Design of Foscam Webcam Firmware UML for Embedded Systems

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1 Assumptions

- LightSensor_value_rate: the light sensor provides a valid data once per second
- Camera_frame_rate: the camera provides a valid frame every 1/25 sec (40 ms)
- Request_notification: each incoming Ethernet request is preceded by a request notification
- QR_configuration: the QR code is the serial number of the camera.

 During configuration, the serial read by the smartphone is compared with
 the internal serial number. If equal, then the communication is configured
- Recording_video: If the camera has been configured, it always records video and checks for motion objects.

2 Block Diagram

In my design of the Foscam Firmware, the main controller is divided into five different submodules, each of them specialized for one particular task.

To be more realistic, the design includes also the definition of three custom types: Email, Image and Video.

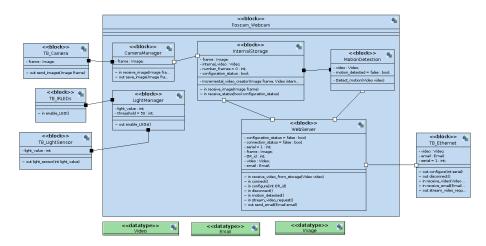
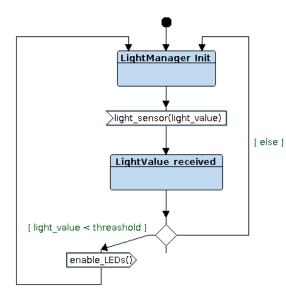


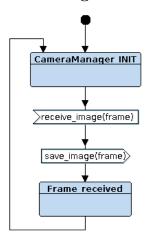
Figure 1: Main blocks with their testbench modules

2.1 Light Manager



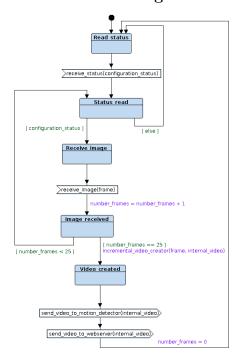
The Light Manager simply waits for a new value from the light sensor and if it is higher than a given threashold, it drives the signal enable_LED, which will be eventually received by the IR LEDs module.

2.2 Camera Manager



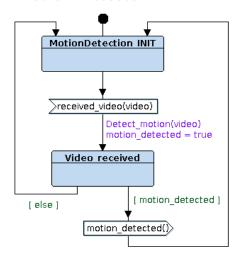
The Camera Manager is in charge of receiving the video frame by frame and create a stream for the Internal Storage.

2.3 Internal Storage



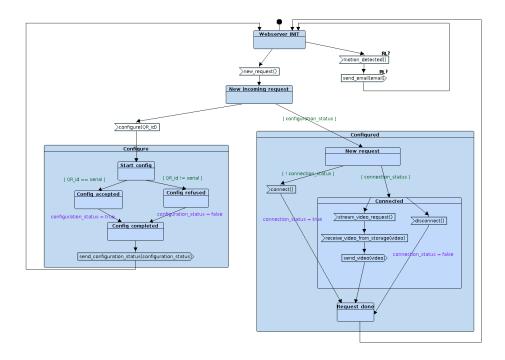
If the camera has been configured, the Internal Storage will start receiving images and after 25 frames (e.g. 1 second) the video is created and stored. As soon as a video is created, it will be send both to the Ethernet Interface and to the embedded Motion Detection engine.

2.4 Motion Detector



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2.5 WebServer



This is the most complex submodule of the firmware. This module is used for:

- Configuration and pairing to a new smartphone/computer using a QR code;
- Connection and disconnection of a configured smartphone/computer;
- Stream video if required by the user;
- Alarm Management if the detection engine has triggered an object movement.