

Lab 4: Complex Mixer

Integrating a 3rd party library into an RCC Worker

Objectives

- Learn how [RCC] workers can:
 - Import a 3rd party library (liquid dsp) functionality into a worker

• Reiterate:

- C++ conventions
 - Accessing port data and Properties
- Framework interactions
 - RCC_ADVANCE vs. RCC_OK





Application Worker Development Flow

- Open **₩OPI**

- 1. Protocol (OPS): Use pre-existing or create new
- 2. Component (OCS): Use pre-existing or create new
- 3. Create new App Worker (Modify OWD, Makefile, and source HDL/RCC code)
- 4. Build the App Worker for target device(s)
- 5. Create Unit Test ({component}-test.xml, generate, verify and view scripts)
- 6. Build Unit Test
- 7. Run Unit Test

Overview

- Çpen **₩CPI**

- The "Complex Mixer" component receives I/Q data and multiplies this signal by a tone that is generated using a Numerically Controlled Oscillator (NCO).
- This causes the input signal to be shifted in the Frequency Domain by the frequency of the NCO that is generated in the worker.
- The frequency of the NCO is controlled by the properties of this worker.

Step 1 – OPS: Use pre-existing or create new





1) Identify the OPS(s) declared by this component

Examine the "Component Ports" table in the Component Datasheet

2) Determine if OPS(s) exists

- Current project's component library?
 /home/training/training_project/components/specs
- 2) Other projects' components/specs/ directories within scope
 Intersection of Project-registry and ProjectDependencies= in {my_project}/Project.mk
- 3)If NO to all questions \Rightarrow Create new OPS

ANSWER: REUSE! OPS XML file is available from framework

Step 2 – OCS: Use pre-existing or create new

- Open **⇔CPI**

- 1)Review Component Spec Properties and Ports in Component Datasheet
 - Use Properties and Ports information to answer the following questions
- 2) Determine if an OCS exists that satisfies the requirements.
 - Current project's component library?
 /home/training/training_project/components/specs/
 - 2) Other projects' components/specs/ directories within scope

 Intersection of Project-registry and ProjectDependencies= in {my_project}/Project.mk
- 3)If NO to all questions \Rightarrow Create new OCS

ANSWER: Must create a new OCS XML file

Step 2 - Create Component





Via IDE:

- Create new Asset Type: Component
- Component Name: complex_mixer
- Add to Project: ocpi.training
- Or via command-line:

\$ ocpidev -d /home/training_project create spec complex_mixer -l components

- The component datasheet is located in
 - /home/training/provided/doc/Complex Mixer.pdf
 - Review the component's datasheet and familiarize yourself with the properties and their functionality
- Modify the Spec in the IDE:OCS Editor
 - Edit the OCS based on the data sheet's "Component Spec Properties" and "Component Ports"
 - Hint: The iqstream_protocol.xml is located in Core Project
 - Note: Ignore "data_select" which is a HDL Application Worker only property

Step 2 - Create Component (cont.)

- Open **⇔CPI**
- Manually add the "Default" attribute and value to properties
 - Currently, IDE does not provide the "Dtrefault" field attribute for a property
 - Must be manually added by modifying the XML source
 - 1) In the OCS Editor, which view from "Design" tab to the "Source" tab
 - 2) Per the datasheet, add the "Default" attribute and value, to the appropriate property

```
<ComponentSpec>
     <Property Name="enable" Type="bool" Writable="true" Default="true"></Property>
     <Property Name="phs_inc" Type="short" Writable="true" Default="-8192"></Property>
     <Port Name="in" Protocol="iqstream_protocol"></Port>
     <Port Name="out" Protocol="iqstream_protocol" Producer="true"></Port>
</ComponentSpec>
```

Step 3 - Create Worker

- Create new Asset Type: Worker
 - Worker Name: complex_mixer
 - Library: components
 - Component: complex_mixer-spec.xml
 - Model: RCC
 - Prog. Lang: C++





Step 3 – Create new App Worker (cont.)



Open **₩CPI**

- In the RCC App Worker OWD Editor
 - Add "initialize" and "release" to the ControlOperations
 - Add the liquidDSP prerequisite library by entering "liquid" in the StaticPreReqLibs attribute
- Manually add version=2 into the xml source (can't use IDE)
- No additional worker properties and ports are needed from the datasheet because they will be inherited from the component-spec.

