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Welcome to the Masterclass

# A SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER'S JOURNEY TO THE SPACE INDUSTRY



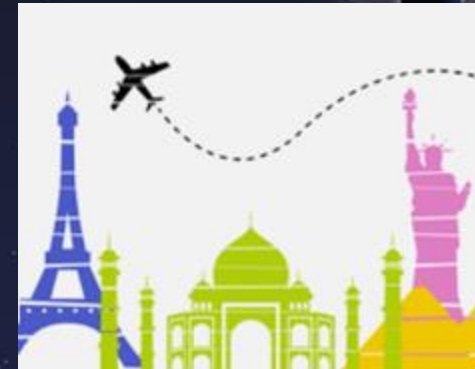
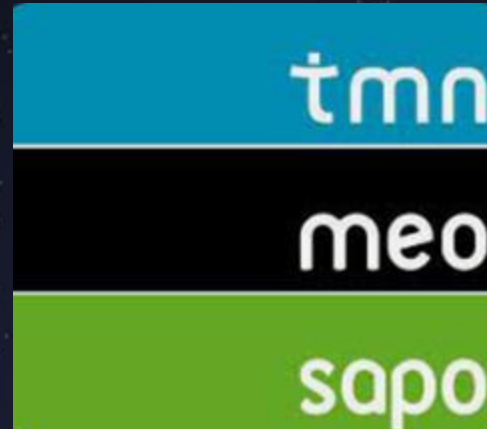


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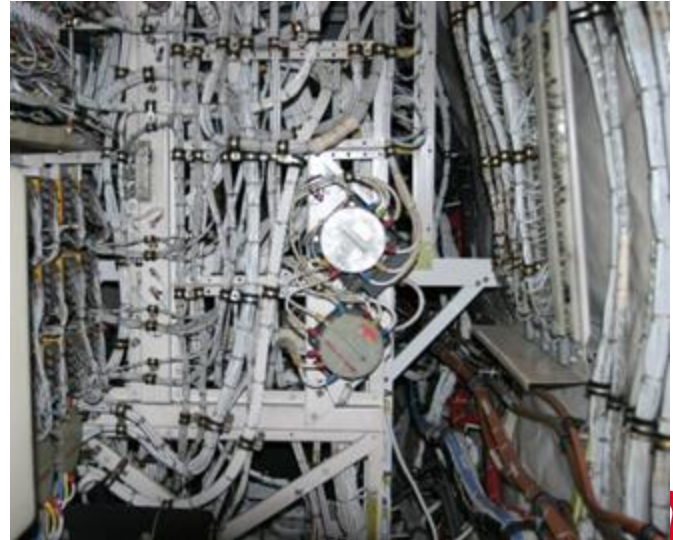
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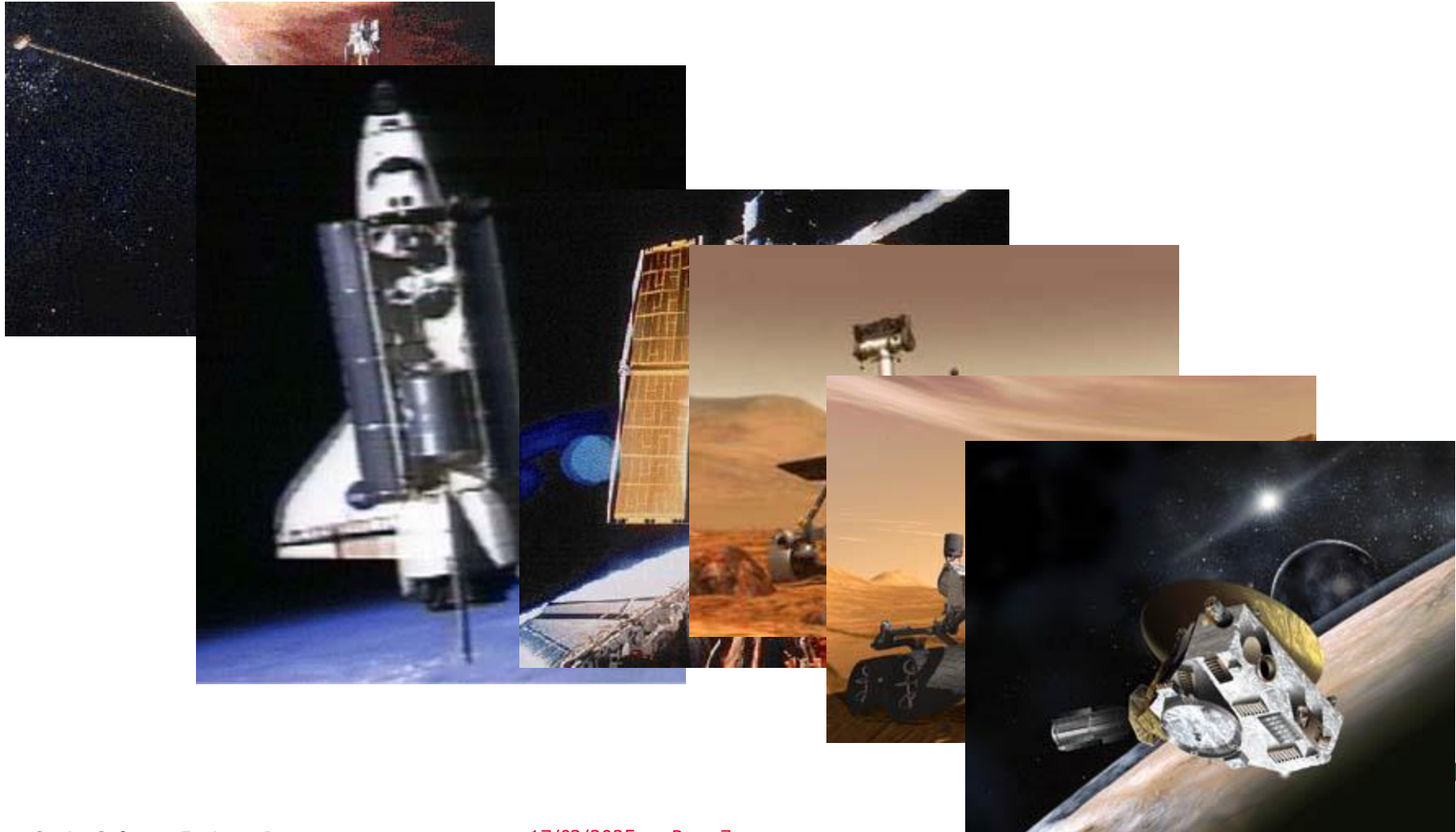








