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Design of Access for I/O Operation for LXI Based DAQ Device

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Abstract

In the Aero Engine test bed engines are tested by control room infrastructure where actual testing process will be instructed to the test engine. This room will be located bit far from the test engine, because of the noise and vibration produced by the engine. By this set up of engine testing user perform data logging when engine is in testing process. More over user cannot have the access control over the system remotely.The system is to interface with the signal and power cables, wired between aero engine under test and control room instrumentation. Signals coming from engine sensors should be connected to the monitoring system through Signal Tracing & Interface Matrix Unit. The STIM unit is capable to route, measure & display the signals connected through it, as per the demand of its operator. STIM system has 4 major operations, which can be used in combination to assist operator, in various troubleshooting tasks. These operations can be categorized as Signal routing, Transducer Simulation, Signal measurement, and Power Supply. STIM gives a transfer Good control framework. It permits to independently join/detach inward transport. Thusly flags can be steered through the test signs. This permits aligning and troubleshooting the framework without disengaging and isolating channels all through the framework wiring.

I. Introduction

A. Introduction to input/output devices and interaction techniques

The processing writing regularly draws a sharp qualification in the middle of data and yield, PC Scientists are accustomed to seeing a screen as a detached yield gadget and a mouse as an immaculate information gadget. On the other hand, about all illustrations of human-PC collaboration oblige both information and yield to do anything valuable. Data and yield connect the abyss between a PC's internal universe of bits, and this present reality recognizable to the human detects. Data to PCs comprises of detected data about the physical environment. Commonplace cases incorporate the mouse, which faculties development over a surface, and the console, which distinguishes a contact conclusion when the client squeezes a key. Be that as it may, any detected data about physical properties of individuals, spots, or things can serve as info to PC frameworks. Yield from PCs can involve any emanation or adjustment to the physical environment, for example, a presentation (counting the cathode beam tube (CRT), level board shows, or even light discharging diodes), speakers, or material and power criticism gadgets (some of the time alluded to as haptic showcases).

A collaboration strategy is the combination of information and yield, comprising of all equipment and programming components, that gives a path to the client to finish a low-level assignment. Case in point, in the conventional graphical client interface, clients can look through a record by clicking or dragging the mouse (information) inside of a parchment bar showed on the screen (yield). The key undertaking of human-PC association is to transport data between the cerebrum of the client and the silicon universe of the PC. Advance here endeavors to expand the valuable data transmission over that interface by looking for quicker, more normal, and more helpful means for clients to transmit data to PCs, and additionally effective, notable, and charming components to give criticism to the client. On the client's side of the correspondence channel, connection is obliged by the way of human consideration, comprehension, and perceptual-engine aptitudes and capacities; on the PC side, it is compelled just by the advances and routines that we can imagine. The gadgets and methods PCs can use for speaking with individuals, and the perceptual capacities, procedures, and organs individuals can use for corresponding with PCs The two can be connected by contemplating new methods of correspondence that could be utilized for human-PC collaboration (HCI) and creating gadgets and strategies to utilize such modes.

B. Introduction to DAQ – Data Acquisition

Information obtaining (DAQ) is the procedure of measuring an electrical or physical sensation, for example, voltage, current, temperature, weight, or sound with a PC. A DAQ framework comprises of sensors, DAQ estimation equipment, and a PC with programmable programming. Contrasted with customary estimation frameworks, PC-based DAQ frameworks abuse the handling force, efficiency, showcase, and network capacities of industry-standard PCs giving an all the more capable, adaptable, and financially savvy estimation arrangement.

Parts of a DAQ System

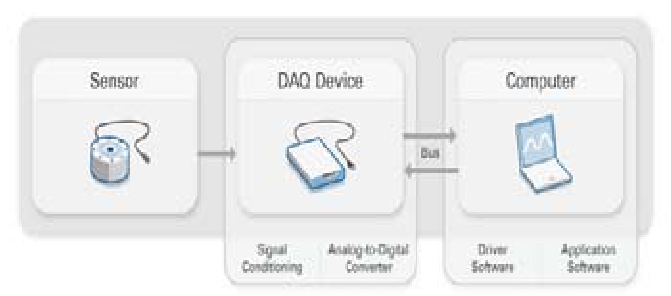

Fig. 1 : Parts of DAQ system.

Sensor: The measurement of a physical phenomenon, such as the temperature of a room, the intensity of a light source, or the force applied to an object, begins with a sensor.

Common Sensors:

Table 1 Sensor type.