<RccWorker language='c++' spec='complex_mixer-spec' controlOperations="initialize, release" StaticPreReqLibs="liquid" Version="2">
</RccWorker>

Step 3 - Write the Worker's Code

- Copy complex_mixer.cc
 - From: /home/training/provided/lab4/
 - To: /home/training/training_project/components/complex_mixer.rcc/

\$ cp /home/training/provided/lab4/complex_mixer.cc \
/home/training/training_project/components/complex_mixer.rcc/

• Update any "???" in the source with the correct code





Liquid DSP NCO API (for reference)

From liquidsdr.org:

- nco_crcf_create(type)
 - creates an nco object of type LIQUID_NCO or LIQUID_VCO
- nco_crcf_destroy(q)
 - destroys an nco object, freeing all internally-allocated memory
- nco_crcf_set_frequency(q,f)
 - sets the frequency f (equal to the phase step size $\Delta\theta$)
- nco_crcf_set_phase(q,theta)
 - sets the internal nco phase to θ





Liquid DSP NCO API (for reference)

• From liquidsdr.org:

- nco_crcf_step(q)
 - increments the internal nco phase by its internal frequency, $\theta \leftarrow \theta + \Delta \theta$
- nco_crcf_mix_down(q,x,*y)
 - rotates an input sample x by $e-j\theta$, storing the result in the output sample y
- All samples are of type liquid float complex
 - liquid_float_complex sample;
 - sample.I = 0;
 - sample.Q = 0;





Step 4 - Building the App Worker for x86 and ARM



- Execute build for CentOS7-x86 and ARM
 - 1) Use the IDE to "Add" the App Worker to the Project Operations Panel
 - 2) Highlight "centos7" and "xilinx13_4" in RCC Platforms panel
 - 3) Check "Assets" Radio button
 - 4) Click "Build"
 - 5) Review the Console window messages
- Alternatively, build from Command-line:
 - Browse to the top-level of the project's directory and run
 - Similar operation ran by IDE
 - \$ ocpidev build worker complex_mixer.rcc --rcc-platform centos7

Step 5(a) - 7(a) CentOS7 - x86

- These slides cover employing the framework's Unit Test Suite to generate:
 - OAS (OpenCPI Application Specification) XML file(s)
 - Used by the framework for running the Worker on a given platform
 - Input test data file(s)





Step 5(a) - Create Unit Test



- Create a unit test for the "peak_detector" component, which results in generation of the "peak_detector.test/" directory
 - 1) File → New → Other → ANGRYVIPER → OpenCPI Asset Wizard → Unit Test
 - 2) Add to Project: training_project
 - 3) Add to Library: components
 - 4) Component Spec: complex_mixer-spec.xml
- OR in a terminal window
 - \$ ocpidev create test complex_mixer
 - Note the Makefile and stub files complex_mixer-test.xml, generate.py, verify.py, view.sh

Step 5(a) - Create Unit Test



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Copy generate.py, verify.py, and view.sh

```
cp -a ~/provided/lab4/complex_mixer.test/* ~/training_project/components/complex_mixer.test/
```

Update complex_mixer-test.xml

Step 6(a) - Build Unit Test (x86)

- Build the Unit Test Suite for the target software platform
 - 1) Use the IDE to "Add" the Unit Test to the Project Operations panel
 - 2) Highlight "centos7" in the RCC Platforms panel
 - 3) Select "Tests" Radio button
 - 4) Click "gen + build"
 - 5) Review the Console window messages and address any errors
- Observe new artifacts in complex_mixer.test/gen/
 - cases.txt "Human-readable" file which lists various test configurations.
 - cases.xml Used by framework to execute tests.
 - cases.xml.deps List of dependent files
 - applications/ OAS files and scripts used by framework to execute applications.





Step 7(a) - Run Unit Test (x86)





Via IDE:

- 1) Click "prep + run + verify" button to run the test
 - The test should run quickly. Upon completion, you should see "PASSED" along with final values for the min/max peaks.
- 2) Click the "view" button to view the test results

 Plots of input and output (time and frequency domain) will pop up.

