

CFDP Reference and Test Facility (CRTF)

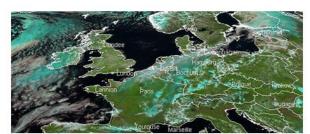
Final Presentation

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Overview

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- Components of the CRTF
- Testing a Third-Party System's CFDP
- Conclusions



Consortium

- Avionics System Integration and Validation (ASIV) TRP project
 - » TERMA Prime
 - » SCISYS Subcontractor
- 3 main tasks:
 - » CANBus Reference and Test Facility (CBRTF)
 - » OBC to RTU Protocol Analysis
 - » CFDP Reference and Test Facility (CRTF) the subject of this Final Presentation



User Requirements

- Future ESA missions planned to make use of file-based operations
 - » Baseline for this is to use CFDP as the protocol to transfer files to/from spacecraft,
 - » ... alongside the continuing use of PUS packets for spacecraft monitoring and control
 - » Uplink of files containing sets of commands, configuration data and software patches,
 - » together with down-linking of sets of telemetry are all planned.
- CFDP is also planned to be used for downlink of science data
 - » Files being a better packaging mechanism for atomic transfer of large data sets
 - » CFDP providing retransmission across noisy space links, e.g. the Ka-band for Euclid mission.
- In support of this, on-going research studies have been looking into appropriate configurations of CFDP for different mission scenarios and how best to make use of it
 - » Mission Control Centre, spacecraft and possibly Ground Stations will all need CFDP deployments (known as CFDP entities)
 - » These different environments will necessarily require different CFDP implementations
 - > Embedded implementation within a spacecraft's Mass Memory may consist of hardware and embedded software,
 - > Implementation integrated with SCOS-2000 at ESOC is better suited to implementation in a portable, standard programming language such as Java.
- There is a resulting need for a reference CFDP implementation
 - To be used to test these different deployed CFDP entities during development and spacecraft AIV
 - » Different purpose to validation of software or hardware, instead testing:
 - > implementation of the protocol
 - interoperability against other CFDP implementations
 - » to ensure the different components of a mission will integrate and interoperate
 - » It may well be, of course, that some components are provided by external agencies
 - Necessitating inter-agency interoperability
 - > Strength of CFDP being an international standard
 - > Still the requirement to ensure conformance to the standard.
- Therefore ESA require the CFDP Reference and Test Facility (CRTF)
 - » Configurable to the CFDP options selected and configuration used for particular mission scenarios



User Requirements

- Research studies have already concluded that the following CFDP classes are appropriate:
 - » Class 1 (direct unreliable)
 - » Class 2 (direct reliable), though different reliability options are available (e.g. immediate or deferred NAK)
- Need for relaying by CFDP (Classes 3 and 4 or Store-and-Forward Overlay) is less proven as fewer missions require relaying (primarily planetary landers)
- Therefore CRTF should be configurable to support
 - all the CFDP options associated with Classes 1 and 2
 - v together with the different user functions such as "message to user"
 - "Message to user" can be used to contain PUS packets
 - > thus allowing CFDP to provide reliable transfer of PUS packets (or relayed if classes 3 and 4 or Storeand-Forward overlay are used)
- CCSDS has defined CFDP interoperability test plan
 - Originally used to validate the protocol specification
 - » Suitable to test conformance of an implementation against the specification
 - Therefore CRTF Test Suite should implement these tests.
- Each test requires configuration of source and destination CFDP entities before initiating the test
 - » Set up CFDP entities' Management Information Bases (MIBs)
 - » Initiate CFDP operations from either source or destination
 - » Adaptable per CFDP entity under test



Objectives

- Objective is to provide new CFDP implementation suitable as a reference, test and demonstration environment, the CRTF
 - » Replacing old Delphi implementation
- Intended usage of the CRTF is:
 - » Reference CFDP implementation covering class 1 and 2 procedures and all options
 - » Test system against which other implementations can be verified using nominal and off-nominal conditions
 - » Support system used to emulate mission specific configurations
 - Part of end-to-end test and development environment, connected to ground based implementation at ESOC, used to prepare for future file-based operations
 - » As a standalone Linux based system

