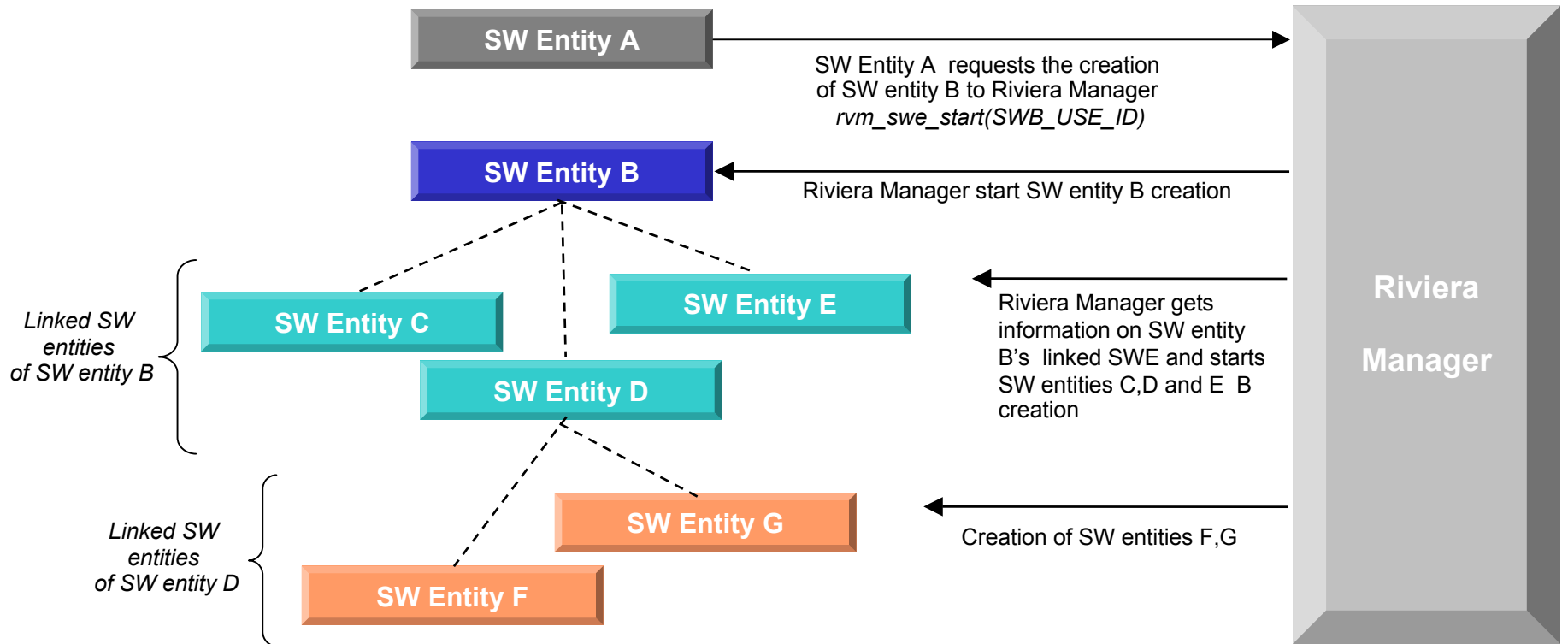
- SW entity can be created and destroyed dynamically.
- Riviera Manager is in charge of the creation / destruction of the SW entities.
- To create a new SWE, just call:  
`rvm_swe_start()`
- and to destroy a SWE:  
`rvm_swe_stop()`



# Linked SW Entities



- A SW entity can provide a list of other SW entities that need to be available for it.
- Recursive Activation / Destruction.





# Generic functions: For who?



<code>get_info</code>	SWE1	SWE2	SWE3	SWE4
<code>set_info</code>	SWE1	SWE2	SWE3	SWE4
<code>init</code>	SWE1	SWE2	SWE3	SWE4
<code>start</code>	SWE1	SWE2	SWE3	
<code>stop</code>	SWE1	SWE2	SWE3	SWE4
<code>kill</code>	SWE1	SWE2	SWE3	SWE4
<code>handle_message</code>		SWE2	SWE3	
<code>handle_timer</code>		SWE2	SWE3	
<code>core</code>				SWE4



# USE ID concept



- The USE ID is a unique static identifier of a SoftWare Entity.
- It is allocated during the registration process.
- It is used to identify a SWE from a static point a view:
  - To start it.
  - To stop it.
  - To retrieve information about it.
  - To send debug messages to a PC tool.