Sensor	*Phenomenon*
Thermocouple, RTD, Thermistor	Temperature

Sensor	*Phenomenon*
Photo Sensor	Light
Microphone	Sound
Strain Gage, Piezoelectric Transducer	Force and Pressure
Potentiometer, LVDT, Optical Encoder	Position and Displacement
Accelerometer	Acceleration
pH Electrode	pH

A sensor, also called a transducer, converts a physical phenomenon into a measurable electrical signal. Depending on the type of sensor, its electrical output can be a voltage, current, resistance, or another electrical attribute that varies over time.

C. Key Measurement Components of a DAQ Device

1. Signal Conditioning

Signals from sensors or the outside world can be noisy or too dangerous to measure directly. Signal conditioning circuitry manipulates a signal into a form that is suitable for input into an ADC. This circuitry can include amplification, attenuation, filtering, and isolation. Some DAQ devices include built-in signal conditioning designed for measuring specific types of sensors.

2. Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC)

Analog signals from sensors must be converted into digital before they are manipulated by digital equipment such as a computer. An ADC is a chip that provides a digital representation of an analog signal at an instant in time. In practice, analog signals continuously vary over time and an ADC takes periodic “samples” of the signal at a predefined rate. These samples are transferred to a computer over a computer bus where the original signal is reconstructed from the samples in software.

3. Computer Bus

DAQ devices connect to a computer through a slot or port. The computer bus serves as the communication interface between the DAQ device and computer for passing instructions and measured data. DAQ devices are offered on the most common computer buses including USB, PCI, PCI Express, and Ethernet. More recently, DAQ devices have become available for 802.11 Wi-Fi for wireless communication. There are many types of buses, and each offers different advantages for different types of applications.

D. Computer’s Role in a DAQ System

A computer with programmable software controls the operation of the DAQ device and is used for processing, visualizing, and storing measurement data. Different types of computers are used in different types of applications. A desktop may be used in a lab for its processing power, a laptop may be used in the field for its portability, or an industrial computer may be used in a manufacturing plant for its ruggedness.

E. Different Software Components in a DAQ System

1. Driver Software

Driver software provides application software the ability to interact with a DAQ device. It simplifies communication with the DAQ device by abstracting low-level hardware commands and register-level programming.

2. Application Software

Application software facilitates the interaction between the computer and user for acquiring, analyzing, and presenting measurement data. It is either a prebuilt application with predefined functionality, or a programming environment for building applications with custom functionality. Custom applications are often used to automate multiple functions of a DAQ device, perform signal-processing algorithms, and display custom user interfaces.

F. LXI based DAQ

LXI (LAN eXtensions for Instrumentation), based on industry-standard Ethernet technology, offers many benefits for data acquisition over traditional PXI or PCI systems. LXI technology makes system configuration simple using the widely-adopted Ethernet. In addition, the widespread adoption of LXI to replace GPIB is driving the development of high-performance, LXI-based tools for a variety of applications. With LXI, engineers can add modularity, flexibility, and performance to new and existing systems, which provide new possibilities in their applications.

G. Benefits of Ethernet for data acquisition applications

1. Ease of Use

Since every computer today is built with an RJ-45 Ethernet connector, Ethernet data acquisition reduces configuration and integration time by omitting the traditional need for installing and configuring PC plug-in cards. Plus, these systems easily can take advantage of other Ethernet benefits, such as automatic discovery, error detection and correction, and security.

2. Access Over Long Distances

Distributed systems for data acquisition often can require input and output signals that span over large distances, such as systems required for structural testing of wind turbine blades. With the use of built-in web interfaces, an unlimited number of measurement nodes can be accessed and controlled from virtually anywhere in the world.

3. Ubiquity

For several decades, Ethernet has been the de facto standard for home and enterprise network infrastructure. Due to its mainstream adoption, commonly-used products such as cables, routers, and switches are readily available and inexpensive, resulting in significant savings compared to using alternative buses.

II. Motivation

Very often the lowest level of code that interfaces with the hardware is difficult to understand and maintain. One of the main reasons for this is the idiosyncrasies of register level programming model of hardware devices. Very often devices require registers to be accessed in a certain sequence. Defining a class to represent the device can go a long way in simplifying the code by decoupling the low level code and register manipulation.