# Increased complexity



# RAMS and Criticality

The rocket was on its first voyage after a decade of development costing \$7.5 billion.

It turned out that the cause of the failure was a software error in the inertial reference system.

Specifically, a **64 bit FP number relating to the h-velocity was converted to a 16 bit** signed integer. The number was larger than 32,767 and thus the conversion failed.



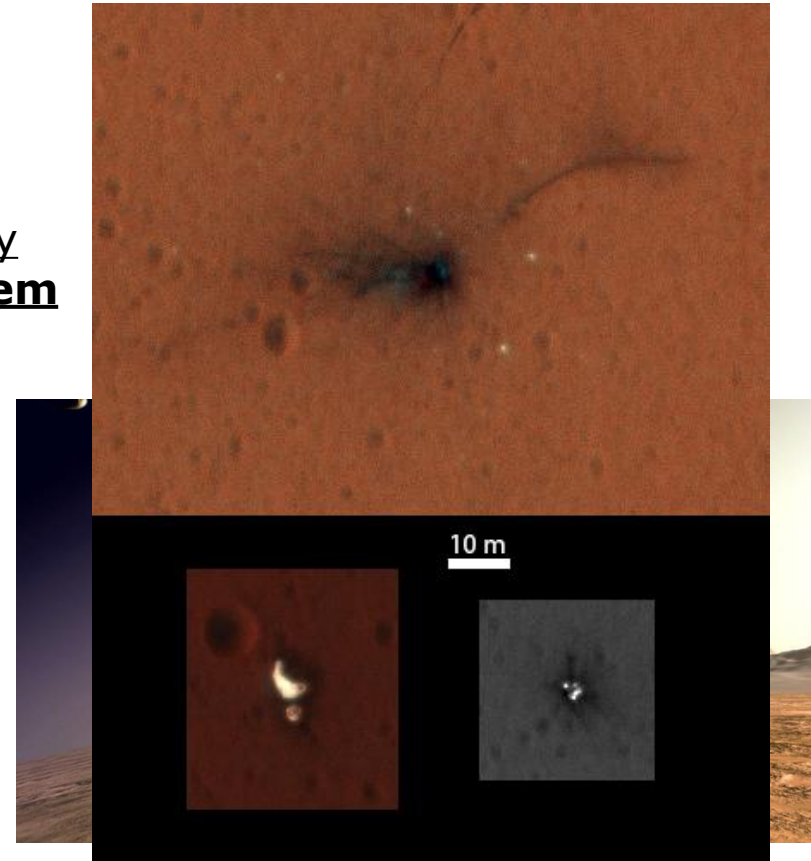


# Even today...

The lander deployed its parachute and then began spinning unexpectedly fast.

His **superfast** rotation briefly **saturated** Schiaparelli's spin-measuring (**IMU**), which "resulted in a large attitude-estimation error by the **guidance, navigation and control-system software**,"

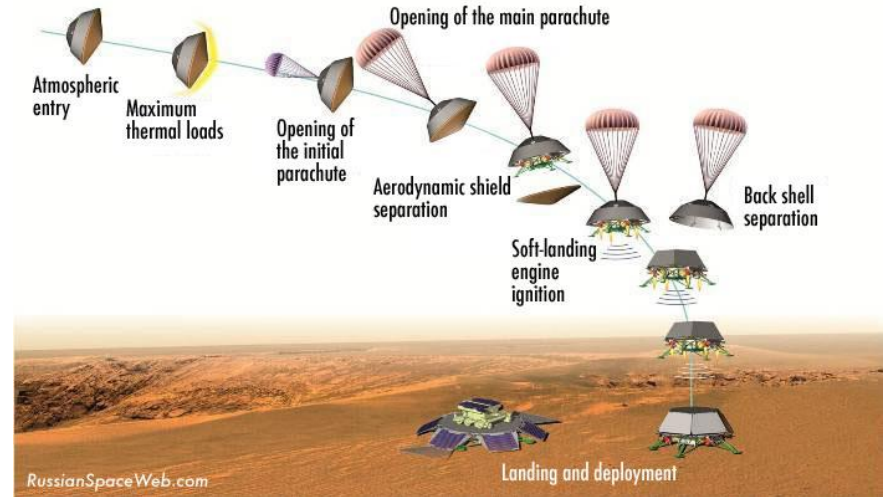
"This resulted in the early release of the parachute and backshell, a brief firing of the thrusters for only 3 seconds instead of 30 seconds, and the activation of the on-ground system as if Schiaparelli had landed."



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# What are Space Challenges?

- Increase in complexity
- Demand for reliable, available, maintainable and safe software systems (**RAMS**)
- Push for higher efficiency Rapid evolution in microprocessors
- Modern lifecycle approaches
- Concurrent software engineering
- Prototyping
- Open source



# Background

GMV started with small participation in EU funded activities

One activity was the implementation of IMA

IMA solves problem of too many computers onboard.

