

CAT Control Software

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Introduction

Purpose

- Control the electronics (configuration)
- Run acquisition tasks in different conditions to test the electronics
 - noise
 - resolution
 - timing studies
 - spill over
 - bit error rate
 - ...
- Be able to integrate in the same test several systems (Front-End, control board, TVB, ...)
- Be user friendly
 - Do not duplicate work : e.g. USB/Specs interfaces written once for all (stored in a library that you simply load at run time)
 - Graphical interface
 - Plotting capabilities to show results online (save and print graphs)
 - Efficient data storage (ROOT)
 - User may integrate the code for his own electronics easily (by creating a loadable external library)
 - Having an easy to use and powerful command interpreter (python)

Presentation of CAT

Cat

Language:

- C++
- Python (user interfacing)

Uses public software:

- ROOT (Data storage - standard in HEP)
- C++ and Python (standard languages)
- wxPython (graphical package for python)
- Boost (wrapping of C++ in Python, C++ functions of the libraries fully accessible from python)

Works on the 2 platforms

- Linux
- Windows (not competed yet)

The new version

Problems of the previous version

The new version is a re-writing of the version presently used at the pit.

Purpose was to get rid of 2 problems:

- ① User command interface was “home-made”
 - It was very painful to code (every instruction was “hard-coded”)
 - Not very efficient (could only do what was indeed coded)
 - A typing error could lead to “segmentation fault”
- ② A private user package had to be integrated by ALL the users
 - User had to include everything in its copy
 - A bug in a small piece of code of a user could prevent everyone from working
 - Could not easily have several versions of a package for test purpose

Solutions

- ① Replace the “home-made” command interface by the python interface
 - All python instructions are available (loops, conditions, etc...)
 - The Cat C++ code is interfaced with python (wrapping)
All C++ functions accessible from the python command prompt (act on the electronics)
 - Convenient functions defined to make the commands unix-like (pwd(), cd(), ls(), tree(), ...)
- ② A single compulsory library is needed at the beginning (CatKernel)
 - You load what you need by calling the requested libraries
 - A library is bug? Don't load it at run time or pick-up the previous version.

Running the program

```

f@nb:~/LALcb/Cat$ felix
[COMPATH definition]
[COMCONFIG definition]
[Python path]
[BOOST python]
[ROOT definition]
[SPECA lib definition]
[USB port definition - ubuntu]
[USB interface]
Linux system
ProcDataBase
ProcDataBase INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:14 2010 Building Processus DataBase.
Fri Oct 1 15:56:14 2010
Fri Oct 1 15:56:14 2010
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Fri Oct 1 15:56:14 2010
Fri Oct 1 15:56:14 2010 Application running on frederic@nb-machefert2 (Linux - 2.6.32-25-generic)
Application:loadHistor... INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:14 2010 Recovering last run number : 448
nb-machefert2[Computer] > load("Tutorial1.py")
DLLMgr::load INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Loading dll CatCore.
CatCore INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Symbols found in dll CatCore: 6 Element(s) - 1 Processus.
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Element Description
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 SpecsElement Generic Specs Element
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 SpecsI2c Specs I2c bus element
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 SpecsParallelBus Specs parallel bus element
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 SpecsMaster Specs Master interface description
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 SpecsSlave Specs Slave interface description
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 UsbTInterface USB FT245 interface description
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Processus Target Type
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 UsbTInterfaceTest UsbTInterface
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010
DLLMgr::load INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Loading dll CatCalo.
CatCalo INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Symbols found in dll CatCalo: 2 Element(s) - 2 Processus.
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Element Description
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Croc Croc Board description
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Phaser Phaser Delay Chip description
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Processus Target Type
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Acquisition UNKNOWN
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010 Phaser RampExec Phaser
DLL::print INFO Fri Oct 1 15:56:23 2010
nb-machefert2
croc[Croc] >

```

Script example : electronics definition

```

>from libCatCore import *
>from libCatCalo import *
>loadDll("CatCore")
>loadDll("CatCalo")
>
>opts().setLogOutputLevel(MsgLevel.VERBOSE)
>opts().setLogStorage(False)
>opts().setStoragePath("data")
>opts().setDataStorage(True)
>
>
>cd("")
>create("master","SpecsMaster")
>create("slave","SpecsSlave")
>create("bus","SpecsParallelBus")
>cd("/master/slave")
>create("i2c","SpecsI2c")
>create("phaser","Phaser")
>cd("/master")
>create("croc","Croc")

