The RFPI management Software layer – library and CLI

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Role

C++ software engineer

Relevant experience

25+ years of experience in C++ programming

Design and implementation of SIL-4 software for rail traffic control and signaling, numerous projects.

Agenda

- The main requirements,
- Specification and scope,
- The functionality and design details,
- Implementation.

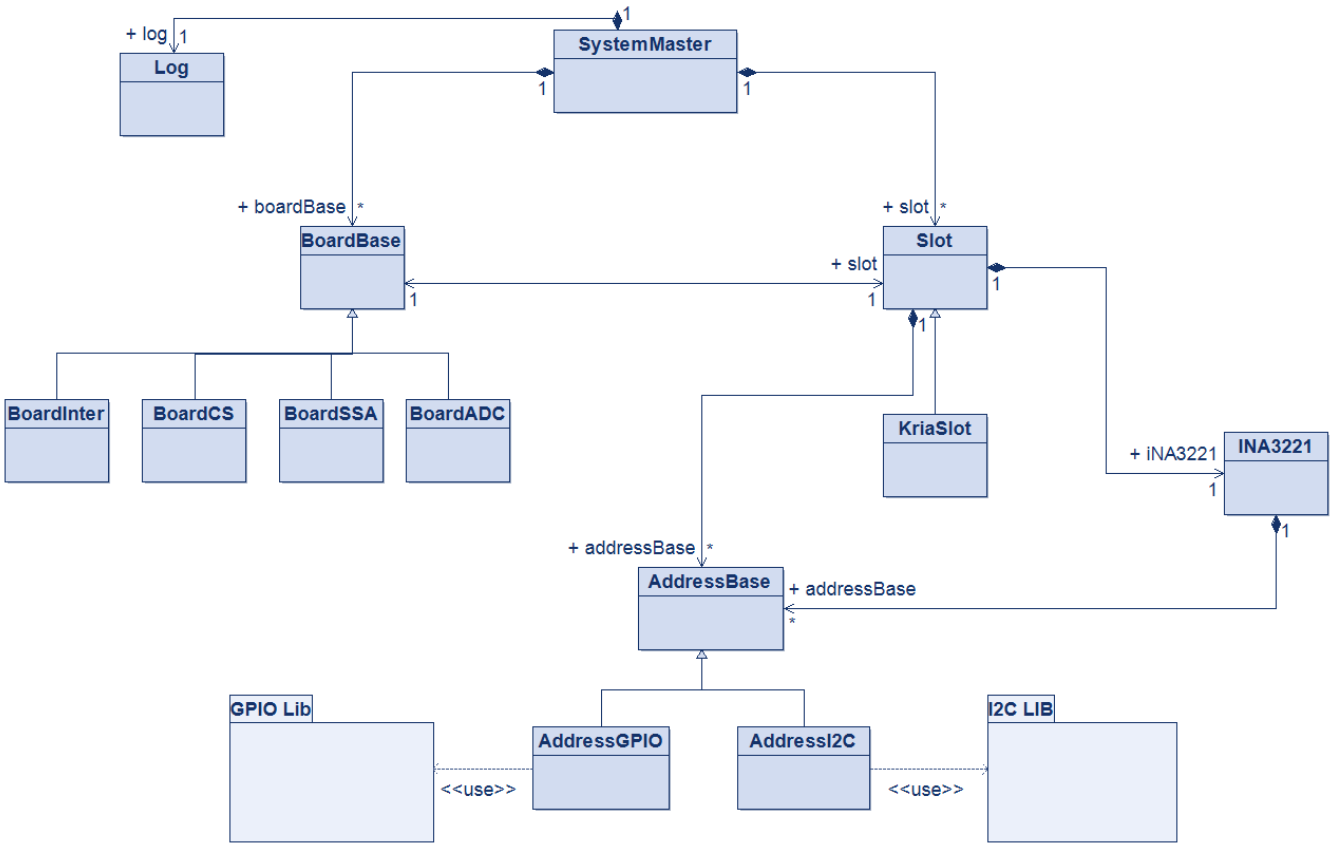
The main requirements

- Software Layer acts as a middle layer between the firmware/hardware and IOC
  - Is the only way that IOC may interact with the system
- Data interaction through I2C and GPIO in required
- Logic for control/monitoring of the carrier must be implemented, e.g., startup/shutdown sequences, overcurrent reporting
- Flexible (i.e., not compiled-in) configuration for various possible hardware setups is advisable
- Command Line Interface (CLI) tool is welcome, to facilitate development and testing

