

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.

