HDK example

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INTRODUCTION

The HDK (Hardware Development Kit) is a tool which has the purpose of serving as a template to facilitate the development of Device Control Systems (DCS).

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HDK HARDWARE

The main hardware component of the HDK is the control panel, displayed in Fig. 2.1:

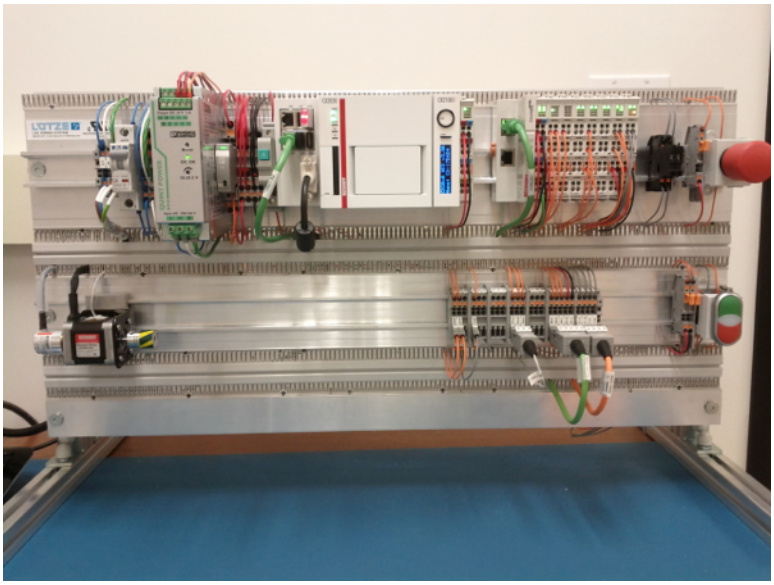


Fig. 2.1: HDK Hardware Control Panel

The panel has two DIN rails with all the necessary components. The top rail contains the power section on the left, an embedded PC in the central part, and the Ethercat I/O modules on the right (Fig. 2.2), as well as an emergency button (Fig. 2.3). The lower rail contains a stepper motor on the left with a temperature probe (Fig. 2.4), the terminal blocks interface and a couple of push buttons with a led on the right side (Fig. 2.5).

For more details on the HDK hardware architecture, refer to GMT document GMT-SWC-DOC-00710.

2.1 Connection to the DCC

The HDK can be controlled using its embedded PC, or using a Real Time Linux DCC. In this example we will use the latter option.

Note: The following instructions assume that the Linux Real Time kernel and the Ethercat drivers have been installed in the DCC, according to the instructions in the Installation Guide document.

