

# cFS Basecamp Hello Child Coding Lessons



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- **Objectives**
  - Provide documentation for the Hello World coding tutorials
  - Basecamp
- **Intended Audience**
  - Software developers that want to develop cFS applications
- **Prerequisites**
  - Basic understanding of flight software context, the cFS architecture, and the cFS Application Developer's Guide
  - Working knowledge of the C programming language

- **cFS apps can create one or more child tasks to perform functions that run in an execution thread separate from the parent app**
- **Child resource are owned by the parent app**
- **Parent and child share memory address space**
  - Use semaphores to prevent simultaneous memory access conflicts
- **Convention is to create child tasks when the parent app initializes**
  - Established for realtime systems that have strict timing requirements
  - System initialization timing is usually less stringent and dynamic resource management is minimized when the system is operational
  - See the child task 'Use Cases' and examples to help guide your decision
- **Use Cases**
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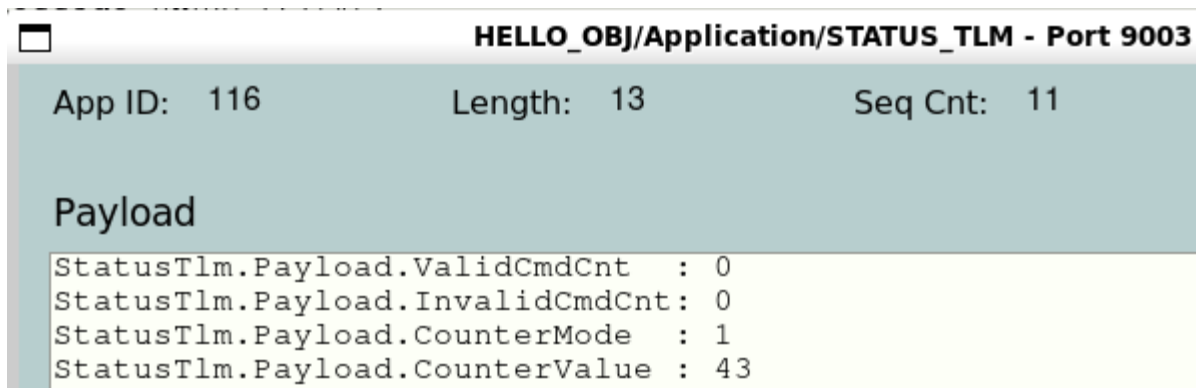
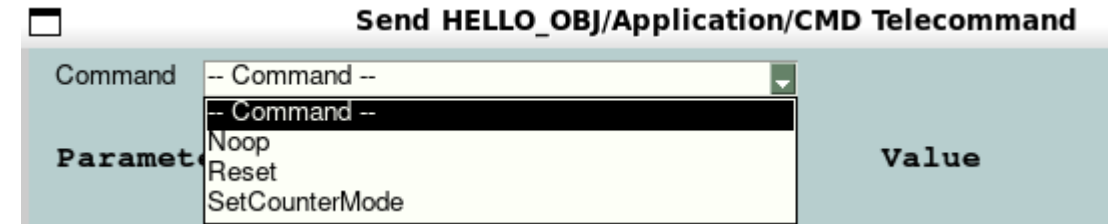


# Hello Child Functionality and Operations

- **Same functionality as the Hello Object app**
  - The EDS-defined Counter Mode type is in the status telemetry message (retained from coding lesson)
  - The EXOBJ\_Execute() event message is defined as a DEBUG event and an event filter allows the first 8 events to be published (retained from coding lesson)
  - The App reset command resets the event filter. EXOBJ does not have any reset behavior.
  - The counter limits are defined in a new parameter
  
- **Additional functionality**
  - There's no additional functionality
  - The only change is how the functionality is implemented that is explained in the design section

