Transponder Abstraction Interface

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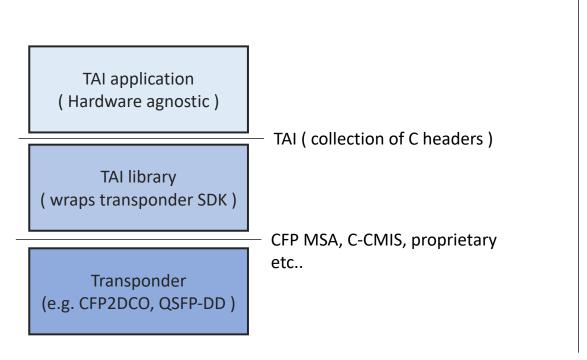
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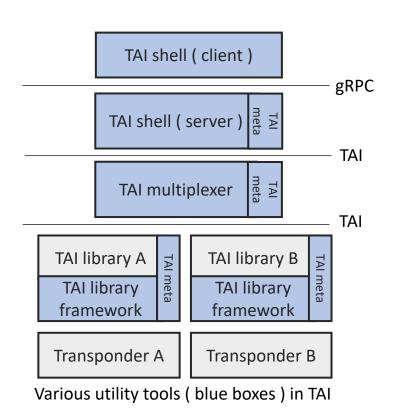
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1. TAI basics from software perspective

Transponder Abstraction Interface - TAI

- Open software interface between transponder and NOS application
- + various utility tools to help developing transponder NOS

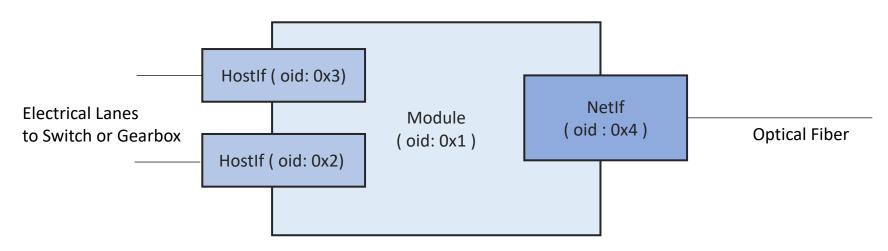




TAI – open software interface

TAI object

- 3 objects : module, network interface, and host interface
- Each object gets a unique object ID (oid) from TAI library when created
- Network interface and Host interface belong to one module



Example TAI object composition: 200G CFP2DCO (1 lambda, 2x100GbE)

TAI attribute

- Each object type has set of pre-defined attributes
 - All attribute uses tai_attribute_t

TAI application controls hardware by setting and getting

these attributes

```
tai_attribute_t attr;
attr.id = TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_ATTR_TX_LASER_FREQ;
attr.value.u64 = 19350000000000000; // 193.5Thz
netif_api->set_network_interface_attribute(oid, &attr);
```

Example of setting TAI attribute

```
enum _tai_network_interface_attr_t
  TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_ATTR_START,
  TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_ATTR_TX_LASER_FREQ,
tai_network_interface_attr_t;
```

Example of pre-defined attributes

```
typedef union tai attribute value t
   bool booldata;
   char chardata[32];
   tai uint8 t u8;
   tai int8 t s8;
   tai_uint16_t u16;
   tai_int16_t s16;
    tai uint32 t u32;
   tai_int32_t s32;
   tai uint64 t u64;
   tai_int64_t s64;
    tai float t flt;
    tai_pointer_t ptr;
   tai object_id_t oid;
   tai_object_list_t objlist;
   tai_char_list_t charlist;
    tai_u8_list_t u8list;
    tai_s8_list_t s8list;
    tai_u16_list_t u16list;
   tai_s16_list_t s16list;
    tai_u32_list_t u32list;
   tai_s32_list_t s32list;
   tai_float_list_t floatlist;
   tai u32_range_t u32range;
   tai_s32_range_t s32range;
   tai object map list t objmaplist;
   tai_attr_value_list_t attrlist;
   tai_notification_handler_t notification;
} tai attribute_value_t;
typedef struct _tai_attribute_t
   tai attr id t id;
   tai_attribute_value_t value;
} tai_attribute_t;
```