```

Tutorial-1a.py

Tutorial-1b.py

```

Import needed libraries (USB + Calo)
in python
and in C++
.
.
Modify the program options
Do not store log output in a file
Store output in "data" directory
Store data produced on disk
.
Build Electronics hierarchy
Go to the top (the computer itself)
Create a SpecsMaster (in computer)
Create a SpecsSlave (in master)
Create a parallel bus (on slave)
Go back to the slave
Create the i2c bus
Connect a delay chip (i2c)
Go back the master
Connect a CROC (includes everything)

```

Running a task

The computer is always defined (in the CatKernel library)

You can run a program on the computer (100 events)

```
>run("TestSuite","/computer",100)
or
>cd()
>run("TestSuite",obj(),100)
```

Running the USB interface

Defining a USB hardware:

```
>cd()
>create("usb","UsbFTInterface")
>usb=cat.computer().child("usb")
>usb.setSerialNum("Wilky_05")
>usb.setDeviceDesc("Carte Test_Wilky")
>usb.init()
>usb.setWordSize(WordSize.U32)
```

Making a simply test in a python script

```
>r=[]
>w=range(int('12345678',16),int('12345678',16)+10)
>r=[]
>usb.write(8,w)
>usb.read(8,10,r)
>print w
>print r
```

Tutorial-2a.py

Tutorial-2b.py

Running a program on the hardware

Running an automatic program (100 events)

```
>p=proc("UsbFTInterfaceTest")
>p.setAddress(8) # define the fifo address where to write/read
>p.setParam(64,100.,20.) # 64 mots - mean=100 - sigma=20
>run("UsbFTInterfaceTest",usb,100)
```

Tutorial3.py

```
Application::makeDir      INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Directory /home/frederic/LHCb/Cat/data/Run_447 created.
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 =====
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 * UsbFTInterfaceTest *
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 -----
finalize                INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Processed Run Number      : 447
finalize                INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Number of events processed: 100
finalize                INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Number of Errors          : 0
finalize                INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Number of App errors      : 0
finalize                INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Elapsed time              : 0.050000
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 -----
Data::print             INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Number of data streams : 5
Data::print             INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 ( 0) Write -                               Written values ( 6400)
Data::print             INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 ( 1) ErrorWrite - Error - Written values if Error ( 0)
Data::print             INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 ( 2) ErrorRead - Error - Read values if Error ( 0)
Data::print             INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 ( 3) TimeWrite - Time to write ( 100)
Data::print             INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 ( 4) TimeRead - Time to read ( 100)
Data::print             INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Number of 1D histograms : 0
Data::print             INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Number of 2D histograms : 0
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 -----
Application::svcRunning INFO  Fri Oct 1 15:17:50 2010 Processus UsbFTInterfaceTest 'UsbFTInterface test' completed [100 events]
usb[UsbFTInterface] > |
```

Plotting from the command mode

Data storage is coded in the C++

- they can be looked at with root (external session)
- But the data are directly accessible from the python shell

Fast plot capabilities

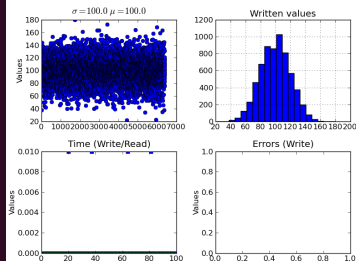
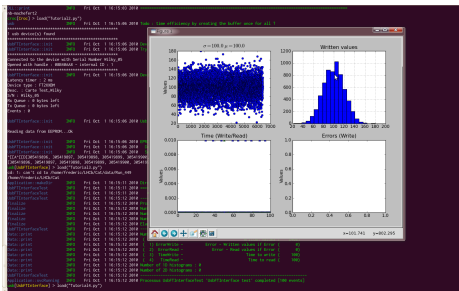
```
>import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>p=proc("UsbFTInterfaceTest")
>plt.subplot(2,2,1) plt.plot(p.data(0), 'bo') plt.title(r'$\sigma='+str(p.sigma())+'\
\mu='+str(p.mean())+'$') plt.ylabel('Values')
>plt.subplot(2,2,2) plt.hist(p.data().vector(0), 20) plt.title(p.data().title(0))
plt.grid(True)
>plt.subplot(2,2,3) plt.plot(p.data(3), 'bs', p.data(4), 'g^') plt.title(r'Time
(Write/Read)') plt.ylabel('Values')
>plt.subplot(2,2,4) plt.plot(p.data(1), 'k') plt.title(r'Errors (Write)')
plt.ylabel('Values')
>plt.show()
```