IMA is software that virtualizes hardware



Boeing 787 with IMA



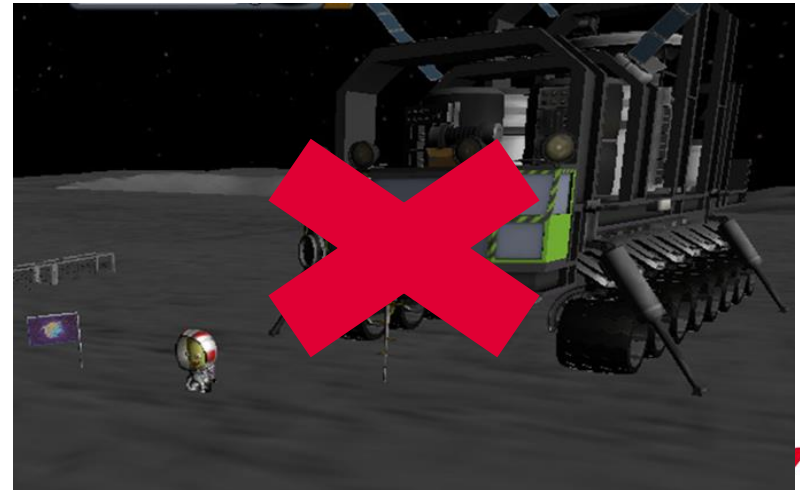
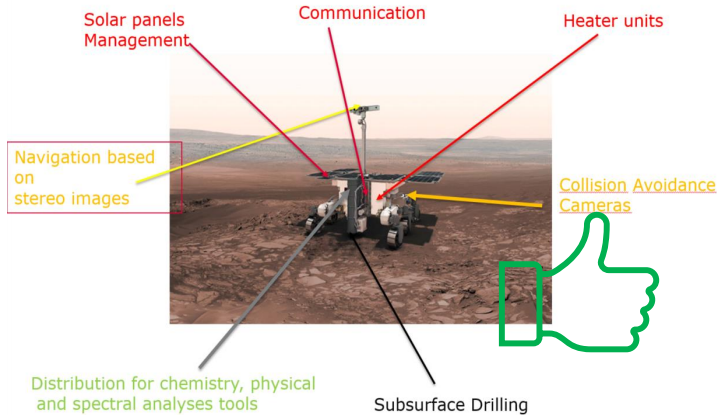
Boeing 747 no IMA  
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# Into Space...

ESA invited to make technology transfer of IMA.



## MIXED CRITICALITY OVERVIEW ROBOTIC FUNCTIONS WITH DIFFERENT CRITICALITY



# Air

Real-time hypervisor for safety-critical embedded space software

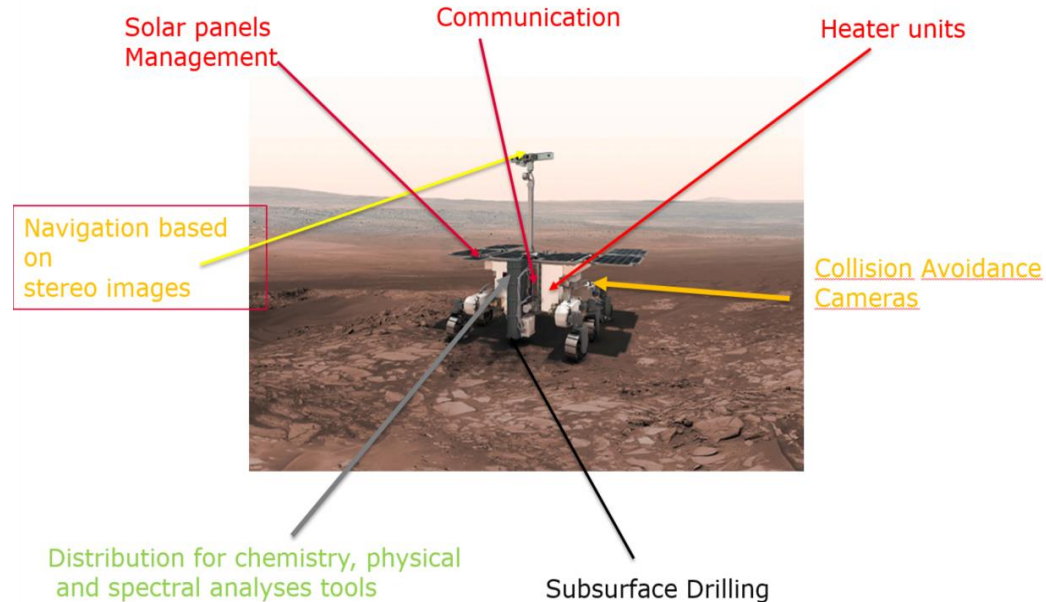
AIR with IMA ensures:

- Mixed criticality
- Less power consumption
- Hardware independence
- Real Time performance
- Open Source
- Scalability



