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# From Continuous Tracing To Automated Insights

## AI-Driven Performance Analysis With Guider

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*"Autonomous Performance Management for Embedded Linux —  
Configure once. Guider watches, analyzes, and acts."*

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Python

eBPF

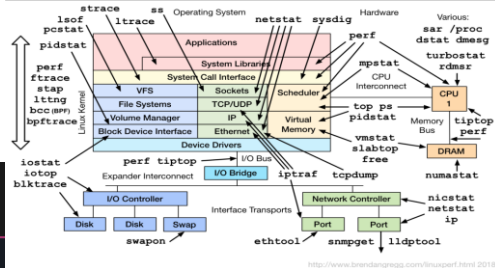
Linux / Android

AI-Powered

250K+ lines

10+ years





## Three Challenges of Performance Analysis



### Diverse Root Causes

Performance issues stem from kernel, driver, IPC (Inter-Process Communication), memory, I/O, thermal — code alone rarely reveals the cause. Analysis requires **many different specialized tools**.

Guider solves with

**200+ Built-in Commands**



### Hard to Reproduce

Sudden performance issues may never happen again. When they occur, you must **capture as much information as possible**, immediately and effectively.

Guider solves with

**Always-on Tracing Daemon**



### Needs Immediate Response

Field incidents need more than post-mortem analysis. Some level of **real-time response capability** is required — even if imperfect.

Guider solves with

**AI-Driven Analysis & Action**

Guider addresses all three — today's talk focuses on the third: **AI-driven automated insights & response**

# Guider

## One Tool. Every Layer.

A single Python file that watches, profiles, and explains your entire system.

244

Commands

36

eBPF Tracers

28

Visualizations

250K+

Lines of Code

10+

Years in Production

1

File, Zero Build

No compilation. No kernel module. No agent to install.

`pip install guider` — pure Python, runs on any Linux/Android box you can SSH or `adb` into.

*Built over a decade of real production incidents — not a weekend side project.*



# Guider

## The Data Sources Stack

All data sources — one binary

```
+-----+
| procfs · sysfs · cgroupfs      | <- Kernel stats
+-----+
| debugfs · tracefs             | <- Kernel trace
+-----+
| ftrace · kprobe · uprobe · ptrace | <- Dynamic probe
+-----+
|          eBPF (BPF_PROG_*)      | <- Programmable
+-----+
| Perfetto · Perf · Android · CAN | <- Integration
+-----+
```

### procfs / sysfs / cgroupfs

CPU, memory, I/O, network, process tree — the foundation. Zero overhead, always available.

### ftrace / kprobe / uprobe

Kernel function tracing with no kernel rebuild. Dynamic attach/detach at runtime.

### eBPF — 28+ commands

Stack sampling, latency histograms, TCP retransmit, Binder tracing, lock contention...

### Perfetto / CAN / Android

Automotive-grade: Perfetto system traces, CAN bus + DBC decode, Android platform commands and APIs.



# Guider

## Breadth of Coverage

### Process & CPU

- `top` — system-wide stats
- `ftop` — file descriptor monitor
- `atop` — all-in-one analysis
- `ctop` — threshold daemon ★
- `pytop` — Python profiler
- `bpfstacktop` — on-CPU eBPF
- `bpfwaiptop` — off-CPU eBPF
- `bpfrunqtop` — run queue lat

### Memory & I/O

- `mtop` — memory monitor
- `checkdup` — dup page detection
- `bpfreclaimtop` — reclaim lat
- `bpfbkktop` — I/O lat per stack
- `bpflloctop` — lock contention
- `bpfcachetop` — page cache analysis

### Network & IPC

- `bpfpkktop` — XDP flow top
- `bpftopretrans` — TCP retrans
- `bpfnlat` — network latency
- `bpfbinderlat` — Binder lat
- `bpfbinderpool` — thread pool
- `bpfsyscalltop` — syscall stats
- `bpfdroptop` — pkt drop stacks

### Android / I/O

- `perfetto` — system trace ★
- `andtop` — Android log monitor
- `cantop` — CAN bus monitor
- `cansnoop` — CAN bus stream
- `bpfbindersnoop` — Binder stream
- `lmsnoop` — LMK kill events

### Profiling & Visualization

- `rec` — ftrace analysis
- `drawflame` — flame graph
- `draw` — time-series HTML
- `drawscatter` — correlation
- `drawmem` — memory chart
- **20+ visualization types**

### AI Integration ★

- `ASKAI` — analyze & explain
- `ASKRUN` — decide & act
- Embedded in HTML/SVG output
- `ctop` threshold trigger
- Webhook → Slack/PagerDuty
- → Covered in Part 2