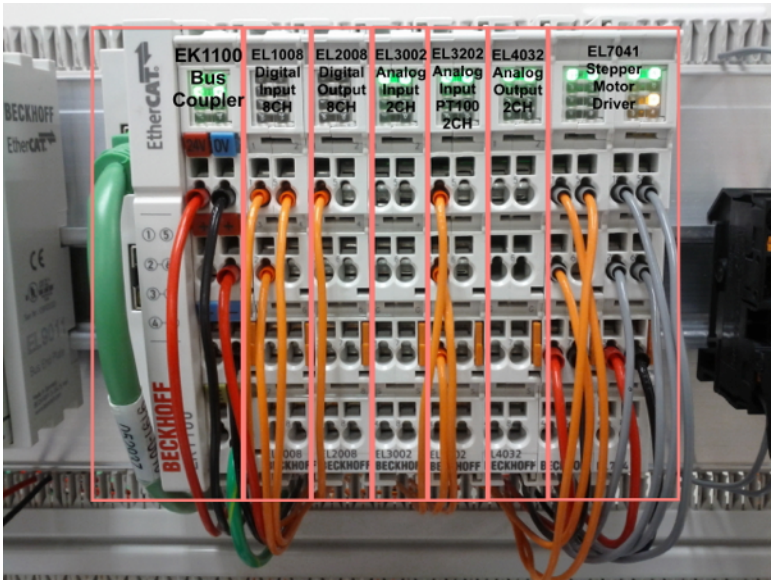


Fig. 2.2: HDK I/O modules

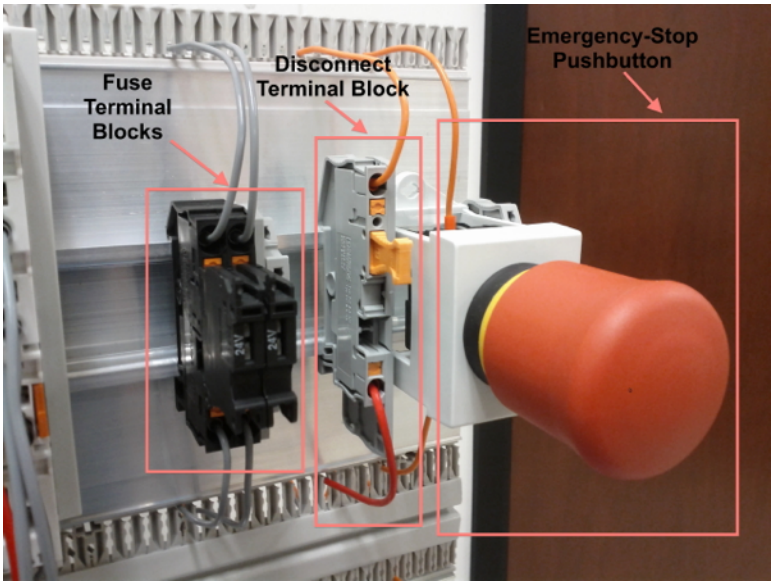


Fig. 2.3: HDK emergency button

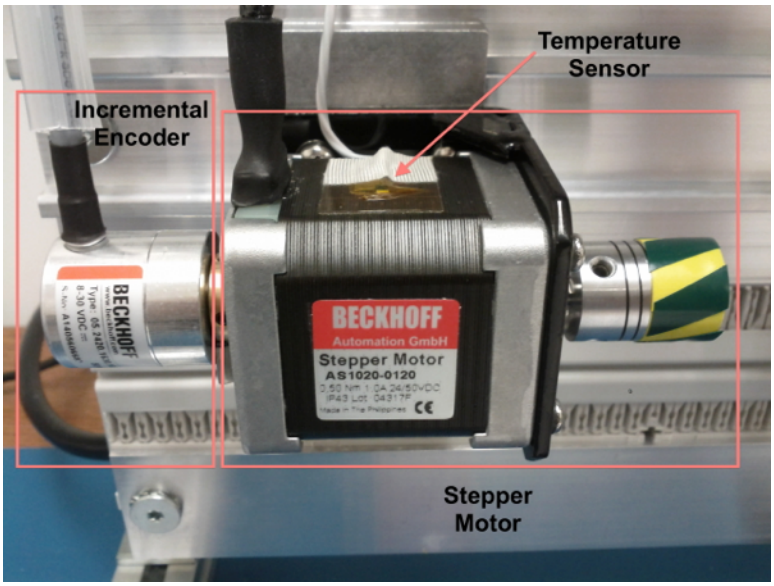


Fig. 2.4: HDK stepper motor

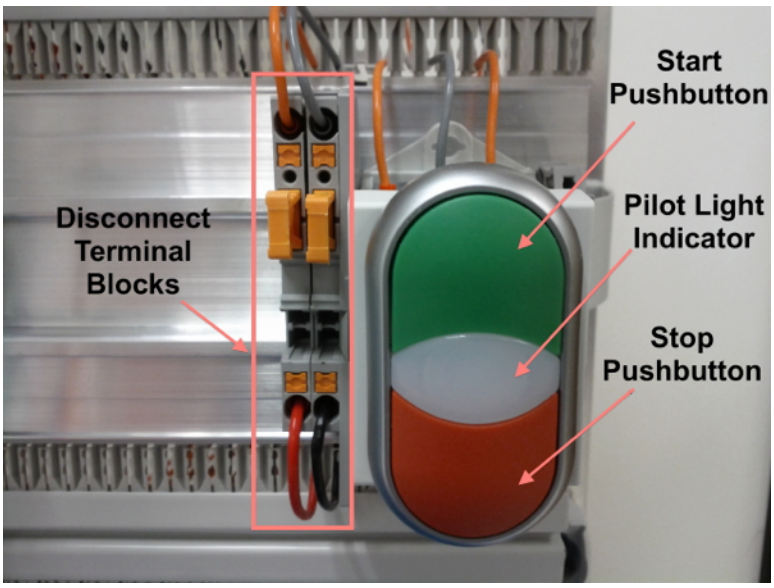


Fig. 2.5: HDK pushbuttons

The EtherCAT bus must be connected to the RJ-45 connector that is located to the left of the I/O modules block (see Fig. 2.6). The other end of the bus must be connected to the EtherCAT port of the Real Time Linux DCC.

We can check that the installation has been done correctly using the `ethercat` command in the Linux machine. If we execute:

```
$ ethercat slaves
```

then the returned output must be:

```
0  0:0  PREOP  +  EK1100 EtherCAT-Koppler (2A E-Bus)
1  0:1  PREOP  +  EL1008 8K. Dig. Eingang 24V, 3ms
2  0:2  PREOP  +  EL2008 8K. Dig. Ausgang 24V, 0.5A
3  0:3  PREOP  +  EL3002 2K.Ana. Eingang  +/-10V
4  0:4  PREOP  +  EL3202 2K.Ana. Eingang PT100 (RTD)
5  0:5  PREOP  +  EL4032 2K. Ana. Ausgang +/-10V, 12bit
6  0:6  PREOP  +  EL7041 1K. Schrittmotor-Endstufe (50V, 5A)
7  0:7  PREOP  +  EL9508 Netzteilklemme 8V
8  0:8  PREOP  +  EL3356 1K . Ana. Eingang, Widerstandsbr?cke, 16bit, hochgenau
9  0:9  PREOP  +  EL3356-0010 1K . Ana. Eingang, Widerstandsbr?cke, 24bit, hochge
```