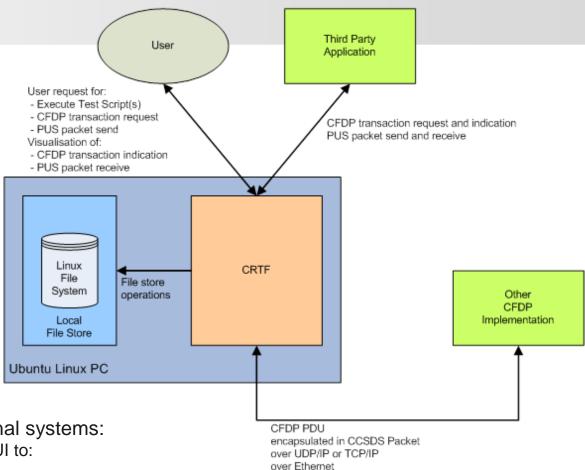


CFDP Implementation

- Originally CFDP was developed and the standard validated using a Delphi implementation
 - » Old development environment no longer support
- Aa CFDP Java implementation (developed to category D) exists
 - » IPR is owned by ESA
- Implements the whole CFDP specification
 - » including all options except unbounded files
- Meets the core objectives of providing a reference implementation
 - » Indeed likely to provide CFDP implementation used by ESOC in future missions where file-based operations are required
 - » Has extensive, Linux bash script-based test suite
 - » Already tested against the (old) Delphi-based ESA Reference
 - > Indeed some 14 bugs were found in the reference!
 - » Has/is being used in a number of further projects
 - > thus providing additional debugging through multiple usage
- Mets all requirements except for the TCP connectivity in addition to UDP and the simulation of delays
 - » Both were added in the project.
- Therefore Java implementation and test suite selected for re-use



Overview



Following exchanges with external systems:

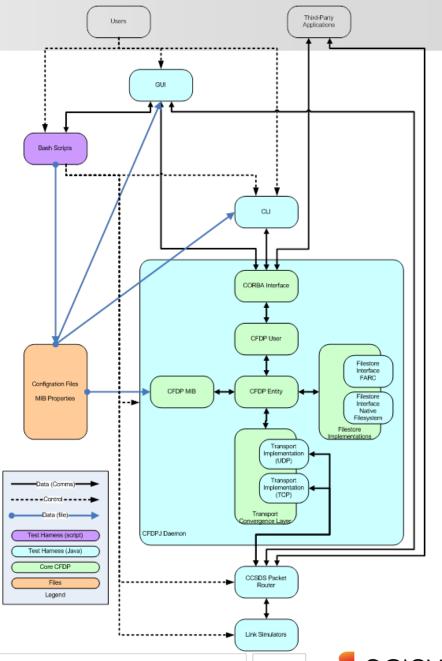
» User interactions with CRTF GUI to:

- Execute test script(s)
- > Initiate and monitor CFDP supported File transfer and remote file store operation requests
- > Send and receive PUS packets, including file transfer and filestore management requests and responses
- » Third party application exchanges with the CRTF:
 - > CFDP supported File transfer and remote file store operation requests
 - > PUS packet transmission and reception
- » CRTF exchanges with other CFDP implementations:
 - Interoperability of CFDP class 1 and class 2 procedures, including all associated operations
 - Interoperability of CFDP message to user capability



