

cFS Basecamp Hello World Coding Lessons



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- **Objectives**

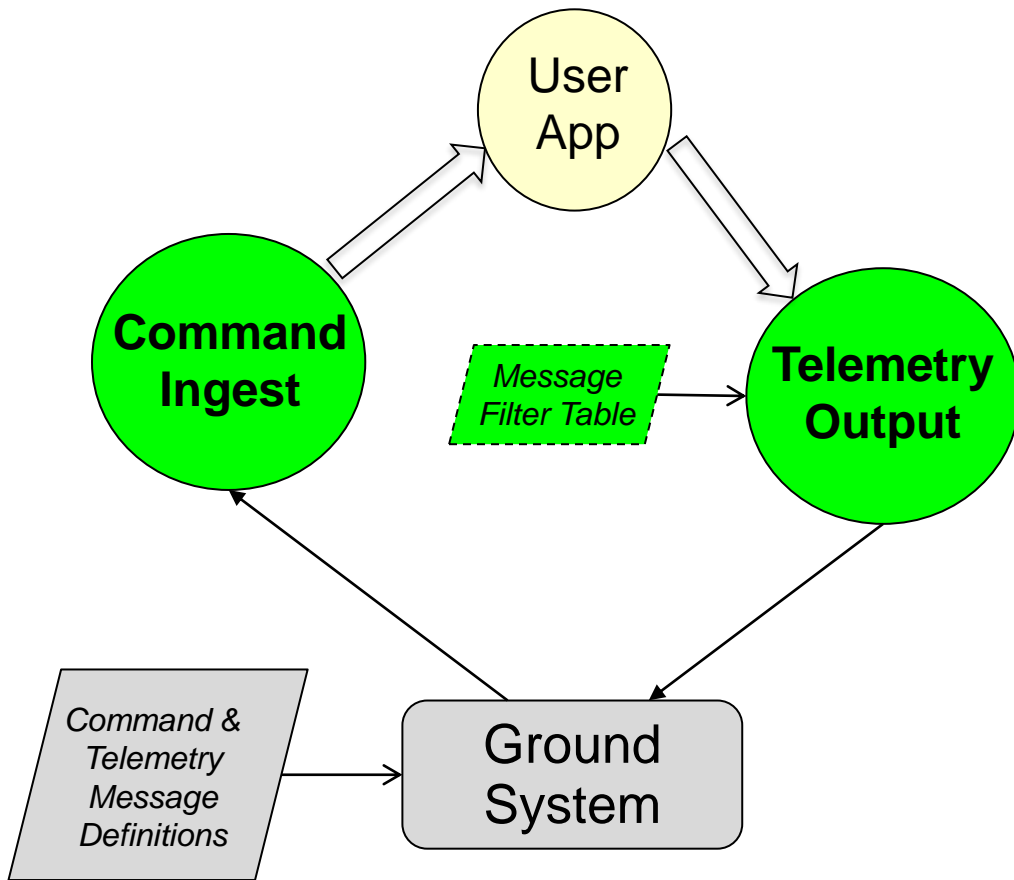
- Provide documentation for the Hello World coding tutorials
- Basecamp

- **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



- **Command Ingest (CI) App**

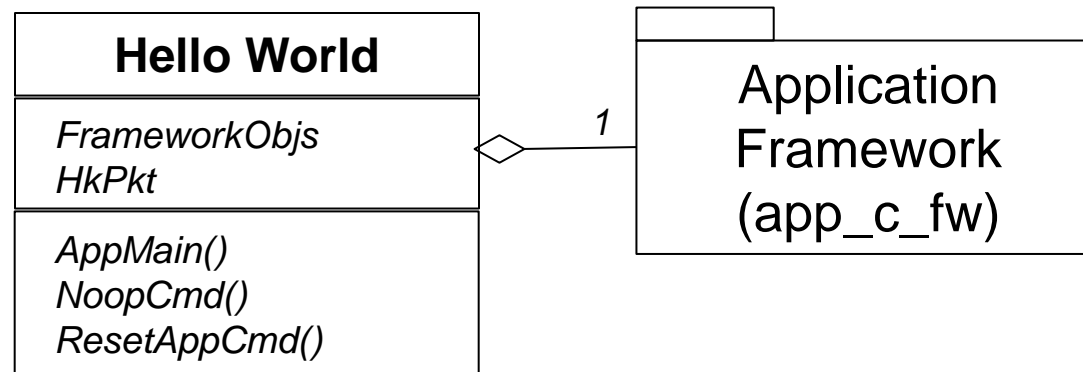
- Receives commands from an external source, typically the ground system, and sends them on the software bus