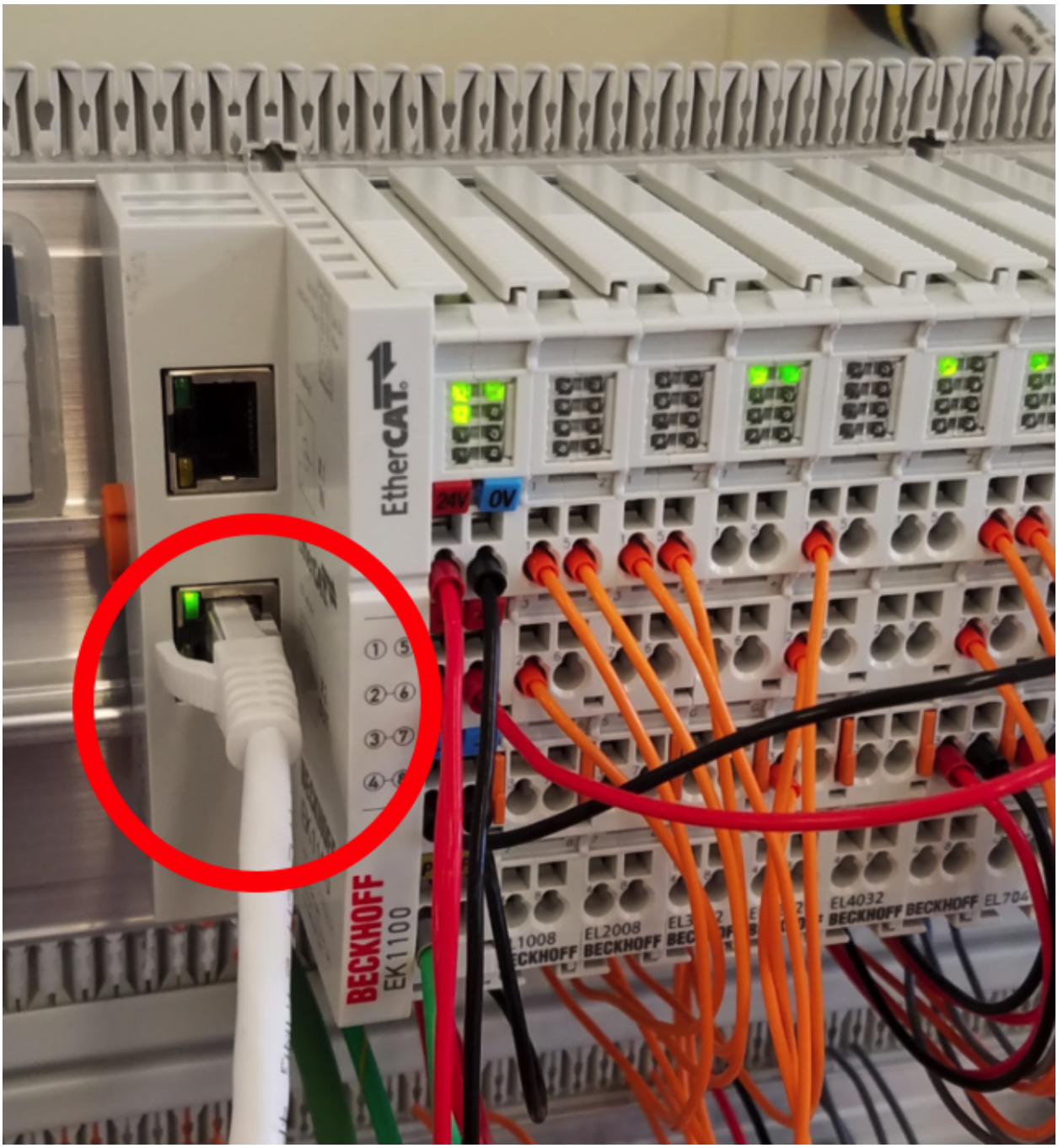


Fig. 2.6: HDK panel EtherCAT bus connection

CHAPTER

THREE

HDK SOFTWARE

3.1 Clone the hdk_dcs repository

On the real-time DCC, clone the repository in the development folder:

```
$ cd $GMT_LOCAL/modules
$ gds clone hdk_dcs -d gmto
```

where the `-d option` defines the git repository owner. The output of the command will be:

```
Cloning into 'ocs_hdk_dcs'...
remote: Counting objects: 548, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (44/44), done.
remote: Total 548 (delta 7), reused 19 (delta 1), pack-reused 503
Receiving objects: 100% (548/548), 97.69 KiB | 1.81 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (247/247), done.
[INF] [gds] clone module hdk_dcs
[INF] [hdk_dcs] Cloning module: hdk_dcs
```

3.2 Model files

The model files can be found in the **$GMT_LOCAL/modules/ocs_hdk_dcs/model/** folder.

webpack.config.coffee It has the webpack directives which are needed to build the model

hdk_dcs_ld.coffee It is the "loader" file. It contains the `` `require` `` directives to load the rest of the files.

hdk_dcs.coffee Lists the connectors between the components and the external environment.

hdk_dcs_def.coffee High-level definition file, representing the WBS for the submodule. It lists the components, as well as their implementation language, and other properties.

hdk_dcs_types.coffee Definitions of structs and data types used by the HDK components.

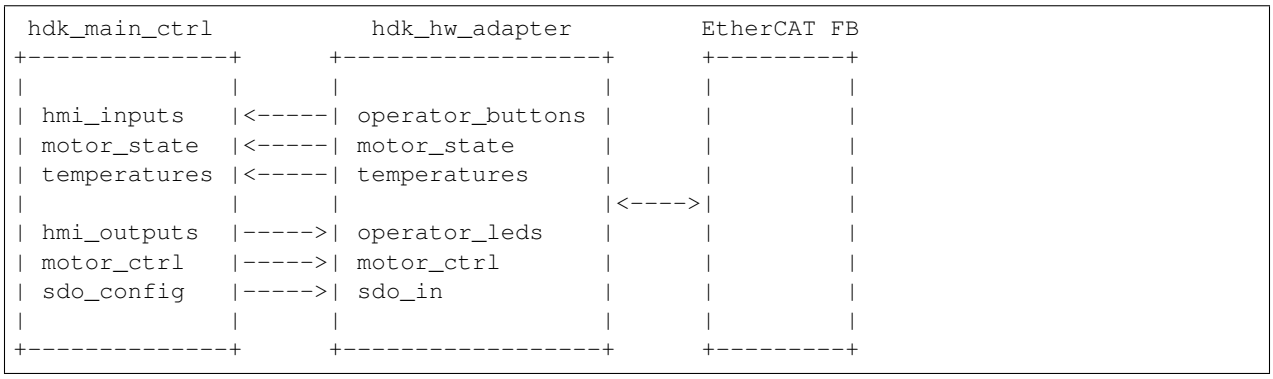
hdk_dcs.rst Text file, in RST format, describing the module.

hdk_ctrl_pkg/hdk_ctrl_fb.coffee Fieldbus definitions for the HDK control package.

hdk_ctrl_pkg/hdk_ctrl_pkg.coffee Lists the connectors between the components of the *hdk_ctrl_pkg* package.

hdk_ctrl_pkg/hdk_main_ctrl.coffee Definition of the *Main HDK Controller* component. State variables, input and output ports are specified here. A single instance called **hdk_main_ctrl** will be created.

hdk_ctrl_pkg/hdk_hw_adapter.coffee Definition of the *Hardware Adapter* component, used to interface with the HDK Actuators and Sensors. State variables, input and output ports are specified here. A single instance called **hdk_hw1_adapter** will be created.