tai_attribute_t : common struct for TAI attribute

TAI API

- # of directly exposed functions are only 7. All defined in tai.h
 - 1. tai_api_initialize
 - 2. tai_api_query
 - 3. tai_api_uninitialized
 - 4. tai_log_set
 - 5. tai_object_type_query
 - 6. tai_module_id_query
 - 7. tai_dbg_generate_dump
- Core functionality (create TAI objects, set attribute etc..) is categorized by tai_api_t and retrieved as function pointers via tai_api_query

tai_api_initialize

- The application can pass module_presence callback to tai_api_initialize
- TAI library calls module_presence callback to show module presence
- char* location is used to identify a module since an object ID is not assigned yet (TAI module is not created)

```
int event_fd;
std::gueue<std::pair<bool, std::string>> gueue;
void module_presence(bool present, char* location) {
   uint64_t v = 1;
   queue.push(std::pair<bool, std::string>(present, std::string(location)));
   write(event_fd, &v, sizeof(uint64_t));
int main() {
    tai_service_method_table_t services = {0};
   services.module_presence = module_presence;
   event_fd = eventfd(0, 0);
   tai_api_initialize(0, &services);
   while (true) {
        uint64_t v;
        read(event_fd, &v, sizeof(uint64_t));
       while ( !queue.empty() ) {
            auto p = queue.front();
           auto present = p.first;
            auto location = p.second;
            if (present) {
                create module(location)
            queue.pop();
```

tai_api_query

- TAI's core functionality needs to be retrieved via tai_api_query
- 4 API types (tai_api_t) are defined
 - TAI_API_MODULE
 - TAI_API_NETWORKIF
 - TAI API HOSTIF
 - TAI_API_META
- Function pointers are returned from TAI library if it is supported

tai_module_api_t definition from taimodule.h

```
struct tai_api_method_table_t {
    tai_module_api_t* module_api;
    tai_host_interface_api_t* hostif_api;
    tai_network_interface_api_t* netif_api;
    tai_meta_api_t* meta_api;
};

tai_api_method_table_t g_api;

int main() {
    // right after calling tai_api_initialize()
    tai_api_query(TAI_API_MODULE, (void **)(&g_api.module_api));
    tai_api_query(TAI_API_NETWORKIF, (void **)(&g_api.netif_api));
    tai_api_query(TAI_API_HOSTIF, (void **)(&g_api.hostif_api));
    tai_api_query(TAI_API_META, (void **)(&g_api.meta_api));
}
```

TAI module creation

- We got module location via module_presence callback
- We got module API function pointers via tai_api_query
- Call create_module with a list of attributes including the location to create a TAI module object
 - TAI library creates the object and assign object ID

```
void create_module(char* location) {
 tai_object_id_t oid;
 tai attribute t attrs[2];
 attrs[0].id = TAI_MODULE_ATTR_LOCATION;
 attrs[0].value.charlist.count = strlen(location);
 attrs[0].value.charlist.list = location;
 attrs[1].id = TAI_MODULE_ATTR_ADMIN_STATUS;
 attrs[1].value.u32 = TAI_MODULE_ADMIN_STATUS_UP;
 auto status = module_api->create_module(&oid, 2, attrs);
 if ( status != TAI_STATUS_SUCCESS ) {
   error("failed to create module whose location is %s", location);
 info("module created. oid: 0x%x", oid);
```

Example of TAI module creation

TAI hostif/netif creation

- We got module oid
- We got hostif and netif API function pointers via tai_api_query
- Call get_module_attributes to get # of hostif and netif the module has

