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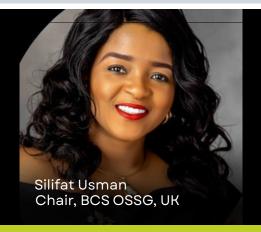
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### LET'S TALK OPEN SOURCE - Silifat Usman

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this edition of the BCS OSSG UK Newsletter. As an active community of professionals, practitioners, and enthusiasts, our strength lies in the shared belief that open source software is a catalyst for innovation, collaboration, and sustainable growth. The BCS continues to serve as a hub for knowledge exchange, networking, and thought leadership, ensuring that the open source ecosystem in the UK remains vibrant and impactful.

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Coding, using AI to build App, 22nd Jan 2026.

#### - Pietra Ferreira

Running sophisticated AI models on resource-constrained microcontrollers presents a major challenge. Our latest project tackles this head-on by modifying the ExecuTorch runtime to operate efficiently on "bare-metal" hardware without an operating system.

Our approach focuses on aggressive memory conservation by removing unused components, replacing complex libraries with simple implementations, and strategically placing data like model weights into the most effective memory regions, including small, fast-access memory. To maximize performance, we exploit hardware- supported quantization to balance model size with accuracy. Our system uses a three-part execution model, intelligently delegating tasks to the host CPU, accelerator CPUs, or custom hardware accelerators for optimal efficiency.

## **Meet The Team**

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# Vibe Coding by David Pearson:

Building Apps at the Speed of Imagination.

Artificial intelligence is being increasingly used as a tool to improve efficiency, innovation and drive outcomes more quickly at scale. The world of application development is starting to harness the emotional and create? vibe? of developers.