## Commands

- Retain Hello World's Noop and Reset commands
- New Set Counter Mode command



## Telemetry

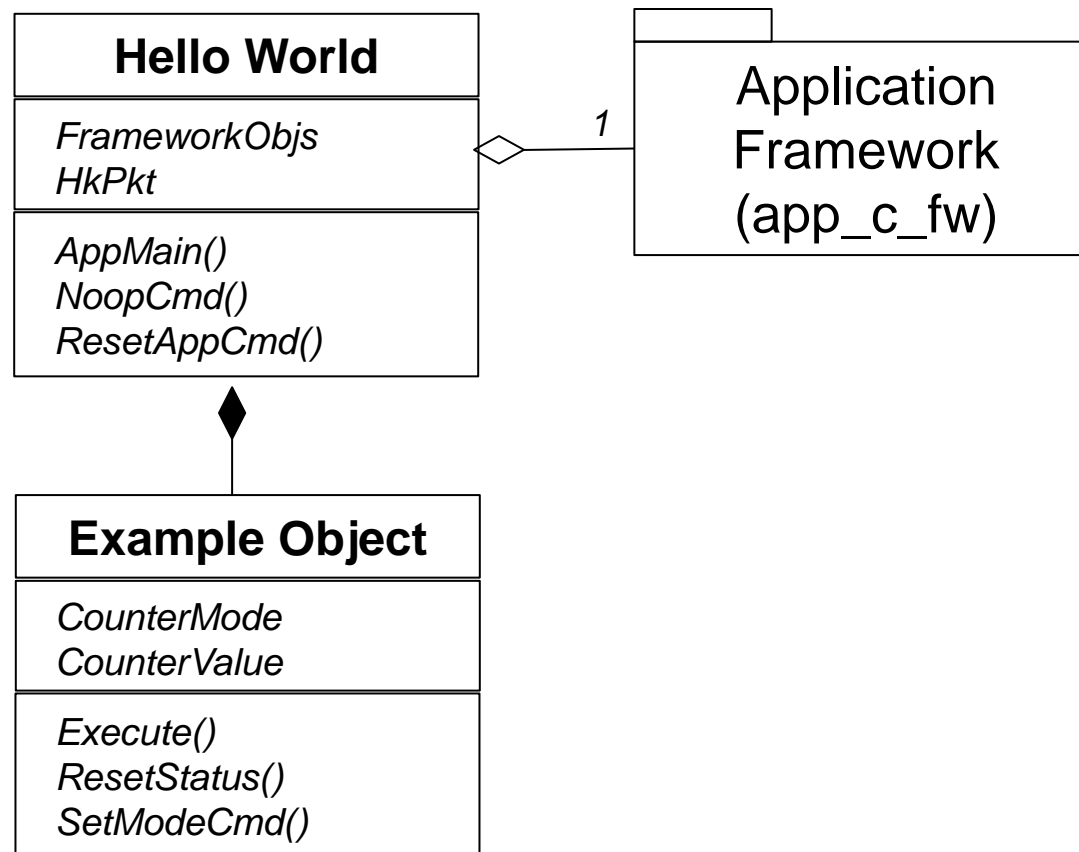
- Retain Hello World command valid/invalid counters
- New Counter Mode data point
  - A code exercise changes the EDS definition so this will be a descriptive string
- New Counter Value data point
  - The counter updated at 1Hz and the status telemetry is sent every 4 seconds



