

## 1. Overview of the CCP (Carriage Control Program)

The CCP is responsible for controlling the movement and behavior of the Blade Runner. It communicates with the MCP over a network using the UDP protocol, listens for commands from the MCP, processes them, and adjusts the BR's actions accordingly.

The CCP's responsibilities include:

- Managing communication with the MCP.
- Executing commands like stopping, moving, and adjusting the BR's speed.
- Simulating sensors like a photodiode for alignment and LED for status indication.
- Keeping track of the BR's state (e.g., stopped, moving at full speed).

## 2. Core Components of the CCP

### a) Attributes

- `bladeRunnerId`: The unique identifier for the BR (e.g., "BR01").
- `stateManager`: Manages the current state of the BR, including its movement and whether it's stopped, moving slowly, or at full speed.
- `commHandler`: Handles all communication between the BR and the MCP. It sends and receives messages using UDP.
- `isCarriageInFront`, `isCarriageBehind`: Boolean flags to track the position of other BRs relative to this one.
- `isAlignedWithPhotodiode`: Simulates alignment with an infrared (IR) photodiode. This could be used for checkpoints or alignment markers on the track.
- `isLEDFlashing`: A flag to simulate whether the BR's LED is flashing, used to indicate a status or an issue (e.g., during disconnection).

### b) Communication System (UDPCommunicationHandler)

The UDPCommunicationHandler is responsible for the actual communication with the MCP using the UDP protocol:

- `sendMessage(String message)`: Sends a message in JSON format to the MCP.
- `listenForMessages()`: Continuously listens for messages from the MCP in a separate thread. Once a message is received, the `onMessageReceived` callback in `SimpleCCP` processes it.

### c) State Management (StateManager)

The StateManager keeps track of the CCP's state using an enumerated type `CCPState`, which includes:

- `STARTED`: The initial state when the BR starts.
- `CONNECTED`: The BR is connected to the MCP.
- `STOPPED`: The BR is stopped.

- **FULL\_SPEED:** The BR is moving at full speed.
- **SLOW\_FORWARD/SLOW\_BACKWARD:** The BR is moving slowly in either direction.
- **MAINTAINING\_PACE:** The BR is moving at a regulated pace (perhaps due to other carriages in front or behind).

The state transitions occur when actions are received from the MCP or based on sensor checks.

#### d) Simulated Sensors

- **Photodiode Alignment:** Simulates checking whether the BR is aligned with an IR photodiode, which could indicate a checkpoint or a specific location on the track.
- **LED Flashing:** Simulates a flashing LED to indicate a particular status (e.g., during disconnection).

#### e) Communication with MCP

The CCP sends and receives messages in JSON format to interact with the MCP:

- **Sending messages:** The `sendMessage()` method constructs a JSON object using the `JSONProcessor.encodeMessage()` function and sends it to the MCP.
- **Receiving messages:** When a message is received, the `onMessageReceived()` method decodes the message using `JSONProcessor.decodeMessage()`, and further processes it by calling `processMCPAction()`.

### 3. Key Methods and Functionalities

#### a) `connect()`

This method is used to connect the CCP to the MCP. When called, it sends a message with the "CCIN" action (Carriage Control In) to the MCP to initiate the connection. If successful, the CCP transitions from **STARTED** to **CONNECTED** state.

#### b) `processMCPAction()`

This method processes different actions received from the MCP. Each action corresponds to a specific behavior for the BR:

- **STOPC:** Stop and close the doors.
- **STOPO:** Stop and open the doors.
- **FSLOWC:** Move forward slowly, or stop and close the doors if aligned with the photodiode.
- **FFASTC:** Move forward fast.
- **RSLOWC:** Move backward slowly, or stop if aligned with the photodiode.
- **DISCONNECT:** Flash the BR's LED to indicate disconnection.

#### c) Movement and Control

Several methods control the BR's movement:

- `moveForwardSlowly()`: Simulates slow forward movement, transitioning to `SLOW_FORWARD` state.
- `moveForwardFast()`: Simulates fast forward movement, transitioning to `FULL_SPEED`.
- `moveBackwardSlowly()`: Simulates slow backward movement, transitioning to `SLOW_BACKWARD`.
- `stopAndCloseDoors()` / `stopAndOpenDoors()`: These methods stop the BR and control the doors, transitioning the BR to the `STOPPED` state.