3.3 Code generation

The hdk_dcs repository already has the source code of the HDK, so it is not necessary to generate it.

Warning: If the source code is generated again using *gds*, all the source files will be overwritten, including the step function implementations. By default, *gds* will preserve the step function files by copying the the previous version of the `<component>_step.cpp` files to `<component>_step.cpp.preserve`. If compilation fails, check the file differences between the repository files and the generated files for manual changes that may have to be reapplied.

If the source code needs to be generated again (for example, if some feature to the components must be added), then it can be done using the standard procedure:

```
$ cd $GMT_LOCAL/modules/ocs_hdk_dcs/model
$ webpack
$ gds gen hdk_dcs
```

After re-generating code from the model, all manual changes will need to be re-applied.

3.4 HDK Main Controller Behavior

The behavior of the HDK is defined in the *hdk_main_ctrl* component, and more specifically, in the step() function of this controller.

The file that contains the HDK controller step function is `hdk_main_ctrl_step.cpp`. To visualize or edit it:

```
$ cd $GMT_LOCAL/modules/ocs_hdk_dcs/src/cpp/
$ cd hdk_ctrl_pkg/hdk_main_ctrl
$ vi hdk_main_ctrl_step.cpp
```

The contents of the file is:

```
#include "hdk_main_ctrl.h"

using namespace gmt;
```

```
void HdkMainCtrl::step(bool setup_ok) {
    if (setup_ok)
    {
        if (!hmi_inputs.emergency_button)
        {
            motor_ctrl.velocity = 0;
            motor_ctrl.enable = false;
        }
        else if (motor_state.ready && !motor_state.enabled)
        {
            // enable motor if not enabled
            motor_ctrl.enable = true;
        }

        if (motor_state.enabled)
        {
            if (hmi_inputs.green_push_button)
            {
                motor_ctrl.velocity++;
            }

            if (hmi_inputs.red_push_button)
            {
                motor_ctrl.velocity--;
            }

            if (!hmi_inputs.emergency_button)
            {
                motor_ctrl.velocity = 0;
                motor_ctrl.enable = false;
            }
        }

        bool moving                 = motor_state.moving_positive || motor_state.
↪moving_negative;
        hmi_outputs.pilot           = moving; // pilot on when moving
        hmi_outputs.emergency_light = !hmi_inputs.emergency_button; // ligth on when␣
↪button pressed

        float estimated_temperature = temperatures.temp_sensor1 / 10.0;  // 10.0 will␣
↪be a property

        if (is_step_rate(100))    // every 100 steps = 1 second
        {
            // following values should go to user interface
            log_info("Green button = " + std::to_string(hmi_inputs.green_push_
↪button));
            log_info("Red button   = " + std::to_string(hmi_inputs.red_push_button));
            log_info("Emergency    = " + std::to_string(hmi_inputs.emergency_button));
            log_info("Temperature  = " + std::to_string(estimated_temperature));
            log_info("Temperature1 = " + std::to_string(temperatures.temp_sensor1));
            log_info("Temperature2 = " + std::to_string(temperatures.temp_sensor2));
            log_info("Axis Ready   = " + std::to_string(motor_state.ready));
            log_info("Axis Enabled = " + std::to_string(motor_state.enabled));
            log_info("Axis Warning = " + std::to_string(motor_state.warning));
            log_info("Axis Error   = " + std::to_string(motor_state.error));
            log_info("Axis Moving+ = " + std::to_string(motor_state.moving_positive));
```

```
            log_info("Axis Moving- = " + std::to_string(motor_state.moving_negative));
        }

        if(is_step_rate(500))  // every 500 steps = 5 seconds
        {
            // flip bit to indicate component is alive
            hmi_outputs.heartbeat = !hmi_outputs.heartbeat;
        }
    }
}
```

This step function has 5 parts:

1. Emergency button
2. Motor control
3. LEDs control
4. Logs
5. Heartbeat LED

3.4.1 Step function. Emergency button section

The first code block of the step function is

```
if (!hmi_inputs.emergency_button)
{
    motor_ctrl.velocity = 0;
    motor_ctrl.enable = false;
}
else if (motor_state.ready && !motor_state.enabled)
{
    // enable motor if not enabled
    motor_ctrl.enable = true;
}
```

In the field `emergency_button` of the `hmi_inputs` input port we have the state of the emergency button, in inverse logic (so it is `False` when it is pushed, and `True` when not). The above code block disables the stepper motor and sets the velocity to 0 when the emergency button is activated, and enables the motor if not.

3.4.2 Step function. Motor control

The next section of code implements the motor control:

```
if (motor_state.enabled)
{
    if (hmi_inputs.green_push_button)
    {
        motor_ctrl.velocity++;
    }

    if (hmi_inputs.red_push_button)
    {
        motor_ctrl.velocity--;
    }
```

```
    if (!hmi_inputs.emergency_button)
    {
        motor_ctrl.velocity = 0;
        motor_ctrl.enable = false;
    }
}
```

In the `green_push_button` field of the `hmi_inputs` input port we have the state of the green push button of the HDK panel (`True` when pushed, `False` when not) and in the field `red_push_button` we have the state of the red button (see Fig. 2.5).

The `motor_ctrl` output port has 3 fields: the `velocity` field, which will be forwarded to the stepper motor as the velocity set point; the `enable`, which will control if the motor is enabled or not; and the `reset`, which resets the motor in case of failure.

The logic of the section is straightforward: if the green button is pushed, the velocity will be increased; if the red button is pushed the velocity will be decreased; and if the emergency button is pushed then the motor is disabled.

3.4.3 Step function. LEDs control

The next code section takes care of the control of the LEDs:

```
bool moving = motor_state.moving_positive || motor_state.moving_negative;
hmi_outputs.pilot = moving; // pilot on when moving
hmi_outputs.emergency_light = !hmi_inputs.emergency_button; // ligth on when button␣
↪pressed
```

In the fist line we read the motion state of the stepper motor, and in the second line we light the white led (see Fig. 2.5) if the motor is moving. In the third line, we light the red led (Fig. 2.3) if the emergency button is pushed.