- **Telemetry Output (TO) App**

- Receives telemetry packets from a the software bus and sends them to an external source, typically the ground system
- Optional *Filter Table* that provides parameters to algorithms that select which messages should be output on the external communications link

- **Different versions of CI and TO used on different platforms**

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Application Run Loop Messaging Example

Suspend execution until a message arrives on app's pipe

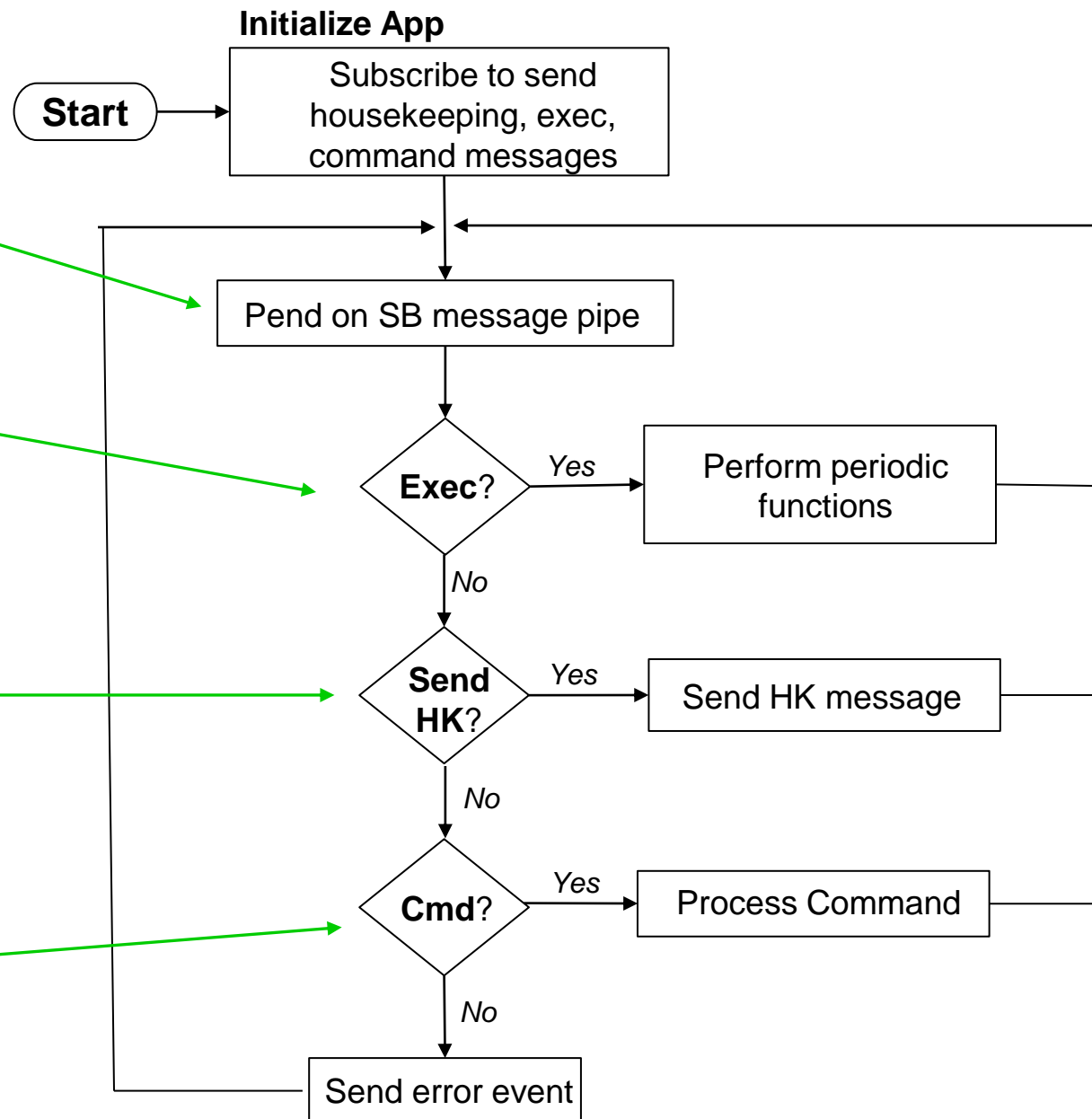
Periodic *execute* message from SCH app

Periodic *send housekeeping* message from SCH app

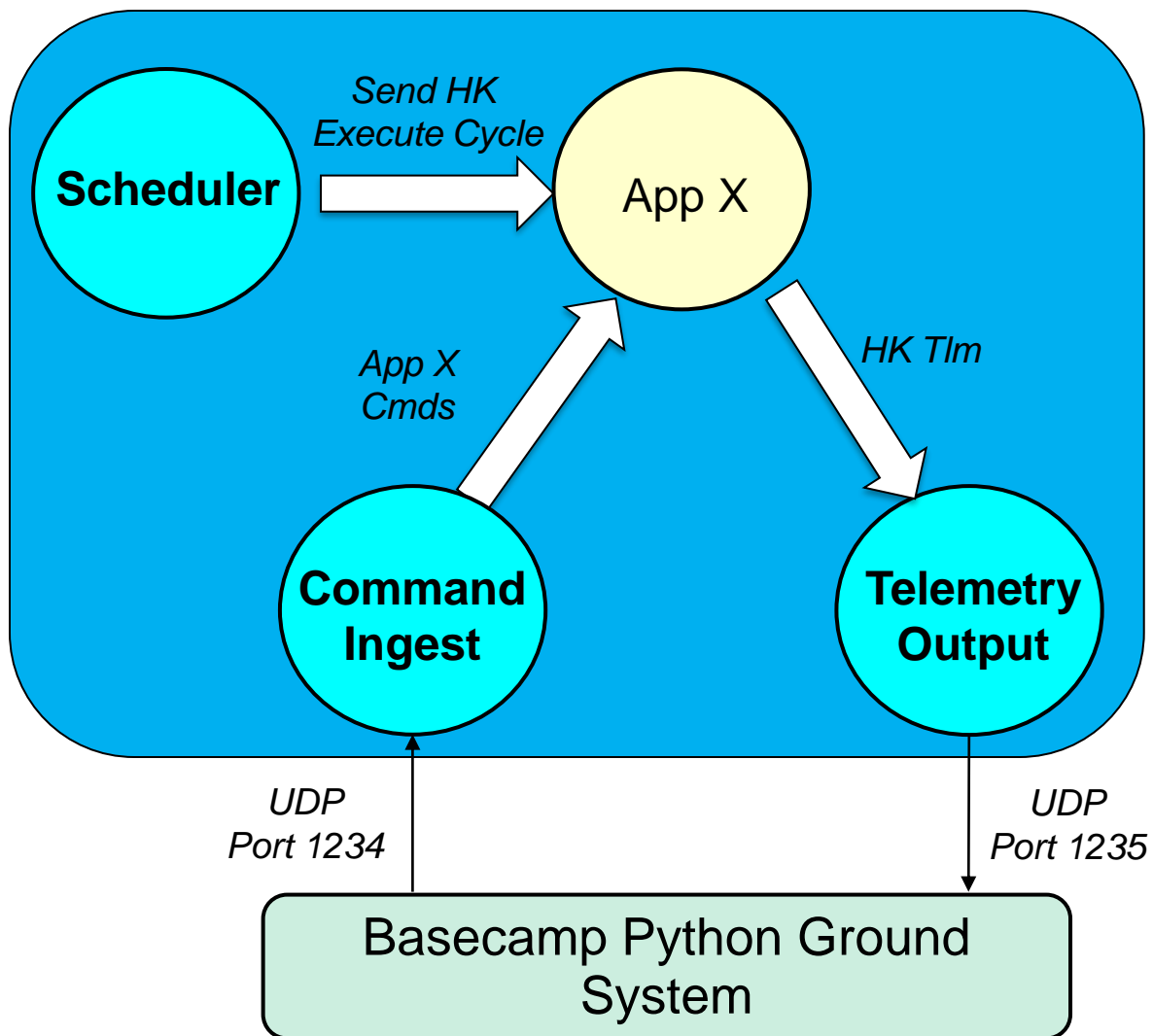
- Typically, on the order of seconds
- "Housekeeping cycle" convenient time to perform non-critical functions

