

BUILD REAL-TIME SYSTEMS WITH PYTHON

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OVERVIEW



- Machinekit and HAL
- The 4 APIs
- Configure and Run
- Create HAL components
- Interface with the CNC stack
- Remote Control Machinekit

ABOUT ME



- Alexander Rössler
- Embedded Systems
- All things Open Source
- 3D printing, CNC, robots, ...
- "Solopreneur"



MACHINEKIT AND HAL

MACHINEKIT









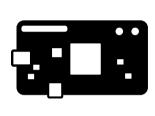
CNC Machines



MACHINEKIT



Desktop Computers Embedded Devices





Robots



Quadcopters



Other Applications



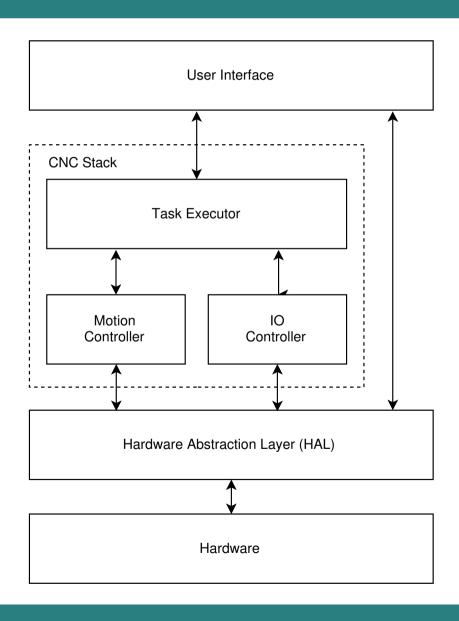
Smartphones



Tablets

ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW



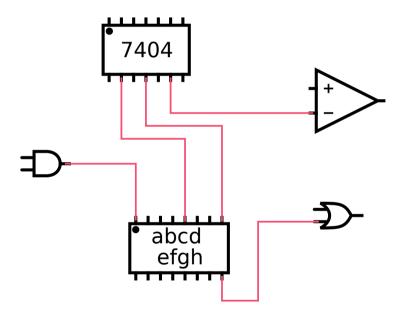


HARDWARE ABSTRACTION LAYER



Configuration

- Components
- Pins
- Signals
- Real-Time
- Userland



WHY MACHINEKIT AND NOT ...?



- RT made simple
- Portable
- Future proof
- Runs on Linux
- Tools and GUIs

SUPPORTED PLATTFORMS



- Desktop Linux PC
- SBCs
 - BeagleBone (Black, Green, Blue, ...)
 - Raspberry Pi 3
 - Altera and Xilinx SoC/FPGA
 - ...
- POSIX, PREEMPT_RT or Xenomai

THE 4 APIS

THE 4 PYTHON APIS



- 1) Python HAL and configuration API
- 2) Python HAL component API
- 3) Python linuxcnc API
- 4) pymachinetalk
- 5) ...

WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH PYTHON



- Create HAL configurations
- Launch and manage Machinekit/HAL instances
- Create Userland HAL components
- Interface with CNC stack
- Remotely interact with HAL









WHAT CAN'T BE DONE PYTHON



Create new HAL RT components



CONFIGURE AND RUN

MACHINEKIT MODULE



- import machinekit
 - config, launcher, hal, rtapi
- src/hal/cython
- lib/python/machinekit