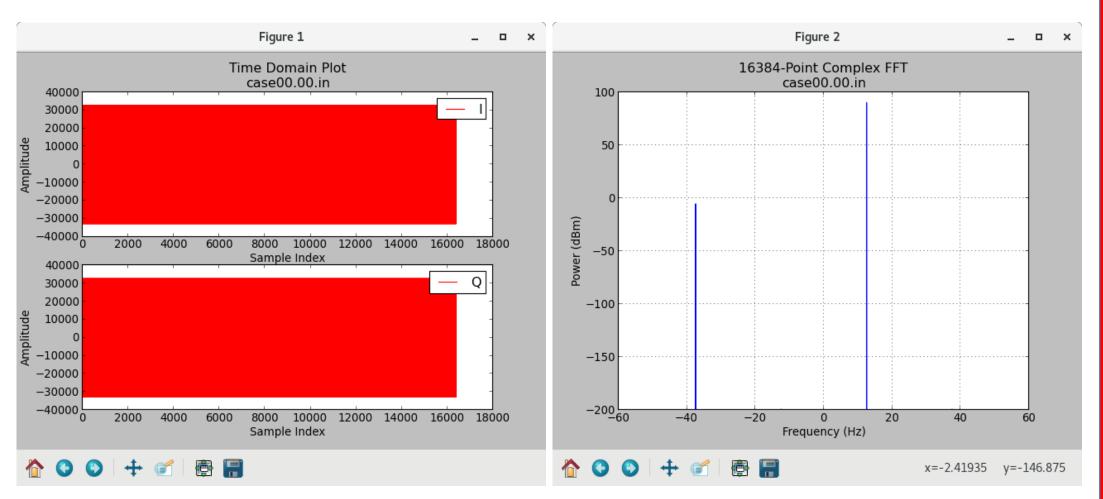
Via Command-line:

- 1) In a terminal, browse to complex_mixer.test/ and execute
- 2) \$ ocpidev run --mode prep_run_verify (This uses the default centos7)
- Also try:
 - \$ ocpidev run --mode prep_run_verify --only-platform centos7 --view {limits platforms to test}
 - \$ ocpidev run --mode prep_run_verify {run on all available platforms, no plotting}
 - \$ ocpidev run --mode verify {verify previous results}
 - \$ ocpidev run --mode view {plot previous results}

Expected input file plot for all cases*



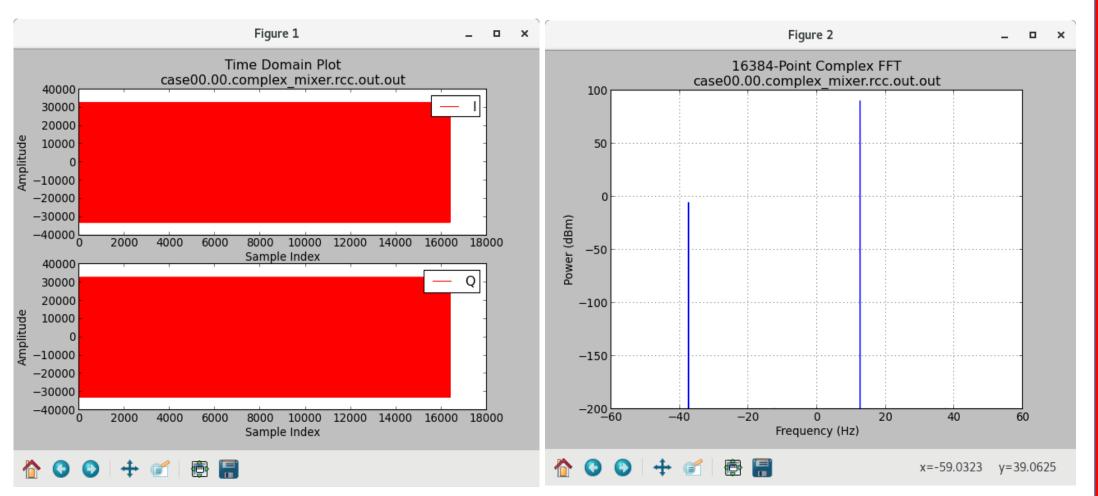




Expected output file plot case00.00 (bypass)