Process commands

- Commands can originate from ground or other onboard apps



cFS Framework



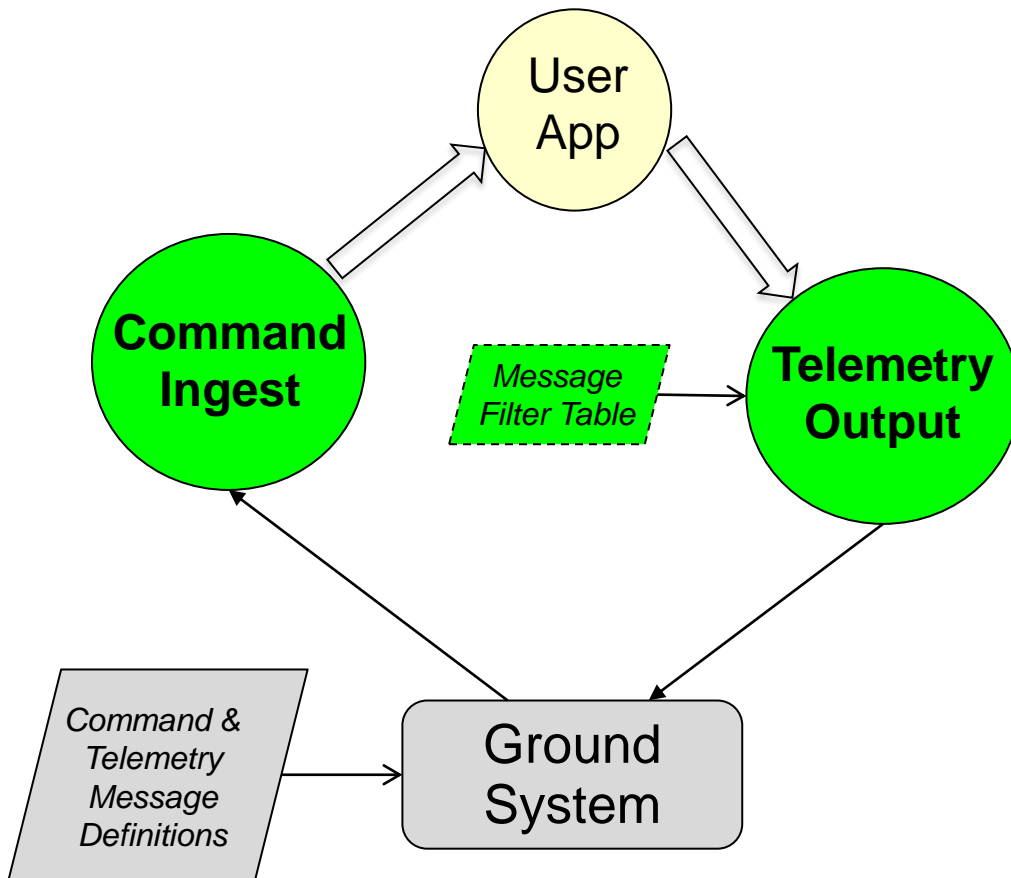
A core set of apps are required to provide a runtime environment

- Different app implementations can provide customized solutions for different platforms
- File management & transfer not shown

Scheduler (SCH) sends messages at fixed time intervals to signal apps to perform a particular function

Command Ingest (CI) receives commands from an external source and publishes them on the SB

Telemetry Out (TO) receives messages from the SB and sends them to an external destination