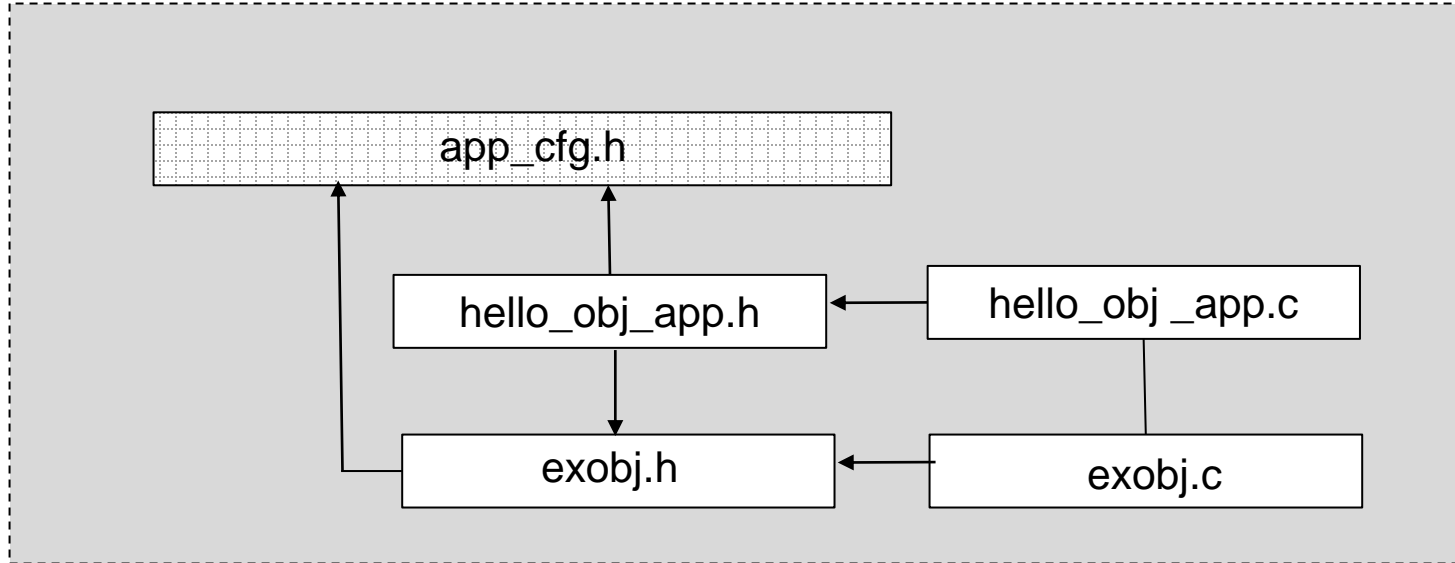
# Hello Child Design



- **App Design**
  - Add ChildMgr framework to app
  - Add child task init table parameters
  - Constructor child task
  - NASA app sexamples



## App Source Files



- app\_cfg.h has additional 'standard' includes that are not shown, see App Dev Guide for details
- Hello\_obj includes exobj.h so it can declare an instance of EXOBJ in its class data

```

typedef struct
{
    /*
    ** App Framework
    */
    ...

    INITBL_Class_t  InitTbl;
    CMDMGR_Class_t  CmdMgr;

    /*
    ** Telemetry Packets
    */

    HELLO_OBJ_StatusTlm_t  StatusTlm;

    /*
    ** HELLO_OBJ State & Contained Objects
    */
    ...

    uint32          PerfId;
    CFE_SB_PipeId_t  CmdPipe;
    CFE_SB_MsgId_t   CmdMid;
    CFE_SB_MsgId_t   ExecuteMid;
    CFE_SB_MsgId_t   SendStatusMid;

    EXOBJ_Class_t    ExObj;

} HELLO_OBJ_Class_t;
    
```



