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Certifying the Uncertifiable?

How Eclipse S-CORE Makes Open Source Fit for Safe Mobility

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The Core Conflict

- Code proves value.
- The community decides.
- Move fast. Iterate. Just build it.

- Code proves nothing without evidence. If it’s not compliant, it doesn’t ship.
- Who takes liability?
- Show me the safety case.

- **How do we combine both sides – without killing either?**

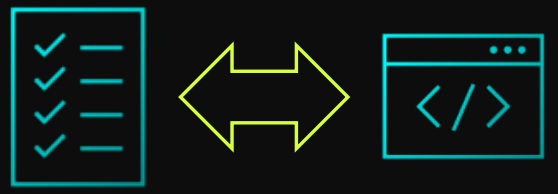
Where Open Source Meets Automotive Safety

- Open-source core middleware for safety-critical SDV domains
- Developed under the Eclipse SDV Working Group
- Code-first. Modular. Hardware-agnostic.
- Industry-backed collaboration (OEMs, Tier-1s, Tech players)

Eclipse S-CORE

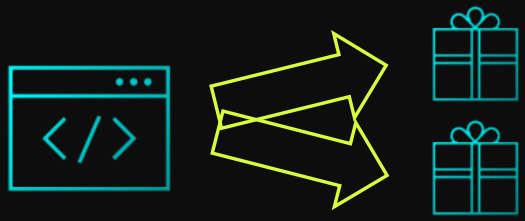
Why Open-Source?

- Code is standard
  - ⚡ Where is the specification?
  - ⚡ Where is the validation?



- Collaboration
  - ⚡ Code compliance?
  - ⚡ Staff qualification?

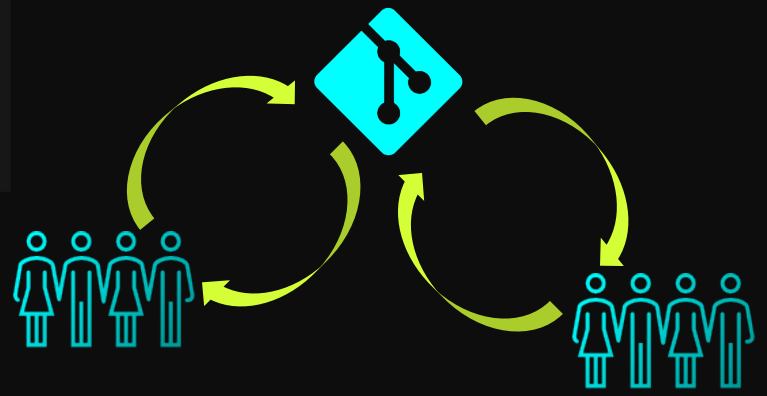
- Adoption
  - ⚡ Liability?
  - ⚡ Safety certification?