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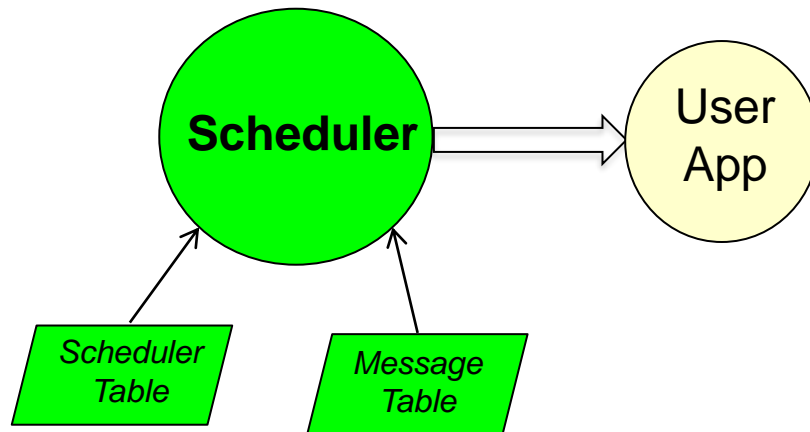
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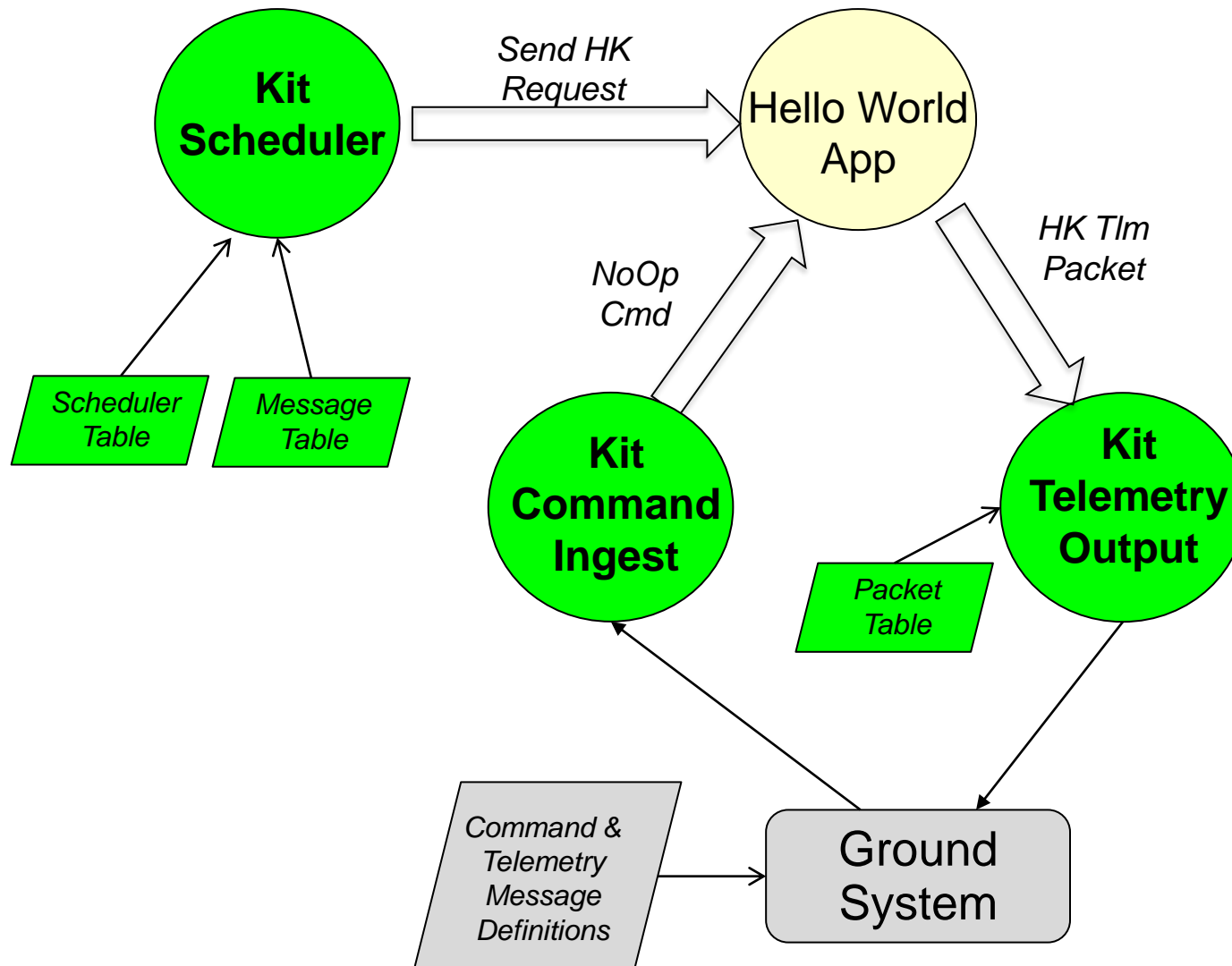