# Guider

## Demo 1 — Tracing & Profiling LIVE

```

Top Info: [Time: 855222.700] [enter: 1.0] [date: 20260805-101453] [ctxCnt: 14398] [Life: <16>-160] [InQ: 3076] [core: 8] [task: 430/1312] [load: 2/2/2] [frrne: 19.9c]
[PSI: <cpu> some(0.25) / full(0) [memory] some(0) / full(0) [io] some(0) / full(0)]

ID | CPU(usr/ker/dly/inq/sts) | MEM(per/usr/cache/ kern) | Swap(Per/In/Out) | pgBc | BlkBk | NrFlt | Blk|StQ | P91L | P90Irt | NetIO |
---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
Total | 30 % 28 / 0 / 0 | 52445 / 18 | 8869 / 3328 / 1532 | 836 / 40 / 0 / 0 | 0 / 0 / 0 / 0 | 0 | 0 | 8912 | 172 | 9c/365x

CPU ##### | MEM ##### | SWAP #####

Core/0 | 5 % 2 / 2 / 0 | ### | performance-0-0 | 54 C | 3817 MHz | 781-3906 |
Core/1 | 100/100 / 0 / 0 | ### | performance-1-1 | 67 C | 3750 MHz | 781-3906 |
Core/2 | 5 % 3 / 1 / 0 | ### | performance-0-2 | 51 C | 3640 MHz | 781-3906 |
Core/3 | 100/100 / 0 / 0 | ### | performance-0-1 | 69 C | 3710 MHz | 781-3906 |
Core/4 | 8 % 5 / 2 / 0 | ##### | performance-0-0 | 54 C | 3636 MHz | 781-3906 |
Core/5 | 8 % 2 / 0 / 0 | ##### | performance-1-1 | 67 C | 3687 MHz | 781-3906 |
Core/6 | 100/100 / 0 / 0 | ##### | performance-0-2 | 51 C | 3658 MHz | 781-3906 |
Core/7 | 100 % 99 / 1 / 0 | ##### | performance-0-3 | 69 C | 3758 MHz | 781-3906 |

Process | CPU | PID/D | NrFlt | CPU(usr/ker/dly) | VSS | RSS/Txt/Shr/Swp | Blk | RD | WR/NrFlt | SID | USER | PD | LfTime | Parent |
---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
xagt | c | 1811/ | 1057/ | 13/ | 19 | 90/ | 98/ | 0/ | 0/ | 1317/ | 642/ | 0/ | 8/ | 8/ | 9/ | 0/ | - | - | - | 1057 | root | 64 | 99d:00:01 | xagt(1057) |
gnt | h | 704166/ | 704140/ | 18/ | 0/ | 98/ | 98/ | 0/ | 0/ | 51/ | 22/ | 2/ | 3/ | 8/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | 04110 | ipcac | 64 | 00:00:21 | bash(704140) |
cfd | 988127/ | 68127/ | 18/ | 0/ | 68/ | 68/ | 0/ | 0/ | 97416/ | 68127/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | 68127 | ipcac | 64 | 00:44:37 | bash(498120) |
claude | 2607007/ | 2606000/ | 1/ | 0/ | 11/ | 10/ | 0/ | 0/ | 7736/ | 455/ | 11/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | 65932/ | ipcac | 256 | 5d:19:37 | bash(2606000) |
systemd | 705378/ | 2010615/ | 1/ | 0/ | 1/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 62/ | 33/ | 3/ | 8/ | 8/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | 10224 | root | 1024 | 00:00:04 | bash(2010615) |
kthread | 2/ | 2/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 512 | 99d:00:01 | bash(2010615) |
freedup | 4/ | 2/ | 1/ | 19/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |
rcu_gp | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 19/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | kthread(2) |
rcu_bp | 2/ | 2/ | 1/ | 19/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |
slab_flush | 5/ | 2/ | 1/ | 20/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |
init | 6/ | 2/ | 1/ | 20/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |
kworker/0:0 | 8/ | 2/ | 1/ | 20/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |
rcu_percpu_w | 11/ | 2/ | 1/ | 20/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |
rcu_tasks_w | 11/ | 2/ | 1/ | 20/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |
rcu_tasks_w | 11/ | 2/ | 1/ | 20/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |
rcu_sched | 14/ | 2/ | 1/ | 20/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |
migration/0 | 15/ | 2/ | 1/ | 99/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | 0/ | - | - | - | root | 99d:00:01 | swapper(0) |

```



## Traditional approach

- top → perf record → perf report
- addr2line for symbol resolution
- Manual stack cross-reference
- Write analysis report separately
- **Multiple tools · 30+ minutes**

## Guider approach

- Single tool, consistent workflow
- Automatic symbol resolution
- Interactive flame graph in browser
- AI analysis panel embedded in HTML
- **One tool · shareable single file**

*eBPF profiling → instant SVG · Monitoring session → AI-analyzed HTML — all from one tool, one file to share.*

# Continuous Tracing

## Continuous Tracing Daemon — ctop

### What ctop does

- Runs as an **always-on background daemon**
- Evaluates threshold rules at every interval
- On threshold hit: auto-captures full snapshot (SAVERAW)
- Supports **multi-condition groups**: triggers only when CPU% *and* MEM both breach simultaneously
- 27 resource types monitored — CPU, MEM, I/O, PSI, log, eBPF, ...

**ctop** solves Problem 2 — *"hard to reproduce"*.

When the issue occurs, ctop has already captured it.