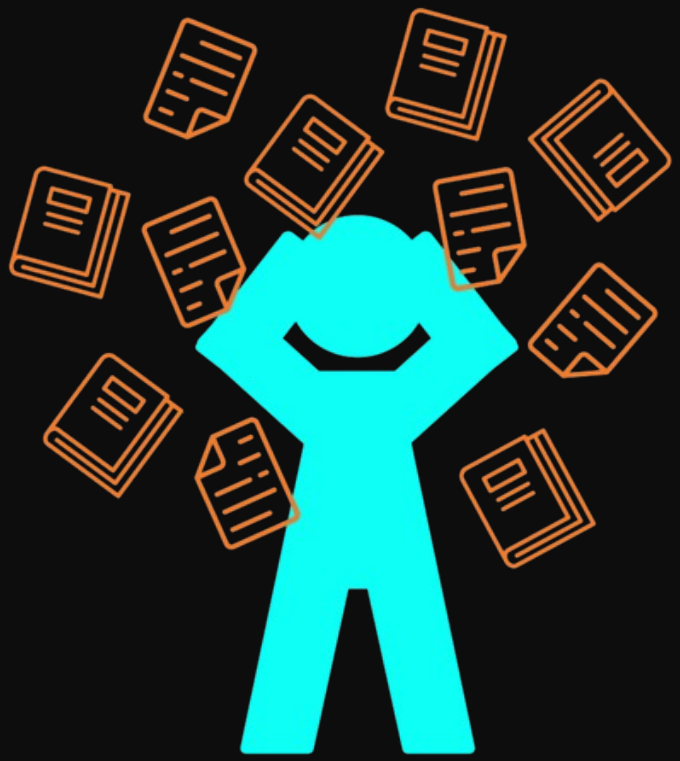
Safety in Open Source Dilemma

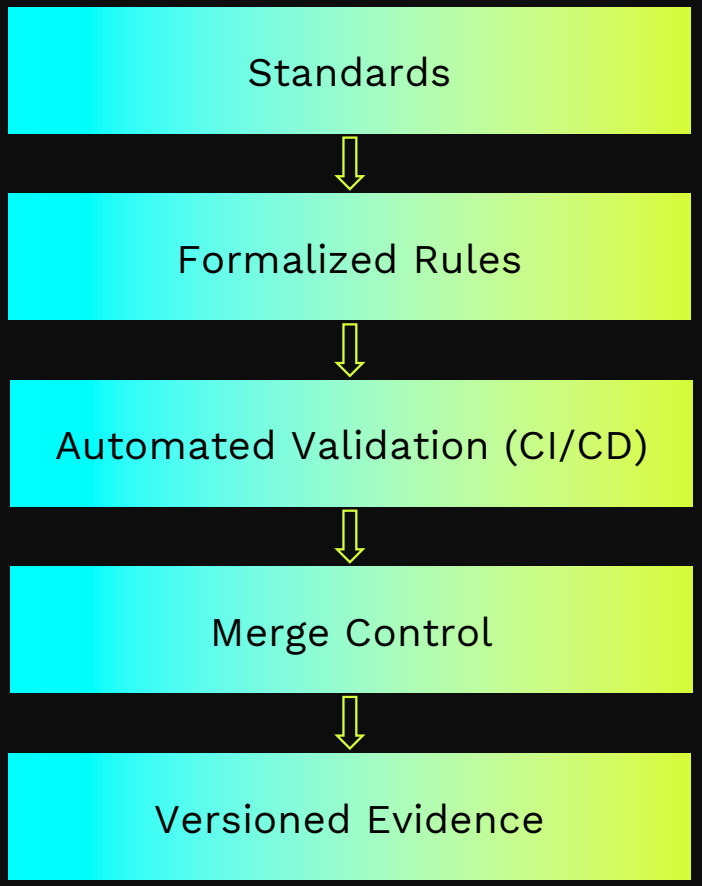
- Forcing a frozen certification model onto a living system creates friction, not safety.

- Open-source ecosystems evolve continuously and collaboratively.