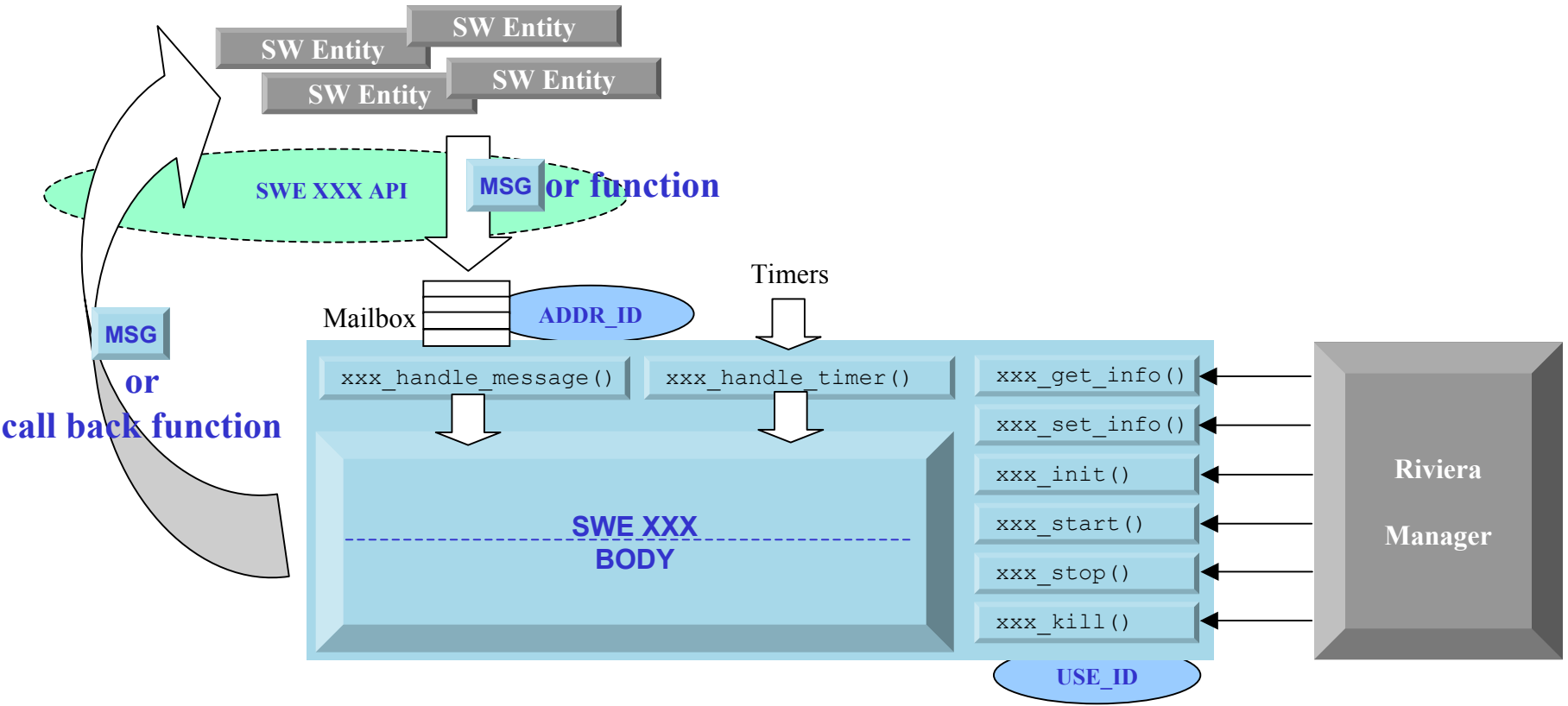
# Address ID concepts



- The Address ID (ADDR\_ID) is the unique path to a running SWE, it is allocated dynamically and might change when a SWE is started/stopped.
- It is allocated during the starting phase by RVM.
  - parameter of the `..._set_info()` function.
  - could be retrieved using the `rvm_get_swe_information()`
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# SW Entity concept summary





# Inter SW entity Communication



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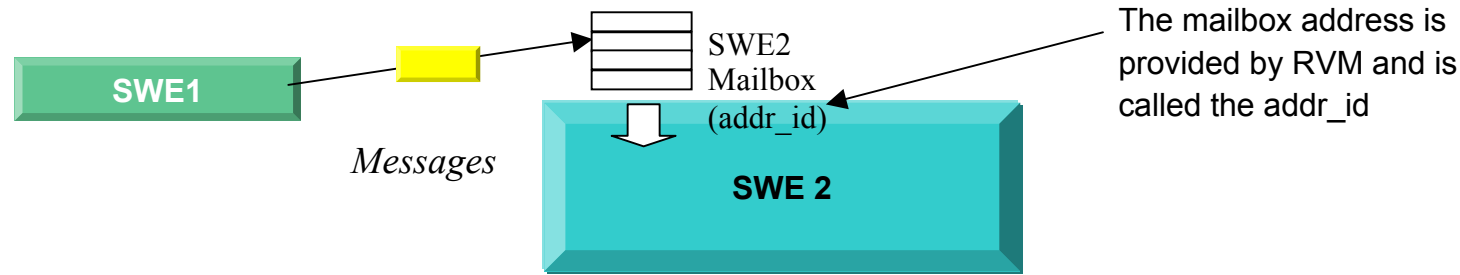
# Inter SWE communication: Service request



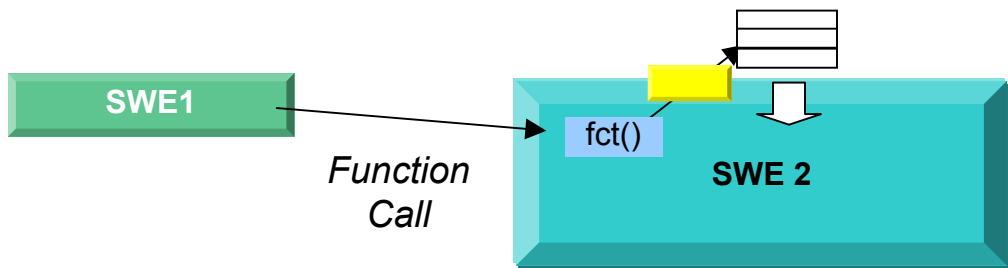
## SWE1 requests a service to SWE2

The way the service has to be requested depends on the SWE2 API.

- If SWE2 API is a set of messages: SWE1 should send service request messages into SWE2 mailbox.



- If SWE2 API is a set of functions: SWE1 should call SWE2 API function



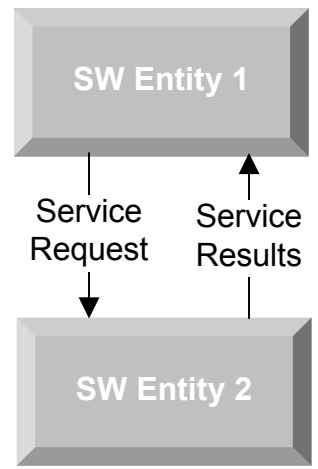


# Inter SWE communication: Service answer



## The 'Return-Path concept'

- Used by SWE1 (caller of the service) to indicate to SWE2 how it wants the answer of this service request back
- SWE 1 provides a **return path** to SWE 2. It is a C structure with 2 fields:
  - An address ID.
  - A callback function pointer.
- Address ID specified: the answer is sent as a message to the requester of the service.
  - Applicable in most of the cases
- Callback pointer is specified: the answer is sent as a parameter of the callback to the requester of the service.
  - Very useful in some cases, especially when the requester is not a Riviera Entity.