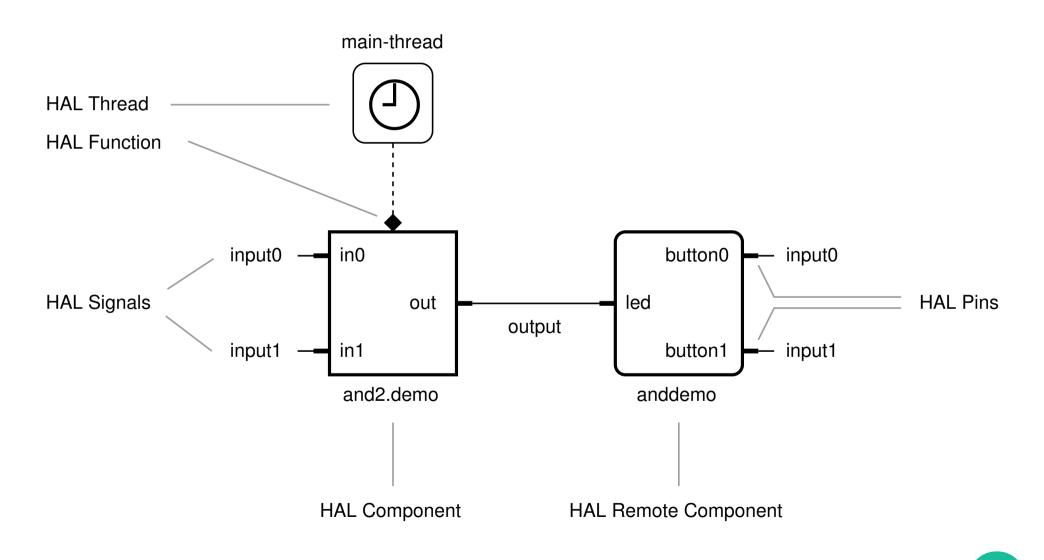
VERY BASIC HAL APPLICATION



- run.py Run file
- hal_basics.py HAL config

HAL BASICS





Tools



- halcmd
- halmeter
- Halscope
- hal-graph

CREATE HAL COMPONENTS

HALAPI



- import hal
- CPython module
- Lib/python/hal.py

SIMPLE HAL COMPONENT



- import hal
- Create pins
- Update pins in main loop
- custom_sum
 - -in0 + in1 = out

INTERFACE WITH THE CNC STACK

LINUXCNC MODULE



- import linuxcnc
 - stat, command, ini, positionlogger
- CPython module
- lib/python/linuxcnc.so

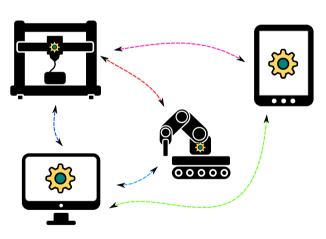


REMOTE CONTROL MACHINEKIT

PYMACHINETALK

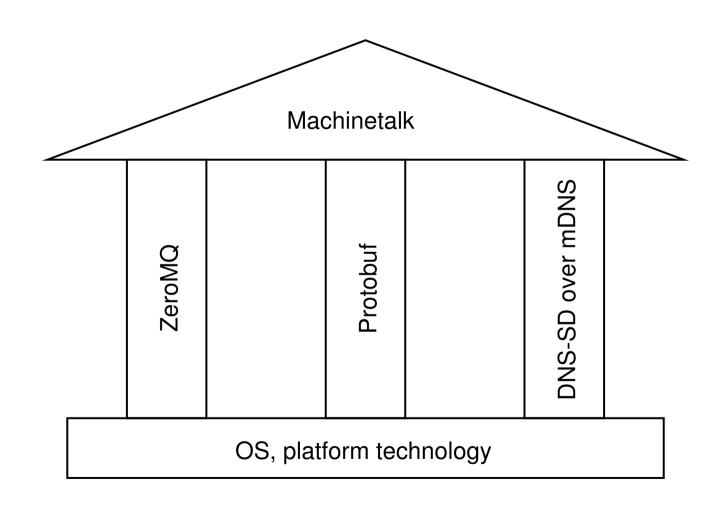


- import machinetalk
- import pymachinetalk
 - dns_sd, halremote, application, ...
- Available on PyPI
- Python 3 and 2
- Windows, Linux, Mac, ...



MACHINETALK

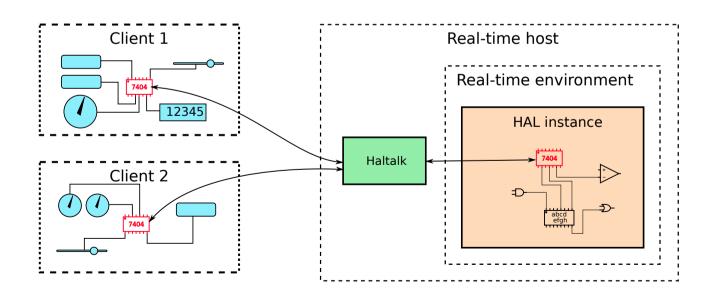




HALREMOTE SERVICE



- halrcomp & halrcmd
- haltalk
- Remote API



APPLICATIONS



- Testing Machinetalk
- Remoting HAL
- CLIs and UIs
- Distritbuted HAL setups
- 3rd party plugins

QUESTIONS?

MORE INFORMATION



- http://machinekit.io
- https://machinekoder.com
- Machinekit on Google Google Groups
- https://github.com/machinekit
- https://github.com/machinekoder/cookiecutter-machinekit-python-hal

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