Compliance by Interpretation vs. Compliance by Infrastructure





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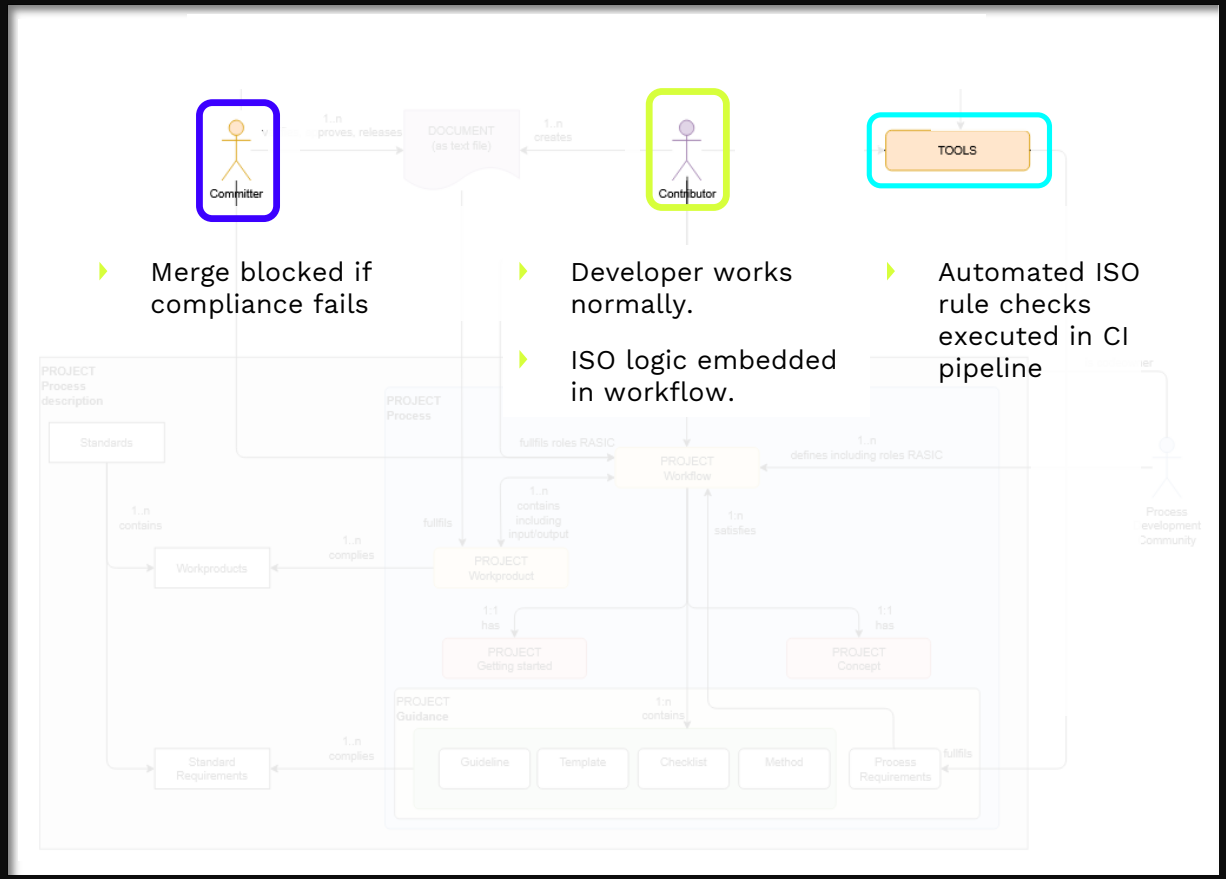

- Merge blocked if compliance fails
- Developer works normally.
- ISO logic embedded in workflow.
- Automated ISO rule checks executed in CI pipeline

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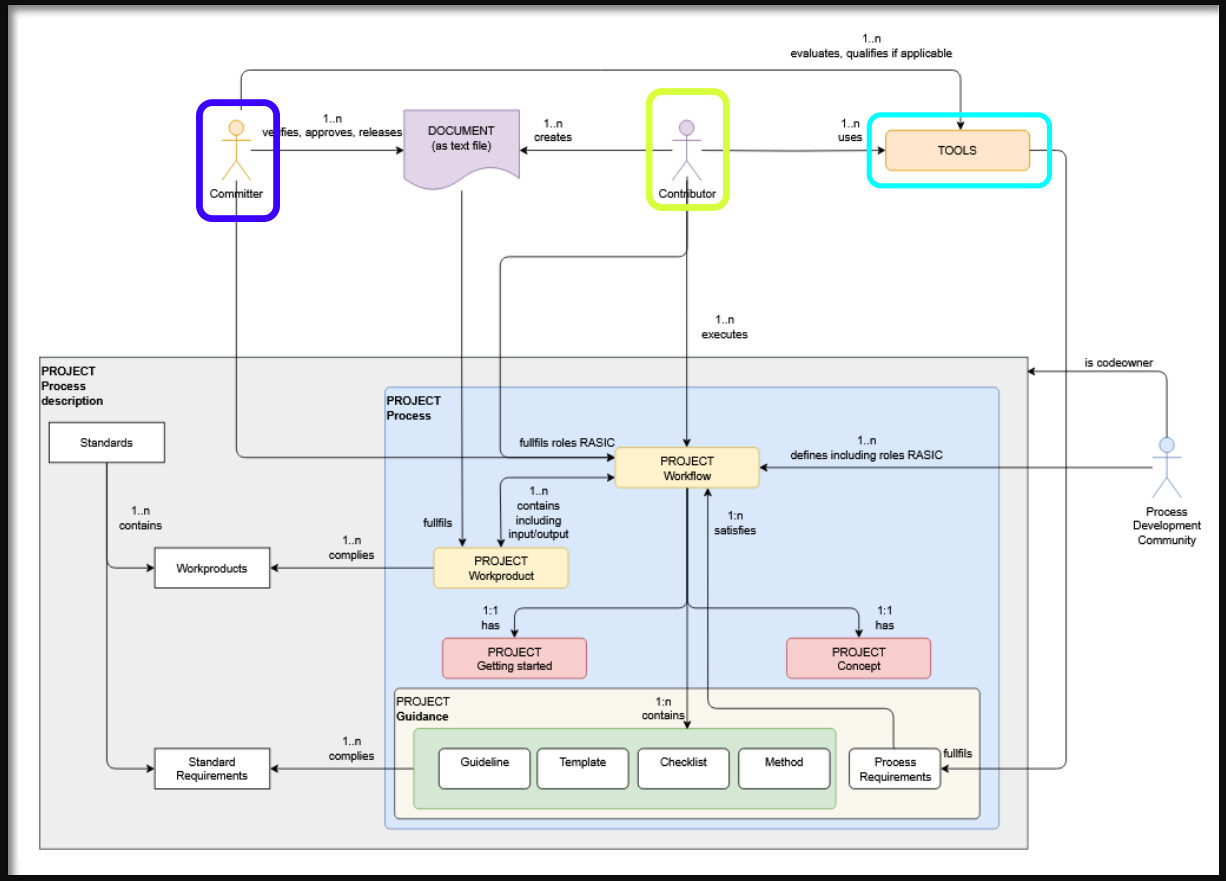