#### d) Carriage Detection and Positioning

The CCP keeps track of other carriages' positions:

- `updateCarriageDetection()`: Determines whether another BR is ahead or behind based on its ID.
- `checkCarriagePositions()`: Adjusts the BR's speed depending on the proximity of other carriages.

#### e) Flashing the Status LED

The `flashStatusLED()` method simulates flashing an LED at a rate of 2 Hz (2 flashes per second). It runs a scheduled task to turn the LED on and off every 500 milliseconds.

### 4. JSON Processor

The `JSONProcessor` class handles encoding and decoding messages between the CCP and MCP. Messages are sent in a specific format, including the client type, message type, client ID, and a timestamp.

### 5. Main Method

The `main()` method is the entry point of the program. It:

- Creates an instance of `SimpleCCP`, initializing the connection to both MCP and CCP addresses.
- Calls the `connect()` method to initiate communication with the MCP.

### 6. Error Handling and Thread Management

- The program handles communication errors (e.g., failed message sending or receiving) using try-catch blocks.
- It also manages multi-threading for receiving messages by starting a new thread in `UDPCommunicationHandler`.

### 7. Simulated Features

- Sensors like photodiodes and LEDs are simulated, allowing testing of the system without real hardware.
- The movement and control methods provide simple output, but in a real system, these would interact with hardware components to control movement, doors, and lights.

### Conclusion

The CCP is a control program for the Blade Runner that focuses on coordinating movement and communication with a master control unit (MCP). It utilizes a state machine approach for managing different stages of operation, communicates using the UDP protocol, and simulates real-world interactions like photodiode alignment and LED flashing. The modular design with interfaces and handlers allows the CCP to be extended or modified for more sophisticated behaviors.

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Sure! Here's a detailed explanation of what each class, method, and function in the SimpleCCP program does:

Overview:

The program simulates a Control Communication Protocol (CCP) for managing a Blade Runner (BR), which likely represents some kind of autonomous moving system (e.g., a carriage). The CCP communicates with a Master Control Protocol (MCP) over UDP to exchange control commands and status updates. The CCP manages the state of the Blade Runner, such as its speed, carriage detection, and door states.

Classes and Their Responsibilities

#### 1. SimpleCCP Class:

This is the main class that represents the Control Communication Protocol (CCP). It handles communication with the MCP, manages the state of the Blade Runner, and processes incoming commands.

- Fields:
  - bladeRunnerId: Stores the unique ID of the Blade Runner.
  - stateManager: Manages the state of the CCP (such as connected, stopped, moving, etc.).
  - commHandler: Handles communication with the MCP using the UDP protocol.
  - isCarriageInFront and isCarriageBehind: Tracks the relative positions of other carriages.
  - isAlignedWithPhotodiode: Simulates whether the Blade Runner is aligned with an IR photodiode.
  - isLEDFlashing: Indicates whether the Blade Runner's status LED is flashing.
- Constructor (SimpleCCP): Initializes the Blade Runner's CCP with its ID, the MCP's address and port, and the CCP's own address and port. The StateManager is initialized

to the STARTED state. Also, the UDPCommunicationHandler is created to handle incoming and outgoing messages.

- `connect()`: Sends a CCIN (Control Communication IN) message to the MCP to indicate that the CCP is attempting to connect. If the CCP is in the STARTED state, it transitions to the CONNECTED state.
- `onMessageReceived()`: This callback method is triggered when a message is received. It prints and decodes the message, processes the action sent by the MCP, and updates the state of the carriage (e.g., checking if there is a carriage in front or behind).
- `processMCPAction()`: This method processes the actions sent from the MCP, such as stopping the Blade Runner, opening/closing doors, moving slowly/fast, etc. Based on the action type, it calls relevant methods like `stopAndCloseDoors()`, `moveForwardSlowly()`, etc.
- `stopAndCloseDoors()`: Stops the Blade Runner and closes its doors. The state is updated to STOPPED if the CCP was not already in that state.
- `stopAndOpenDoors()`: Similar to `stopAndCloseDoors()`, but opens the doors instead of closing them.
- `checkAlignmentWithPhotodiode()`: Simulates checking the alignment of the Blade Runner with an IR photodiode. This is likely used for precise positioning during movement.
- `setAlignedWithPhotodiode()`: Sets whether the Blade Runner is aligned with the photodiode.
- `moveForwardSlowly()`: Moves the Blade Runner forward slowly. It updates the state to SLOW\_FORWARD.
- `moveForwardFast()`: Moves the Blade Runner at full speed and updates the state to FULL\_SPEED.
- `moveBackwardSlowly()`: Moves the Blade Runner backward slowly. It updates the state to SLOW\_BACKWARD.
- `flashStatusLED()`: Simulates the flashing of the Blade Runner's status LED at 2 Hz. It schedules the LED flashing using a ScheduledExecutorService to periodically turn the LED on and off.
- `stopLEDFlashing()`: Stops the LED flashing by updating the isLEDFlashing flag.
- `sendStatus()`: Sends a status message to the MCP, encoded in JSON format.
- `updateCarriageDetection()`: Updates the relative positions of other carriages (in front or behind) based on the message received from the MCP. The position is determined by comparing the Blade Runner IDs.
- `checkCarriagePositions()`: Calls `adjustSpeed()` based on whether there is a carriage in front or behind.