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# Simulator phase

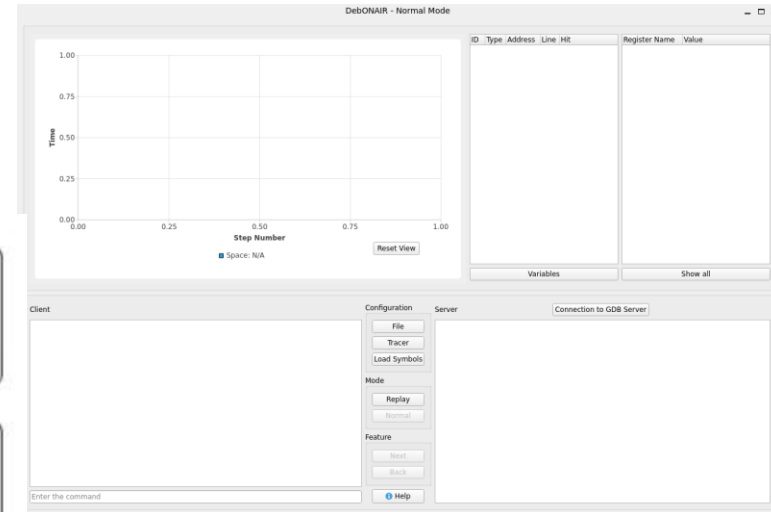
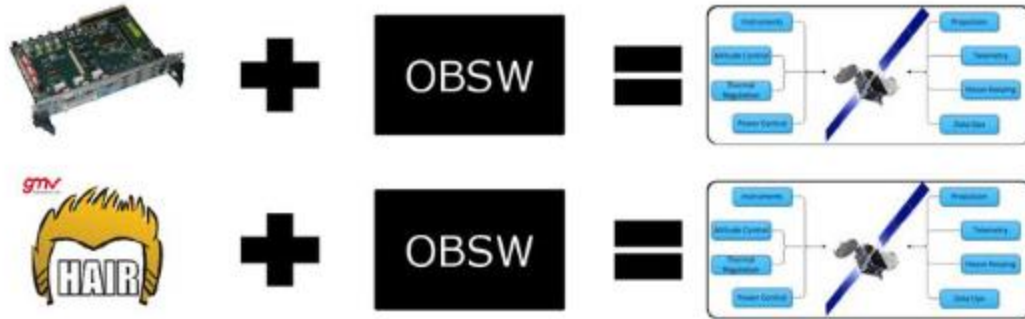
AIR supports major ESA satellite computers

We became expert of those computers

We created computer emulators/debuggers running AIR

First was named **HAIR**

Latest is **DebONAIR**

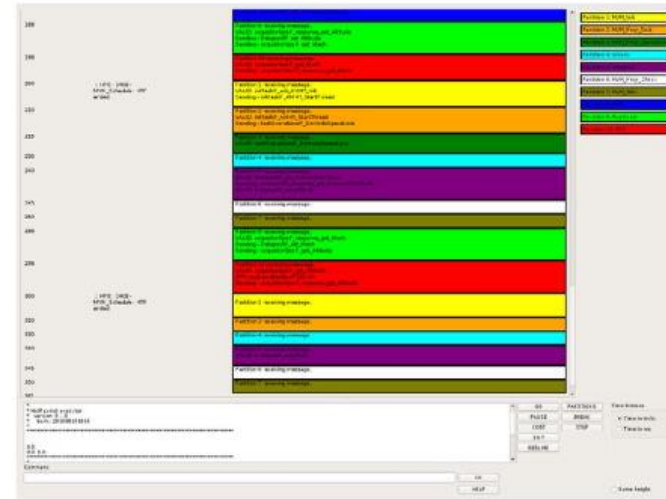
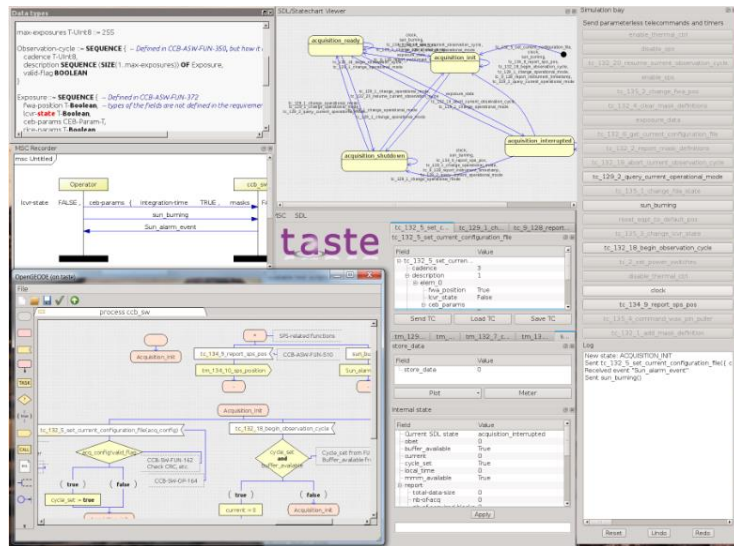