# Memory handling



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# Memory Bank concept



- Efficient memory allocation on a complex system is crucial:
  - Memory implementation may differ from one target to another.
  - Many different SW entities use the same system memory.
  - Safe dynamic memory management is a MUST for a robust implementation.
- A **memory bank** is a virtual amount of memory, allocated to a SW entity.
  - A memory bank is initialised with the maximum of memory that can be requested on the memory bank.
  - When a SW entity request memory, it indicates which memory bank the memory should be taken from. For example to get a buffer:

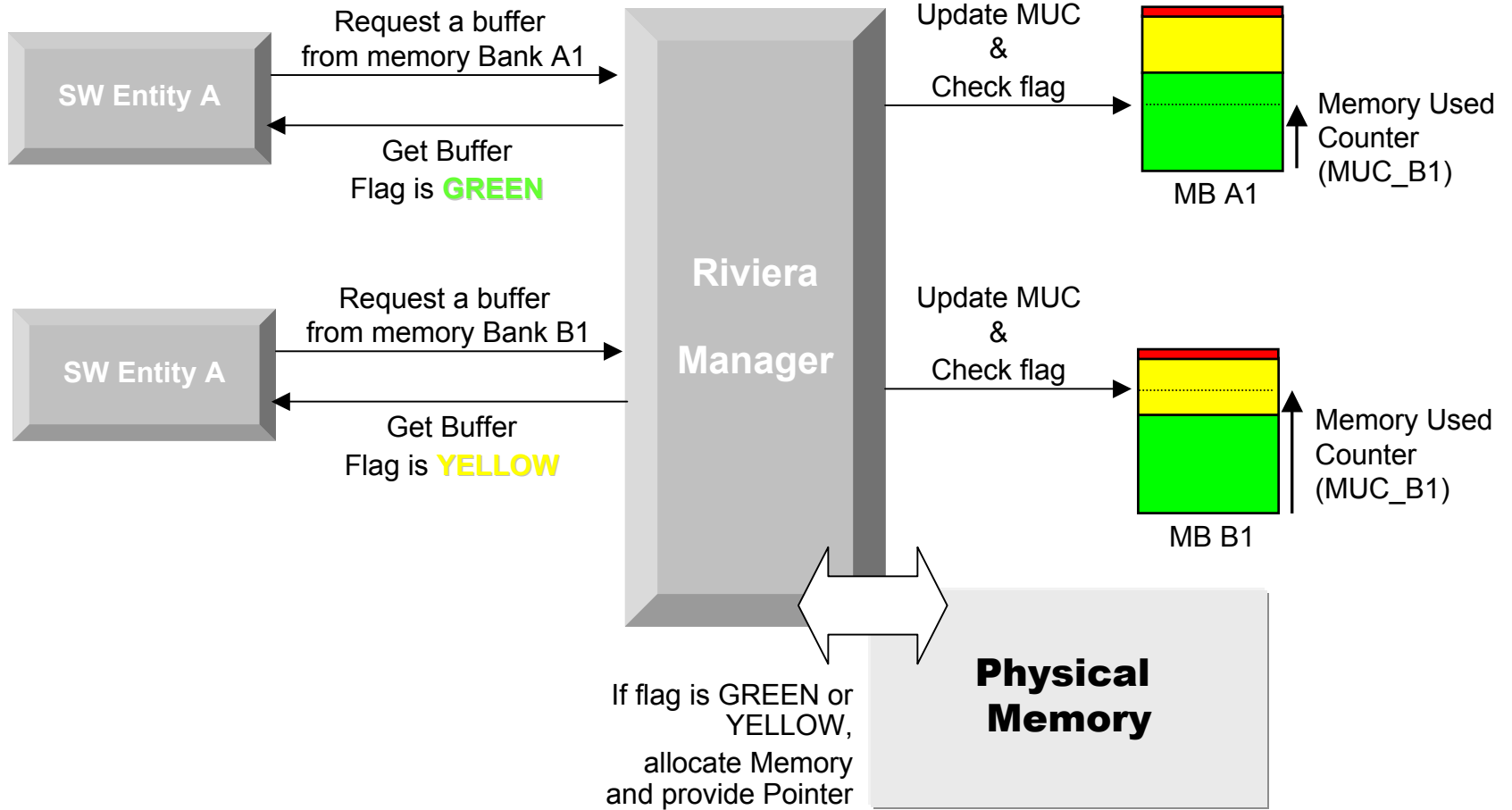
```
return_flag = rvf_get_buf(XXX_MB, size_of_buffer, &pointer_on_buffer);
```

