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THE CODAC SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE ITER PLANT SYSTEMS

Abstract

Most of the systems that constitutes the ITER plant will be built and supplied by the seven ITER domestic agencies. These plant systems will require their own Instrumentation and Control (I&C) that will be procured by the various suppliers.

For improving the homogeneity of these plant system I&C, the CODAC group, that is in charge of the ITER control system, is promoting standardized solutions at project level and makes available, as a support for these standards, the software for the development and tests of the plant system I&C.

The CODAC Core System is built by the ITER Organization and distributed to all ITER partners. It includes the ITER standard operating system, RHEL, and the ITER standard control framework, EPICS, as well as some ITER specific tools, mostly for configuration management, and ITER specific software modules, such as drivers for standard I/O boards.

A process for the distribution and support is in place since the first release, in February 2010, and has been continuously improved to support the development and distribution of the following versions.

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Hardware High Performance Networks (HPN) CODAC Terminal Time Communication Network (TCN) Mini-CODAC

Mini-CODAC: Desktop PC or rack-mounted PC connected to the plant I&C.

- Replace central servers before the plant systems are integrated with the central ITER infrastructure,
- Implement the central services such as alarm handling and archiving, with reduced functions and/or performances,



- Replace a control room workstation for the execution of operator software.
- **Plant System Host** (PSH): industrial PC without specific I/O.
- Implements standard CODAC services, such as operating state management or health monitoring.
- Gateway to communicate with the Siemens PLCs.
- **Fast controllers**: PICMG 1.3 compliant industrial PCs controlling PXI/PXIe/cPCI I/O chassis over a PCIe link (xTCA under development)
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)
- optionnaly with real-time extensions (RHEL MRG-R)
- Slow controllers : Siemens PLC (S7/400 and S7/300)





* mvn checkout - extract a software unit from the source repository (using versions' branch or tag) mvn compile – build all object files mvn test – run the tests of the unit mvn package – build the RPMs for deploying the unit to target hosts.



Build process

- Sign & copy the RPMS to network shared directories.
- Copy the official releases RPM, tagged with a version id, to the distribution servers at release time.
- Copy the RPMs that are generated for continuous integration, tagged with a branch id and a SVN id, to distribution servers every night.

Source Repository (SVN)



- Configuration Tools (SDD)
- Build tools
- Samples

Self-Description Data (SDD)

- ✤ A local database is configured on each Mini-CODAC, to store/retrieve the plant system I&C definitions.
- The SDD editor allows the creation/edition of the plant system &C into the local database...
- SDD translator generates all specific files:
 - build files (makefile, scripts...),
 - EPICS configuration files (record databases, IOC) scripts ...)
 - Control System Studio (CSS) configuration files for alarms and archiving,
 - the variables declaration for the PLCs.
- \succ The local databases are initialized with data from the central database and will be synchronized with it to update local copies or to commit new definitions.





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