**It is also the trigger point for AI analysis.**

```
guider_00000000_00000001_CPU_SYSTEM_total_90_SAVERAW_2020-09-22T12:59:04Z_47469.out.gz
guider_00000000_00000002_CPU_SYSTEM_total_90_SAVERAW_2020-09-22T13:14:02Z_48128.out.gz
guider_00000000_00000003_CPU_SYSTEM_total_90_SAVERAW_2020-09-22T13:14:02Z_48128.out.gz
guider_00000000_00000004_CPU_SYSTEM_total_90_SAVERAW_2020-09-22T13:14:32Z_48150.out.gz
guider_00000001_00000001_CPU_SYSTEM_total_80_SAVERAW_2020-09-24T09:54:19Z_5152.out.gz
guider_00000002_00000001_CPU_SYSTEM_total_95_SAVEMIN:-2_2020-10-26T13:25:52Z_2500403.out.gz
guider_00000002_00000002_CPU_SYSTEM_total_95_SAVEMIN:-2_2020-10-26T13:26:03Z_2500400.out.gz
guider_00000003_00000001_CPU_SYSTEM_total_95_SAVEMIN:-2s_2020-10-26T13:28:33Z_2501192.out.gz
guider_00000004_00000001_CPU_SYSTEM_total_95_SAVEMIN:-2s_2020-10-26T13:28:56Z_2501205.out.gz
guider_00000005_00000001_USER_SAVE_2020-10-26T13:35:26Z_2503149.out.gz
guider_00000005_00000002_USER_SAVEMIN_2020-10-26T13:35:39Z_2503209.out.gz
guider_00000005_00000003_USER_SAVEMIN_2020-10-26T13:35:49Z_2503268.out.gz
guider_00000006_00000001_USER_SAVE_2020-10-26T13:36:29Z_2503473.out
guider_00000006_00000002_USER_SAVEMIN_2020-10-26T13:36:54Z_2503567.out
guider_00000006_00000003_CPU_SYSTEM_total_95_SAVEMIN:-2s_2020-10-26T14:09:30Z_2512910.out
guider_00000006_00000004_CPU_SYSTEM_total_95_SAVEMIN:-2s_2020-10-26T14:25:36Z_2513626.out
guider_00000006_00000005_USER_SAVEMIN_2020-10-26T14:26:00Z_2513665.out
guider_00000006_00000006_USER_SAVEMIN_2020-10-26T14:26:06Z_2513676.out
guider_00000007_00000001_CPU_SYSTEM_total_95_SAVEMIN:-2s_2020-10-26T14:26:31Z_2513698.out.gz
guider_00000007_00000002_USER_SAVE_2020-10-26T14:26:47Z_2513703.out.gz
guider_00000008_00000001_USER_SAVEMIN_2020-10-26T14:49:10Z_2514659.out.gz
guider_00000008_00000002_USER_SAVEMIN_2020-10-26T14:51:24Z_2514761.out.gz
guider_00000008_00000003_USER_SAVEMIN_2020-10-26T14:51:30Z_2514766.out.gz
guider_00000008_00000004_USER_SAVE_2020-10-26T14:51:39Z_2514770.out.gz
```

```
# Start ctop daemon with config file
guider ctop -C /etc/guider/guider.conf
```

```
// cpu threshold
{
  "cpu": {
    "SYSTEM": [{
      "apply": "true",
      "total": 85,
      "comp": "big",
      "command": ["SAVERAW"],
      "message": "CPU usage is high"
    }]
  }
}
```

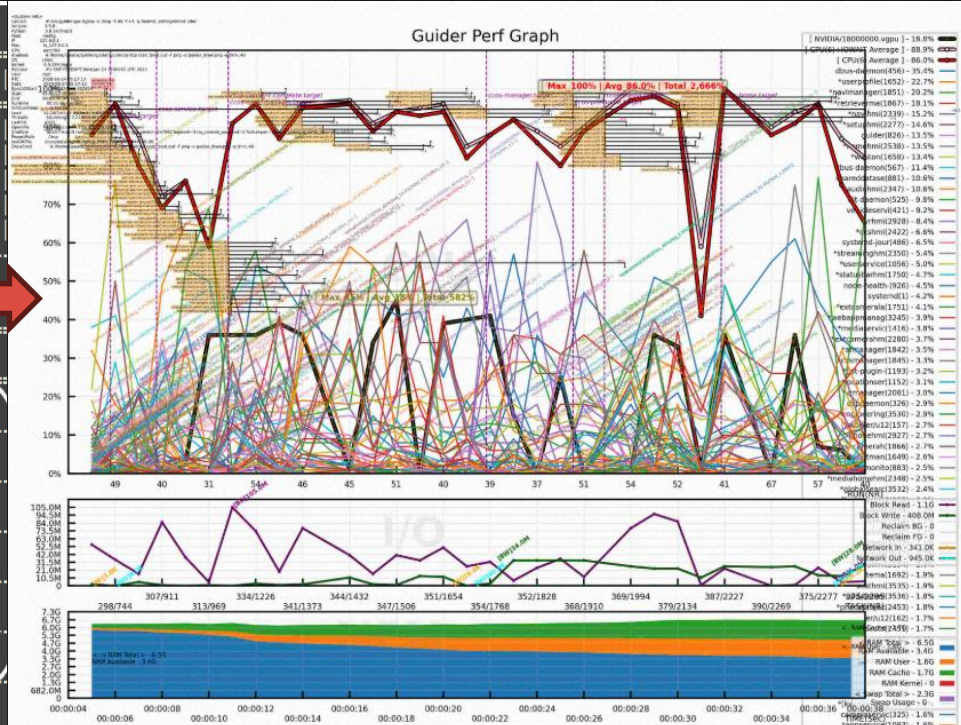
```
// mem threshold
{
  "mem": {
    "SYSTEM": [{
      "apply": "true",
      "available": 20,
      "comp": "less",
      "command": ["SAVERAW"],
      "message": "free memory is low"
    }]
  }
}
```