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Another motivation for this design pattern is skill sets. Often details about intricacies of register programming in devices are understood only by the persons familiar with the hardware design. Many times other low level code might be written by software engineers with just basic understanding of hardware. Also note that separating the device programming and logic simplifies porting of the code to a different hardware platform. Interfacing the hardware for Real time systems are computing systems that must react within precise time constrains to events in the environment. The correct behaviour of these systems depends not only on the logical result of the computation but also on the time at which the results are produced. A reaction that occurs to late or to early could be useless or even dangerous. To calculate and predict the response time to the environment for a given set of tasks could be hard if the time behaviour of a system isn't predictable.

A. Problem Statement

Currently in the Aero Engine test bed engines are tested by control room infrastructure where actual testing process will be instructed to the test engine. This room will be located bit far from the test engine, because of the noise and vibration produced by the engine.
By this set up of engine testing user perform data logging when engine is in testing process. More over user cannot have the access control over the system remotely.

B. Proposed System

The goal of this system is to design interface with the signal and power cables, wired between aero engine under test and control room instrumentation. Signals coming from engine sensors should be connected to the monitoring system through Signal Tracing & Interface Matrix Unit. The STIM unit is capable to route, measure & display the signals connected through it, as per the demand of its operator.

C. Scope of the project

STIM system has four major operations, which can be used in combination to assist operator, in various troubleshooting tasks. These operations can be categorized as Signal routing, Transducer Simulation, Signal measurement, and Power Supply.
STIM provides a relay matrix which can be fitted between the sensors and actuators on a device under test and the data acquisition and control system. It allows to separately connect/disconnect the signals from either side and concurrently to connect them to an internal bus. In this way signals can be routed via the bus to new destinations or the bus can be used to monitor or supply test signals. This allows calibrating and debugging the system without disconnecting and separating channels throughout the system wiring.

III. Design

A. Architecture

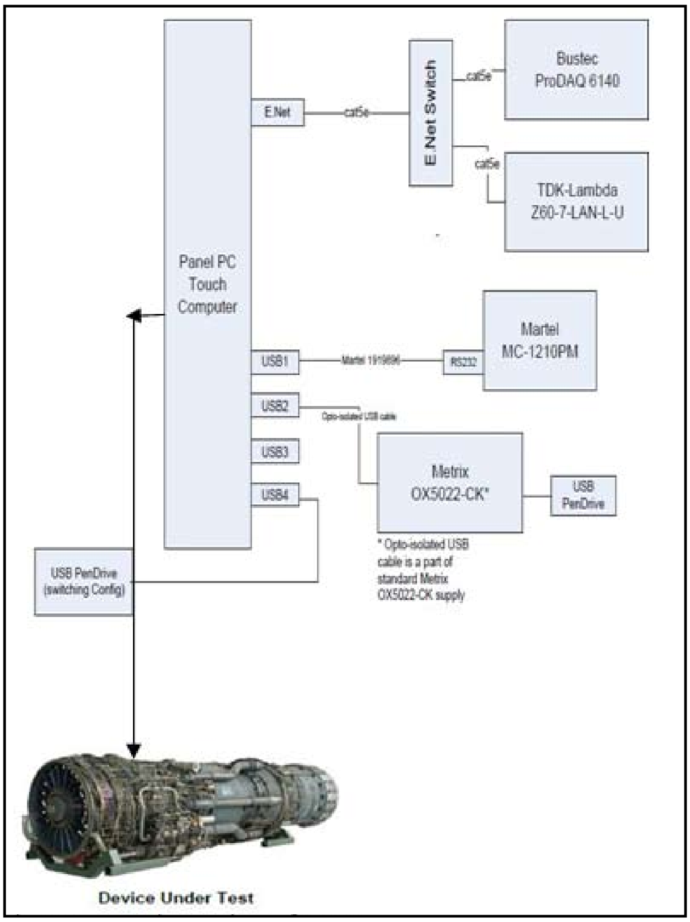

Fig. 2 : Proposed overview of STIM system.

The proposed architecture mainly concentrates on a Bustec relay matrix which switches the device under test and Data Acquisition control system. It also switches between the Measurement, Simulation and Power supply devices to the signals coming from the device under test.

IV. Implementation

A. Structure Chart Diagram

The flow diagram in figure 3 shows the flow carried from one module to another. In One-to-One switching X and Y rows will be same where signal from the test device just passes through the switch matrix.
The flow diagram in figure 4 shows the flow carried from one module to another. In Cross selection there will be provision to choose different X and Y rows in STIM
Unit even here there is no selection of Devices.
The flow diagram in figure 5 shows the flow carried from one module to another. In Measurement & Simulation selection user can choose different X and Y rows with respective Device selection in the STIM unit.

