

Phase 3: CLI Improvements - Implementation Summary

Overview

Added command-line interface improvements including help, version flags, and intelligent config file search.

Features Implemented

1. Help Flag (`-h`, `--help`)

Shows comprehensive usage information:

- Command syntax
- Available options
- Config file search path
- Examples

bash

```
$ dbus-mqtt-bridge --help
Usage: dbus-mqtt-bridge [OPTIONS] [CONFIG_FILE]
```

D-Bus to MQTT bridge [service](#)

Options:

`-h, --help` Show this [help](#) message
`-v, --version` Show version information

Arguments:

`CONFIG_FILE` Path to configuration [file](#)

If `CONFIG_FILE` is not specified, searches [in](#) order:

- `~/.config/dbus-mqtt-bridge/config.yaml`
- `/etc/dbus-mqtt-bridge/config.yaml`
- `./config.yaml`

Examples:

```
dbus-mqtt-bridge /etc/dbus-mqtt-bridge/config.yaml
dbus-mqtt-bridge --help
dbus-mqtt-bridge --version
```

2. Version Flag (`-v`, `--version`)

Shows version from CMakeLists.txt:

```
bash
```

```
$ dbus-mqtt-bridge --version  
dbus-mqtt-bridge 0.1.0
```

3. Config File Search Path

Searches multiple locations in priority order:

1. Command-line argument (if provided)

- `dbus-mqtt-bridge /path/to/config.yaml`

2. User config directory

- `~/.config/dbus-mqtt-bridge/config.yaml`
- Works for session bus and user-specific configs

3. System config directory

- `/etc/dbus-mqtt-bridge/config.yaml`
- Standard location for system service

4. Current directory

- `./config.yaml`
- Convenient for development/testing

4. Error Handling

Unknown options:

```
bash
```

```
$ dbus-mqtt-bridge --unknown  
Error: Unknown option: --unknown  
Try '--help' for more information.  
[Shows full help text]
```

Config file not found:

```
bash
```

```
$ dbus-mqtt-bridge /tmp/missing.yaml  
Error: Config file not found: /tmp/missing.yaml
```

No config found in search path:

bash

```
$ dbus-mqtt-bridge  
Error: No configuration file found.
```

Searched locations:

- ~/.config/dbus-mqtt-bridge/config.yaml
- /etc/dbus-mqtt-bridge/config.yaml
- ./config.yaml

Please specify a config file or create one in a default location.

See 'dbus-mqtt-bridge --help' for usage.

Files Created

New Source Files

1. `include/Version.h.in`

- Template for version info
- Populated by CMake from project version

2. `include/ConfigSearch.h`

- Config file search logic
- Path priority handling

3. `src/ConfigSearch.cpp`

- Implementation of search algorithm
- File existence checks

4. `include/CLI.h`

- Command-line argument parsing
- Help and version display

5. `src/CLI.cpp`

- Implementation of CLI handlers
- Error message formatting

Modified Files

6. CMakeLists.txt

- Added version header generation
- Added new source files to build
- Added binary include directory

7. src/main.cpp

- Integrated CLI parsing
- Integrated config search
- Better error messages

Test Files

8. test-cli.sh

- Automated test script
- Tests all CLI features
- 10 test cases

Building

```
bash  
  
cd build  
cmake ..  
make
```

The version header is automatically generated at build time.

Testing

Automated Tests

```
bash  
  
chmod +x test-cli.sh  
./test-cli.sh
```

Expected: 10 tests pass with green checkmarks

Manual Tests

1. Test help:

```
bash
```

```
dbus-mqtt-bridge --help  
dbus-mqtt-bridge -h
```

2. Test version:

```
bash
```

```
dbus-mqtt-bridge --version  
dbus-mqtt-bridge -v
```

3. Test config search (user config):

```
bash
```

```
mkdir -p ~/.config/dbus-mqtt-bridge  
cat > ~/.config/dbus-mqtt-bridge/config.yaml <<EOF  
mqtt:  
  broker: localhost  
  port: 1883  
bus_type: session  
mappings:  
  dbus_to_mqtt: []  
  mqtt_to_dbus: []  
EOF
```

```
# Run without arguments - should find user config  
dbus-mqtt-bridge
```

4. Test config search (system config):

```
bash
```

```
# With system config installed  
sudo dbus-mqtt-bridge
```

5. Test explicit config:

```
bash
```

```
dbus-mqtt-bridge /path/to/config.yaml
```

6. Test error handling:

```
bash
```

```
dbus-mqtt-bridge --unknown      # Unknown option  
dbus-mqtt-bridge /tmp/missing.yaml # File not found  
dbus-mqtt-bridge              # No config anywhere
```

Integration with Package

The systemd service file already specifies the config path explicitly, so it continues to work unchanged:

```
ini
```

```
ExecStart=/usr/bin/dbus-mqtt-bridge /etc/dbus-mqtt-bridge/config.yaml
```

Benefits

1. **User-friendly:** Clear help and version information
2. **Flexible:** Works for system service, user sessions, and development
3. **Not distribution-specific:** Search path works anywhere with FHS
4. **Better errors:** Helpful messages guide users to solutions
5. **Scriptable:** Exit codes and output suitable for automation

Version Management

Version is managed in ONE place: `CMakeLists.txt`

```
cmake
```

```
project(dbus-mqtt-bridge VERSION 0.1.0 LANGUAGES CXX)
```

To update version:

1. Edit `CMakeLists.txt`
2. Rebuild
3. Version automatically updates in `--version` output

Next Steps

Phase 3 complete! Ready for:

- **Phase 3.5:** Config builder script
- **Phase 4:** Man page

The CLI is now fully functional and user-friendly.