Components of the CRTF

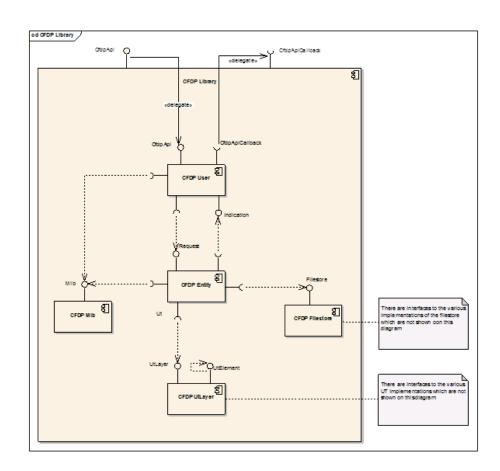
- CFDP Java Implementation
- Bridge & Link Simulator
- GUIs:
 - » CFDP Test Client GUI
 - » PUS TM/TC Display
- Command Line Interface and CORBA Interfaces to Third-Party Applications
- Test Script Execution Environment
- CFDP Interoperability Test Suite
- Example test CRTF Configurations
 - » (old) Delphi-based ESA Reference
 - » Second CRTF
- Installed on Ubuntu Linux PC delivered to ESA





CFDP Java Implementation

- ESOC's Java implementation of CFDP
 - Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - » Store-and-Forward Overlay
 - » Full MIB
 - » Flexible UnitData Transports (UTs) supported
 - Including TCP and UDP transfer of CFDP PDUs encapsulated in CCSDS Packets
 - » Filestore mapped onto local Linux filestore
 - FARC also supported
- Updates incorporated
 - » Fixes to support maximum-sized CCSDS Packets (65542 octets including headers)
 - » Fixes to support maximumsupported files (4Gbyte)
 - Support for Priority on transactions defined in Flow Label parameter
 - » Fix for bug on queuing incoming CFDP PDUs



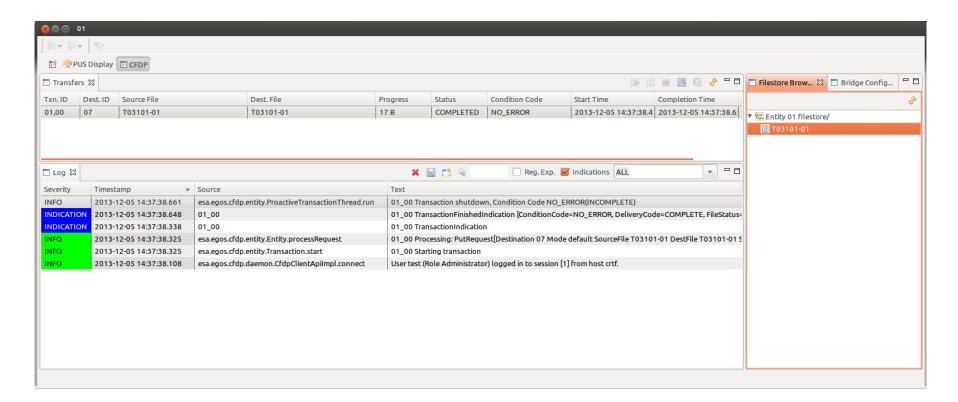


Bridge & Link Simulator

- CCSDS Packet Router (new functionality)
 - » Multiplexing/demultiplexing CCSDS Packets onto space link
 - » Routing to applications based on registered APIDs
- Simulation of space links from CCSDS Packet perspective (new functionality)
- Each configured with
 - » Bandwidth
 - » Latency
 - » Link Availability
 - » Dropped CCSDS Packets rate
 - » Encapsulated CFDP PDU manipulation (based on configured APID)
 - Dropped, delayed (hence re-ordering), corrupted, or duplicated
- Bridging to Third-Party systems
 - » Exchanging CCSDS Packets over TCP or UDP (former new functionality)
 - » Using configured TCP or UDP port number and IP address
 - TCP or UDP matching selected CFDP UT
- Configured using a MIB



