





EVLA Monitor & Control

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EVLA M&C and e2e Software



SBs, incl



Requirements



We now have requirements produced by the NRAO user community rather than Computer Division internally generated documents.

- EVLA e2e Science Software Requirements, April 15, 2003
- EVLA Data Post-Processing Software Requirements, July 3, 2003
- EVLA Array Operations Software Requirements, June 6, 2003
- EVLA Engineering Software Requirements, August 8, 2003
- EVLA Science Requirements for the Real-Time Software, to be started 9/2003
- Scientific Requirements for the EVLA Real-Time System, Sept, 2000



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Antenna MIBs



- MIB Module Interface Board
 - Refers to the TC11IB processor board that will be used to control antenna subsystems
 - 96 MHZ processor
 - 1.5 Mbytes on-chip RAM
 - 8 Mbytes Flash
 - SPI bus
 - GPIO (parallel I/O lines)
 - Ethernet Interface





- Quality of the MIB software is seen as crucial to the quality of the EVLA M&C software
- The MIB software consists of:
 - Systems software
 - MIB framework software
 - Module software



MIB Systems Software



- RTOS kernel
- Network stack
- Telnet server
 - Automatically activates the shell
- Shell
 - Shell provides memory display and memory modification
 - Shell is being extended to provide module specific commands & displays
- All of the systems software is up and running on MIB hardware





- Common to all MIBs
- Device definition, instantiation, and initialization
- A data port, broadcasts monitor data
- A service port
 - Accepts time-tagged commands
 - Information services
- C++, ASCII text, XML, Xpath (likely),





- HW module specific, chiefly written in C
- Responsible for
 - Device Control
 - Collection of monitor point values
 - Warnings, errors, alarms
- L301 (12-20 GHZ synthesizer) module software has been tested
- L302 (10.8-14.8 GHZ synthesizer) module software currently under development



Device Browser



- Generic, discovery-based, remote client application
 - Obtains a list of all devices connected to a MIB
 - Obtains a list and description of all monitor and control points associated with a device
- Can display any/all monitor point values for a device
- Can modify monitor point attributes
- Can be used to command devices
- Peek/Poke capabilities
- Multiplatform, written in Java





- At the low levels there is little commonality between the AMLA & EVLA M&C systems. The differences are driven by differences in the hardware.
- We hope sharing can occur at the higher levels of the two systems.
- Ralph Marson of ALMA and I have agreed to begin monthly meetings to explore the possibilities for sharing designs and code at the higher levels of the two systems.



Questions/Issues



- Are we headed in the right direction ?
- Overall design ?
 - Have we now positioned ourselves to produce a high quality overall design?