### SAVERAW — what it captures

Complete raw snapshot saved to file: all process metrics · memory maps · I/O stats · kernel counters → ready for AI analysis (ASKAI/ASKRUN) or offline review

## Continuous Tracing Daemon — ctop

|                                            |      |       |     |         |                 |                |    |    |    |    |    |                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------|------|-------|-----|---------|-----------------|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|--------------------------------------------------|
| [Top CPU Info] (Unit: %) (New: +) (Die: -) |      |       |     |         |                 |                |    |    |    |    |    |                                                  |
| COMM                                       | PID/ | PPID/ | Nr/ | Pri     | Min/Avg/Max/Tot | 1              | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |    |                                                  |
| [CPU/AVG]                                  | (    | -/    | -/  | -/      | -)              | 17/63.6/92/318 | 92 | 60 | 66 | 83 | 17 | [Top Delay Info] [Top Prio Info]                 |
| globalsearch                               | (    | 3198/ | 1/  | 12/C    | 0)              | 13/26.0/83/130 | 34 | 83 | 13 | 0  | 0  | [Top GPU Info] [Top VSS Info]                    |
| dbus-daemon                                | (    | 444/  | 1/  | 1/C-19) |                 | 5/21.8/50/109  | 50 | 30 | 19 | 5  | 5  | [Top RSS Info] [Top Block Info]                  |
| systemd-udev                               | (    | 594/  | 1/  | 1/C     | 0)              | 0/17.0/65/85   | 0  | 0  | 20 | 65 | 0  | [Top Storage Info] [Top Network Info]            |
| dbus-daemon                                | (    | 551/  | 1/  | 1/C     | 0)              | 3/14.2/40/71   | 8  | 3  | 20 | 40 | 0  | [Top Cgroup.CPU Info] [Top Cgroup.Throttle Info] |
| quickcontrol                               | (    | 3199/ | 1/  | 17/C    | 0)              | 12/11.8/47/59  | 12 | 47 | 0  | 0  | 0  | [Top Cgroup.Mem Info] [Top Cgroup.Blk Info]      |
| homehmi                                    | (    | 2354/ | 1/  | 23/C    | 0)              | 1/10.6/50/53   | 50 | 2  | 0  | 1  | 0  |                                                  |



# Continuous Tracing

## Anatomy of a Threshold Rule — CPU Example

guider.conf <threshold>.cpu.SYSTEM — one real rule, every option it can carry

```
"cpu": {  
  "SYSTEM": [{  
    "apply": "true",  
    "total": 90,  
    "type": "avg",  
    "comp": "big",  
    "interval": 5,  
    "after": "60s",  
    "oneshot": "true",  
    "refresh": 120,  
    "taskmon": "true",  
    "perm": "root",  
    "lock": "true",  
    "command": ["SAVE:5s", "CMD_ASKRUN_CPU"],  
    "message": "system CPU usage is critically high",  
    "explain": "sustained avg CPU >=90% for 5 ticks,  
                60s after boot -> snapshot + AI  
                diagnosis and auto-remediation"  
  ]  
}
```

```
// defined once, top-level "COMMAND" block  
"COMMAND": {  
  "CMD_ASKRUN_CPU": "ASKRUN:CPU overload detected.  
                    Diagnose root cause and suggest  
                    remediation#TIMEOUT:60,MAXCMD:2"  
}
```

### Trigger Condition

- total: 90, comp: "big" — fire when CPU  $\geq$  90%
- type: "avg" — sustained average, not one spike
- interval: 5 — must hold for 5 consecutive ticks

### Timing & Scope

- after: "60s" — ignore boot-time noise
- oneshot + refresh: 120 — fire once, 120s cooldown
- taskmon — attach per-task breakdown to the snapshot
- perm: "root" — only evaluated when guider runs as root
- lock: "true" — freezes all other threshold checks while this event is active

### Actions — AI-integrated

- SAVE:5s — raw snapshot captured first
- CMD\_ASKRUN\_CPU — a name, not a keyword; resolved against the COMMAND block shown below-left
- Lighter alternative: CMD\_ASKAI\_CPU — analysis only, nothing executed

# ctop — What Can Be Monitored

guider.conf <threshold> — 27 resource types, each with fine-grained attributes

## System Performance

- `cpu` — `total` / `user` / `kernel` / `iowait` / `irq` / `temp` / `nrCore`
- `core` — `per-core usage` / `freq` / `governor` / `online status`
- `pmu` — `IPC` / `cache-miss rate` / `branch-miss rate` (PMU counters)
- `psi` — `cpu/memory/io` — `some-avg10` / `full-avg10` / `diff`
- `load` — `load1m` / `load5m` / `load15m`
- `task` — `nrRun` / `nrCtx` / `new` / `die` / `abnormal` (D/Z state)
- `interdiff` — `collection interval delay` (sec)

## Memory & I/O

- `mem` — `available` / `anon` / `file` / `slab` / `nrMinFlt` / `oomKill` / `rss` / `nrTickLmk` / `nrTotalLmk` (Android)
- `swap` — `usage` / `usagePer` / `swpin` / `swpout` / `usageDiff`
- `block` — `read` / `write` / `ioWait` / `nrMajFlt` / `nrRun`
- `storage` — `usagePer` / `free` / `favail` / `readtime` / `writetime`
- `cgroup` — `cpu` / `memory` / `throttle` / `read` / `write` / `cpuDelay`