- To deallocate a buffer:

```
rvf_free_buf(pointer_on_buffer);
```



# Memory Bank Color Flag





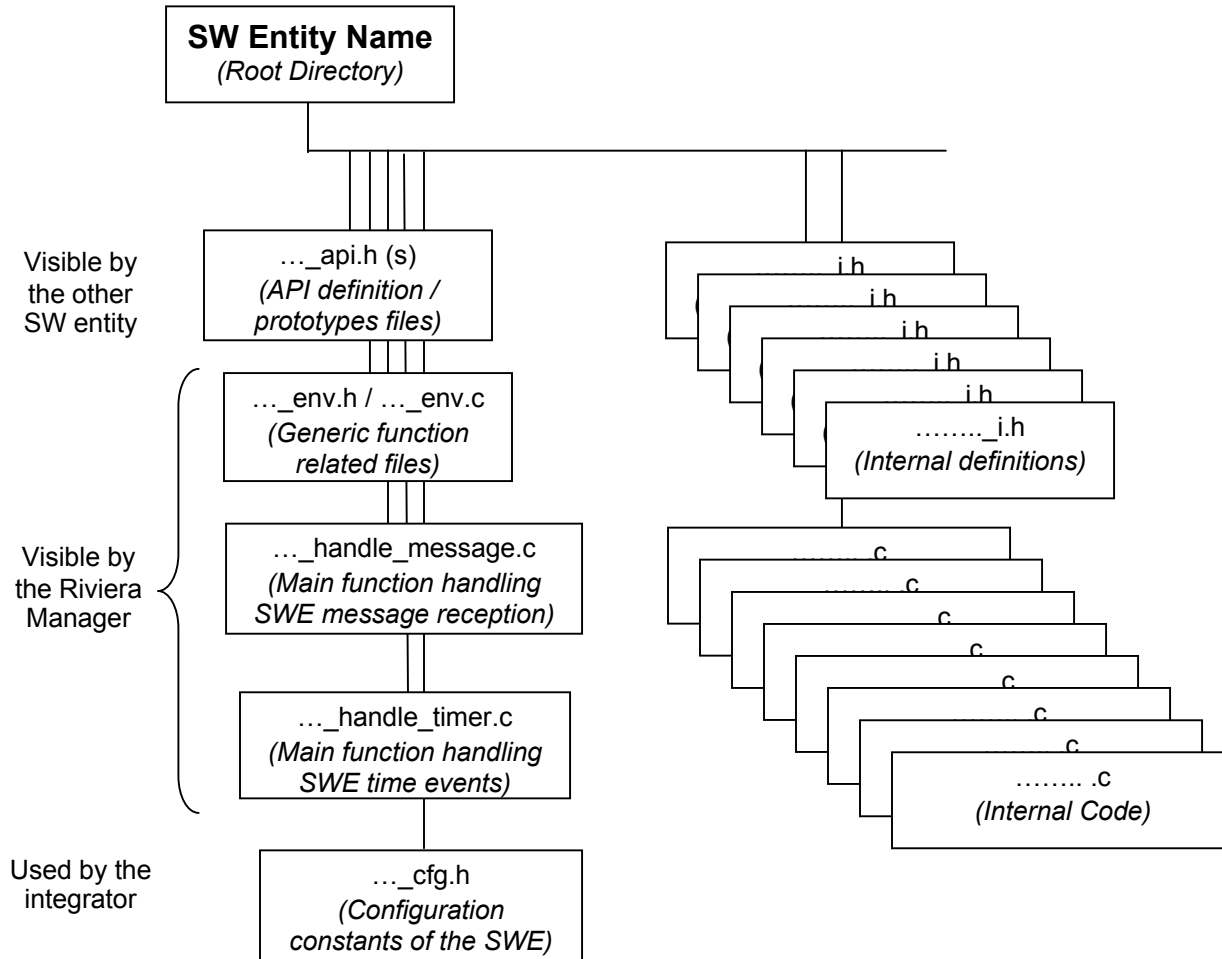
# SW files structure



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# SW entity File structure



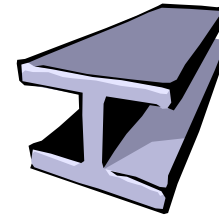


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# Riviera Manager - RVM



- RVM provides services related to SW entities management (creation / destruction / information...)
- RVM is created at initialization ('heart' of Riviera based system).
- API available depends of SWE type
  
- Main API functions are:
  - `rvm_swe_start(SW_ENTITY_USE_ID, return_path);`
  - `rvm_swe_stop(SW_ENTITY_USE_ID, return_path);`



# Riviera Frame - RVF



- RVF provides services related to OS resource access
- RVF is created at initialization
- Communication:
  - `rvf_send_msg(addr_id,msg_p)` all SWE TYPES
  - `rvf_read_mbox(...)` TYPE 4
  - `rvf_send_event(...)` TYPE 4
  - `rvf_lock_mutex(...)` TYPE 3 and 4
- Memory Management:
  - `rvf_create_mb(...)` all SWE TYPES
  - `rvf_get_buf(MB_ID,buf_size,&buf_p)` all SWE TYPES
  - `rvf_free_buf(buf_p)` all SWE TYPES
- Timers:
  - `rvf_delay(time)` TYPE 3 and 4
  - `rvf_start_timer(...)` TYPE 2,3 and 4
- Queue manipulation:
  - `rvf_enqueue(...)` / `rvf_dequeue(...)` ...
- Debug:
  - `rvf_send_trace` / `rvf_dump_mem(...)` all SWE TYPES



# Flash File System - FFS



- FFS SW entity is providing services to handle file of permanent information (permanent storage in Flash).
- Main functions of the API are:
  - `ffs_open (...)`
  - `ffs_close (...)`
  - `ffs_write (...)`
  - `ffs_read (...)`
  - `ffs_seek (...)`
  - `ffs_stat (...)`
  - `ffs_mkdir (...)`
  - `ffs_opendir (...)`
  - ...



# Audio - AUDIO



- AUDIO SW Entity is providing AUDIO services such as:
  - melody (multi-channel/instruments) / tones generation
  - voice memorization
  - Voice dialing / speech recognition
  - Audio speaker volume
- Main advantages:
  - High level API: easy to handle / easy to program
  - Handle directly FFS (long voice memo available with FFS chunked access)
  - Robust since add a layer of control and synchronization between the MMI and the low level (LY1 / DSP)
  - Transparent upgrade to other platforms (remove access to LY1 in future)



# A few other SWEs



- **RVT** SWE (Riviera Tracer) provides a multiplexed access to a single UART link
- **DAR** SWE (Diagnose and Recovery) provides services to recover from scrach and get diagnose information on what happen just before the scrach
- **Keypad** SWE for keypad services
- **R2D** (Riviera 2D) for 2D graphic services
- **RGUI** (Riviera Widgets) for building MMI interfaces
- **RTC** (Real Time Clock) services
- **ATP** (Agnostic TransPort) : generic access to transport layers
- **RNET** (Riviera NETwork) : TCP/IP API, 3 configuration to enable step by step Software integration / validation.