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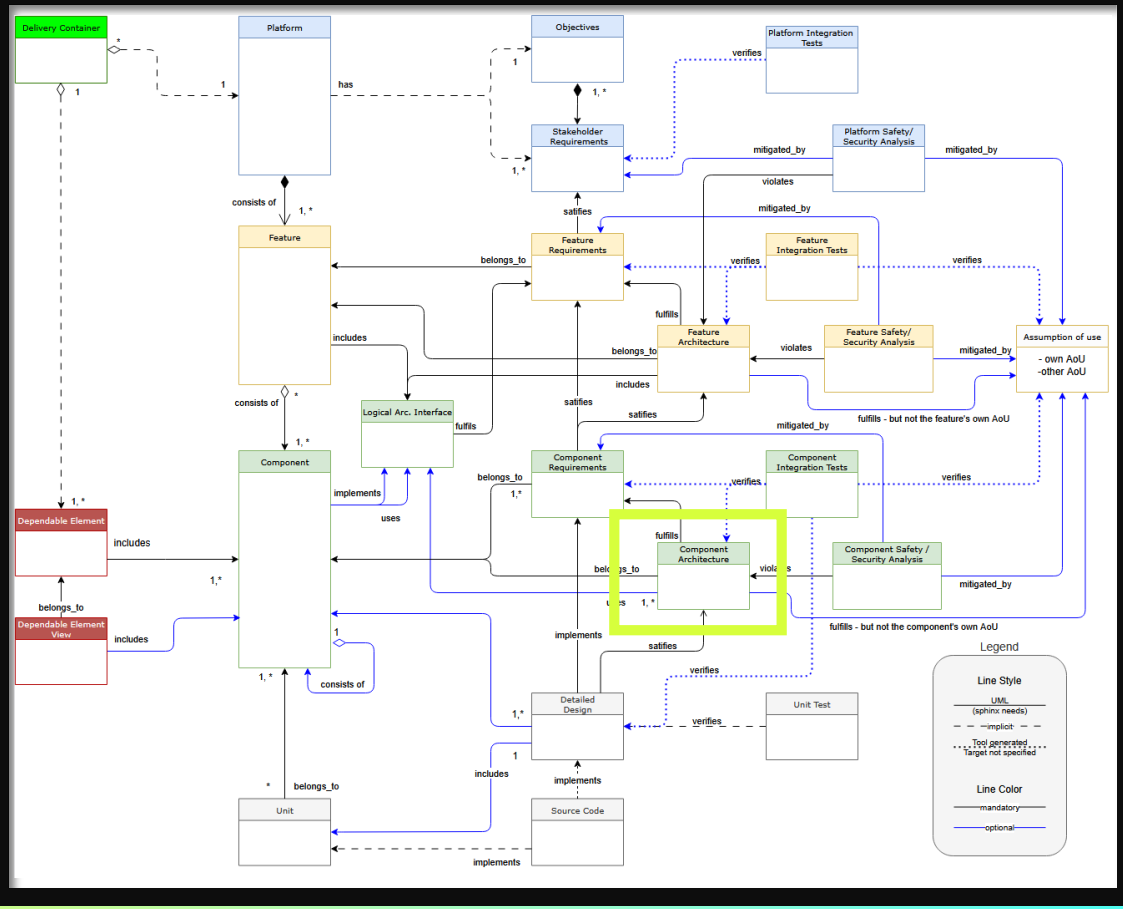
Compliance as a Traceable System Graph