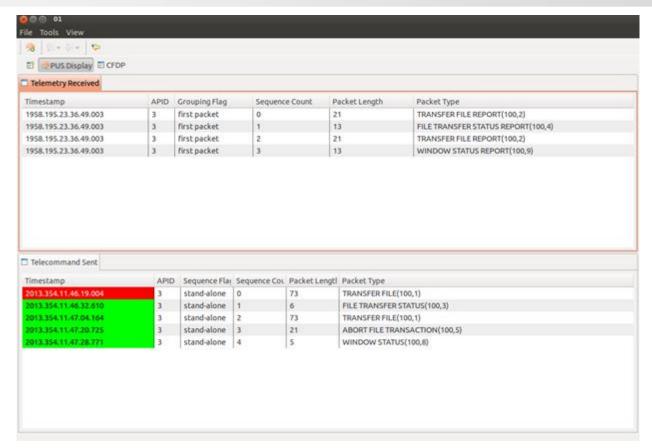
CFDP Test Client GUI



- Eclipse-based GUI to local CFDP Entity
- Initiate, visualise and log status of CFDP Transactions
- Visualisation of CFDP Local Filestore (new functionality)
- Configuration Editor for CFDP Entity (improved functionality) and Link Simulator MIB (new functionality)



PUS TM/TC Display



- Eclipse-based GUI for sending PUS TCs and receiving TMs (new functionality)
 - Sending of (proposed) FBO file transfer and onboard filestore management, and user defined raw PUS telecommands
 - Visualisation of received (proposed) FBO file transfer and onboard filestore management, and raw PUS telemetry packets
- Multiplexed onto simulated space links by CCSDS Packet Router

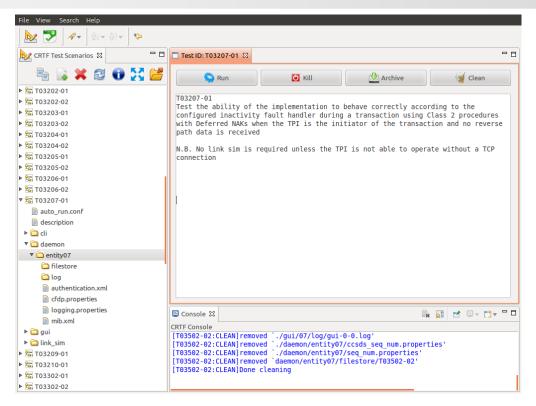


Command Line Interface and CORBA Interfaces

- CORBA Interfaces
 - » CFDP Entity CORBA Interface
 - Allows user applications to instigate and control CFDP transactions for local CFDP Entity
 - and read and modify local CFDP Entity's MIB
 - » PUS CORBA Interface (new functionality)
 - Allows user applications to send PUS TCs and receive PUS TM packets
 - Multiplexed onto simulated space links by CCSDS Packet Router
- Command Line Interface (CLI) to initiate CFDP transactions with local CFDP Entity
 - » Wrapper to CFDP Entity CORBA interface
 - Allows testing to be scripted and CFDP Entity to be monitored



Test Script Execution Environment



- Facility to (partially-) automate initiating and monitoring of CFDP transactions (improved functionality)
- Can be used for verification of Third Party System's CFDP implementations using nominal and off-nominal conditions
- Based on Linux bash scripts using the CFDP CORBA API together with manipulation of the local CFDP Entity and Link Simulator MIBs
- Editor includes short-cut for creating new test scripts and provided together with a basic editor (new functionality)