 Call create_host_interface and create_network_interface with the module oid and a list of attributes including the index

```
void create_netif_and_hostif(tai_object_id_t module_oid) {
 tai attribute t attrs[2];
 attrs[0].id = TAI MODULE ATTR NUM HOST INTERFACES;
 attrs[1].id = TAI_MODULE_ATTR_NUM_NETWORK_INTERFACES;
 auto status = module_api->get_module_attributes(module_oid, 2, attrs);
 if ( status != TAI STATUS SUCCESS ) {
    error("failed to get module attributes");
 auto num_hostif = attrs[0].value.u32;
 create_hostif(module_oid, num_hostif);
 auto num netif = attrs[1].value.u32;
 create_netif(module_oid, num_netif);
void create_hostif(tai_object_id_t module_oid, uint32_t num) {
 for ( uint32 t i = 0; i < num; i++ ) {</pre>
    tai object id t oid;
    tai_attribute_t attrs[1];
    attr.id = TAI_HOST_INTERFACE_ATTR_INDEX;
   attr.value.u32 = i;
    hostif_api->create_host_interface(&oid, 1, attrs);
```

Example of TAI hostif and netif creation

TAI basics - summary

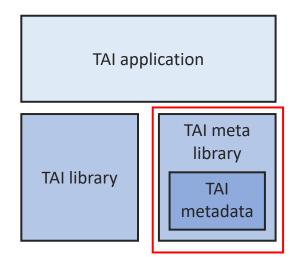
- TAI is an open software interface between transponder and NOS application
 - It also includes various utility tools
- TAI API is object oriented and declarative
 - Easy to use for NOS application
 - Difficult to implement TAI library
 - TAI library framework provides basic framework to develop TAI library

2. TAI meta library and TAI metadata

TAI meta library and TAI metadata

• TAI meta library: A utility library (libmeta-tai.so) to help TAI software development (e.g. stringify, memory allocation)

- TAI metadata: meta information about TAI objects and TAI attributes
 - This information is embedded inside TAI meta library



TAI metadata

- TAI metadata structs hold meta information like
 - human-readable attribute name
 - value type (uint32, bool etc..)
 - flags (read-only, create-only)
- TAI metadata structs are passed to various APIs in the TAI meta library

```
typedef struct _tai_attr_metadata_t
    tai_object_type_t
                                                objecttype;
    tai attr id t
                                                attrid;
    const char* const
                                                attridname;
    const char* const
                                                attridshortname;
```

How TAI metadata is generated

taimetadata.c (auto-generated)

```
taimodule.h
typedef enum tai module attr t
    TAI_MODULE_ATTR_START,
     * slot identifier, or other value that all
     * @flags MANDATORY ON CREATE | CREATE ONLY
    TAI_MODULE_ATTR_LOCATION = TAI_MODULE_ATTR_START,
```

```
const tai_attr_metadata_t tai_metadata_attr_TAI_MODULE_ATTR_LOCATION = {
                         = TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_MODULE,
    .objecttype
    .attrid
                         = TAI MODULE ATTR LOCATION,
    .attridname
                         = "TAI MODULE ATTR LOCATION",
                         = "location",
    .attridshortname
    .attrvaluetype
                         = TAI ATTR VALUE TYPE CHARLIST,
                         = TAI ATTR FLAGS MANDATORY ON CREATE TAI ATTR FLAGS CREATE ONLY,
    .flags
                         = false,
    .isenum
                         = NULL,
    .enummetadata
    .isoidattribute
                         = false,
    .ismandatoryoncreate = true,
    .iscreateonly
                         = true.
    .iscreateandset
                         = false,
    .isreadonly
                         = false,
    .isclearable
                         = false,
                         = false,
    .iskev
    .defaultvaluetype
                         = TAI DEFAULT VALUE TYPE NONE,
```

- TAI metadata is generated automatically by parsing the TAI header files when building the meta library
- libclang is used internally to do the header parsing

Example usage of TAI meta library - serialize

```
int serialize_module_oper_status() {
   int ret;
   char buf[128] = \{0\};
   tai attribute_t attr = {0};
   tai_serialize_option_t option = {
       .valueonly = true,
       .json = false,
   };
   auto meta = tai metadata get attr metadata(TAI OBJECT TYPE MODULE, TAI MODULE ATTR OPER STATUS);
   attr.id = TAI_MODULE ATTR OPER STATUS;
   ret = tai_serialize_attribute(buf, 128, meta, &attr, &option);
   if ( ret < 0 ) {
       return -1;
   ret = strcmp(buf, "TAI_MODULE_OPER_STATUS_READY"); Human readable string
   if ( ret != 0 ) {
       return -1;
   return 0;
```