# Application Run Loop Messaging Example

**Suspend execution until a message arrives on app's pipe**

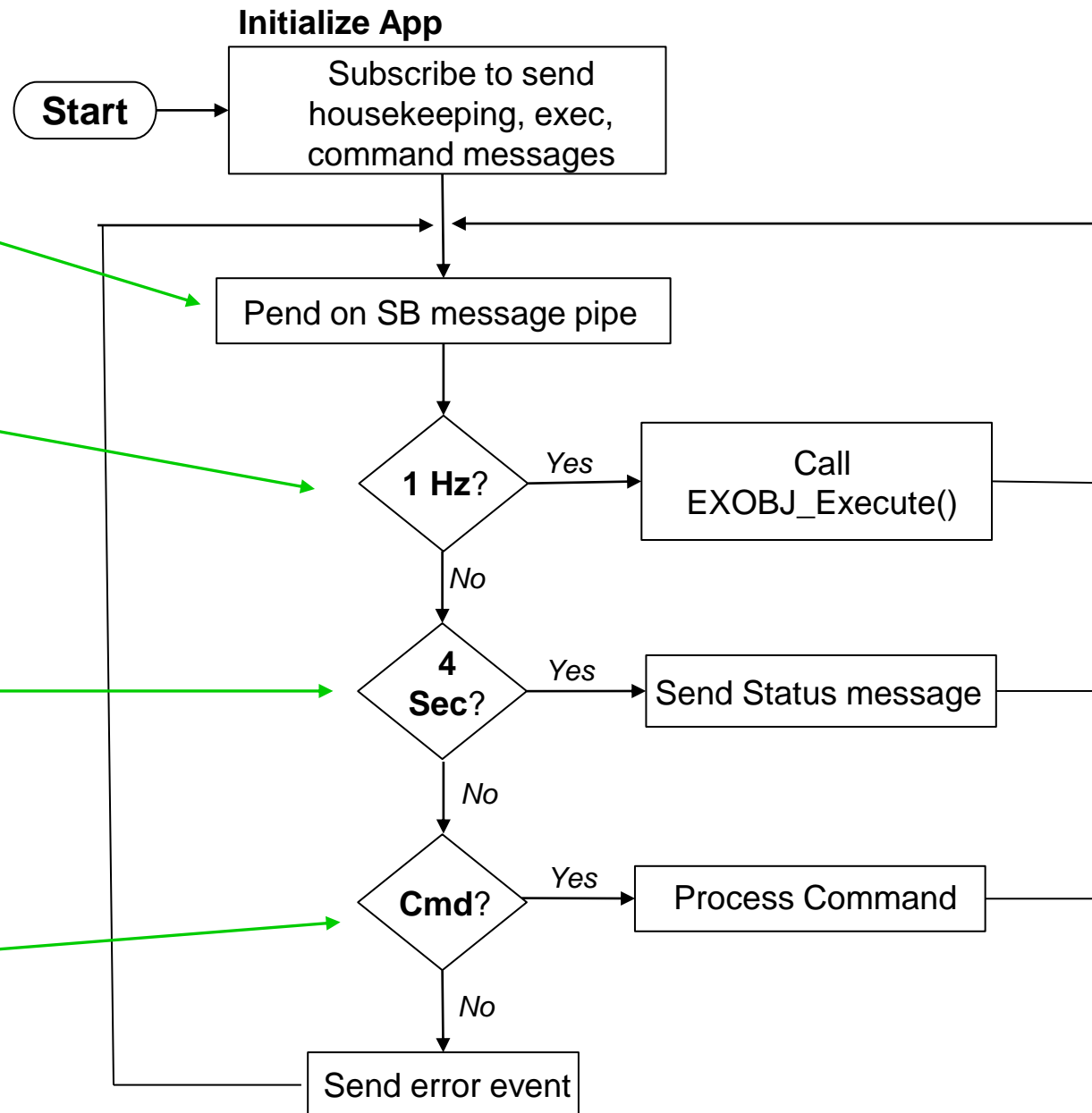
**Periodic 1Hz message from SCH app**

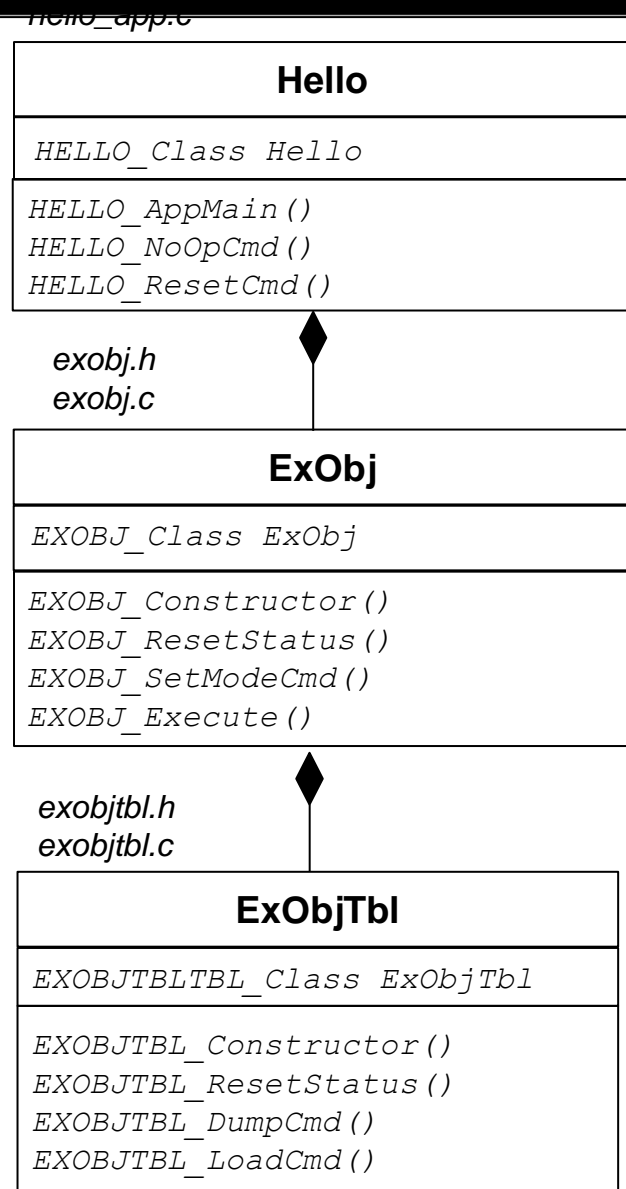
**Periodic 4 second message from SCH app**

- Send status telemetry message
- "Housekeeping cycle" convenient time to perform non-critical functions

**Process commands**

- Commands can originate from ground or other onboard apps





- The App C Framework is an object-based design written in C
- Apps are constructed as an aggregation of objects
  - Hello contains one Example Object (ExObj)
  - ExObj contains one Example Object Table (ExObjTbl)
  - The object hierarchy can be as wide or deep as needed
- The key roles of the main app are to
  - Read the app's JSON initialization configuration file
  - Initialize contained objects and register their commands
  - Manage the main control loop
- Contained objects implement the 'business logic'
  - ExObj increments a counter during each execution cycle
  - ExObj's Set Mode command supports increment and decrement
  - ExObjTbl defines the counter's lower and upper limits

## hello\_app.h

```

97 typedef struct
98 {
99
100     /*
101     ** App Framework