3.4.4 Step function. Logs

Once each second, the HDK application produces some logs to inform about the slaves readings:

```
if (is_step_rate(100))     // every 100 steps = 1 second
{
    // following values should go to user interface
    log_info("Green button = " + std::to_string(hmi_inputs.green_push_button));
    log_info("Red button   = " + std::to_string(hmi_inputs.red_push_button));
    log_info("Emergency    = " + std::to_string(hmi_inputs.emergency_button));
    log_info("Temperature  = " + std::to_string(estimated_temperature));
    log_info("Temperature1 = " + std::to_string(temperatures.temp_sensor1));
    log_info("Temperature2 = " + std::to_string(temperatures.temp_sensor2));
    log_info("Axis Ready   = " + std::to_string(motor_state.ready));
    log_info("Axis Enabled = " + std::to_string(motor_state.enabled));
    log_info("Axis Warning = " + std::to_string(motor_state.warning));
    log_info("Axis Error   = " + std::to_string(motor_state.error));
    log_info("Axis Moving+ = " + std::to_string(motor_state.moving_positive));
    log_info("Axis Moving- = " + std::to_string(motor_state.moving_negative));
}
```

The `is_step_rate(num)` function returns true once each `num` steps, so the above code gets executed once each 100 steps. As the HDK scan rate is 100 Hz, this section is entered once each second.

Inside the *if* statement we have several `log_info` to show the different variables. The `log_info` method is inherited from the *BaseComponent* base class, and it sends the given string to the Log Service.

3.4.5 Step function. Heartbeat LED

Finally, the section

```
if(is_step_rate(500))  // every 500 steps = 5 seconds
{
    // flip bit to indicate component is alive
    hmi_outputs.heartbeat = !hmi_outputs.heartbeat;
}
```

inverts the state of the heartbeat LED, with a period of 5 seconds. This digital output is not actually wired to any hardware device, but the change is visible in the LED array of the digital output EL2008 Ethercat slave.

3.5 Compilation

To compile the C++ Control Package code of the HDK, edit the module.mk file to contain the correct library definitions:

```
$ vi $GMT_LOCAL/modules/ocs_hdk_dcs/src/cpp/hdk_ctrl_pkg/module.mk
```

Ensure that the following lines are defined:

```
# Add in this file the compile flags for the package, eg:
MOD_BUILD_LDFLAGS += -lcore_core_pkg -lio_core_pkg -lctrl_core_pkg -lio_ethercat_pkg
MOD_BUILD_LDFLAGS += -lethercat
```

Run **make** to compile the code:

```
$ cd $GMT_LOCAL/modules/ocs_hdk_dcs/src/cpp
$ make
```

3.6 Running the Example

Start the logging and telemetry services:

```
$ log_server &
$ tele_server &
```

Start the HDK application in the background

```
$ hdk_ctrl_app &
```

The application is running in the background and will not provide any console output. All output will be directed to the logging service after the components have been successfully set up.

3.6.1 Log client

In a separate terminal (for example, *tty2*), **start the logging service client**.

```
$ log_client listen
```

3.6.2 Telemetry client

In a separate terminal (for example *tty3*), **start the telemetry service client**.

```
$ tele_client listen
```

3.6.3 HDK operation

Now the HDK is available to be operated. The behaviour of the system will be the described one:

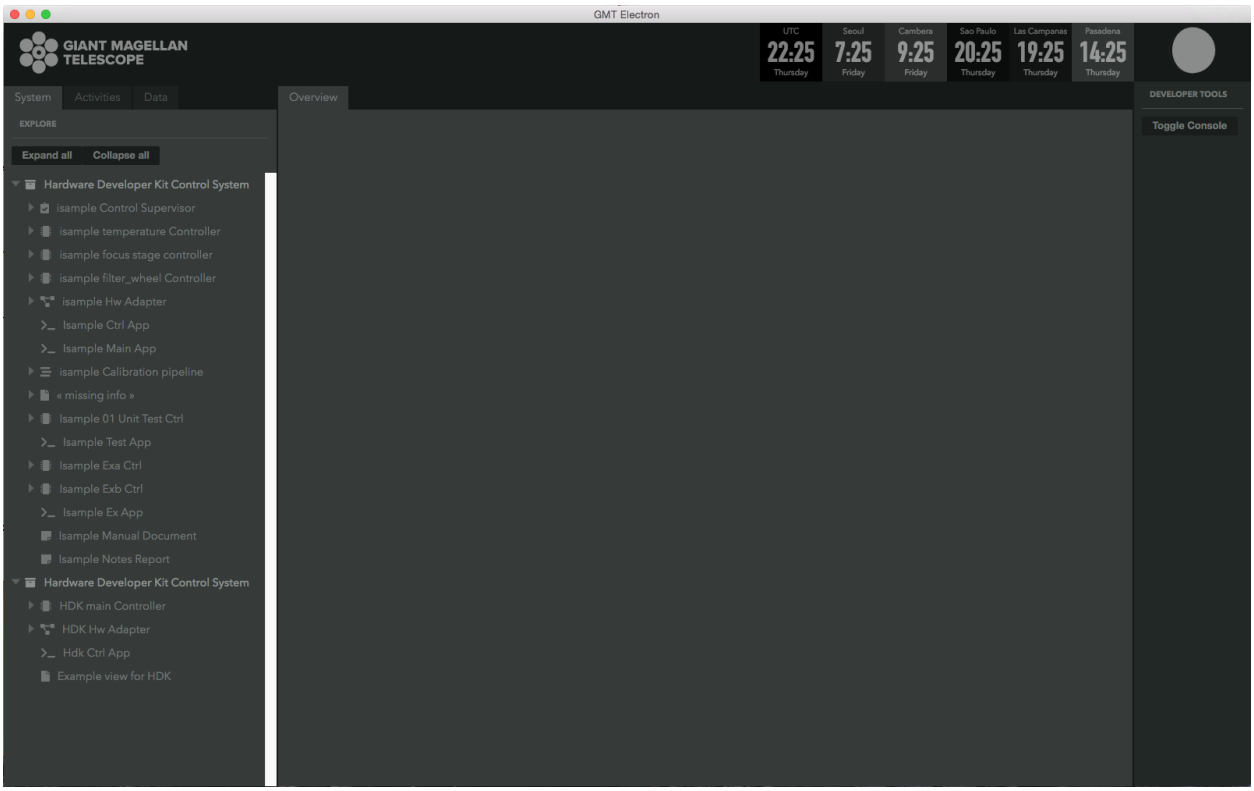
- If the emergency button is pressed, then the stepper motor will be disabled, and the red led of the emergency button will be on.
- If the emergency button is released, then the stepper motor will be enabled, and the red led of the emergency button will be off.
- When the emergency button is released, if the green button is pushed then the velocity of the stepper motor will be increased.
- When the emergency button is released, if the red button is pushed then the velocity of the stepper motor will be decreased.
- If the motor is moving, then the pilot led between the buttons will be on.