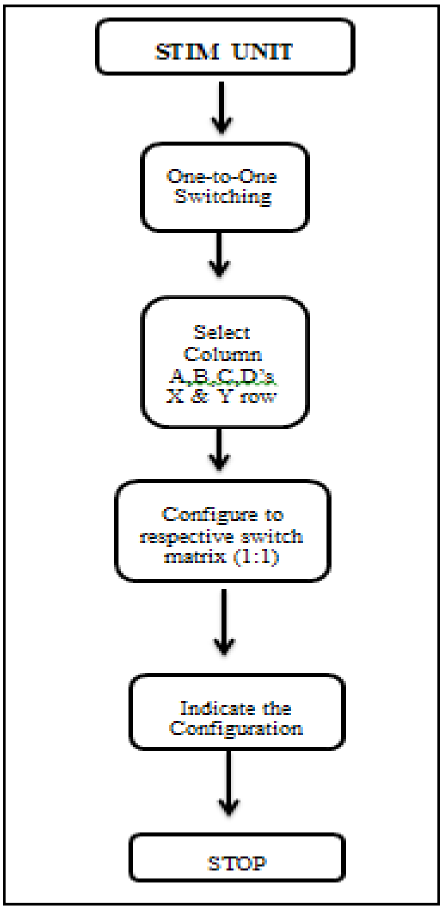

Fig.3 : Level 1 Structure chart diagram.

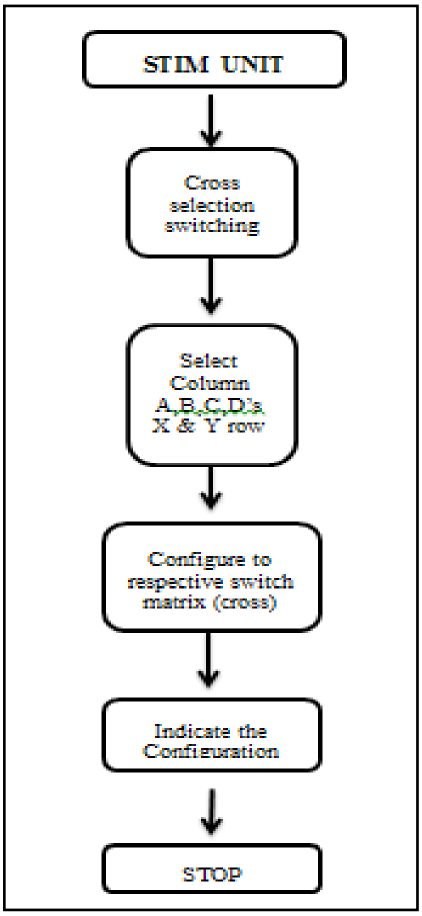

Fig.4 : Level 2 Structure chart diagram.

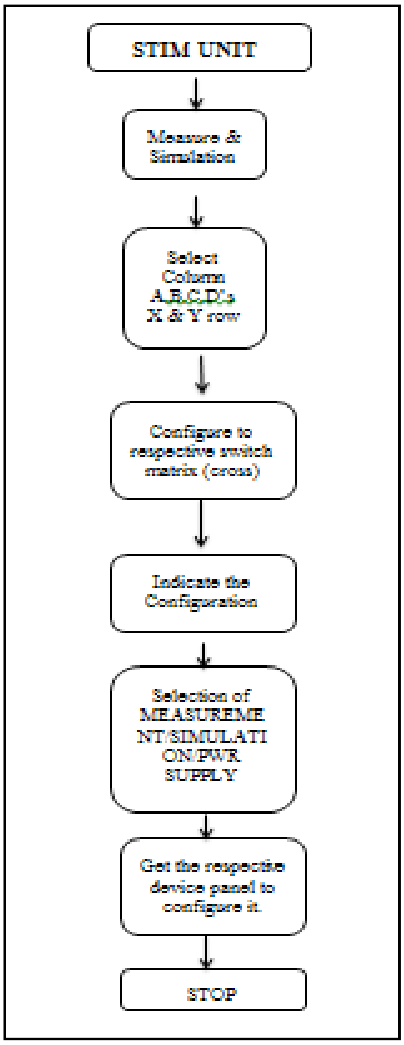

Fig. 5 : Level 3 Structure chart diagram.

V. Conclusion and Future Scope

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VI. Future Scope

The application is utilized to arrange and pursue the framework interfacing. The VI's utilized are bland as a part of nature and can be reused for other application. This is not particular to airplane motors. It can be connected in different commercial enterprises also.

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