102     */
103
104     INITBL_Class_t    InitTbl;
105     CMDMGR_Class_t    CmdMgr;
106     TBLMGR_Class_t    TblMgr;
107
108     /*
109     ** Command Packets
110     */
111
112
113     /*
114     ** Telemetry Packets
115     */
116
117     HELLO_HkPkt_t    HkPkt;
118
119     /*
120     ** HELLO State & Contained Objects
121     */
122
123     CFE_SB_PipeId_t    CmdPipe;
124     CFE_SB_MsgId_t     CmdMid;
125     CFE_SB_MsgId_t     ExecuteMid;
126     CFE_SB_MsgId_t     SendHkMid;
127     uint32             PerfId;
128
129     EXOBJ_Class_t      ExObj;
130
131 } HELLO_Class_t;

```

## • Use a variation of the ‘singleton’ design pattern

- Object constructors passed reference to owner’s storage
- void EXOBJ\_Constructor(EXOBJ\_Class\_t\* ExObjPtr, const INITBL\_Class\_t\* InitTbl);
- Contained objects store reference a static variable so subsequent function (or method) calls don’t require a pointer to be passed

## exobj.h

```

81 typedef struct
82 {
83
84     /*
85     ** State Data
86     */
87
88     EXOBJ_CounterModeType_t    CounterMode;
89     uint16                     CounterValue;
90
91     /*
92     ** Contained Objects
93     */
94
95     EXOBJTBL_Class_t    Tbl;
96
97 } EXOBJ_Class_t;