- `adjustSpeed()`: Adjusts the Blade Runner's speed based on whether there are other carriages nearby. If no carriages are nearby, it moves at full speed; otherwise, it maintains its pace.
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## 2. UDPCommunicationHandler Class:

This class handles UDP communication between the CCP and MCP. It listens for incoming messages and sends messages to the MCP.

- Fields:
    - `socket`: The UDP socket used to send and receive messages.
    - `mcpAddress` and `mcpPort`: The address and port of the MCP.
    - `messageListener`: A callback for processing received messages.
  - Constructor: Initializes the UDP socket for the CCP and sets the MCP's address and port. A new thread is started to listen for incoming messages.
  - `sendMessage()`: Sends a UDP message to the MCP.
  - `listenForMessages()`: Listens for incoming UDP messages and invokes the `onMessageReceived()` callback when a message is received.
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## 3. StateManager Class:

This class manages the state of the CCP. It keeps track of whether the CCP is connected, moving, stopped, etc.

- Fields:
  - `currentState`: The current state of the CCP, represented by the `CCPState` enum.
- Enum `CCPState`: Represents different states the CCP can be in:
  - `STARTED`: The CCP has just started.
  - `CONNECTED`: The CCP is connected to the MCP.
  - `STOPPED`: The Blade Runner has stopped.
  - `FULL_SPEED`: The Blade Runner is moving at full speed.
  - `SLOW_FORWARD`: The Blade Runner is moving forward slowly.
  - `SLOW_BACKWARD`: The Blade Runner is moving backward slowly.
  - `MAINTAINING_PACE`: The Blade Runner is maintaining its pace, likely adjusting its speed based on nearby carriages.
- Constructor: Initializes the `currentState` to `STARTED`.
- `updateState()`: Updates the `currentState` of the CCP and prints the new state.

- `getCurrentState()`: Returns the current state of the CCP.
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#### 4. JSONProcessor Class:

This utility class is responsible for encoding and decoding JSON messages.

- `encodeMessage()`: Takes the client type (e.g., "ccp"), message type (e.g., "CCIN" or "STOPC"), and client ID, and encodes them into a JSON object with a timestamp.
  - `decodeMessage()`: Takes a JSON-encoded message and returns a pretty-printed version of the message.
  - `getTimestamp()`: Helper method to generate the current timestamp.
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#### Summary of Key Functions:

- `connect()`: Connects the CCP to the MCP by sending a "CCIN" message.
- `onMessageReceived()`: Handles incoming messages and processes them.
- `processMCPAction()`: Processes actions sent by the MCP and triggers relevant behaviors.
- `stopAndCloseDoors()` / `stopAndOpenDoors()`: Stop the Blade Runner and control the doors.
- `checkAlignmentWithPhotodiode()`: Simulates checking if the Blade Runner is aligned with a sensor.
- `flashStatusLED()`: Simulates flashing the Blade Runner's status LED.
- `sendStatus()`: Sends the CCP's status back to the MCP.
- `updateCarriageDetection()`: Updates the status of nearby carriages based on received messages.

Each of these components simulates a part of a control system for a Blade Runner, potentially managing a physical object in a distributed system where multiple Blade Runners communicate and coordinate through a central controller (MCP).