Tutorial4.py

Plots

Plots may be

- saved
- printed
- zoomed
- Text can be written on plot in latex mode



Graphical Interface : loading a script

The graphical interface of cat uses the previous program (runs on top of it)

- load the same scripts

The log output appears in the background

The main configurations parameters are accessible from the graphical interface

The image shows two overlapping windows. The background window is a terminal displaying the output of a Python script. The output includes a header 'C A T' with a diagram of a process flow, followed by a list of configuration parameters and their values, and a hierarchy of objects for 'rb-machefert2[Computer]'. The foreground window is the 'CAT Application' GUI, which has a menu bar (File, Windows, Help) and a toolbar. It contains several input fields and buttons for configuration: Application path, Output path, Events, Processing element, and Process. Below these are sections for Applications Outputs, Data Path, Element Tree, and Command Line. The Element Tree shows a hierarchical view of objects, including 'Elements' (rb-machefert2, master, slave, croc) and 'Processus' (TestSuite, UsbTInterfaceTest, Acquisition, PhaseRampExec).

```

[Python path]
[ROOT python]
[ROOT definition]
[SPECsLib definition]
[USB part definition - ubuntu]
[USB interface]
Linux system
Prochadbase
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010 INFO Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010 Building Processus Database.
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
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Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010
Application running on Frederic@rb-machefert2 (Linux - 2.6.32-25-generic)
Application loader... INFO Fri Oct 1 16:00:34 2010 Loading just run number: 446
DLMgr: load
Cattora INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Loading dll Cattora
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Symbols found in dll Cattora: 6 Element(s) - 1 Processus
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Element Description
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 SpecElement
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 SpecIDC
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 SpecSpecificBus
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 SpecMaster
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 SpecSlave
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 UsbTInterface
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Processus Target Type
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 UsbTInterfaceTest UsbTInterface
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010
DLMgr:load
Cattalo INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Loading dll Cattalo
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Symbols found in dll Cattalo: 2 Element(s) - 2 Processus
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Element Description
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Croc
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Phaser
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Processus Target Type
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Acquisition UNKNOWN
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 PhaseRampExec Phaser
DLMgr:print INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010
DLMgr:print
rb-machefert2
Hierarchy:tree INFO Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 Hierarchy for Object rb-machefert2[Computer]
Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 -> rb-machefert2[Computer]
Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 -> master[SpecMaster]
Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 -> slave[SpecSlave]
Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 -> bus[SpecParallelBus]
Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 -> bus[SpecBus]
Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 -> phaser[Phaser]
Fri Oct 1 16:05:10 2010 -> croc[Croc]
  
```

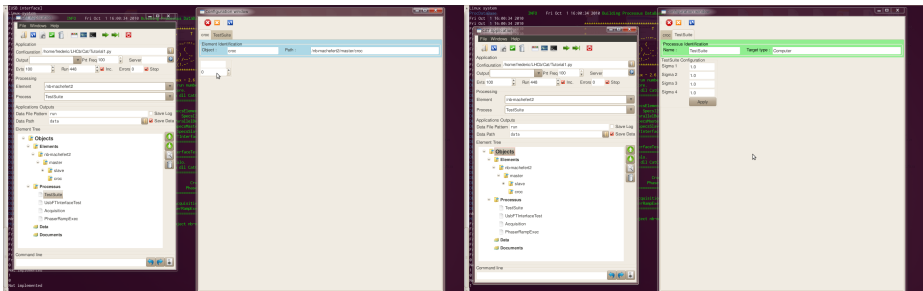
Editing the Hardware/Programs

It is possible to edit both the electronics and the programs with specific panels.

