

# ACSys in a Box;

un-scaling the Fermilab Control System for  
standalone operation  
enabling collaboration and future enhancements.

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# Project X Control System Requirements

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## Chapter 7 **Controls In A Box**

“As previously, stated, the Control System needs to scale to a large user community and a million properties. However, there is also a need for the control system to be available on a small scale for one user or a small group of users to test a small number of instruments in a relatively informal setting. We refer to this small control system as Controls In A Box.”

# Overview

- Control System Features
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# Control System Features

(opinion)

- Operations-Centric
- Layered Protocols
- Layered Interface
- Layered Errors
- Middleware

- Device Properties/Attributes
- Client Defined Data Acquisition
  - Time (event, state, frequency, delay)
  - Length
  - Offset
- Data Errors
- Correlated Data (event number, time stamp)
- Track Settings

- Special Data
  - Real Time KHz
  - Snapshots MHz
  - Structured
- Alarms
  - Digital/Analog/Events
  - Unsolicited Announcement
  - Client Specified Notification
  - Multiple Alarm Limits

- Applications
  - C/C++
  - JAVA
- Frameworks
  - Front End
  - Client

# ACSys in a Box

Accelerator Control System in a Box

Collaboration  
Software and Hardware Development  
Stand-alone

Not trying to be all things for all facilities (people)  
Better than an Engineer with a scope on a Segway  
LCD solution

Full-featured Solution

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# ACSys (Accelerator Control System)