- **Scheduler (SCH) App**

- Synchronizes execution with clock's 1Hz signal
- Sends software bus messages defined in the *Message Table* at time intervals defined in the *Scheduler Table*

- **Application Control Flow Options**

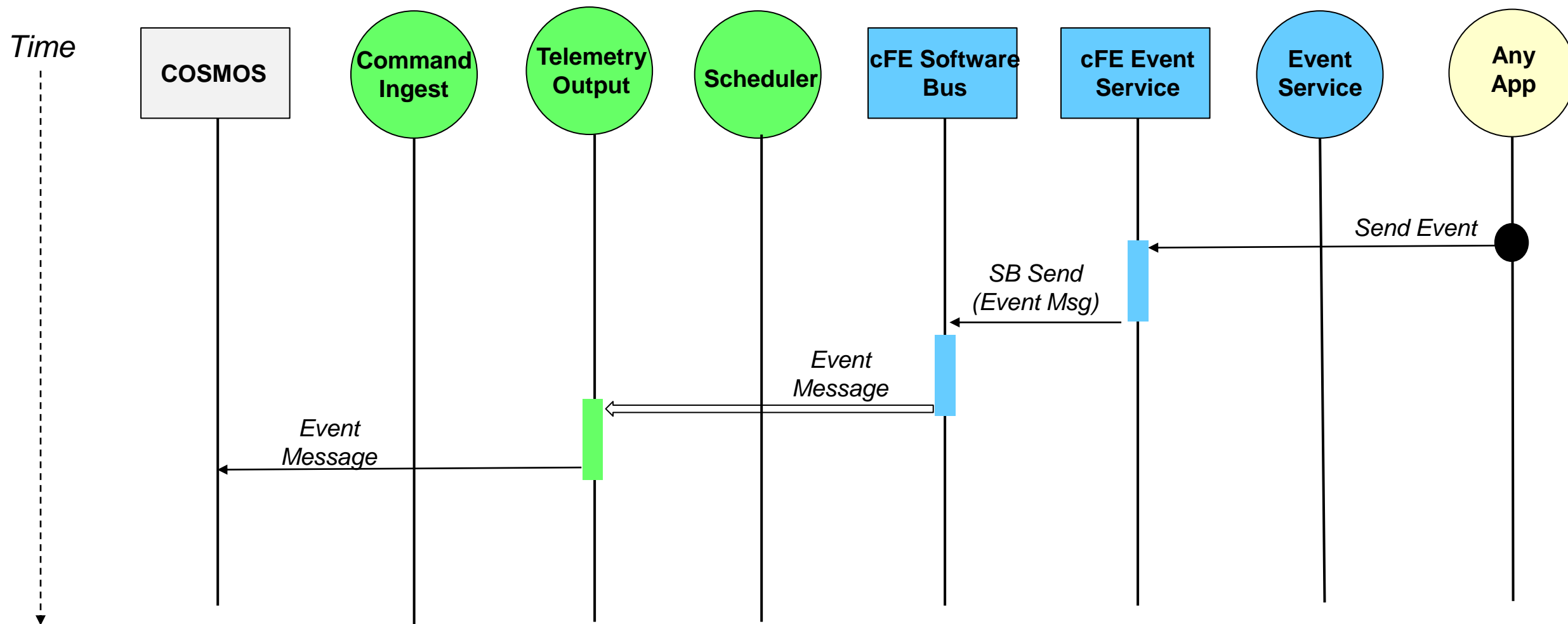
- Pend indefinitely on a *SB Pipe* with subscriptions to messages from the Scheduler
 - This is a common way to synchronize the execution of most of the apps on a single processor
 - Many apps send periodic "Housekeeping" status packets in response to a "Housekeeping Request" message from Scheduler
- Pend indefinitely on a message from another app
 - Often used when an application is part of a data processing pipeline
- Pend with a timeout
 - Used in situation with loose timing requirements and system synchronization is not required
 - The SB timeout mechanism uses the local oscillator so the wakeup time may drift relative to the 1Hz