CHAPTER

FOUR

USER INTERFACE

The Navigator application displays the Engineering user interface as well as any custom panels defined in the subsystem's Visualization Package. Engineering panels are automatically generated from the Model files, whereas custom panels need to be created manually.



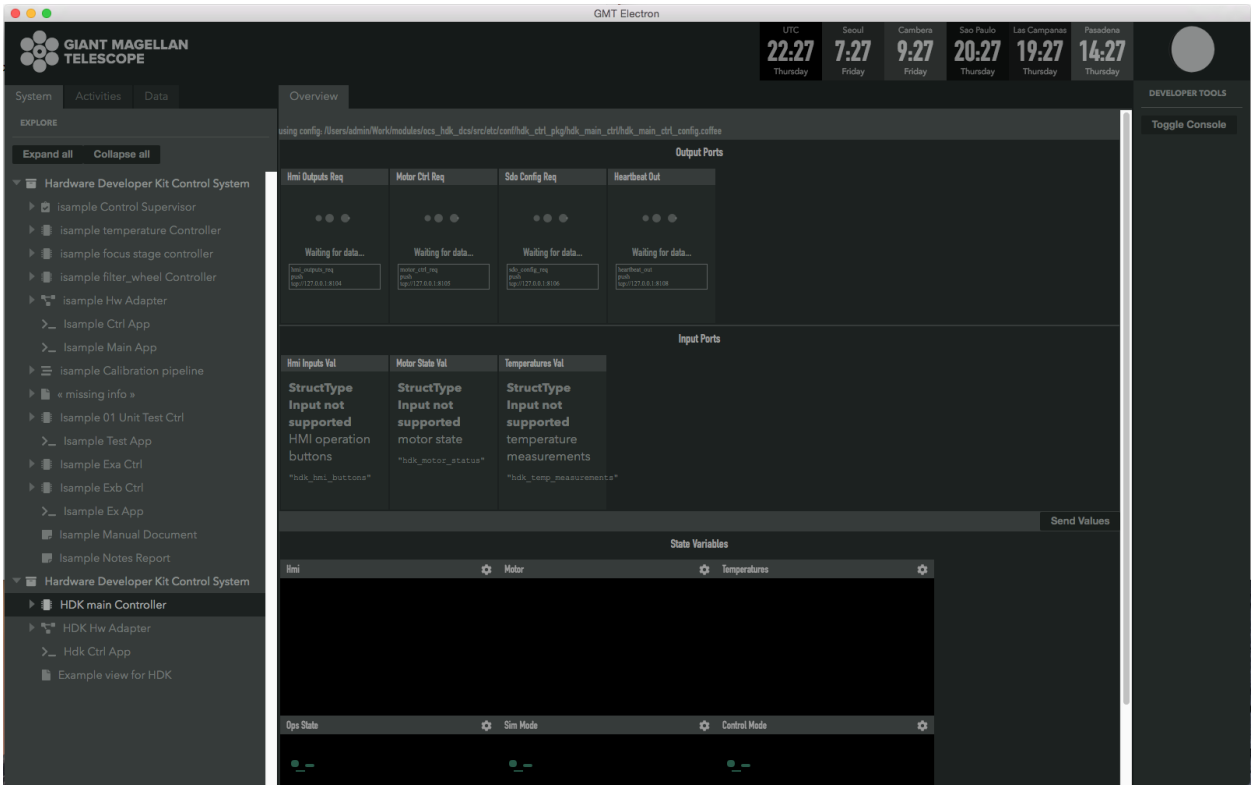
The HDK DCS contains basic examples of these user interface panels with limited functionality. More detailed examples will be added in the future as the UI Framework matures.

Note: The UI framework is currently only supported on MacOS. Linux support will be available in future releases.

4.1 Configuration

In order to receive data, the User Interface needs to be configured with the correct URIs for connecting to control components that may be running on a different machine. The UI will display the message "Waiting for data" for

components it cannot connect to.