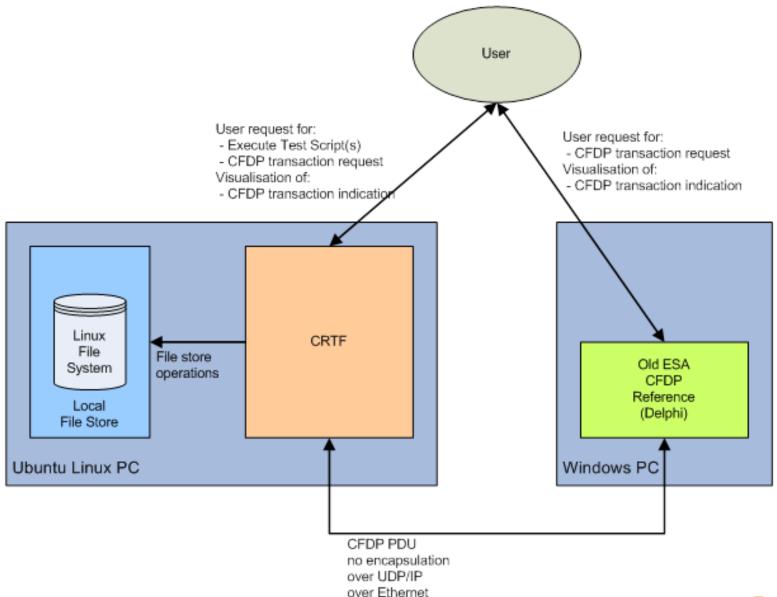


Steps to test Third-Party System's CFDP

- Bridge to Third-Party System's CFDP Implementation:
 - Configure CFDP Entity MIB to include Third-Party System's CFDP **Implementation**
 - Configure CFDP Entity MIB to select TCP or UDP UT
 - Bridge Link Simulators to Third-Party System to exchange CCSDS **Packets**
 - Configure Link Simulator MIB to desired bandwidth, latency, link availability and dropped packets rate of the simulated space links in each direction
- Three approaches to testing:
 - Use Test Client and PUS TM/TC Display GUIs for ad hoc Testing
 - Bridge to Third-Party Applications for integration with e.g. MCS
 - Perform CFDP Interoperability Testing
 - Create copy and adapt CFDP Interoperability test scripts

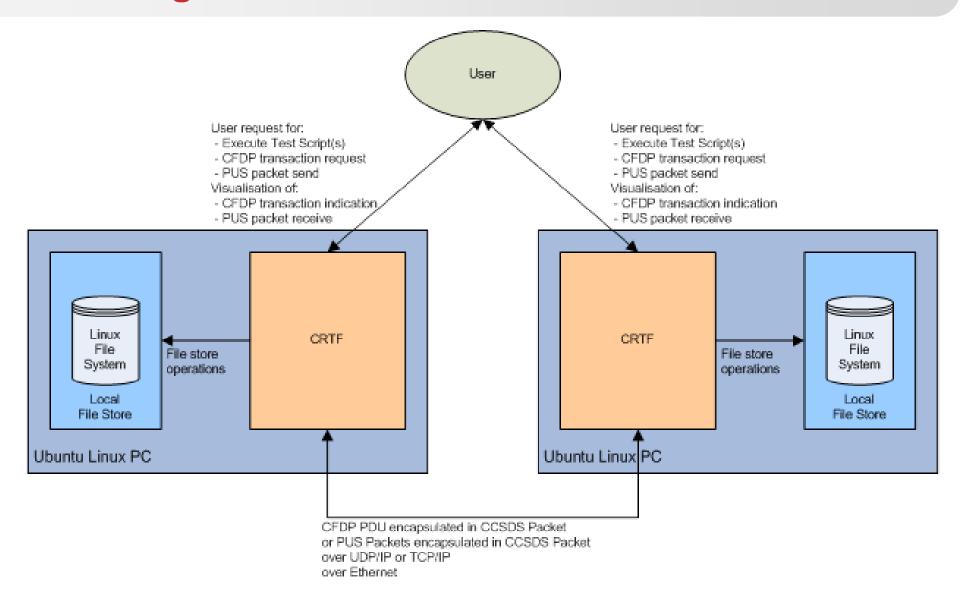


Tested against (old) Delphi ESA Reference





Tested against second CRTF



CFDP Interoperability Test Suite

- CRTF comes with test scripts for CFDP Interoperability Tests (new functionality)
 - » "Notebook Of Common Inter-Agency Tests for Core Procedures", CCSDS 720.4-Y-1, Issue 1, September 2007
 - Series 1: Confidence Baseline
 - Series 2: Acknowledged Mode
 - Series 3: Reserved MTU Functionality
 - Series 4: Other Functionality
 - Series 5: Proxy Operations
- These scripts typically require steps to manipulate Third-Party System's CFDP implementation
 - » Hence there is a need to adapt for testing interoperability of each Third-Party System's CFDP implementation
- Also need to tailor which tests are executed based upon selected set of options provided by Third-Party System's CFDP implementation