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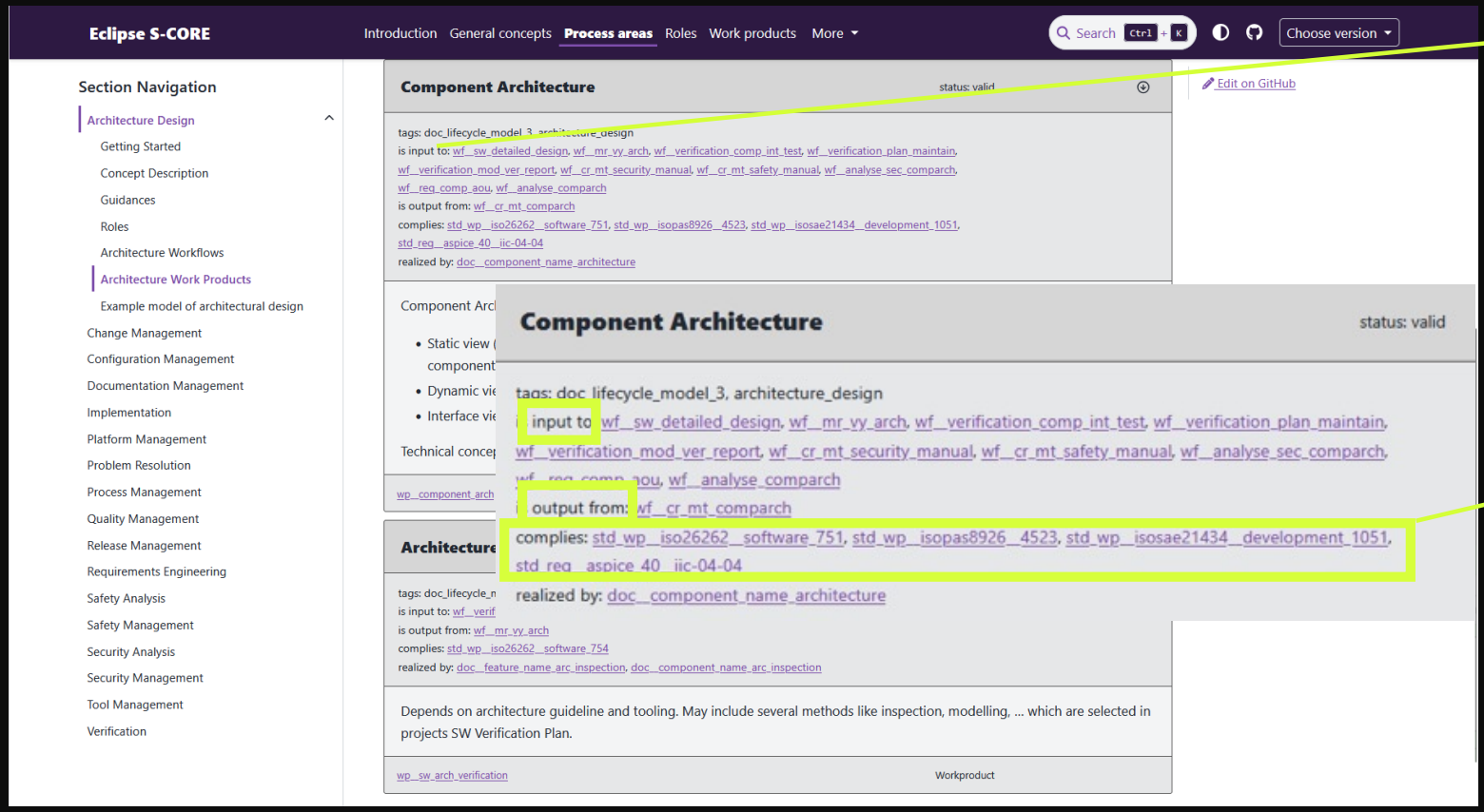