Example usage of TAI meta library - deserialize

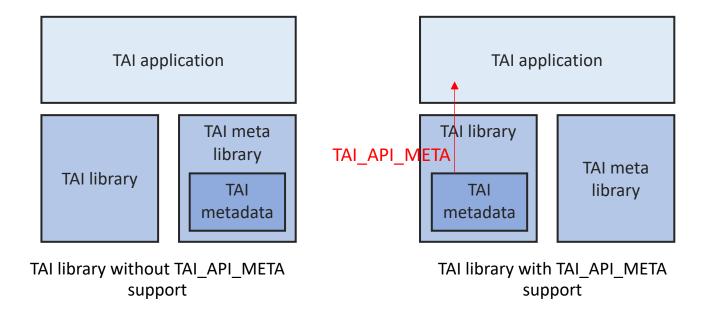
```
int deserialize_network_interface_attr() {
   int32_t value;
   int ret;
   tai_serialize_option_t option = {
        .human = true,
   };
   ret = tai_deserialize_network_interface_attr("tx-laser-freq", &value, &option);
   if ( ret < 0 ) {
        return -1;
      ( value != TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_ATTR_TX_LASER_FREQ ) {
        return -1;
   return 0;
```

Example usage of TAI meta library - memory

```
int deepcopy_attr_value() {
   const tai_attr_metadata_t* meta = tai_metadata_get_attr_metadata(TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_NETWORKIF,
TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_ATTR_TX_ALIGN_STATUS);
   tai_attribute_t src, dst = {0};
   tai_status_t status;
   if ( status != TAI_STATUS_SUCCESS ) {
      printf("failed to alloc attr value: %d\n", status);
   status = tai metadata alloc attr value(meta, &dst, NULL);
   if ( status != TAI STATUS SUCCESS ) {
      printf("failed to alloc attr value: %d\n", status);
   src.value.s32list.count = 2;
   src.value.s32list.list[0] = TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_TX_ALIGN_STATUS_TIMING;
   src.value.s32list.list[1] = TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_TX_ALIGN_STATUS_OUT;
   if ( status != TAI_STATUS_SUCCESS ) {
   if ( dst.value.s32list.count != 2 ) {
   if ( dst.value.s32list.list[0] != TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_TX_ALIGN_STATUS_TIMING ) {
   if ( dst.value.s32list.list[1] != TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_TX_ALIGN_STATUS_OUT ) {
```

TAI_API_META: new TAI API type

- TAI_API_META is recently added to provide the metadata information directly from TAI library
- This is needed to support multiple TAI libraries with different metadata in one system
 - e.g.) EdgeCore Cassini, Wistron Galileo mix of ACO and DCO PIU in one system



tai meta api t definition

TAI meta library and TAI metadata - summary

- TAI meta library is a utility library that helps TAI software development
- TAI metadata is an auto-generated structs that hold meta information about TAI objects and TAI attributes
- TAI_META_API is recently added to support embedding TAI metadata inside a TAI library
 - This enables supporting multiple TAI libraries with different capability under TAI multiplexer environment (explained later)

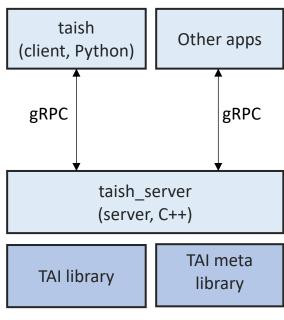
3. TAI shell

TAI shell

- A TAI application to quickly test TAI library interactively
- Server-client architecture
- gRPC is used for the communication between the server and the client

```
$ taish
> module 0
module(0)> netif 0
module(0)/netif(0)> set modulation-format dp-qpsk
module(0)/netif(0)> get modulation-format
dp-qpsk
module(0)/netif(0)> q
module(0)> get vendor-name
BASIC
module(0)>
```