Context of "Hello World" app created in the next section

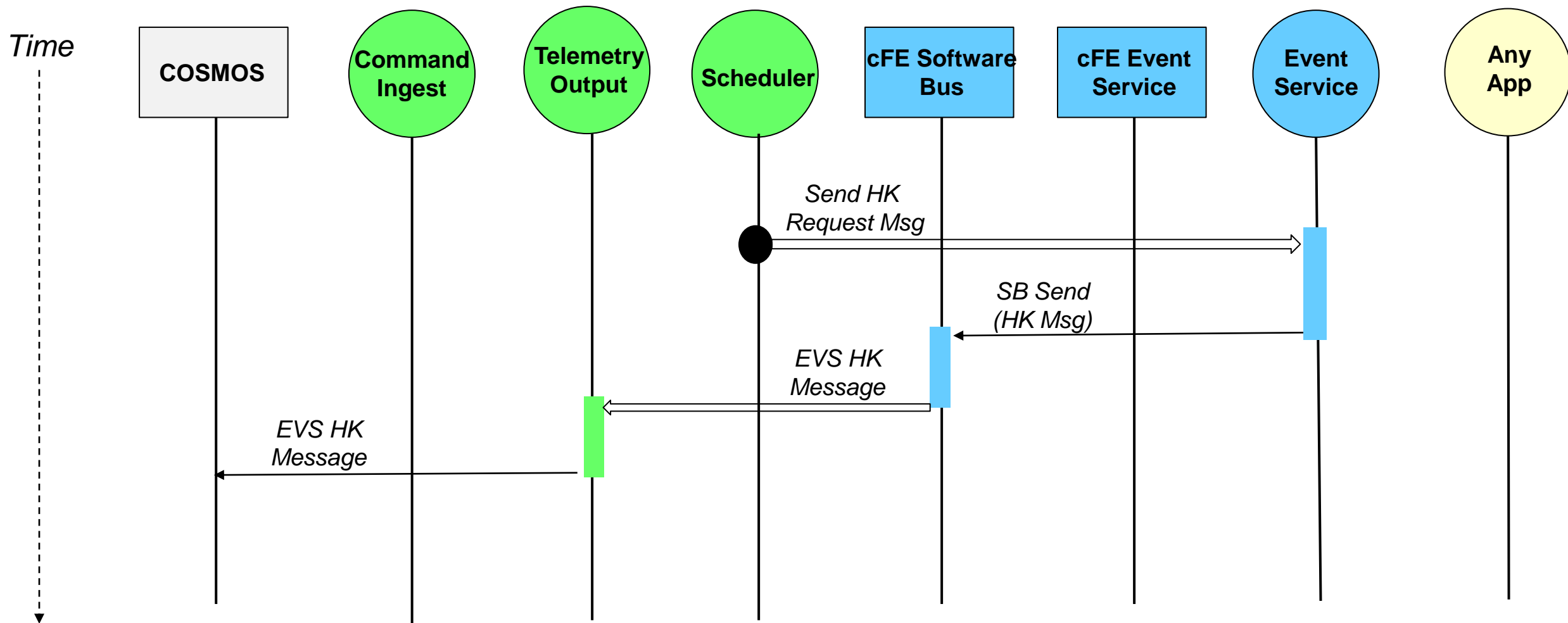
- Every 3 seconds Scheduler sends a "Send Housekeeping Telemetry Request"
 - HK telemetry includes valid and invalid command counters
- When user sends a "No Operation" command from the ground system Hello World responds with
 - An event message that contains the app's version number
 - Increments the command valid counter