Templates In-/

Output is traceable

Work products show compliance acc. to standard requirements

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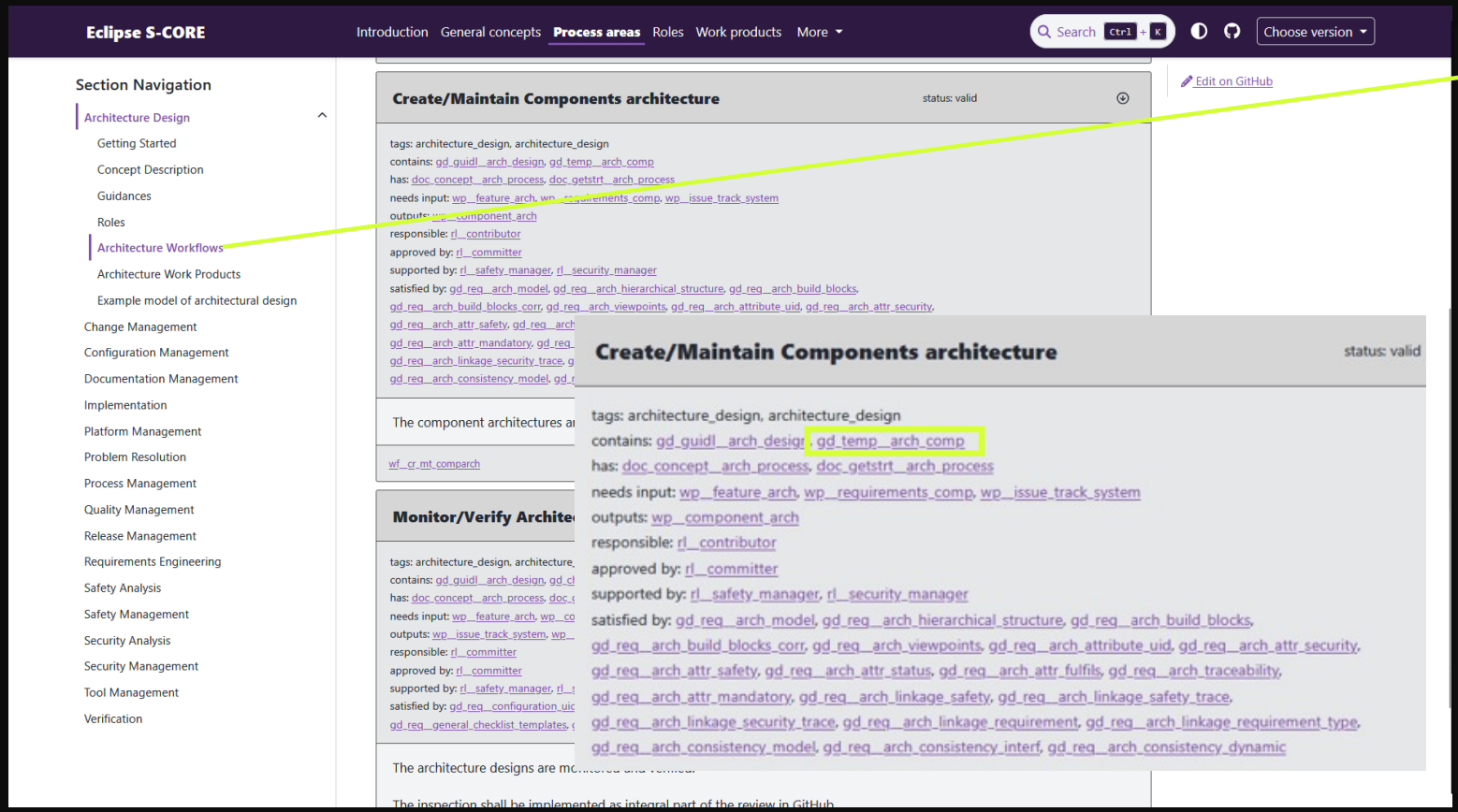