Edit the appropriate config files in the `src/etc/conf` folder to point to the correct IP address for input and output ports. For example,

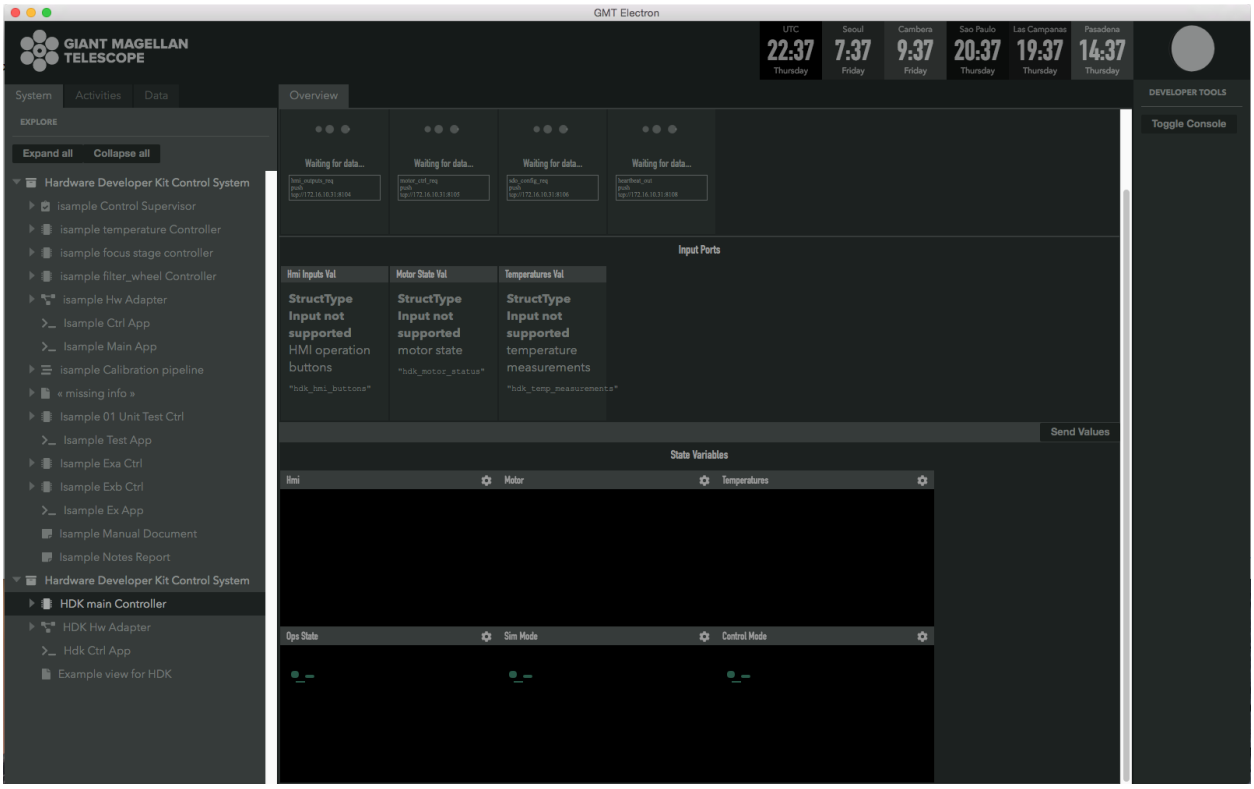
```
$ cd $GMT_LOCAL/modules/ocs_hdk_dcs/src/etc/conf/hdk_ctrl_pkg/hdk_main_ctrl/
$ sed -i '' "s/172.0.0.1/172.16.10.31/g" hdk_main_ctrl_config.coffee
```

Also note that the firewall on the machine running the control components need to be configured to allow data through the input/output ports that the UI is trying to connect to. Use `firewall-cmd` to open the applicable ports (for example, the range from 8122 to 8124):

```
$ sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=8122-8124/tcp
```

See the Troubleshooting section in the UI Framework Guidelines document for more help with connection issues.

The following screenshot shows that the configuration is correct, but the remote control components are not running.



4.2 Running the Engineering UI

The Engineering UI uses your local bundles file (found in `$GMT_LOCAL/etc/bundles`) to automatically create a visual representation of the modules being worked on by loading the input/output port definitions in the relevant Model files.

For now, the Engineering application needs to run in MacOS. Ensure that it has been configured correctly using the Installation Guide document.