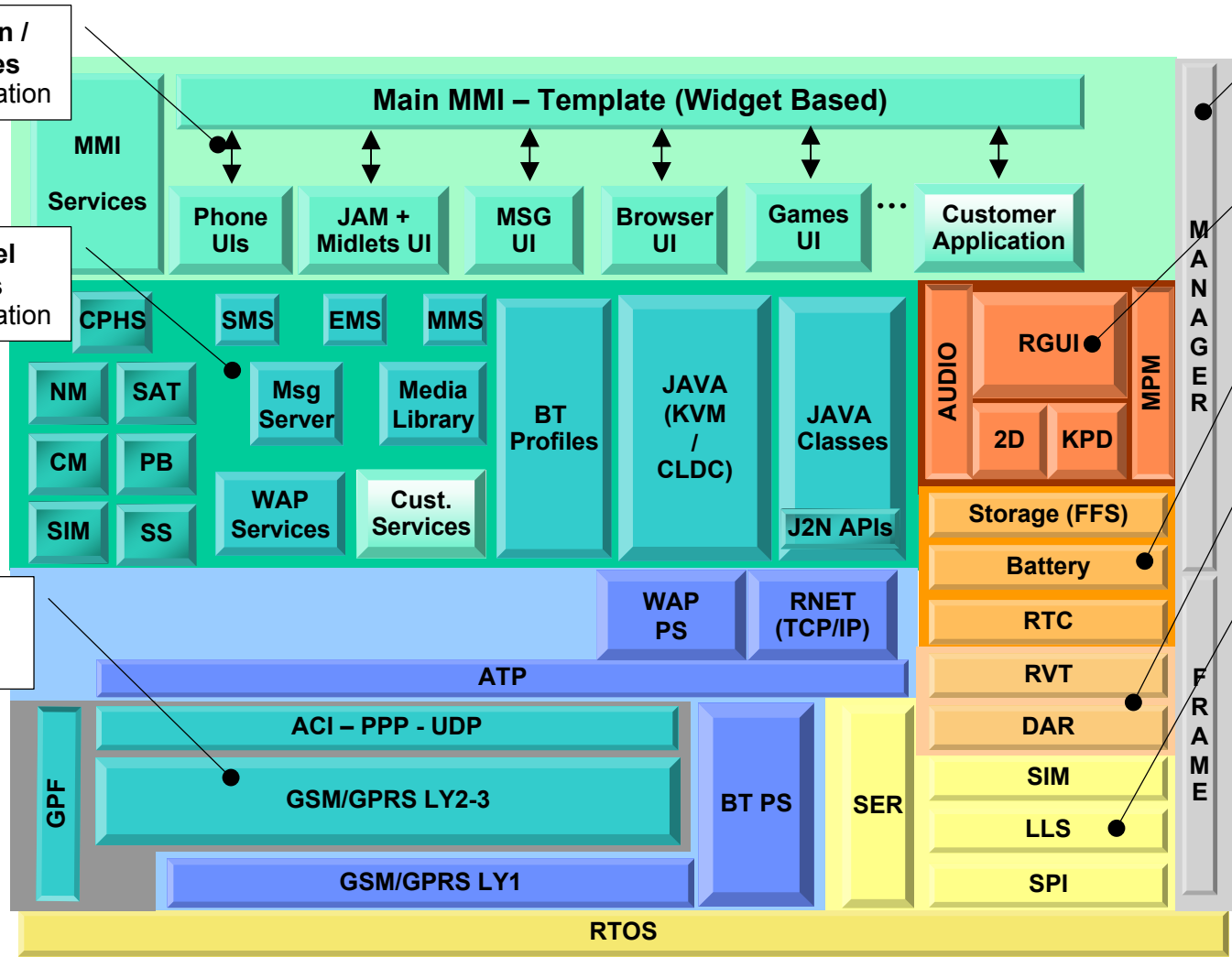
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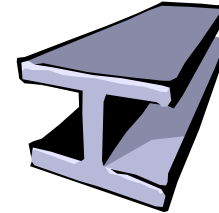


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# Introduction



- In Riviera, next to the environment, the tools and the database, are the coding guidelines.
- Goal: Make the code of many different developers work together.
- Legend:
  - **CR** = CRITICAL: to be strictly followed
  - **HR** = HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: not critical but large influence on robustness of the SWE / amount of work needed to integrate the SWE
  - **OP** = OPTIONAL: it is recommended to follow this rule as a nice-to-have feature





# Naming conventions (1)



- File naming

- CR** – Every file name of a SW entity must start with the SWE nickname.  
Example: `rtc_process.c`
- HR** – Every SW entity should provide the following files:
  - `..._api.h` Declarations needed to use the service of the SWE
  - `..._env.h` Riviera Generic Functions declarations
  - `..._env.c, ..._handle_message.c, ..._handle_timer.c`  
Coding of the Riviera Generic Functions
  - `..._cfg.h` Constants that can be tuned by the integrator
- OP** – Other recommended file naming convention:
  - Include filenames that are used only internally in the SWE should finish with the `'_i'` extension.  
Example: `rtc_messages_i.h`



# Naming conventions (2)



- External Information

**HR**

- All the information that is visible outside the SW entity should start with the SW entity nickname.

Examples:

- Extern functions: `rvm_start_swe()` and not `start_swe(...)`
- Types: `T_RVM_NAME` and not `T_NAME`
- Constants: `#define RVF_MAX_TOTAL_MB (70)`

- General naming convention

**OP**

- Variable or function: lower case, underscore between words  
`rvf_get_buf (...)`
- Constants: upper cases, underscore between words  
`RVF_GREEN`
- Types: upper cases, underscore between words, start with 'T\_'
- Pointers: end with "\_p" for single indirection, "\_pp" for double...

- Message Naming Convention

**HR**

- Depending the kind of SW, several naming convention may be used for message naming.



# Comments: Documentation Rules (1)



- Evident need of comments for:
  - HR**
    - Using the SWE
    - Integrating the SWE
    - Maintaining the SWE
- Using formatting rules
  - OP**
    - Riviera uses Javadoc rules.
    - Rules are compatible with automatic documentation generation tools (= program creating automatically the documentation by looking on the source code).
      - Nice tool: Doxygen. Generates HTML, RTF and LaTeX format



# Comments: Documentation Rules (2)



**OP**

Documentation blocks have to be identified with special tags:

```
/**  
 * ... text ...  
 */
```

- Content:
  - brief description (first sentence)
  - detailed description
  - tags of the form @tag describing parameters, return values, etc.
- Interesting tags:
  - @param
  - @return
  - @author
  - @version
  - @see
  - @deprecated
  - etc



# Include Files



**CR** An include file shall contain only definitions, declarations, macros, function prototypes and conditional compilation statements.

- Every exported include file (such as `...api.h`) should start with:

```
#ifndef __NAME_OF_THE_FILE_  
#define __NAME_OF_THE_FILE_
```

and end with:

```
#endif
```

- The `..._api.h` files should not include any internal `..._i.h` files.