- Workflow describes how to create/maintain templates
- A filled-out template becomes a managed document

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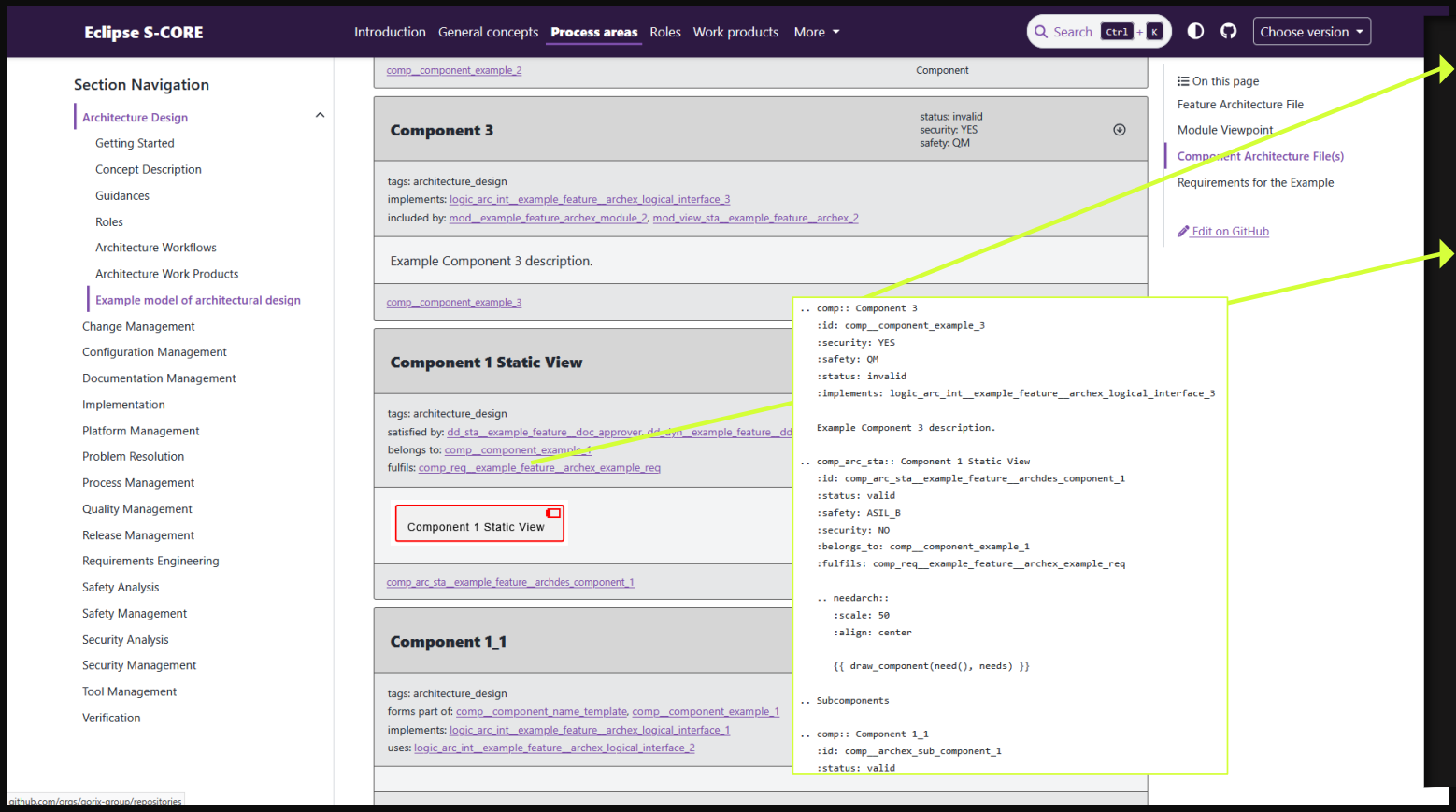