## Network, Android & More

- `net` — `inbound` / `outbound` / `recv` / `trans` (per interface, size suffix)
- `sock` — `nrTCPConn` / `nrTCPRetrans` / `RxQ` / `TxQ`
- `anr` — `nrTickANR` / `nrBootANR` / `nrTotalANR` (Android)
- `file` — `exist` / `none` / `size` / `data` / `dataInt` (file & dir monitoring)
- `battery` — `per` / `left` / `plugged` (Android)
- `gpu` / `gpumem` — `usage` / `size`
- `log` — `filter pattern` across `kernel` / `DLT` / `Android` / `journal`
- `bpf` — `RUNQLAT` / `BLKLAT` / `FUNCCOUNT` / `FUNCLAT` (eBPF-backed)

## Common Control Attributes

- `apply` — **activate rule** ("true" / "false")
- `comp` — **comparison**: "big" ( $\geq$ ) / "less" ( $\leq$ ) / "eq" ( $=$ )
- `command` — **action list**: SAVERAW, ASKAI, ASKRUN, SNAPSHOT, WEBHOOK...
- `interval` — **condition must hold for N ticks** (duration gate)
- `oneshot` — **fire only once**, then auto-disable
- `after/before` — **fire only within an uptime window**
- `predict` — **fire *before* threshold on rising trend**
- `escalation` — **ordered action sequence per fire**
- `message` / `explain` — **attach description to event**
- `includeOR` / `exceptOR` — **process whitelist / blacklist filter**
- `taskmon` — **include per-task breakdown in saved output**
- `prop` — **Android property condition** (e.g. "sys.boot\_completed|1")

## Correlation Group

```
// fires when ALL members trigger together
"oom_risk": {
  "apply": "true",
  "members": ["MEM_SYSTEM_available",
              "MEM_SYSTEM_oomKill"],
  "window": 2,
  "commands": ["SAVERAW",
               "ASKAI:Explain OOM risk and suggest relief"]
}
```

# Automated Insights

## The AI Loop Architecture

**ASKAI** — ask & explain. Read-only, nothing is ever executed.

```
+-----+
| guider.conf (policy) |
| • Thresholds + correlations |
| • Pre-built AI prompts |
+-----+
| threshold fires      |
| v                    |
| [ctop daemon] <- non-blocking |
| v                    |
+-----+
| Context Collection   |
| • 5-tick metric trend |
| • Top procs + OS/HW  |
+-----+
| LLM API call         |
| v                    |
+-----+
| Claude / OpenAI / Gemini |
+-----+
| JSON response        |
+-----+
| ASKAI -> analysis    |
| ASKRUN -> validate+exec |
| WEBHOOK -> alert     |
+-----+
```

**ASKRUN** — ask & act. Validated commands can actually run.

### Non-blocking by Design

LLM calls run in a daemon thread.  
ctop monitoring loop **never waits** for AI.  
No data collection gap during analysis.

### Deep Context

- 5-tick metric trend (not just "now")
- Top resource consumers ranked
- Recent threshold event history
- Hardware: CPU model, RAM, kernel version

### Provider Flexibility

Claude (default)

OpenAI

Gemini

Custom endpoint

# guider.conf <|Im> — Global AI Configuration

One block, set once — every ASKAI/ASKRUN call on the device reads from here

```
<|Im>
{
  "PROVIDER": "claude",
  "MODEL": "sonnet",
  "CACHE": "1",
  "API_KEYS": {
    "ANTHROPIC": "sk-ant-...",
    "OPENAI": "", "GOOGLE": "", "CUSTOM": ""
  },
  "CUSTOM_BASE_URL": "",
  "CONTEXT": {
    "MEMINFO": ["MemAvailable", "Cached",
      "SwapUsed", "Dirty"],
    "PSI": true,
    "BINDER": true,
    "THERMAL": true,
    "CPUFREQ": true
  }
}
```

```
"ASKRUN": {
  "SEVERITY_ACTIONS": {
    "critical": ["SNAPSHOT", "GETDUMP",
      "INTERVAL:1"],
    "high": ["SAVE", "INTERVAL:2"],
    "medium": ["SAVE", "MEM"],
    "low": []
  },
  "SUBSYSTEM_ACTIONS": {
    "mem": ["SAVE", "MEM", "AUTOADJ:1000"],
    "cpu": ["AUTOLIMITCPU:90",
      "AUTOSCHED:B:0"]
  },
  "AUTO_ESCALATE": "false",
  "MAX_AUTOCMDS": 3
}
```

Auto-inserted commands still pass the same whitelist check — AUTO\_ESCALATE defaults to off

Priority for every field: -q option > this config file > environment variable

## Always Included — no config needed

- event — name, uptime, timestamp, the threshold rule's own fields
- system — full sysSnapshot() (CPU/mem/I/O/PSI etc.)
- top\_processes — top-N by CPU, N = CTXDEPTH (default 10)
- active\_events — every threshold currently firing
- metric\_history — last 5 ticks per metric (the "5-tick trend")
- recent\_events — correlated events within the window
- os\_info — kernel version, architecture
- network\_info — TCP/UDP socket counts

## CONTEXT Adds — opt-in, only when the key is present

- MEMINFO → /proc/meminfo
- DMESG:N → last N kmsg lines
- DISKSTATS → /proc/diskstats
- CPUSTAT → /proc/stat per-core
- INTERRUPTS:N → top-N IRQs
- SOFTIRQS → /proc/softirqs
- VMSTAT → /proc/vmstat
- BUDDYINFO → fragmentation
- PSI → /proc/pressure/\*
- SLABINFO → /proc/slabinfo
- BINDER → Android IPC (Android only)
- CPUFREQ / THERMAL → sysfs freq/temp

Left is sent on **every** call · right is layered on top only when the matching <|Im>.CONTEXT key (previous slide) is set.