taish: look and feel



TAI shell architecture

taish gRPC API

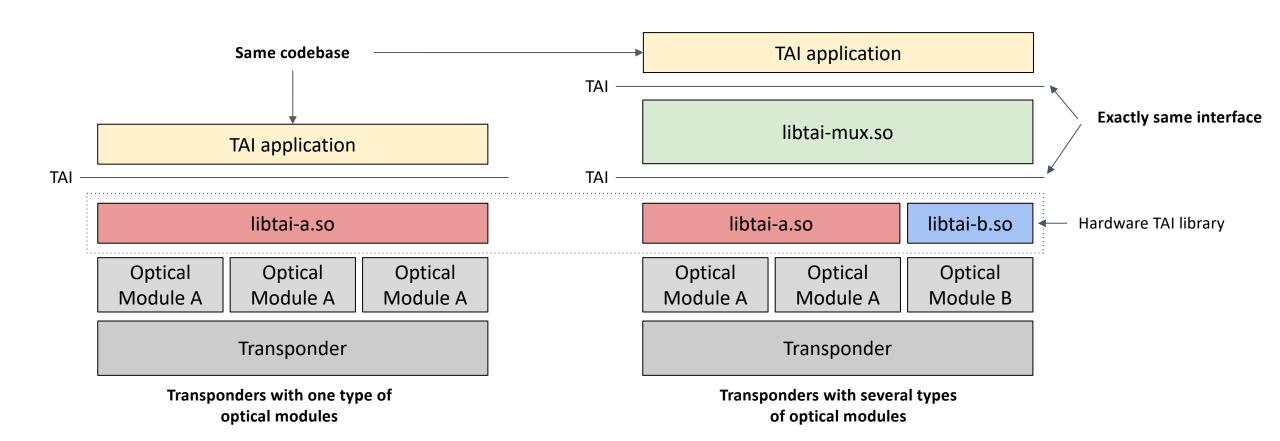
- gRPC : https://grpc.io/
- all TAI APIs can be executed over network (even monitoring)

```
syntax = "proto3";
package taish;
service TAI {
    rpc ListModule(ListModuleRequest) returns (stream ListModuleResponse);
    rpc ListAttributeMetadata(ListAttributeMetadataRequest) returns (stream ListAttributeMetadataResponse);
    rpc GetAttributeMetadata(GetAttributeMetadataRequest) returns (GetAttributeMetadataResponse);
    rpc GetAttribute(GetAttributeRequest) returns (GetAttributeResponse);
    rpc SetAttribute(SetAttributeRequest) returns (SetAttributeResponse);
    rpc ClearAttribute(ClearAttributeRequest) returns (ClearAttributeResponse);
    rpc Monitor(MonitorRequest) returns (stream MonitorResponse);
    rpc SetLogLevel(SetLogLevelRequest) returns (SetLogLevelResponse);
    rpc Create(CreateRequest) returns (CreateResponse);
    rpc Remove(RemoveRequest) returns (RemoveResponse);
```