Documentation treated as code

Ideas will become compliant contributions

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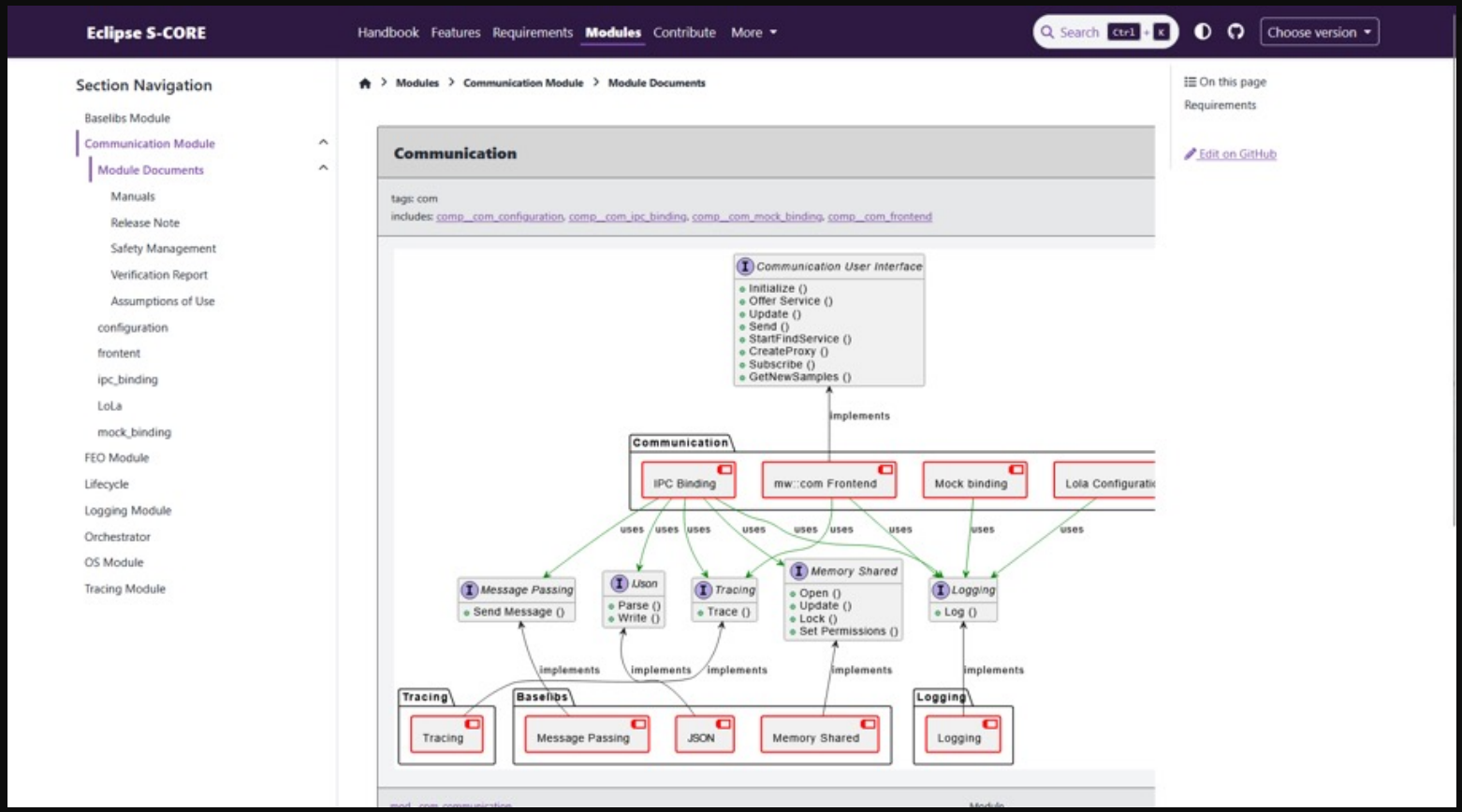
Automated Validation (CI/CD)



- Processes / metamodel is applied in every build
- Merge is blocked with open issues
- Documentation is always up-to-date
- **Developer focus is on innovation**

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Experiences from Eclipse S-CORE

Eclipse S-CORE

Clear reduction of typical issues like

- Not used templates
- Outdated documents
- Traceability failures
- Missing reviews

Still open points

- Logical failures still possible and can only be found (actually) by experienced experts
- Changes in the machine room (meta model) have a high impact / can break everything

On demand high provided certifiability is possible!

Thank you.

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