# Automated Insights

## ASKAI — Observe & Explain Deeply

Analysis only — the LLM explains what's happening, nothing is ever executed.

### Pattern 1: With ctop (threshold trigger)

```
# guider.conf cpu.SYSTEM rule:
#   "command": ["ASKAI:Explain the CPU spike
#               and IPC contention"]
guider ctop -c guider.conf

# [LLM:ASKAI] CPU spike traced to binder thread
#   starvation in com.android.systemui.
#   Peak at 17:42:08. 3 threads blocked on
#   Binder:1234 waiting for display service
#   reply (avg 180ms).
```

### Pattern 2: Embedded in Visualization

```
guider drawflame guider.out -q ASKAI -F html
# → guider_flamegraph.html
#   ⚡ AI Analysis panel (expand/collapse)
#   Anomaly sections highlighted in red
```

### What ASKAI Sees

- 📊 5-tick metric trend (not just a snapshot)
- 🏗️ Top processes by CPU/mem/I/O
- 📄 Stack frames (when drawflame mode)
- ⚡ Previous threshold events
- 💻 Hardware: CPU model, total RAM, kernel
- 📱 Android: Binder threads, LMK state

One HTML file = data + AI analysis + context

**Share it — they get everything.**

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AI Analysis

The perf callstack data reveals an Android automotive system with multiple active subsystems. The dominant patterns show: (1) CPU cores are mostly idle (do\_idle/schedule\_idle) indicating low overall CPU utilization, (2) The primary workload is dominated by a Python 3.13 interpreter process (<219 samples) performing intensive /proc filesystem reads (reading process stats, mountinfo, diskstats) in a tight loop, (3) Heavy IPC/Binder activity across multiple automotive services (CarPropertyService, VehicleHal, GNSS, Audio), (4) SPI bus driver activity for DAB radio (libbquantumErId) with frequent clock rate changes causing scheduling delays, (5) USB ADB (asdb) with large memory allocations for block buffers (~62 samples of scudo malloc), (6) Logd/Logcat with high log write throughput, (7) GNSS location service with high-frequency timer callbacks sending binder transactions. The system appears to be an automotive IVI (In-Vehicle Infotainment) platform with GPS, radio, audio, and connectivity services running concurrently.

ANOMALIES

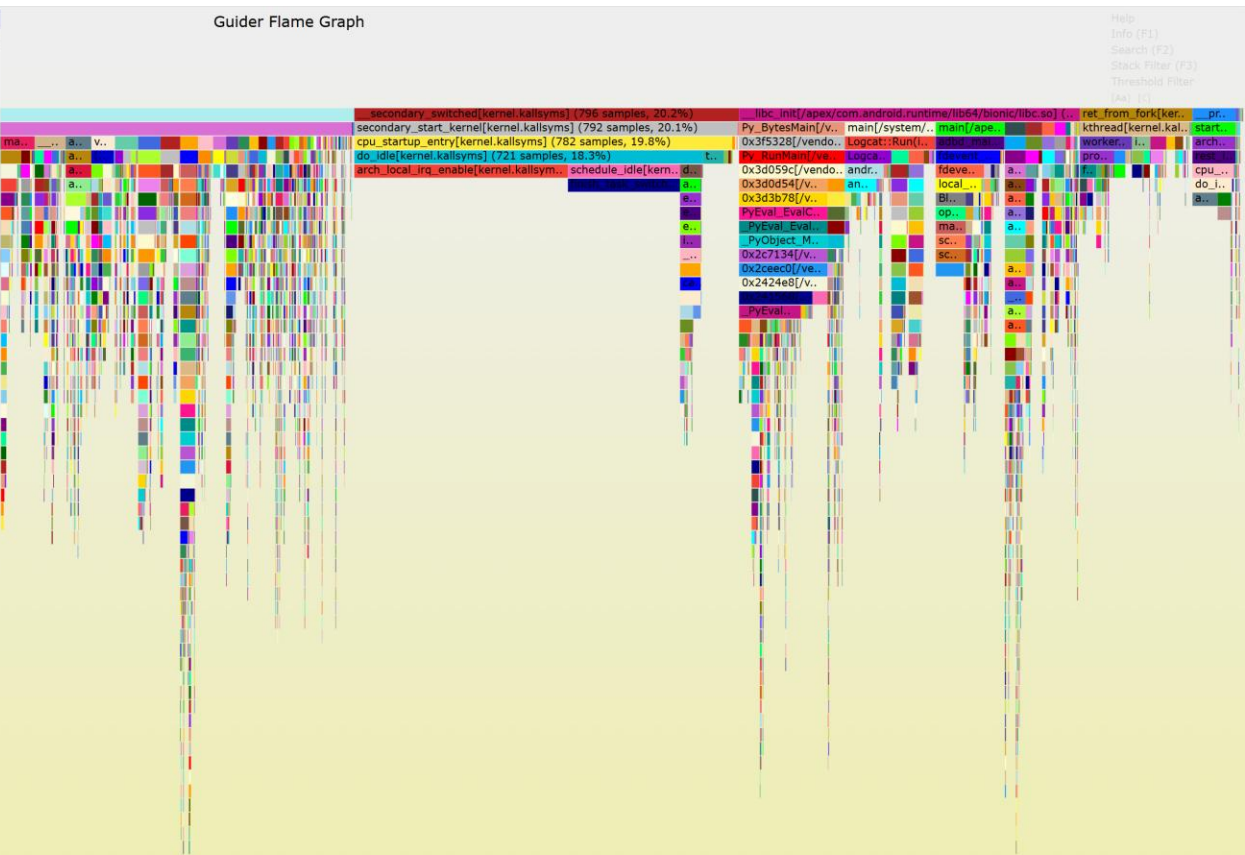
[HIGH] Python 3.13 process (/vendor/bin/user/libpython3.13.so) is performing 219 samples of intensive /proc filesystem polling (readdir on /proc, reading /proc/[pid]/stat, /proc/diskstats, /proc/net/netinfo) in a tight eval loop. This is a monitoring script executing pyEval\_EvalFrameDefault ->gpr: readdir64 ->gpr: getdents64 ->gpr: proc\_read\_readir repeatedly, consuming significant CPU for process scanning.