To launch the Navigator application, run this in the command line

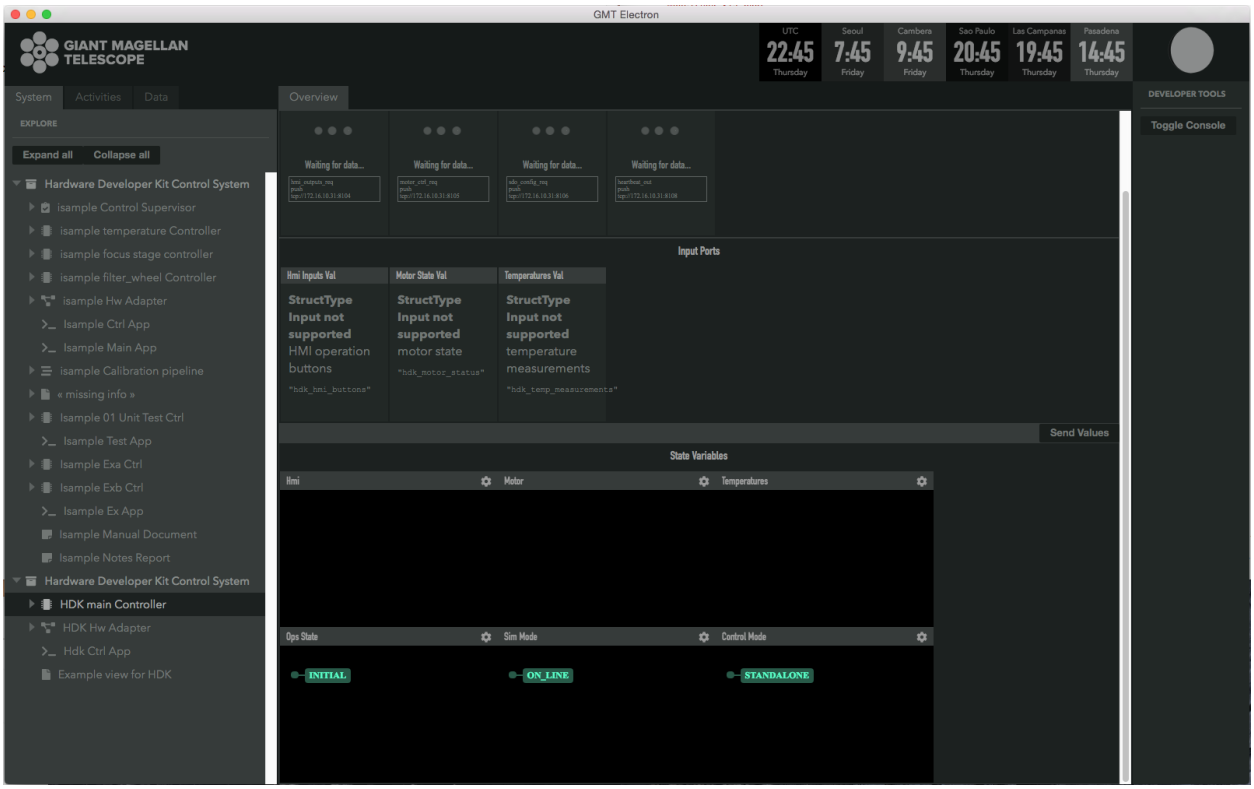
```
$ navigator
```

This will launch the GUI as a child process of the CLI application. To stop the GUI, stop the CLI app with `CTRL + C`.

> **Warning:** Some users have noted an issue when running this command from $GMT_LOCAL. If the UI doesn't load properly, try running it from a different location.

If necessary, see the Troubleshooting section in the UI Framework Guidelines document.

On the left-hand side of the UI, use the tree structure to navigate to the HDK components. Selecting the appropriate component will provide a panel in the *Context* area with the input/output ports and state variables defined in the Model.



Note: The **Context** area will optimistically render your model. Not all model data can be rendered by the current version of the software. Some items like *properties* and detailed port views are currently not supported.

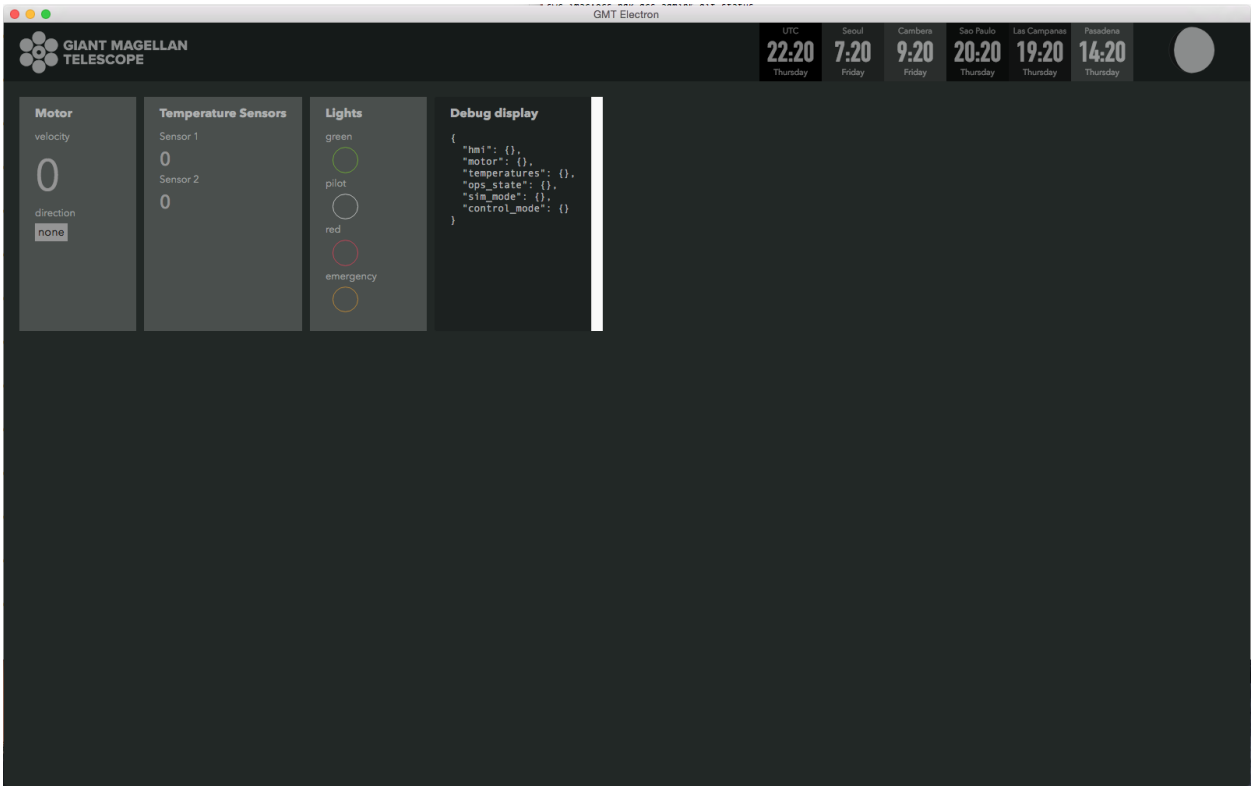
4.3 Displaying a custom UI Panel

The UI Framework allows the definition of custom UI panels for visualization of data using special UI components (for example, *panels* and *widgets*). Custom panels are defined in the Visualization Package of the Device Control System.

The Navigator application can launch standalone panels with the `--panel` option to only focus in on the custom HDK panel:

```
$ navigator --panel hdk_main_ctrl_view --port 9198
```

The entire screen is now dedicated to displaying the custom UI panel.



Note: The engineering app reserves port `9199`. Custom panel launches of the application need to specify a different port for each instance. The navigator app allows you to run instances of multiple panels at the same time. However, you will need to specify a different `--port` for each instance to avoid port collision errors. Also, note that the navigator app will reuse the internal data server for multiple instances, so if you close the initial instance, the data server may become unavailable for the other panels.

For more information on creating custom UI panels, see the UI Framework Guidelines document.