- Previous version of Cat could only configure the hardware through the graphical windows (had to use the command line)

The panels are easy to make

- a graphical tool can be used to make them
- none is defined yet, I simply made a few rudimentary examples (see below)



Running a program

The screenshot displays a graphical user interface (GUI) for running a program. The main window is titled "CAT Application" and shows the following configuration options:

- Application: /home/frederic/LHCb/Cat/Tutorial3.py
- Output: [Dropdown] Pri Freq 100 Server [Dropdown]
- Exts: 1000 Run 450 Inc. Errors 0 Stop
- Processing Element: nb-machefert2/usb
- Process: UsbFTInterfaceTest

A modal dialog box titled "running UsbFTInterfaceTest" is shown in the foreground, indicating the progress of the test:

- Elapsed time : 0:00:07
- Estimated time : 0:00:11
- Remaining time : 0:00:04
- Buttons: Annuler

The background shows a terminal window with the following output:

```

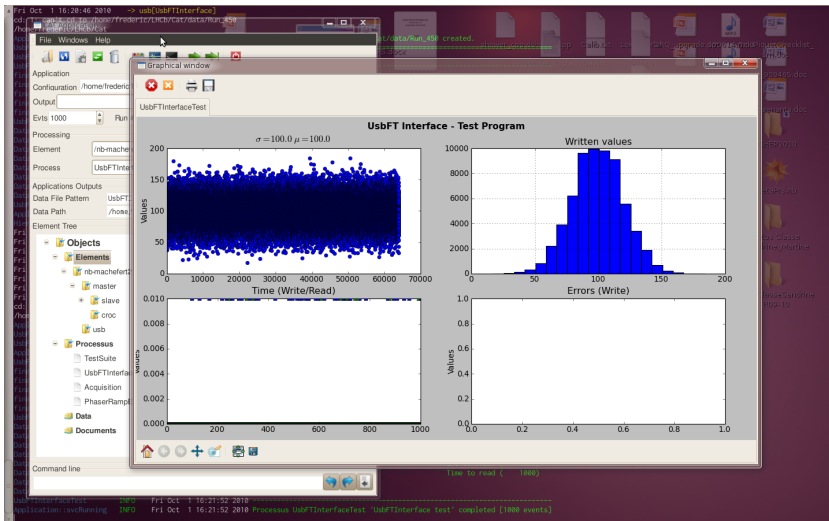
INFO Fri Oct 1 16:21:28 2010
INFO Fri Oct 1 16:21:28 2010
+ UsbFTInterfaceTest +

```

Below the terminal, a file explorer window shows the directory structure, including folders like "data" and "Run_450".

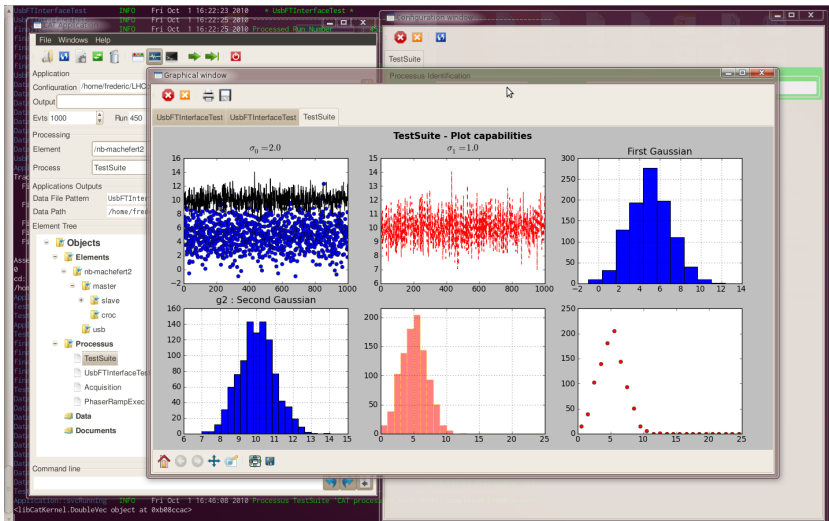
Getting the results

A plot window pops up when a program ends and is supposed to plot anything.



Keep track of the history

The results appear in a new tab of the plot window → keep track of the previous results.



Conclusion

- Cat is fully usable
- Some functionalities have not been fully implemented
 - Networking (access from the network - DIM server)
- Windows compatibility should not be a problem
 - did not spend much time on it
- The program should be accessible from a svn repository
 - but the Cat program is not enough to have it functional
 - Python
 - C++ compiler
 - Boost
 - ROOT
 - wxWidgets
 - These are all free and “standard” software
 - But they have to be installed on your computer first
- We started to work on the usb interface on the first prototype at LAL