```

## exobjtbl.h

```

73 typedef struct
74 {
75
76     /*
77     ** Table parameter data
78     */
79
80     EXOBJTBL_Data_t    Data;
81
82     /*
83     ** Standard CJSON table data
84     */
85
86     const char*    AppName;
87     bool           Loaded; /* Has
88     uint8          LastLoadStatus;
89     uint16         LastLoadCnt;
90
91     size_t         JsonObjCnt;
92     char           JsonBuf[EXOBJTBL_
93     size_t         JsonFileLen;
94
95 } EXOBJTBL_Class_t;

```



# Lesson 1 Design Highlights

```

- cisat_aers/
  |
  | L-cpu1_hello_tbl.json
  |
  | L-cfs-apps/
  |   |
  |   | L-hello/
  |   |   |
  |   |   | L-eds/
  |   |   |   |
  |   |   |   | L-fsw/src/
  |   |   |   |   |
  |   |   |   |   | L-exobj.c
  
```

- **Open `./cfs-apps/hello/fsw/src/exobj.c` in a text editor**
- **Event message function call**
  - `CFE_EVE_SendEvent(Event ID, Event Type, Format String, Values)`
- **Add events as show below**
  1. Send event when increment mode reaches its high limit
  2. Send event when decrement mode reaches its low limit

```

128 void EXOBJ_Execute(void)
129 {
130
131     if (ExObj->CounterMode == EXOBJ_CounterModeType_INCREMENT)
132     {
133         if (ExObj->CounterValue < ExObj->Tbl.Data.HighLimit)
134         {
135             ExObj->CounterValue++;
136         }
137         else
138         {
139             ExObj->CounterValue = ExObj->Tbl.Data.LowLimit;
140         }
141     } /* End if increment */
142     else
143     {
144         if (ExObj->CounterValue > ExObj->Tbl.Data.LowLimit)
145         {
146             ExObj->CounterValue--;
147         }
148         else
149         {
150             ExObj->CounterValue = ExObj->Tbl.Data.HighLimit;
151         }
152     } /* End if decrement */
153
154     CFE_EVS_SendEvent (EXOBJ_EXECUTE_EID, CFE_EVS_EventType_DEBUG,
155         "%s counter mode: Value %d",
156         CounterModeStr(ExObj->CounterMode), ExObj->CounterValue);
157
158 } /* End EXOBJ_Execute() */
159

```

```

131     if (ExObj->CounterMode == EXOBJ_CounterModeType_INCREMENT)
132     {
133         if (ExObj->CounterValue < ExObj->Tbl.Data.HighLimit)
134         {
135             ExObj->CounterValue++;
136         }
137         else
138         {
139             ExObj->CounterValue = ExObj->Tbl.Data.LowLimit;
140             CFE_EVS_SendEvent (EXOBJ_EXECUTE_EID, CFE_EVS_EventType_INFORMATION,
141                 "%s counter mode: Value reached high limit %d, resetting to low limit %d",
142                 CounterModeStr(ExObj->CounterMode),
143                 ExObj->Tbl.Data.HighLimit,
144                 ExObj->Tbl.Data.LowLimit);
145         }
146     } /* End if increment */
147     else
148     {
149         if (ExObj->CounterValue > ExObj->Tbl.Data.LowLimit)
150         {
151             ExObj->CounterValue--;
152         }
153         else
154         {
155             ExObj->CounterValue = ExObj->Tbl.Data.HighLimit;
156             CFE_EVS_SendEvent (EXOBJ_EXECUTE_EID, CFE_EVS_EventType_INFORMATION,
157                 "%s counter mode: Value reached low limit %d, resetting to high limit %d",
158                 CounterModeStr(ExObj->CounterMode),
159                 ExObj->Tbl.Data.LowLimit,
160                 ExObj->Tbl.Data.HighLimit);
161         }
162     } /* End if decrement */
163