4. TAI multiplexer

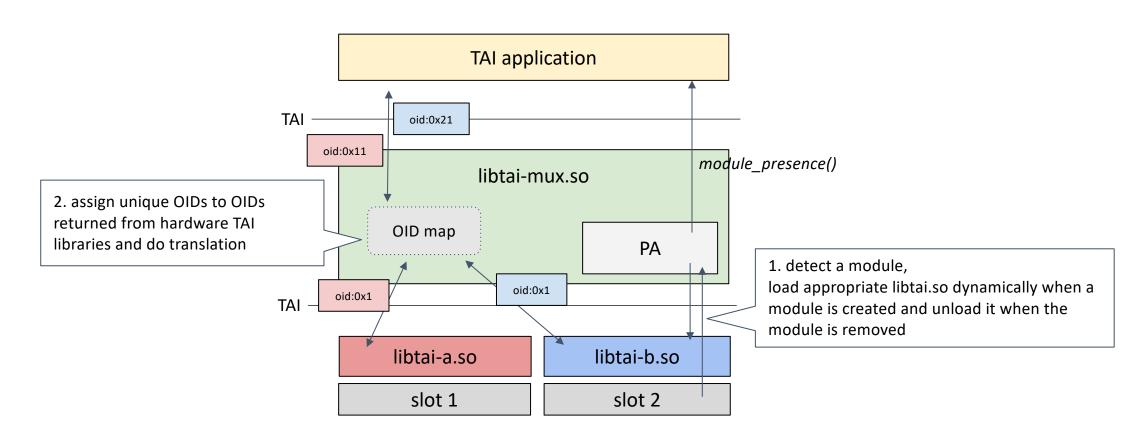
TAI multiplexer - libtai-mux.so

- TAI library to multiplex multiple TAI libraries
- Supports hardware which can have multiple types of optical module (e.g. Edgecore Cassini, Wistron Galileo)
- Available here:
 - https://github.com/Telecominfraproject/oopt-tai-implementations/tree/master/tai_mux



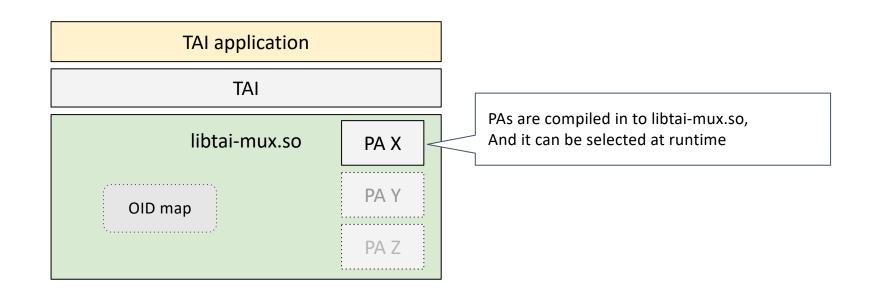
What libtai-mux.so does

- 1. Dynamic hardware TAI library loading/unloading
 - Platform Adapter (PA) detects modules and decides which hardware TAI library to use
- Object ID (OID) mapping
 - Hardware TAI libraries could use the same object ID for different objects
 - o libtai-mux.so manages object ID map and ensures unique IDs are returned to TAI application



Platform Adapter (PA)

- PA detects module insertion/removal, decides which hardware TAI library to load/unload based on their policy/configuration
- libtai-mux.so has modular design to support various types of PA
 - The methods to detect modules varies between OS and hardware
 - software/system vendors may develop their own PA
 - Users can select a PA at runtime by passing an env variable TAI_MUX_PLATFORM_ADAPTER
- Currently 2 platform adapters are open sourced: static PA and exec PA



static PA

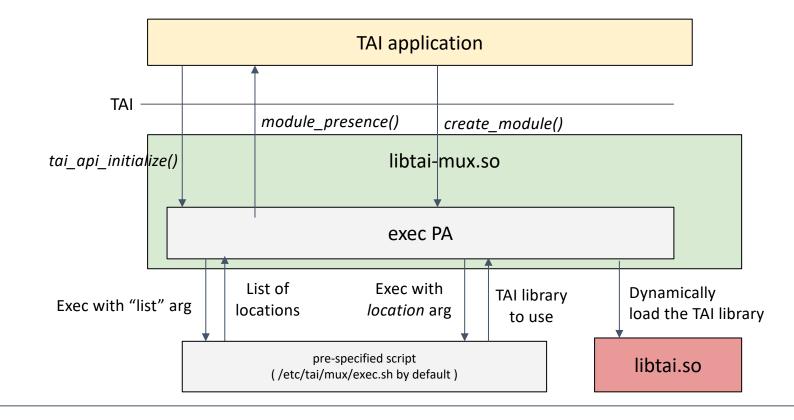
- static PA is a PA which uses static configuration for TAI library selection
- It doesn't do module detection and blindly call module_presence() callback based on the static configuration
- Configuration format is json. The key is location of the module and the value is the TAI library to use
- By using the configuration below, libtai-a.so is used for modules whose location is 1,2,3,4, and libtai-b.so is used for modules whose location is 5,6,7,8

```
{
    "1": "libtai-a.so",
    "2": "libtai-a.so",
    "3": "libtai-a.so",
    "4": "libtai-a.so",
    "5": "libtai-b.so",
    "6": "libtai-b.so",
    "7": "libtai-b.so",
    "8": "libtai-b.so"
}
```

exec PA

time

- exec PA is a PA which executes a pre-specified script for TAI library selection
 - Platform Adapter (PA) detects modules and decides which hardware TAI library to use
- The script is executed with 'list' argument during the module detection
 - The script needs to return list of modules that is on the system
- The script is executed with a location string when create_module() is called by TAI application
 - The script needs to return the name of the TAI library to use for the location