Complementary activities

- CFDP undergoing 5 year revision at CCSDS
- Small number of revisions proposed, e.g.
 - » Extension to maximum file size and segment size
 - » Deletion of classes 3 and 4 (Store and Forward Overlay retained)
- SCISYS has supported ESA in prototyping these revisions through updates to the CRTF



Possible follow-up activities

- ESA's RASTA Test Facility at ESTEC
 - Set of flight-equivalent avionic hardware and software components
 - » Allows results of research studies to be installed at ESTEC without the additional cost of extra, often duplicated hardware
 - » For example, two different implementations of CFDP (from SpaceBel and SCISYS) have been accepted running on ESA's RASTA Test Facility and integrated with its Mass Memory solution
- CRTF is required in future to be integrated with the RASTA system so as to allow a standard reference for
 - » testing CFDP embedded software implementations running on RASTA
 - » integration with other CFDP implementations e.g. stand-alone Mass Memories supporting CFDP
 - » Test system against which other implementations can be verified using nominal and off-nominal conditions

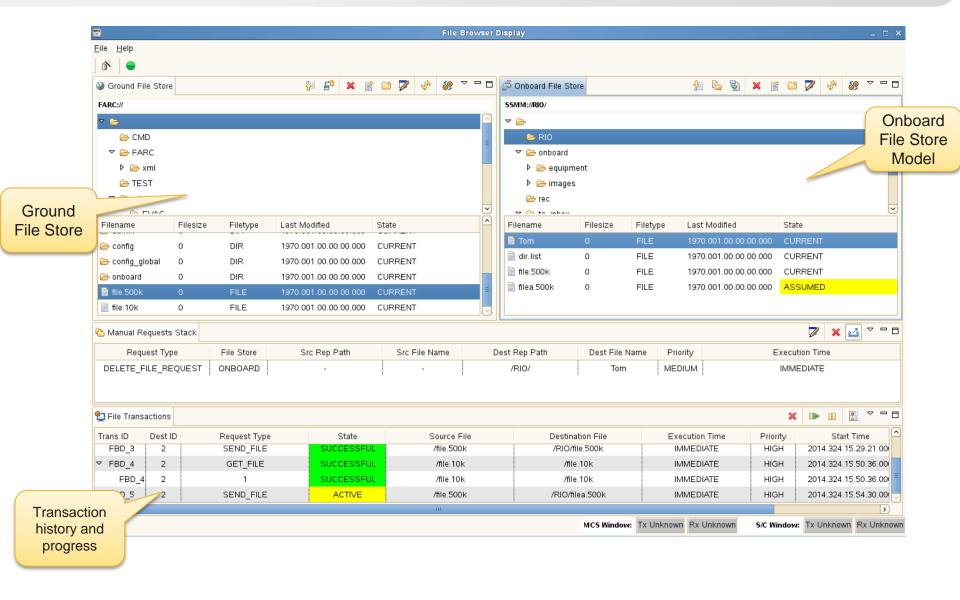


Conclusions

- CRTF successfully developed, installed at ESTEC and accepted
 - » Linux laptop installed with
 - CRTF Tool, source code and documentation
 - Interoperability test scripts
 - There is a final report being put together by TERMA, which include our contribution on CRTF
- CRTF now provides a flexible CFDP reference and test facility to enable:
 - » investigation of CFDP characteristics and performance for mission specific configurations
 - » End-to-end testing of third party CFDP implementations using nominal and off-nominal conditions
 - Development test tool for implementers
 - Validation and acceptance testing



File Store Browser Display (SpaceZilla)





Thank you for your attention





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