RADIANT

Spacecraft Flight Software

Radiant is the Space Dynamics Laboratory's (SDL) fully reusable core flight software solution for small spacecraft. For compatibility with various architectures and systems, SDL developed Radiant without ties to specific hardware platforms. Radiant targets a real-time Linux environment with possible future support for additional real-time operating systems.

MODULAR, FLEXIBLE ARCHITECTURE

Radiant is designed as a decentralized system of independent applications where each application independently describes its own control and telemetry using XML. These XML capability descriptions also act as welldefined simulation boundaries for the system.

This decentralized architecture enables new missions to completely reuse applications without any modification to the core Radiant flight software. Tasks often hard-coded, such as telemetry aggregation, health monitoring, mode transitions, system states, and memory protection, are all driven through XML configuration files. Relying on configuration rather than coded logic decreases development time while increasing flexibility on orbit. This adaptability enables SDL to fulfill a broad range of missions while minimizing software development and qualification. Radiant is currently in use on over 10 small satellite missions.

SEAMLESS INTERFACING

Radiant's modular architecture enables users to easily interface with mission-specific applications, hardware, ground test equipment, and software without core code modification. Radiant-based systems interface with test software across an Ethernet link. This provides full access to system telemetry and commanding and does not require a special mode of operation.

APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

Users can develop new applications against the Radiant Application framework, which provides a structured development paradigm and simple access to other applications or subsystems.

ISO 9001 COMPLIANT

SDL developed the Radiant software suite in compliance with its ISO 9001 registered Quality Management System software development procedures. These procedures include a documented method to control and verify software development to ensure that the finished product meets specified requirements within schedule and budget constraints.

This is accomplished through measurable benchmarks and traceability using the following:

- Feature-driven agile development
- Formal inspections & peer reviews
- Static & dynamic code analysis
- Formal validation & acceptance tests
- Automated regression tests
- Managed configuration control & change processes
- Deficiency tracking & reporting

FEATURES

- Modular, flexible architecture enables reusability & minimizes development costs
- No ties to specific hardware components
- Seamless interfacing without code modification
- XML-defined messaging for universal compatibility



PAYLOAD INTERFACING



FAULT DETECTION & RECOVERY



FLIGHT SOFTWARE



RADIANT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- 100 MHz CPU
- 32 MB RAM
- Linux-based operating system
- Read/write file system

RADIANT MODULES

Command Processor

 Handles command routing, command execution timing, command schedule management & stored command sequences

Telemetry Processor

 Oversees telemetry collection, telemetry routing for downlink, throughput management, storage & logging

State of Health Monitor

 Conducts condition monitoring, autonomous events & application health monitoring

File Manager

 Enables file uplink, file downlink, file system access, on-orbit flight software updates, package management & memory scrubbing

Mission Manager

 Manages spacecraft state, mode transitions & framework for handling autonomous events

CCSDS Comm Link Module

 Provides a reusable interface for full CCSDS TC/AOS framing, packetization, virtual channels & FARM-1 frame validation

SSM Middleware

 Facilitates inter-process communication, publish-subscribe paradigm, capability registration/querying & GSE interfacing

RADIANT SAMPLE SYSTEM SETUP

The following diagram outlines a possible setup using the Radiant flight software and illustrates Radiant's modular architecture and flexibility.