```

- Open `./cfe-eds-framework/cfsat_defs/cpu1_hello_tbl.json` in a text editor
- Change low limit from 0 to 50
- Change high limit from 100 to 60

```
cfsat
|--cfe-eds-framework/
|  |--cfsat_defs/
|  |  L-cpu1_hello_tbl.json
```

```
1 {
2   "app-name": "HELLO",
3   "tbl-name": "Limits",
4   "description": "Example table",
5   "low-limit": 0,
6   "high-limit": 100
7 }
```

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```
1 {
2   "app-name": "HELLO",
3   "tbl-name": "Limits",
4   "description": "Example table",
5   "low-limit": 50,
6   "high-limit": 60
7 }
```

```
cfsat
└--cfe-eds-framework/
    └--build/exe/
        └--cpu1/
            └--cf/
```

1. Change directory to `./cfe-eds-framework/`
  - Make install
2. Change directory to `./cfe-eds-framework/build/exe/cpu1`
  - `./core-cpu1`
3. From a different terminal change directory to `./cfsat/gnd-sys/app`
  - `./setvars.sh`
  - `Python3 cfsat.py`
  - `cFSAT: cFS Config -> Enable Telemetry`
4. Try hello's Set Mode Command to verify your changes behave as expected

## Ground & Flight Events

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```
07:10:42 - cFSAT version 0.1.0 initialized with mission samplemission, target cpu1 on 02/06/2022
07:10:42 - cFSAT target host 127.0.0.1, command port 1234, telemetry port 1235
07:10:48 - TO_LAB EnableOutputCmd command sent
07:10:49 - CFE_EVS AddEventFilterCmd command sent
07:10:49 - CFE_EVS AddEventFilterCmd command sent
07:10:50 - FSW Event at 1001153: TO_LAB_APP, 2 - TO telemetry output enabled for IP 127.0.0.1
07:10:52 - FSW Event at 1001156: CFE_TIME, 2 - Start FLYWHEEL
07:10:54 - FSW Event at 1001158: CFE_TIME, 2 - Stop FLYWHEEL
07:11:25 - Created telemetry screen for HELLO/Application/HK_TLM
07:11:42 - FSW Event at 1001206: HELLO, 2 - INCREMENT counter mode: Value reached high limit 60, resetting to low limit 50
07:11:53 - FSW Event at 1001217: HELLO, 2 - INCREMENT counter mode: Value reached high limit 60, resetting to low limit 50
07:12:05 - FSW Event at 1001228: HELLO, 2 - INCREMENT counter mode: Value reached high limit 60, resetting to low limit 50
07:12:16 - FSW Event at 1001239: HELLO, 2 - INCREMENT counter mode: Value reached high limit 60, resetting to low limit 50
```



# Hello Object Coding Lessons

# Lesson 1 – Add EDS Enum Type to Status Telemetry (1 of 2)

## Objectives

- Increase knowledge of EDS
- Show app\_cfg.h EDS include

## Design

- TBD

## Verification

- Open telemetry page and see default mode
- Issue mode command to decrement

## Objectives

- Reinforce Hello World JSON init
- App\_cfg.h architectural role
- Object based encapsulation
- Ini file app level management and relationship to objects

## Design

- TBD



## Verification

- After app starts observe new range taking effect
- Change limits and restart app

## Objectives

- Introduce event types and event filters
- Use an object with a periodid function that is triggered by SCH message
- Deeper dive into app architecture, resources, roles and responsibilities

## Design

- TBD

# Lesson 3 – Add Event Message Filter (2 of 2)

## Verification

- Observe the 8 execute event messages
- Reset filter by restting the app

## Objectives

- Show how objects can have functional requirements for the App's Reset command
- Show another usage of the Execute message as debug so when you enable it it can help but doesn't flood

## Design

- TBD

- **Objectives**

- **Verify**

- Reset app to see it go to the low limit
- Change mode to decrement, wait and then reset to show it is reset to the high limit
- Enable debug messages and see the execute debug events
- Reset app and show the filter is reset and applies to any event types



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