[HIGH] SPI driver (spi-geni-geni.ko) shows excessive clock rate change operations: clk\_set\_rate ->gpr: virtio\_clk\_round\_rate ->gpr: wait\_for\_completion with 8 samples blocked in schedule(). Each SPI transfer for DAB radio (libbquantumErId/cordthread\_SPIDriverLinux) triggers spi\_geni\_prepare\_transfer hardware (\_\_pc\_runtime\_resume) and spi\_geni\_unprepare\_transfer hardware (\_\_pc\_runtime\_idle), causing repeated runtime PM suspend/resume cycles (51 resume + 16 suspend samples) with synchronize\_irq blocking.

[MEDIUM] ADB USB (usbdfuconnection: Subthread) shows 22 samples of malloc() calls with alloc\_vmap\_area taking 14 samples, indicating frequent large virtual memory allocations for USB AIO read buffers. Each ffs\_offline\_io call allocates vmalloc regions causing vmap area management overhead.

[MEDIUM] GNSS timer thread (\_\_timer\_thread\_start) fires high-frequency callbacks: gpr: state, (timer\_callback (11 samples) and VehicleSignalHandler ->timerhandler (11 samples) each triggering binder IPC transactions to vehicle HAL (getVehicle). The VehicleSignalHandler sends vehicle signals via binder on every timer tick causing repeated binder\_transaction ->gpr: binder\_proc\_transaction ->gpr: binder\_wakeup\_thread\_blocked sequences.

[MEDIUM] Logd SerializedLogBuffer::Log shows 63 samples with LogHeaderList::NotifyNewLog calling pthread\_cond\_broadcast 28 times, waking multiple log reader threads. The 23TD compression in LogdLogBuffer (6 samples) adds CPU overhead. Multiple services (DAB radio HalLoggerDAB, Wicocommunication, CarPropertyManager) are generating excessive verbose logs causing log contention.



# Automated Insights

## Anatomy of a Threshold Rule — ASKRUN Example

guider.conf <threshold>.mem.SYSTEM — the real rule behind the next slide's JSON response

```
"mem": {  
  "SYSTEM": [{  
    "apply": "true",  
    "available": 200,  
    "comp": "less",  
    "type": "avg",  
    "interval": 3,  
    "after": "30s",  
    "oneshot": "true",  
    "refresh": 300,  
    "taskmon": "true",  
    "perm": "root",  
    "autoTarget": "topRss",  
    "command": ["SAVE", "CMD_ASKRUN_OOM"],  
    "message": "system available memory is  
                critically low",  
    "explain": "sustained avg available memory  
                <200MB for 3 ticks -> snapshot +  
                AI diagnosis, DRYRUN-safe by default"  
  ]  
}
```

```
// defined once, top-level "COMMAND" block  
"COMMAND": {  
  "CMD_ASKRUN_OOM": "ASKRUN:OOM risk detected.  
                    Memory pressure is critical. Diagnose and  
                    suggest safe preemptive relief  
                    #TIMEOUT:60,MAXCMD:3,DRYRUN:true"  
}
```

### Trigger Condition & Scope

- available: 200, comp: "less", type: "avg", interval: 3 — sustained <200MB, not one dip
- after: "30s", oneshot + refresh: 300 — ignore boot noise, fire once, 5-min cooldown
- taskmon, perm: "root" — per-task breakdown, root-only
- autoTarget: "topRss" — governor tracks the top memory consumer, so AUTOOMADJ/AUTOSIGNAL below act on the right process

### Actions — ASKRUN wired in

- SAVE → CMD\_ASKRUN\_OOM, resolved against the COMMAND block below-left
- DRYRUN:true baked into the template — always previews, regardless of severity