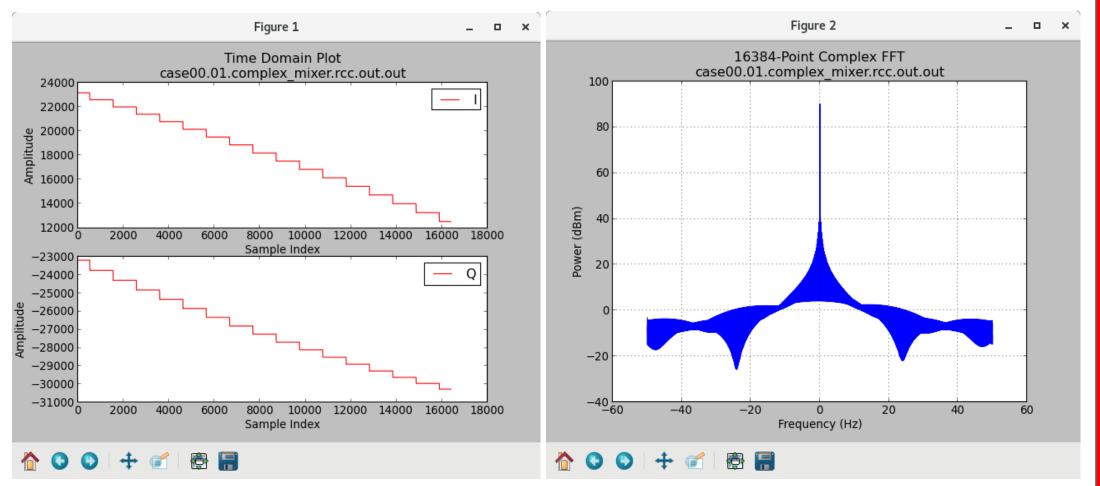




Expected output file plot case00.01 (enabled)







Step 5(b) – 7(b) xilinx13_4 - ARM

- These slides cover employing the framework's Unit Test Suite to generate:
 - OAS (OpenCPI Application Specification) XML file(s)
 - Used by the framework for running the Worker on a given platform
 - Input test data file(s)
 - Various scripts to manage the execution of the applications onto the target platform(s)





Step 5(b) - Create Unit Test

- Located in "complex_mixer.test/" directory
 - Same as used for CentOS7
 - REUSE!
- Reuse complex_mixer.test

```
<!-- This is the test xml for testing component "complex_mixer" -->
<Tests UseHDLFileIo='true'>
    <!-- Here are typical examples of generating for an input port and verifying results at an output port-->
    <Input Port='in' Script='generate.py 100 12.5 32767 16384'/>
    <Output Port='out' Script='verify.py 100 16384' View='view.sh'/>
    -->
    <!-- Set properties here.
        Use Test='true' to create a test-exclusive property. -->
    <Property Name='phs_inc' Values='-8192'/>
    <Property Name='enable' Values='0,1'/>
</Tests>
```





Step 6(b) – Build Unit Test (ARM)

- Build the Unit Test Suite for the target software platform
 - 1) Use the IDE to "Add" the Unit Test to the Project Operations panel
 - 2) Highlight "xilinx13_4" in the RCC Platforms panel
 - 3) Select "Tests" Radio button
 - 4) Click "gen + build"
 - 5) Review the Console window messages and address any errors
- Observe new artifacts in complex_mixer.test/gen/
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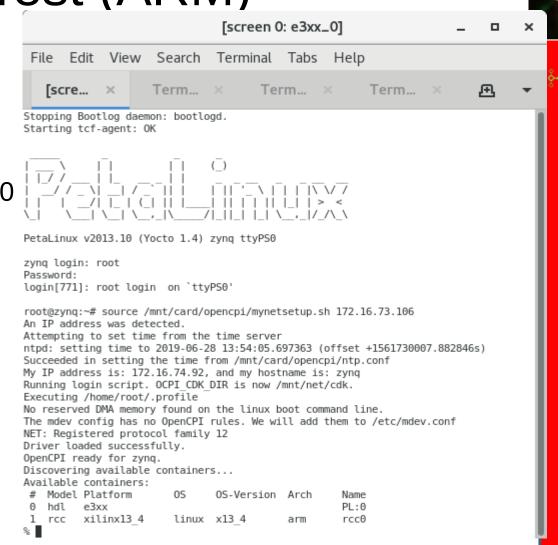




Step 7(b) – Run Unit Test (ARM)

- Setup deployment platform
 - 1. Connect to serial port via USB on rear of Ettus E310 on Host
 - "screen /dev/e3xx_0 115200"
 - 2. Boot and login into Petalinux on E310
 - User/Password = root:root
 - 3. Verify Host and E310 have valid IP addresses
 - For training, they should both be on the same subnet
 - 4. Run setup script on E310
 - "source /mnt/card/opencpi/mynetsetup.sh <Host ip address>"

More detail on this process can be found in the E3xx Getting Started Guide document



Step 7(b) - Run Unit Test (ARM) (cont.)





- AV IDE approach to running unit tests on remote platforms:
 - 1) In the "Project Operations" panel
 - 2) Select "remotes" radio button
 - 3) Click "+remotes"
 - 4) Change remote variable text to use Ettus E310's IP and point to the training project:
 - 5) {IP of Ettus E310}=root=root=/mnt/training_project
 - 6) Select the newly created remote. This will be the target remote test system. Unselected remotes will not be targeted.
 - 7) Select "xilinx13_4" in the "RCC Platforms" panel
 - 8) Check "run view script" to view the output after verification.
 - 9) Click "prep + run + verify" to run the unit test scripts.