**CR**



# Error Return



**HR** • Every function should return an error indication.

**OP** • Standard Riviera return-flag can be used.

The return type is `T_RV_RET` and can have following values:

- `RV_OK` Function processed successfully
- `RV_NOT_SUPPORTED` Requested process not supported
- `RV_NOT_READY` Requested process cannot be processed now
- `RV_MEMORY_ERR` A memory error occurred
- `RV_INTERNAL_ERR` An internal error has occurred
- `RV_INVALID_PARAMETER` A parameters is invalid



# Standard Types and Libraries



- Standard Types

- HR** – The SW should not directly use the types of the compiler.
- It should rather use the standard Riviera types.

Example: (see general.h)

```
typedef unsigned char    UINT8;  
typedef unsigned short  UINT16;
```

- HR** Libraries Usage

- The use of libraries like maths, strings.... should be limited as much as possible for portability and code size optimization.

- Special Functions use

- CR** – The following functions should not be used, especially in time critical part of the code:

```
printf (...)          mod (...)          div (...)
```

- The following function use is recommended:

- HR** memcpy (...)



# State Machine Implementation

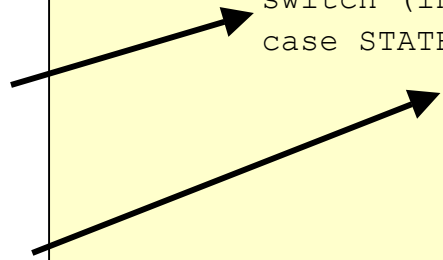


**HR** A state machine is code, which receives stimuli (messages in Riviera) and which reacts to the stimuli depending the current state.

One of the reaction can be the change of state.

- HR** Implementation:
- first check the state of the state machine
  - then check the stimuli it received

```
handle_message (message) {  
    switch (internal_state of the state_machine) {  
    case STATE_1:  
        switch (message_id) {  
            case MESSAGE_1: break;  
            case MESSAGE_2: break;  
            default: break;  
        } break;  
    case STATE_2:  
        switch (message_id) {  
            case MESSAGE_1: break;  
            case MESSAGE_2: break;  
            default: break;  
        } break;  
    default: break;  
    }  
}
```







# Miscellaneous



**HR**

Avoid Global variables

- Use the Global Variable Buffer

**OP**

Braces {} and indentation

- Line-up code by braces (braces is place on a new line) whenever a loop or conditional case is code.
- Conditional code should be surrounded by braces even if it contains only one instruction.
- Example:

```
if (return == HCI_ERROR)
{
    hci_error(error_parameters);
}
```

**HR**

Avoid `if (x)` → Replace by `if (x==NO_ERROR)`

Avoid litteral numbers → Use constant or preprocessor definitions

Use the default label in all switch statements.

Put a numeric value of a define or a macro definition between brackets.



# Summary: Riviera Coding guidelines



- Naming conventions:
  - File names (start with SWE nickname, mandatory files, internal files)
  - External information → start with SWE nickname
  - Naming recommendations for functions, constants, variables, pointers...
- Comments format (Javadoc) → automatic documentation generation
- General guidelines:
  - Error return, standard types, library usages, braces/indentation...
  - State machine implementation
  - No global variables → Global Variable Buffer

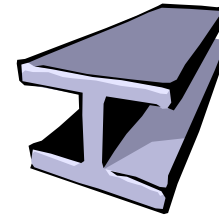


# Today...



- Riviera Overview

- What is a SW environment



- Main concepts of Riviera Environment

- A few Riviera SW entities overview



- Riviera Coding Guidelines

- Riviera Integration with other SW environment





# Legacy Application Porting: 2 Different Options...



Flexibility for porting Applications:

All Riviera services accessible both inside and outside Riviera Environment, thanks to:

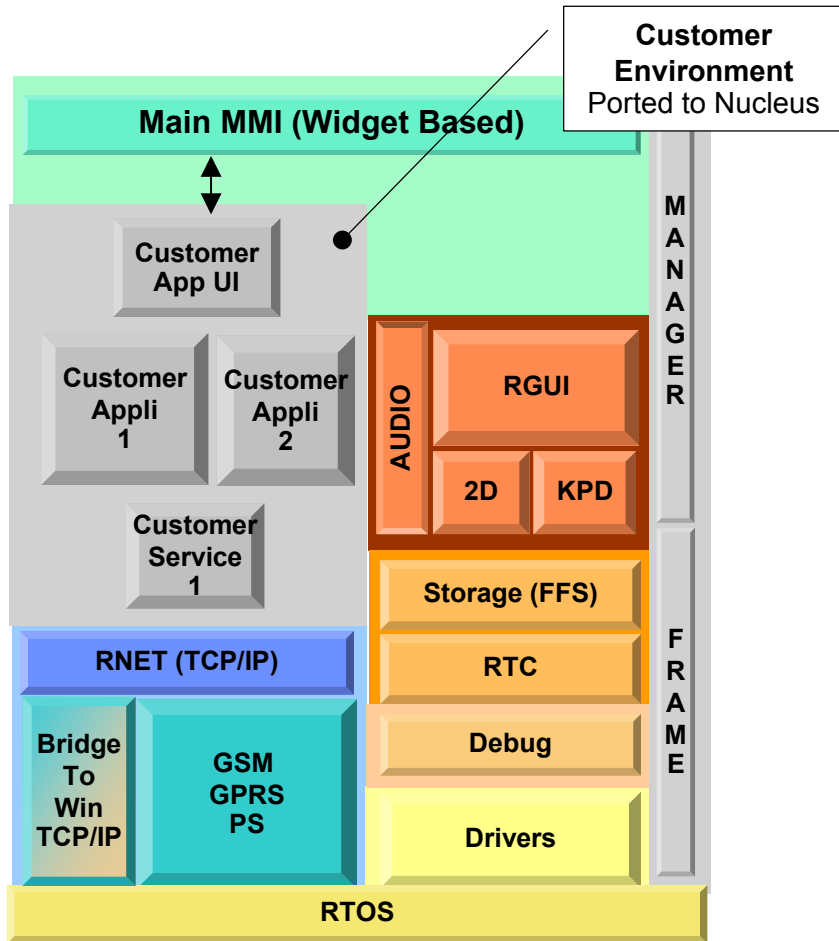
- Function APIs
- “`return_path`” concept)

⇒ Riviera Environment can co-exist any other, Nucleus based Environment

⇒ Any Customer Application, running on Customer Environment, can access all Riviera Services.



