Implementation of CANopen protocol for Industrial and Automotive Applications

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Abstract— High level protocol CANopen was developed by CiA (Can In Automation). For integration in embedded Systems there exist several CANopen protocol stacks. This paper proposes a setup of multiple CANopen nodes making use of the Canfestival framework in Linux environment.Implement the CANopen communication between 2 nodes using the CANopen Stacks and the application for at least one specific device profile. Implementing the CANopen communication on beagle board xM .Interfacing the application on the webpage.

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INTRODUCTION

CANopen is the internationally standardized CAN-based higher-layer protocol for embedded control system. The set of CANopen specification comprises the application layer and communication profile as well as application, device, and interface profiles. CANopen provides very flexible configuration capabilities. These specifications are developed and maintained by CiA members.

CANopen networks are used in a very broad range of application fields such as machine control, medical devices, off-road and rail vehicles, maritime electronics, building automation as well as power generation

Objectives

The purpose of this project is to develop a method of communication between CANopen nodes and master to user with serial communication bus/USB through the use of CANopen protocol.

In order to establish communication using Canfestival Framework needed on Linux platform as Shown in Figure 1.





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Communication Objects:

Object Dictionary:

The central part of a CANopen device is the object dictionary. It is essentially a grouping of objects stored in a lookup table. It can be accessed from the network through a 16-bit index and an 8-bit sub index for individual data structure elements.

- •Index The object dictionary index.
- •Object The object type (Variable, Array, Record etc.).
- •Name The name of the entry.
- •Type The data type (Integer16, Boolean, Unsigned32 etc.).
- •Access Attributes Read and write attributes.

Service Data Objects (SDO)

Service data object provides remote access to the object dictionary. It uses a Client/Server communication scheme where the owner of the dictionary poses as a server and the device with upload/download request poses as a client which is shown in figure 2





Figure: 2 Service data Object

Process data object (PDO):

The PDOs are used to send and receive data used during the device operation, which must often be transmitted in a fast and efficient manner. Therefore, they have a higher priority than the SDOs

Synchronization object (SYNC)

Synchronization object provides a basic network clock. The SYNC message is transmitted periodically by SYNC producer and received by devices with support for synchronous TPDOs. TPDO may be configured to trigger transmission each n occurrences of SYNC message.

Emergency object (EMCY) :

The emergency object (EMCY) is used to signalize the occurrence of an error in the device. Every time that an error occurs (shortcircuit, overvoltage, communication failure, etc.), this object will send an emergency message to the network. This message can be interpreted by an EMCY consumer (usually the network master), which will be able to take an action according to the programmed for the application, such as performing an error reset or disabling the other devices in the network.

Network Management (NMT):

The network management object is responsible for a series of services that control the communication of the device in a CANopen network, Every CANopen device has to implement a state machine. Network management services allow master device (or configuration tool) to remotely change the state. The device is set into the "initializing" state after a hardware reset and when initialization process is done the state is automatically changed to "pre- operational". Special BOOTUP message is generated on this transition so master is informed.

Canfestival Framework

Canfestival is an Open source CANopen framework.

Canfestival focuses on providing an ANSI-C platform independent CANopen stack that can be built as master or slave nodes on PCs, Real-time IPCs, and Microcontrollers.

It acts as a tool for CANopen.

It supports both Linux and WIN32.

Proposed System Architecture

System Works in three portions:

1. CANopen nodes for Monitoring or collecting data.

2. Host Device/Beagle Board gather data from CANopen nodes and send it to the Web server

3. User at any place can access that data from the Web server, also respond to the nodes

The main hardware which I will use Linux base board like beagle board xm as a Slave and another side pc/beagle bone as a Master which is connected to each other via CANopen over Serial Communication bus/USB and with the Slave node there is such a peripheral devices like sensor, actuator.

With the using of Framework Canfestival otherwise using CANopen Node, We can Implement CANopen in Linux based Environment with the serial communication bus,

But One Possible Idea is with the USB or UDP which is not implemented.



Figure: 4 Proposed system Architecture

Result and Discussion

The testing for the system was conducted in different parts as this involves Testmasterslave testing for different methods (part by part implementation). With the single process with physical medium as a serial cable. The implementation involved separate codes written for testing method.

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Figure: 5 Virtual Output with Single process

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Conclusion

The concept introduces Implementation of CANopen protocol for Industrial and Automotive Applications making use of the Canfestival, Data transmission used Serial communication and CANopen protocol with the Canfestival framework. After testing and application, the system seems high precision and well compatibility, and the data seems exact and in real time. In the in-depth future study, I should add USB driver which is not yet available in Canfestival,

To minimize the power consumption and cost, User can access the data packet with own android gadgets or laptops through web server from any place.

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