Step 7(b) – Run Unit Test (ARM) (cont.)

- Via a Command-line terminal (of the Development host) approach to running unit tests on remote platforms:
 - 1)Set OCPI_REMOTE_TEST_SYSTEMS, as shown:
 - \$ export OCPI_REMOTE_TEST_SYSTEMS={IP of Ettus E310}=root=root=/mnt/training_project
 - 2)Browse to complex_mixer.test/ and execute:
 - \$ ocpidev run --mode prep_run_verify —only-platforms xilinx13_4 (This will run the unit test remotely (over ssh) on the Ettus E310's ARM)
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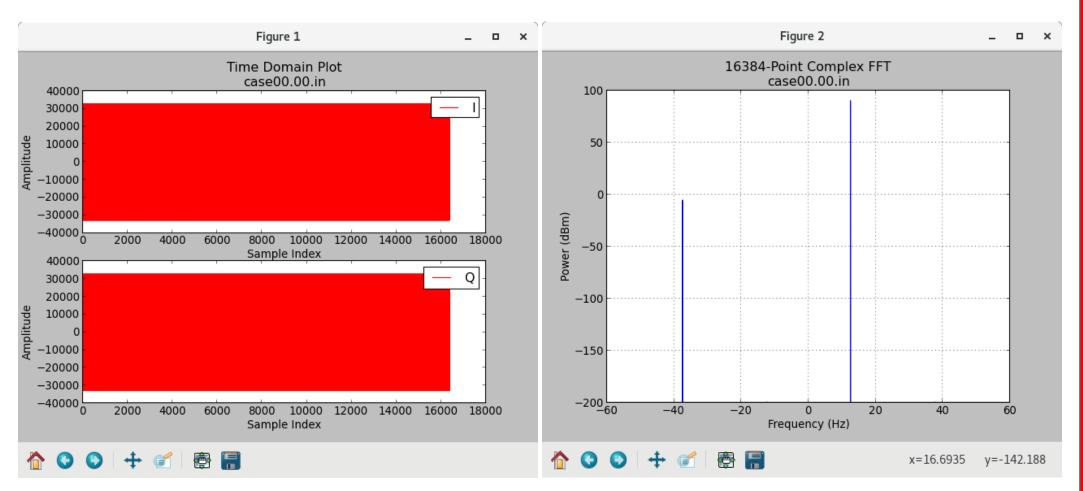




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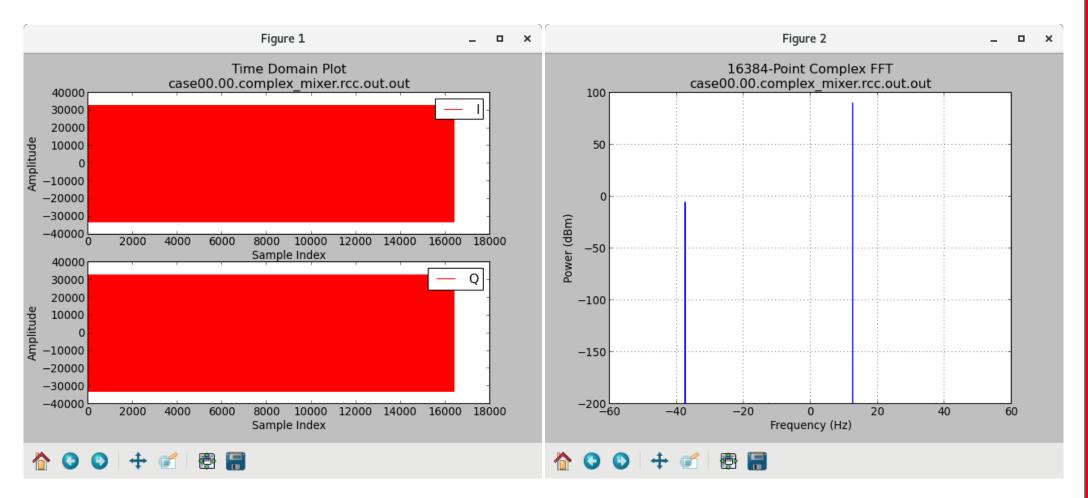




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Expected output file plot case00.01 (enabled)