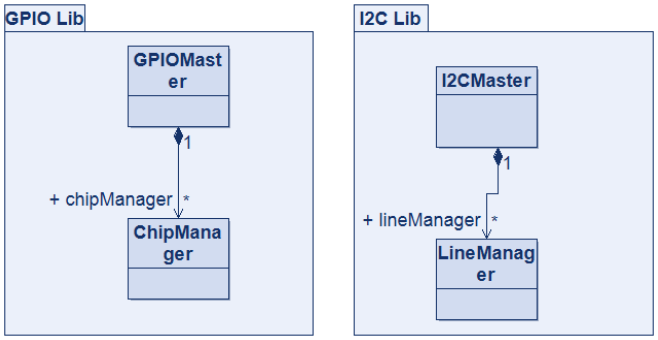
Specification and scope

- Targets the current design of the carrier and extension boards
- Structure allowing easy expansion of the software should alteration to the carrier or new extension boards appear
- Compile-time specification of the carrier configuration, run-time specification of the FMC slot—extension board pairing, GPIO/I2C addresses
- Non-blocking, multithreaded operation for fault monitoring

Design details – class structure



Design details – supporting sub-libraries



Design details – configuration file

```
"top1":{
     "temperature": {
          "line" : 5,
          "slaveAddress": 40
          },
          "relay":{
               "set":{
                    "chipNo": 2,
                    "pinNo": 25,
                    "activeLow" : true
               },
               "get":{
                    "chipNo": 2,
                    "pinNo": 24
               }
          },
          "presence": {
               "chipNo" : 2,
               "pinNo": 27
          },
          "ina3221": {
               "address": {
                    "line" : 5,
                    "slaveAddress": 65
                    },
                    "shunt": [0.01, 0.01, 0.01],
                    "avg":  10,
                    "vtime":  3,
                    "itime":  7
               },
               "status": {
                    "line" : 1,
                    "slaveAddress": 17
               },
               "power_alert":{
                    "chipNo":2,
                    "pinNo":26
               },
               "eeprom":{
                    "line" : 5,
                    "slaveAddress": 80
               }
}
```

Design details – CLI commands

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Commands common for all boards:
  -r --read         read register/pin
    i:addr:count or i:addr:reg:count for I2C
    g:chip:pin for GPIO
  -w --write        write register/pin
    i:addr:"val1 val2 valn" or
    i:addr:reg:"val1 val2 valn" for I2C,
    g:chip:pin:val for GPIO
  -m --monitor      monitor GPIO pin for events
    chip:pin:events
  --verify          verify hardware configuration
  -p --power        power up/down the system
  -v --voltage      read board supply voltage
    chn (0-3) to select readout channel
  -c --current      read board supply current
    chn (0-3) to select readout channel
  -t --temperature  read board temperature
  -s --status       check board status
  --presence        check board presence
  --typeok          check board type
  --voltageok       check voltage OK for board
  --currentok       check current OK for board
  --healthy         check board complete health
  --currentw        set current warning for slot
    chn:level
  --currentc        set current critical for slot
    chn:level
  --voltagel        set voltage low for slot
  --voltageh        set voltage high for slot
  --powermon        monitor power alerts
  --power           get/set power state
  --fan             get/set fan speed
  --vadj            get/set vadj global signal

  --version         display library version
  -m --man          display manual
```

Implementation – libraries, tools

- g++ cross compilation – PC/x86 host, ARM target
- POSIX Threads (pthreads) for multithreading
- libgpiod for GPIO access