

Open-Source SDR and silicon vendors

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Why?

LMS6002D technical merits

- Wideband 0.3-3.8 GHz
- Flexible
- Single-chip good for manucaturing

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... cool, but not enough

Small business and open-source friendly

Unlike ADI and Co

Friendly

- Retail distribution channels
 Digikey, Richardson, etc
- Publicly available documentation https://github.com/myriadrf/LMS6002D-docs
- Open support channels
 Forum http://myriadrf.org/forums/
 Mailing list https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/limemicro-opensource
- Inexpensive dev.units http://myriadrf.org
- No NDAs and MOQ

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In early 2011 it wasn't like that!

Lime Microsystems worked with small projects the same way as with big high volume telco companies

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Not really relevant after a year of sales

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Solved by smart use 2W big of open-source

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2011 ---- 2013 [some work done]

Current status

- MyriadRF.org open-source community
- Dedicated community manager (Andrew Back)
- Support forum and mailing list
- Published documentation and code samples

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MyriadRF

- Current projects:
 - Myriad-RF dev.board
 - Loctronix A2300
 - Fairwaves UmTRX (partner project)
- Open and inclusive
- Not only Lime Microsystems based HW

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Still shaping

Promote open-source actively!

 Talk to people Yes, this helps

 Open-source and telco cusomers are compatible

If done carefully

- Talk business to business
 Open-source is a great tool for business
- Don't expect immediate results
 Let them grow organically

Fairwaves GSM re-invented

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