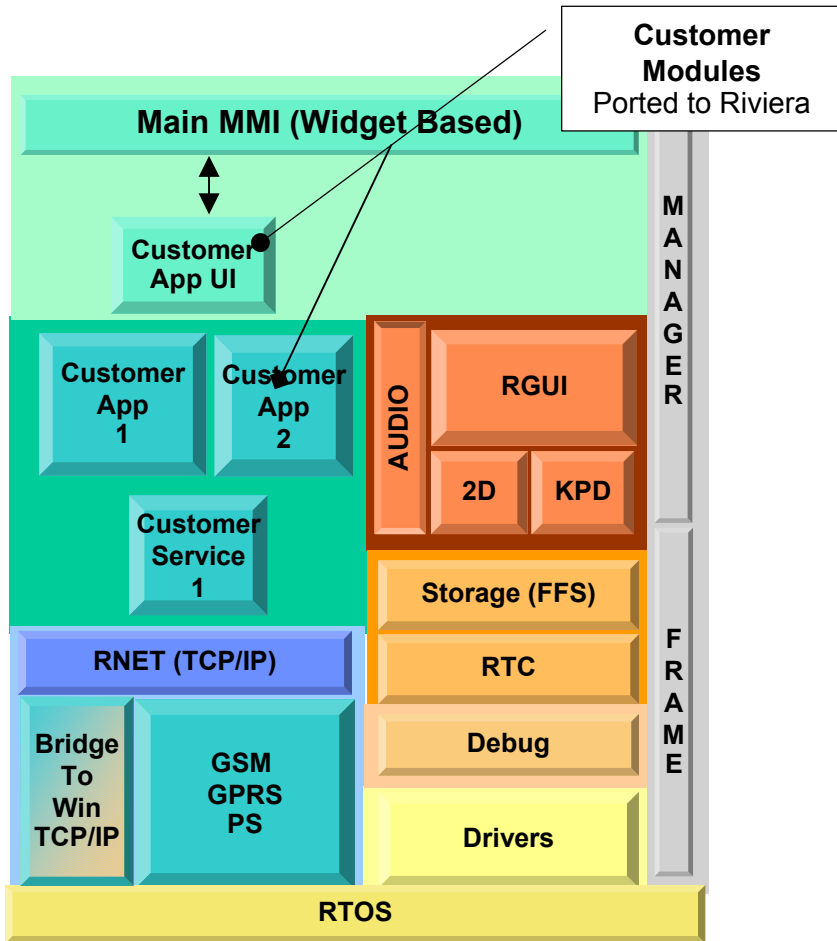
# Legacy Application Porting: Option 1: Keeping Customer's Environment



- **Customer Application, ported with Customer Environment, on top of Nucleus**  
(example of application using TCP/IP, FFS, UI Services...)
- **Drawbacks:**
  - Main is that **no PC tool available** to ease porting
- **Advantage:**
  - Easy and Fast porting, common framework to port all existing customer applications



# Legacy Application Porting: Option 2: Porting Customer's Application in Riviera



- **Customer Application, ported with Customer Environment, on top of Nucleus**  
(example of application using TCP/IP, FFS, UI Services...)
- **Advantage:**
  - Access to Riviera Tool Set (PC porting and validation, all necessary APIs available on PC)
  - Access to Riviera abstraction of the OS (ported to any TI chipset)
- **Drawbacks:**
  - Higher porting work.  
BUT: Customer defines intrusion (modular or 1 block porting)



# How can an external SW use Riviera Entity services

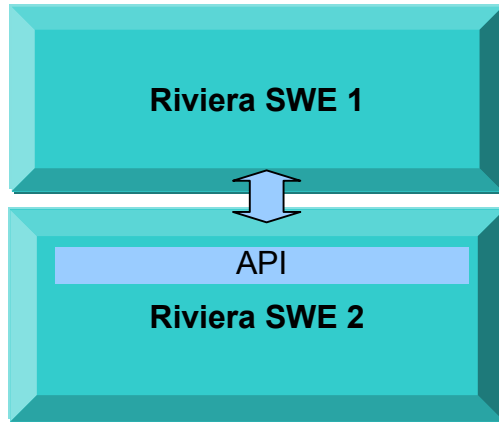
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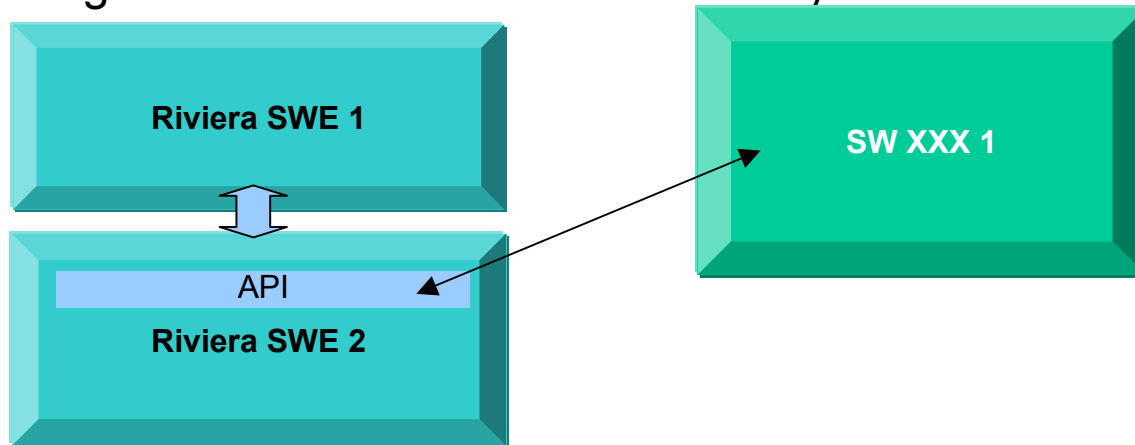
# Service request and answer example