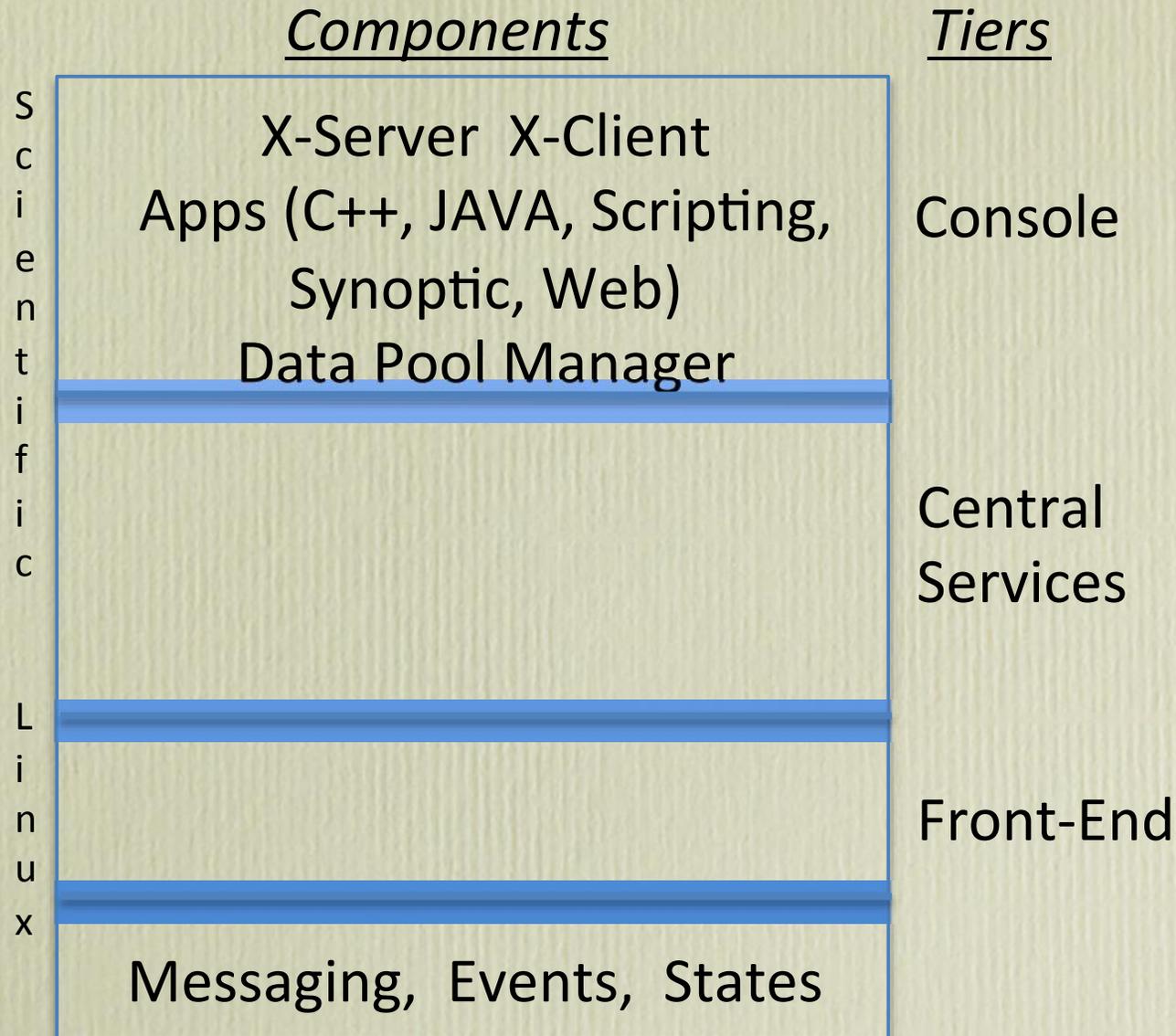
Components

Tiers



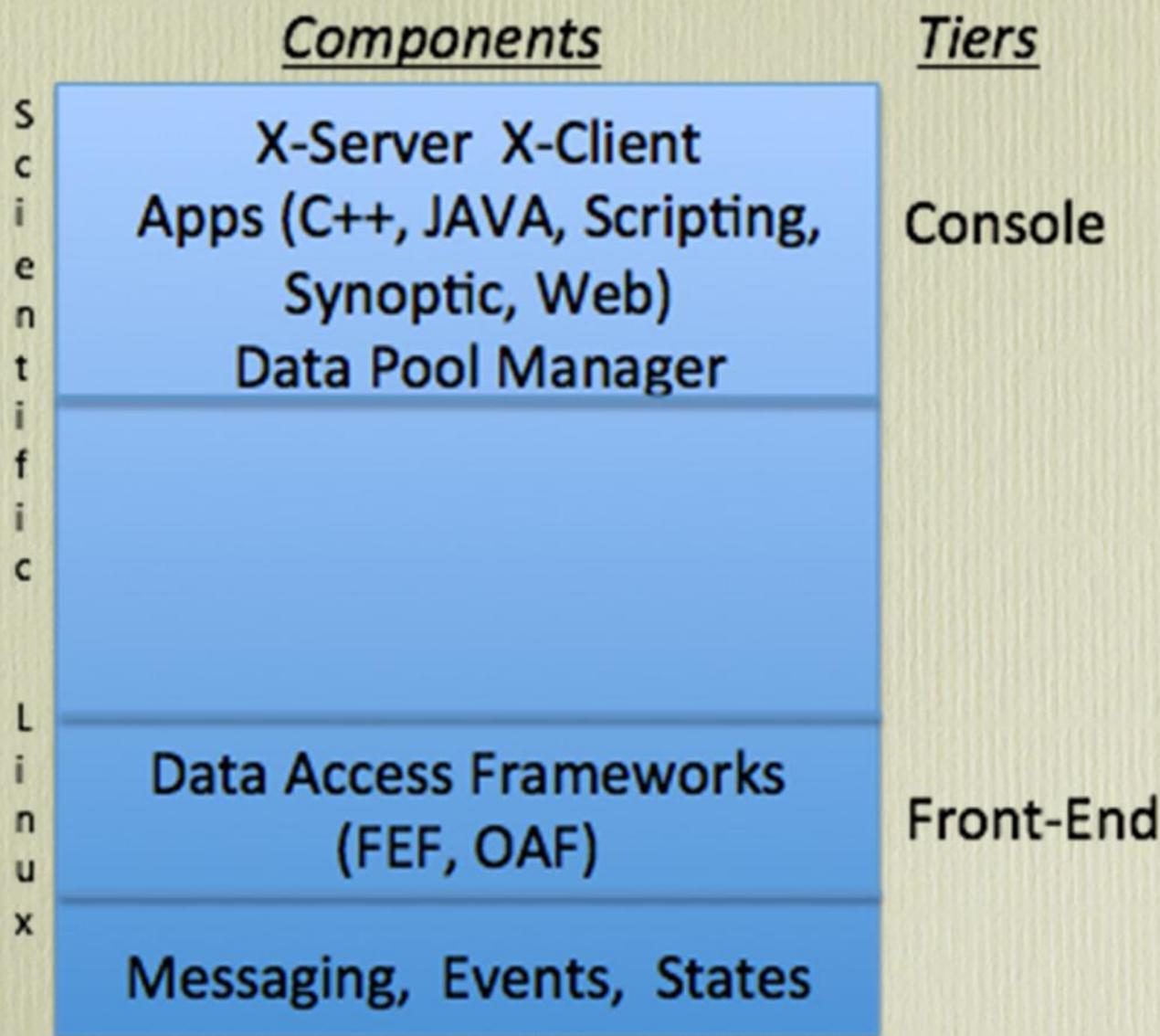
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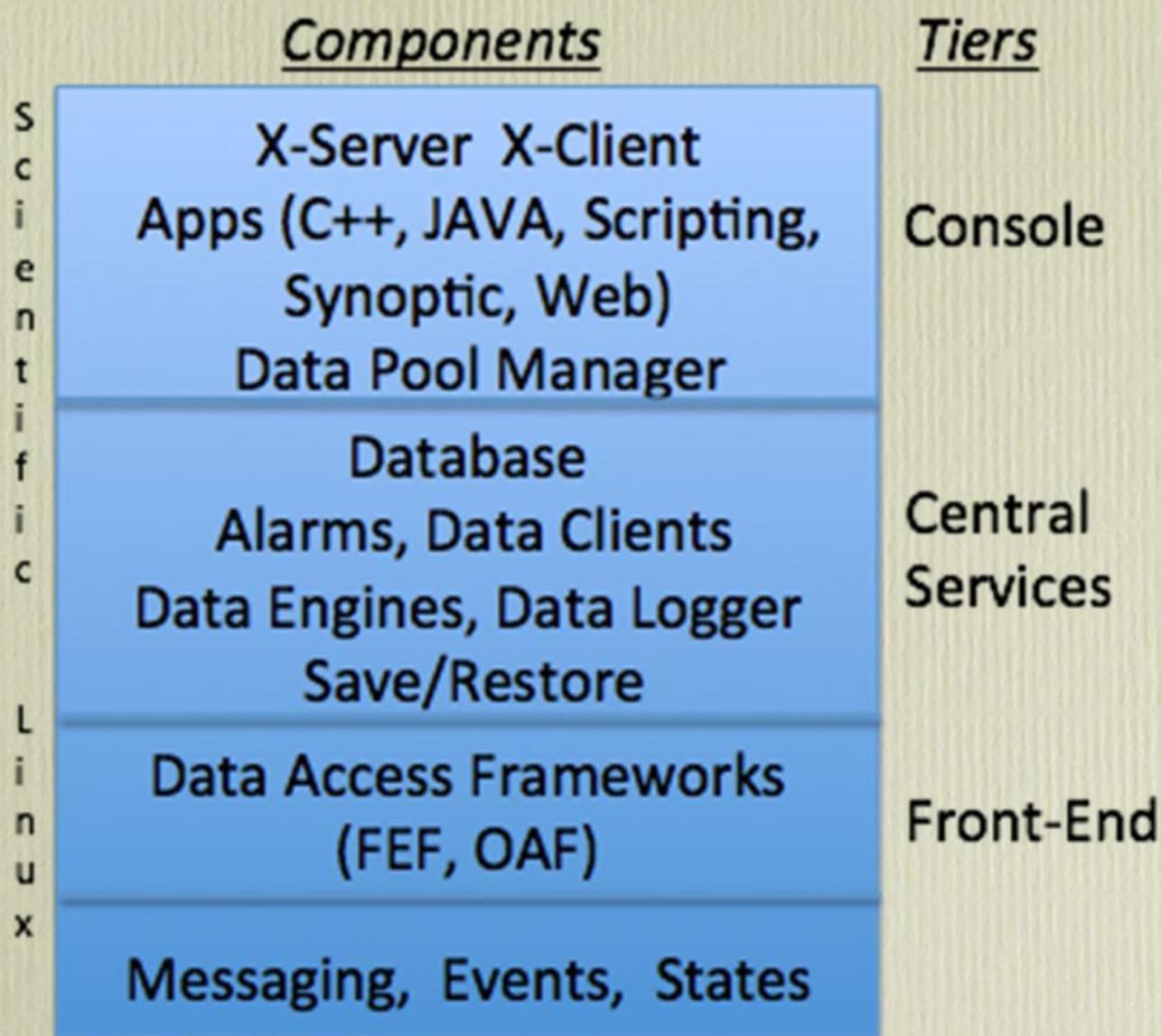
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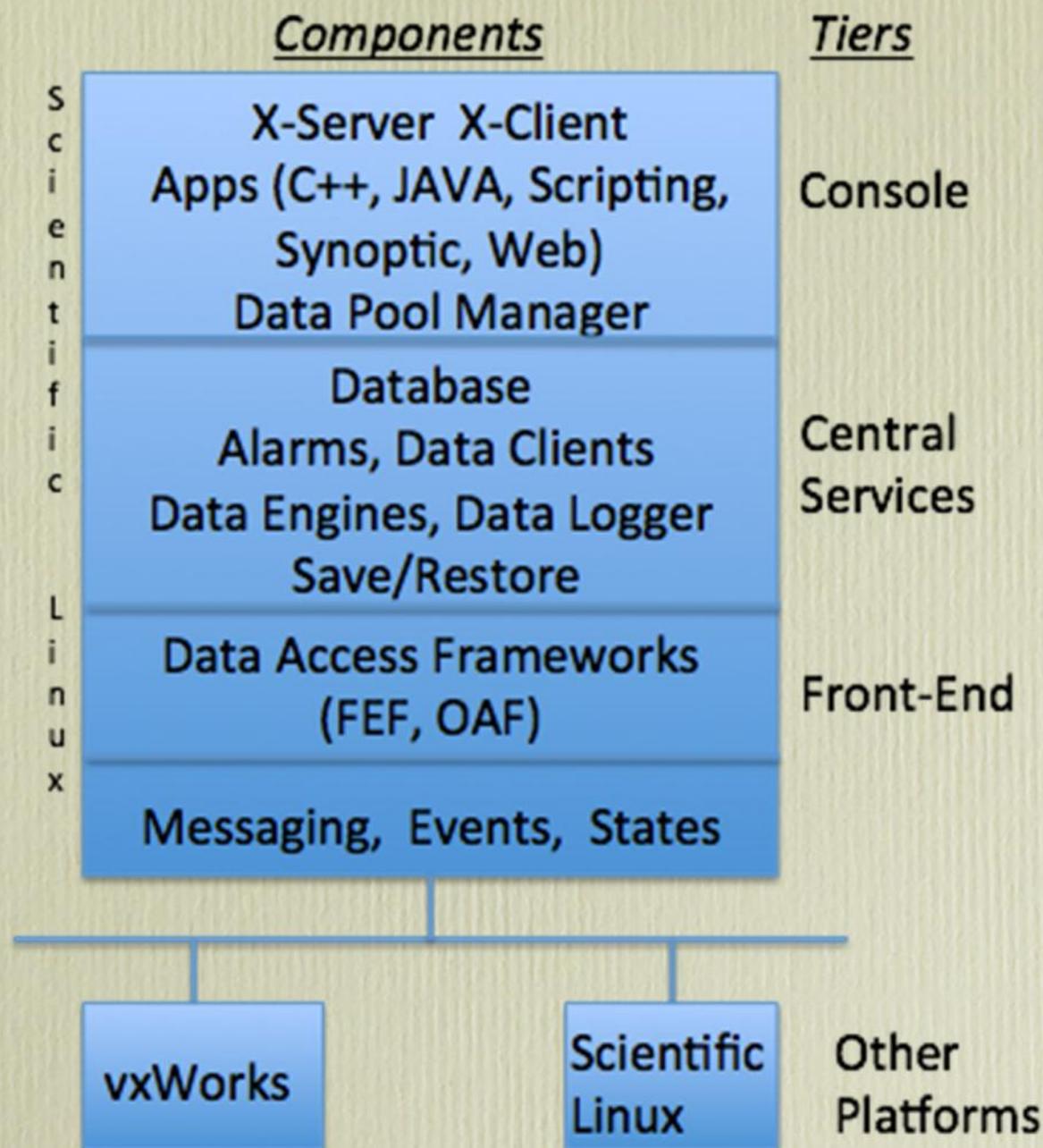
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# ACSys Evolution

- Packaging
- Documentation
- Facilities/Users
- Developers

# ACSys Development

- [Data Pool Manager
- [Lite Client Server
- [Front End Framework
- [Database
- [GUI
- [NoVA Slow Controls

# Controls Seminars

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- Targeting Technical Users
- Talks
  - Synoptic – Andrey Petrov
  - ACL (Accelerator Control Language) – Brian Hendricks
  - FEF (Front End Framework) – Dennis Nicklaus

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