### Inline Options — #OPT1:v1,OPT2:v2

- TIMEOUT:<sec> — LLM request timeout (60)
- PROVIDER:<name> — override LLM provider
- DRYRUN:<bool> — log, don't execute
- MODEL:<name> — override LLM model
- MAXCMD:<n> — max commands to run (3)
- FEEDBACK:<sec> — re-check effect after exec
- CTXDEPTH:<n> — top-N procs in context (10)

Global -q equivalents: LLMRATELIMIT, LLMDRYRUN, LLMMAXCMD, LLMCCTXDEPTH, LLMAUDITLOG, LLMALLOWCMD

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## ASKRUN — Observe, Decide & Act

Same idea as ASKAI, but the LLM's suggested commands can actually run — gated by severity, a whitelist, and dry-run.

```
{
  "analysis": "Memory pressure from 3 OOM-risk processes. com.ivi.maps holds 820MB RSS and 3 wake locks.",
  "severity": "high",
  "subsystems": ["mem", "binder"],
  "confidence": 0.91,
  "commands": ["SNAPSHOT:oom_event", "AUTOOMADJ:500"],
  "rationale": "Proactive OOM adj before LMK triggers nav service kill"
}
```

JSON schema enforced — AI cannot output freeform commands.

### Before every call

Rate-limit (60s) + duplicate-pending guard per event — skip if still cooling down

Runs in a daemon thread — ctop loop never blocks on it

### Severity Routing (how urgent the LLM judges the event)

#### CRITICAL

5 cmds · execute

#### HIGH

3 cmds · execute

#### MEDIUM

1 cmd · dry-run

#### LOW

0 cmd · analyze  
only

### After the response arrives

- Parse JSON → severity sets maxCmd/dryRun, unless the command template already fixed them (like CMD\_ASKRUN\_OOM); guider.conf <11m>. ASKRUN.AUTO\_ESCALATE (shown a few slides back) may inject more
- Each command re-checked against the 39-cmd whitelist (pre-approved commands — full list coming up), one at a time
- Dry-run (preview only — nothing actually runs) → [LLM:DRYRUN] would execute; live → [LLM:EXEC] re-enters handleEventCmd() — same path normal threshold commands use
- Blocked → [LLM:BLOCKED], never runs
- Optional FEEDBACK: <sec> — re-asks the LLM "was this effective?" after execution
- Every outcome (severity, executed, blocked) written to LLMAUDITLOG as JSONL

# Example — What CMD\_ASKRUN\_OOM Actually Returns

A worked trace: which of the 39 whitelisted commands the LLM can pick, and what happens to each

```
{
  "analysis": "com.vivi.maps holds 820MB RSS, 2 wake
              locks; available memory 178MB, under
              200MB for 3 ticks.",
  "severity": "critical",
  "subsystems": ["mem"],
  "confidence": 0.88,
  "commands": ["AUTOOMADJ:700",
               "AUTOSIGNAL:SIGSTOP",
               "RESTART"],
  "rationale": "Raise OOM priority and freeze the
               process before LMK forces a hard kill"
}
```

```
[LLM:ASKRUN] com.vivi.maps holds 820MB RSS and 2 wake
              locks; recommend raising OOM priority and
              freezing before LMK forces a hard kill.
```

```
[LLM:DRYRUN] would execute: AUTOOMADJ:700
```

```
[LLM:DRYRUN] would execute: AUTOSIGNAL:SIGSTOP
```

```
[LLM:BLOCKED] command not allowed: RESTART
```

## Why these two ran, and one didn't

- AUTOOMADJ:700, AUTOSIGNAL:SIGSTOP — both in the 39-cmd whitelist; autoTarget: "topRss" from the rule points them at com.vivi.maps automatically
- RESTART — hard-blocked (P10, layer 2) before the whitelist is even checked; stripped no matter how confident the LLM is
- All 3 counted toward MAXCMD:3 — a 4th suggestion would be ignored entirely

Same shape as the previous slide's schema — severity=critical here, but CMD\_ASKRUN\_OOM's baked-in DRYRUN:true still forces preview-only.

Other whitelisted commands that fit memory pressure: SAVEMEM, SAVEMEMPROC, SAVESWAP, SNAPSHOT, AUTOSWAPOUT, AUTORESTORE — the LLM picks from the same 39 regardless of resource type.

# Automated Insights

## Safety by Design

"Can the AI brick my device?" — No. Here's why:

- 1 Whitelist: 39 commands only** — SAVE, SNAPSHOT, AUTOOMADJ, AUTOIONICE, AUTONICE, AUTOLIMITCPU, SAVERAW, WEBHOOK...  
Anything not on the list is structurally impossible to execute.
- 2 Hard block — EXIT / RESTART / STOP / RELOAD / UPDATE** — Even if AI outputs these, they are removed before whitelist check.  
The daemon cannot kill itself or the host system.
- 3 Dry-run default for medium/low severity** — Commands are *suggested*, not executed.  
Only critical/high severity triggers real execution.

### Rate Limiting

60-second cooldown per event type.  
Prevents runaway LLM call storms.

### JSONL Audit Trail

Every decision (executed + blocked) logged with full context for post-mortem replay.

Enable: `-q LLMAUDITLOG:/path/to/audit.jsonl`

Three structural layers ensure the AI **cannot brick your device** — by design, not by policy.

# Q&A



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