# Model Based phase

ESA is pushing Model Based solutions to reduce time of development

**AIR** and **HAIR** are suitable for end to end solutions.

From a model it was able to generate software and run in a satellite computer



Space software model

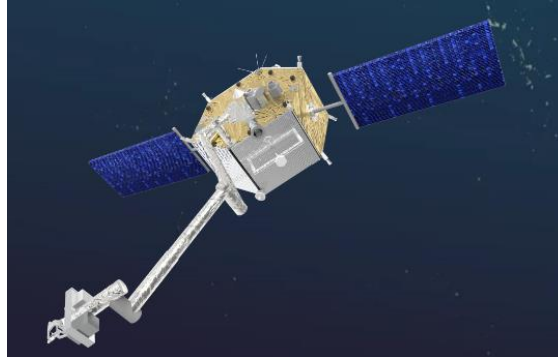
Software running in satellite (HAIR) 

# Robotic phase (Today!)

Our model based solution with AIR are applicable to Space robotics

**ESROCOS was created as a Space Robotic Operating System**

EU is funding EROSS-SC and Schumman activities for future missions







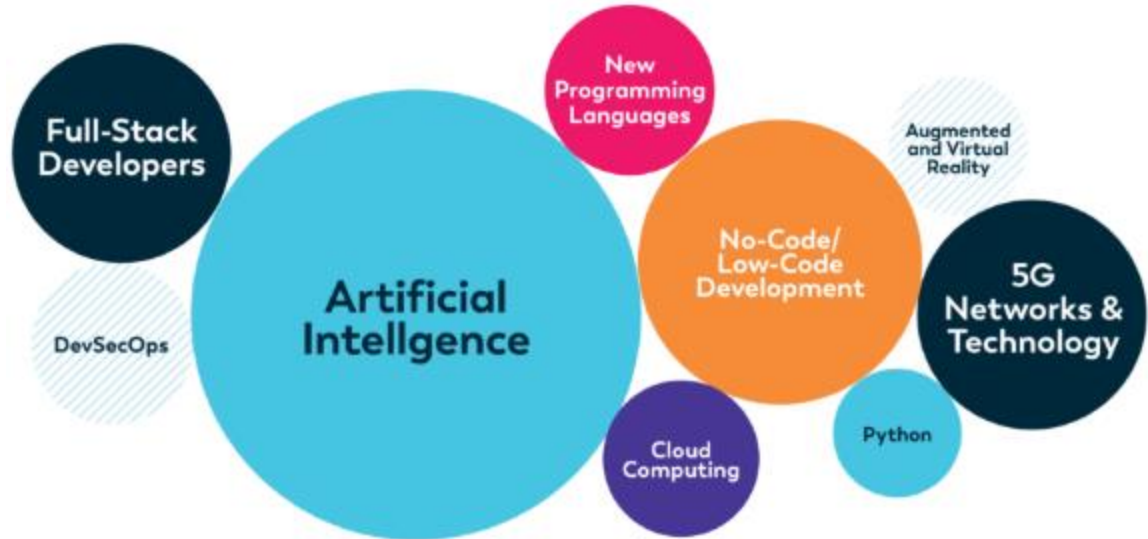


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# HOW WE ARE GOING TO THE MOON