- Riviera Only case



- External SW using services from a Riviera SW entity



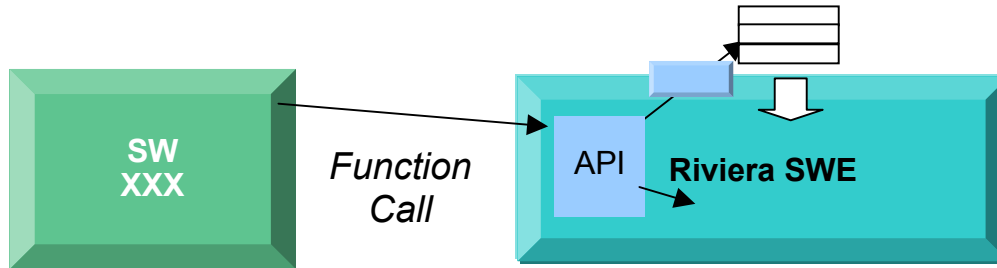




# Non-Riviera SW Using Riviera Services

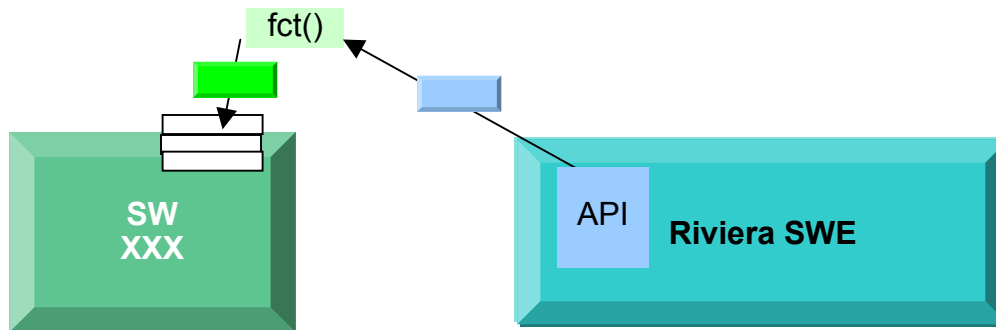


- External Environment requesting a Riviera Service



Services provided by Riviera to another environment are accessible through function call

- Riviera Service Answer provided to External Environment



Thanks to the return path concept, Riviera message is sent to call back function provided by the SW XXX, which can translate answer in the external environment format



# How can a Riviera SW entity use services from a external SW



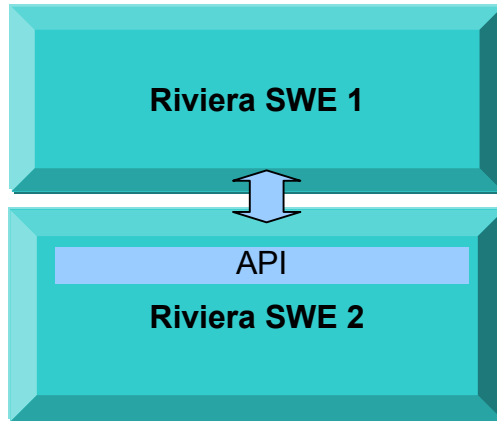
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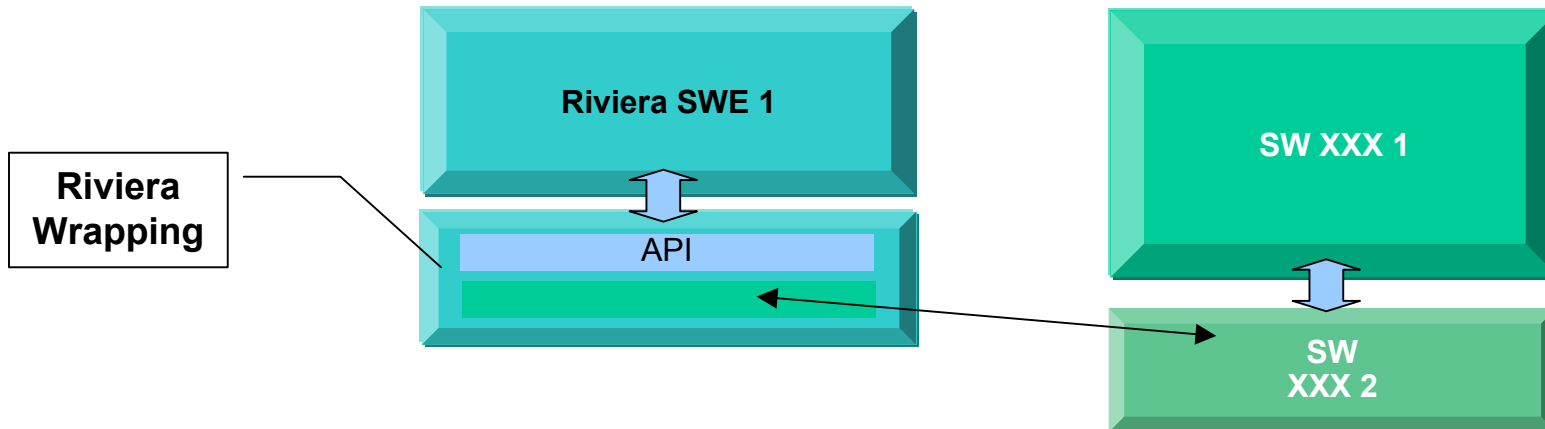
# Service request and answer example



- Riviera Only case



- Replacement of a Riviera SW entity by an external one





# Conclusion

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# Riviera environment: Key features ?

- **Easy to program:**
  - No need of wireless knowledge (abstraction layer)
  - Independent on HW roadmap
- **Safe:**
  - Modern resources are protected (memory available, real time constraints)
  - Usual developers do not have access to critical parts of the SW
- **Modular:**
  - SW components can easily be added / removed / changed, dynamically, using only resources when activated
  - Easy to integrate a new SWE and debug
- **Cost Efficient:**
  - SW environment has a small footprint
  - Optimal memory use in terms of RAM and FLASH
  - Data handling optimisation (zero copy mechanism)