TAI multiplexer - summary

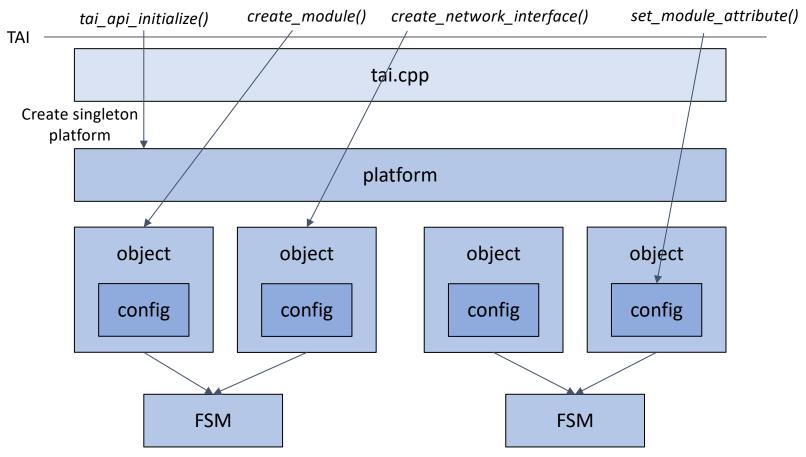
- TAI multiplexer is a TAI library that multiplexes multiple TAI libraries
- Platform Adapter is the core function block of TAI multiplexer
 - Platform Adapter handles the module detection and TAI library selection
 - Modular design to support various types of platform adapter

5. TAI library framework

TAI library framework

- https://github.com/Telecominfraproject/oopt-tai/tree/master/tools/framework
- A framework to build a TAI library (C++17)
- Consists of 5 files
 - tai.cpp TAI API boilerplate : delegates the actual handling to a platform object
 - platform.hpp a singleton class that handles TAI object management (create, remove)
 - object.hpp a base class of TAI object. Handles set and get of TAI attribute
 - config.hpp a class that holds TAI attribute
 - fsm.hpp optional FSM class. Provides state handling in TAI library
- Two examples under /examples directory
 - Stub bare minimum example (~300 lines including many comments)
 - Basic basic example with FSM (~800 lines)
- TAI multiplexer also uses this framework

TAI library framework - architecture



FSM object can be shared among multiple TAI objects (e.g. module, netif, hostif)

Supported attribute enumeration

using M = AttributeInfo<TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_MODULE>; using N = AttributeInfo<TAI OBJECT TYPE NETWORKIF>; using H = AttributeInfo<TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_HOSTIF>; template <> const AttributeInfoMap<TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_MODULE> Config<TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_MODULE>::m_info { stub::M(TAI MODULE ATTR LOCATION), stub::M(TAI MODULE ATTR VENDOR NAME) stub::M(TAI_MODULE_ATTR_NUM_NETWORK_INTERFACES) .set default(&tai::stub::default tai module num network interfaces), stub::M(TAI_MODULE_ATTR_NUM_HOST_INTERFACES) .set_default(&tai::stub::default_tai_module_num_host_interfaces), stub::M(TAI MODULE ATTR ADMIN STATUS) .set validator(EnumValidator({TAI MODULE ADMIN STATUS DOWN, TAI MODULE ADMIN STATUS UP})), stub::M(TAI_MODULE_ATTR_MODULE_SHUTDOWN_REQUEST_NOTIFY), stub::M(TAI MODULE ATTR MODULE STATE CHANGE NOTIFY), **}**; template <> const AttributeInfoMap<TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_NETWORKIF> Config<TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_NETWORKIF>::m_info { stub::N(TAI NETWORK INTERFACE ATTR INDEX), stub::N(TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_ATTR_TX_DIS), stub::N(TAI NETWORK INTERFACE ATTR TX LASER FREQ), stub::N(TAI_NETWORK_INTERFACE_ATTR_OUTPUT_POWER), **}**; template <> const AttributeInfoMap<TAI OBJECT TYPE HOSTIF> Config<TAI OBJECT TYPE HOSTIF>::m info { stub::H(TAI_HOST_INTERFACE_ATTR_INDEX), };