App Send Event Sequence Diagram



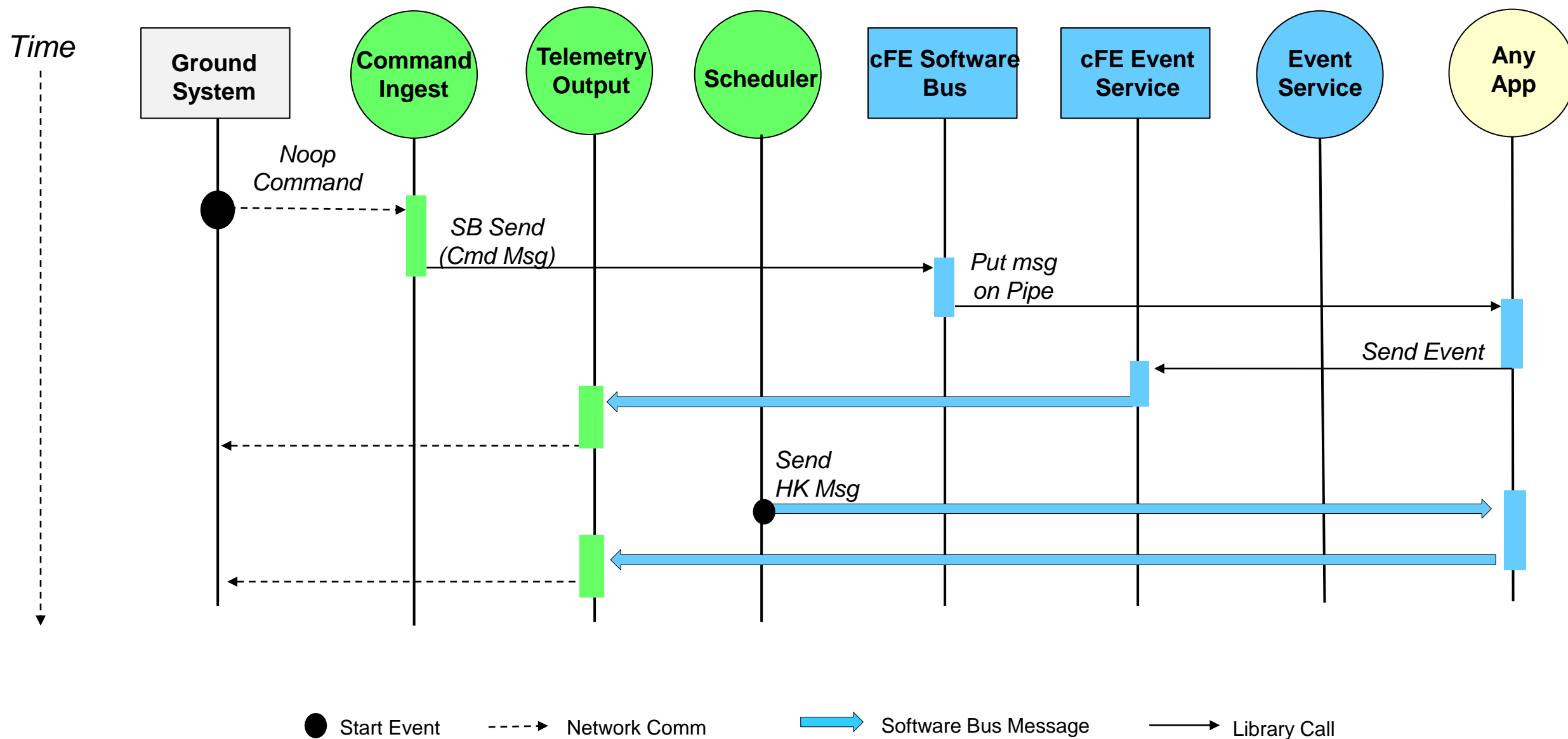
● = Initial event

Event Service App Sends Housekeeping Telemetry



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No Operation (Noop) Command Sequence



Object Composition Model – Header Files Inclusion Tree

