Integrating CCSDS Electronic Data Sheets into Flight Software

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CCSDS Electronic Data Sheet Definition

• An Electronic Data Sheet (EDS) is a formal specification of a device, system, or software interface in a machine readable format
  – Unambiguous and machine verifiable specification
  – Delivered with the device, system, or software
  – It is not an Interface Control Document (ICD) in that it does not specify how a system or mission will use the device or software

• EDS specifies black box view of interfaces
  – Data formats, conversions, limits, exchange protocols, and state machines, ...

• A CCSDS Spacecraft Onboard Interface Services (SOIS) EDS (SEDS) is an EDS defined using the SOIS Dictionary of Terms and the SOIS EDS XML schema
  – Electronic Data Sheets and Common Dictionary of Terms - Overview and Rationale (Green 870.1)
  – XML Specification for Electronic Data Sheets for Onboard Devices and Software Components (Magenta 876.0)
  – Specification for Dictionary of Terms for Electronic Data Sheets for Onboard Components (Blue 876.1)
  – SEDS schema and dictionary of terms are keep in SPACE ASSIGNED NUMBER AUTHORITY(SANA) REGISTRY http://sanaregistry.org/r/sois/sois.html
Device and Software Component EDS

Vision: device manufactures provide an EDS with each component

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Use in Early Mission Design

- Automated tools used for device selection based on mission parameters
  - Orbit, lifetime, performance...
- Automated tools can generate system specs and cost estimates
- Mission designers review specs and cost estimates and adjusts mission parameters
- US Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) created prototype tools for this use case, Spacecraft Plug and Play (SPA)
Development and Operations Use Cases

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Existing and Upcoming/proposed Tools

- EDS
  - C headers
  - ESA TASTE Models
  - Device Drivers
  - COSMOS Database
  - ASIST Database
  - XTCE
  - JSON
  - Simulink Data interfaces

- Flight Software
- ITOS Database
- LUA Scripts
- JSC Cmd/TIm CCDDT
- Component tests
- ITOS Page Displays
- Models Based Systems Engineering tools
- Onboard Control Procedures

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EDS Use in NASA’s core Flight System (cFS) software

Free, open source, reliable flight software
cFS Overview

- Layered Architecture
- Pub/Sub Messaging
- Common Services
  - Executive
  - Time
  - Message Bus
  - Events
  - Tables
  - Files
- Distributed systems
- Time/Space Partitions

Applications and libraries can be stopped, restarted, removed, and reloaded dynamically at run-time

Go get it at https://cfs.gsfc.nasa.gov/

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Each cFS component will have an associated SEDS
- cFS AppStore will include both
- Include in next release (TBR) of cFE and selected applications

SEDS specifies the data formats, conversions, limits, commands, telemetry, and exchange protocols in terms of the cFS Software Bus
- Protocols are in terms of command and response state machines

The SEDS will be included in the component directory structure and be Configuration Managed with the component
EDS Is In Reference To What?

• An EDS is in reference to the “on the wire” spec from the point of view of the publisher
  – The publisher should be able to DMA the in memory representation to the network interface
  – A CFS Component EDS is written in terms of Big (Network) Endianness
• Tools must be developed to convert to other architectures
### Standardization along Communication Stack

**EDS Referenced**

**EDS Described**

**Function** | **Example**
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Software tasks communication (software architecture specific) | publish/subscribe, etc.
Data representation (EDS describes) | Counts to units conversion
Software drivers (EDS describes) | Hardware-to-software I/F
Box-to-Box comm. Protocols (EDS reference) | SpaceWire; 1553, etc.
Conn./cable & electrical I/F | 9 pin MDM, Cat5, LVDS

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**Application(s)**

- **Application Support**
  - Message Transfer Service
  - Device Virtualization Service
  - Device Access Service

- **Data Link**

- **Physical**

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Current cFS View of SEDS  End to End

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Components and Build Time Parameters

- Each device and software component includes an associated SEDS
- SEDS specifies the data formats, conversions, limits, commands, telemetry, and exchange protocols in terms of the message bus and/or hardware interface
- Some parameter values in the message packet EDS are determined at build time
  - The original component EDS author does not know these values
  - Values are defined in mission deployment files
  - The values will be set by a tool that reads the mission files and creates a software component header file at build time
  - The EDS Schema has mechanisms for this
CCSDS SOIS EDS provides a standard mechanism to exchange interface & data definitions and automate many aspects of system development.
# Acronyms

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