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Network Interface

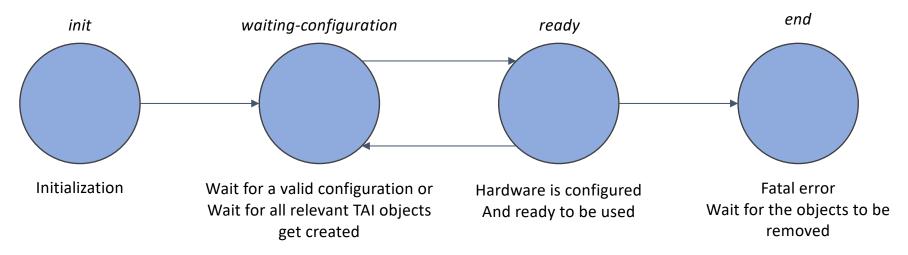
Module attribute

Host Interface attribute

attribute

TAI library framework - FSM

- TAI API is declarative (create, remove, set and get)
 - <u>User of the TAI library</u> doesn't need to care about the hardware state
- Hardware control involves state handling in most case
 - e.g.) set to low-power mode, change configuration, set to high-power mode
- Built-in FSM bridges these two worlds
 - <u>User of the framework can say</u> "go to this *software* state when this attribute is configured"
- TAI library framework has 4 pre-defined states
 - Supports adding custom states as needed



set_fsm_state()

```
tai_status_t module_tributary_mapping_getter(tai_attribute_t* const attribute, void* user) {
   auto fsm = reinterpret_cast<FSM*>(user);
   return fsm->get tributary mapping(attribute);
template <> const AttributeInfoMap<TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_MODULE> Config<TAI_OBJECT_TYPE_MODULE>::m_info {
    basic::M(TAI MODULE ATTR LOCATION),
    basic::M(TAI_MODULE_ATTR_VENDOR_NAME)
        .set default(&tai::basic::default tai module vendor name value),
    basic::M(TAI MODULE ATTR OPER STATUS),
    basic::M(TAI MODULE ATTR NUM NETWORK INTERFACES)
        .set_default(&tai::basic::default_tai_module_num_network_interfaces),
    basic::M(TAI MODULE ATTR NUM HOST INTERFACES)
        .set default(&tai::basic::default tai module num host interfaces),
    basic::M(TAI MODULE ATTR ADMIN STATUS)
        set_validator(FnumValidator({TAT_MODULE_ADMIN_STATUS_DOWN, TAI_MODULE_ADMIN_STATUS_UP}))
        .set fsm state(FSM STATE WAITING CONFIGURATION),
    basic::M(IAI MODULE ATTR TRIBUTARY MAPPING)
        .set_getter(tai::basic::module_tributary_mapping_getter),
    basic::M(TAI_MODULE_ATTR_MODULE_SHUTDOWN_REQUEST_NOTIFY),
    basic::M(TAI MODULE ATTR MODULE STATE CHANGE NOTIFY),
    basic::M(TAI MODULE ATTR NOTIFY),
};
```

TAI library framework - summary

- TAI library development is tedious and sometimes difficult
 - Boilerplate code to expose the TAI API
 - The TAI API is declarative, but hardware control always requires state control
- TAI library framework reduces required effort to develop TAI library
 - Bare minimum TAI library in just 300 lines.
- Catching up with the new TAI functionality is easy
 - The new TAI_API_META can be automatically supported by just recompiling

TAI – future work

- Software infrastructure is ready for extension!
- More attributes to expose the hardware details (waiting for contribution from OOPT group)
- Supporting different kinds of hardware (e.g. client transceivers, peripheral hardware?)

