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Introduction

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The OrcaCF is ideal for rapid prototyping of waveforms built to SCA specifications since it is PC-based, and uses Open Source software components. It has been built and tested on Red Hat 7.3, 9.0, and Fedora Core 1. (Red Hat 9.0 was used for the screenshots in this document.)

The OrcaCF runs on a standard Linux PC and comes with a simple audio recorder SoundDemo "waveform" that is used to demonstrate the capabilities of the OrcaCF. This Release contains a single Application “waveform”, a simple audio recorder to demonstrate the capabilities of the OrcaCF. This QRG is written for demonstrating the audio recorder application. The audio recorder Application, or SoundDemo “waveform”, has two modes. In the RECORD mode, voice is sampled from the microphone and written to a Sound File; in the PLAYBACK mode, the Sound File is read and the voice recording is played back on the speakers. The SoundDemo “waveform” Application consists of an Assembly Controller, a Recorder Resource, and an Application HMI (Human Machine Interface). See Figure 2 below for a conceptual view of the SoundDemo “waveform”.

Figure 1. SCA Class Structure of the OrcaCF

Note: Optional Log Service is included
System Requirements

This Release requires a single PC with a soundcard to run. It has been tested on several PC sound configurations including the SoundBlaster Live! soundcard, integrated Motherboard sound, and the SoundBlaster PCI128 soundcard. It works reliably on these configurations, but we cannot guarantee reliable performance with all audio devices. It works best with the SoundBlaster Live! soundcard. Please refer to the section on Troubleshooting Tips (pg. 23) for more information on soundcard issues.

Hardware

The following is the minimum system configuration for the OrcaCF v1.1.0.

- CPU – Pentium III 550MHz
- RAM – 512MB SDRAM
- Display – ATI RAGE 128
- Sound – SoundBlaster PCI 128
- Storage – 10GB IDE hard drive with ext3 filesystem
- NIC - 3Com 3C590/3C595/3C90x
Software

The following software packages were installed on the Linux testing PC and is the minimum configuration needed for running the Sound Demo.

- Desktop – KDE RED HAT Linux 9.0
  - Linux *Kernel 2.4.20-8
  - Sound Driver – ES1371 AudioPCI97 Driver v0.31
- Net/File Browser – Konqueror 3.0.0-12

*Note: Linux kernel versions 2.6.x. changed audio support from OSS to ALSA. The Sound Demo does not work with ALSA in the 2.6.x kernel used in Fedora Core 2.

Software information for Developers: Refer to the OrcaCF Software User Manual (SUM) and its appendices.
Getting Started

Below are some important notes to read before installing OrcaCF v1.1.0 under RED HAT Linux 9.0:

1. The instructions contained in this QRG are for running the Binary distribution of the OrcaCF. For build and compilation procedures for the Source Code of the OrcaCF, please refer to the OrcaCF_SUM_App_C_CompletionBuildProcedures_v1_1_0.doc document.

2. This Release was developed on a machine that uses the KDE desktop configured with RED HAT Linux. The default desktop for most RED HAT Linux installations is the GNOME desktop. The underlying functionality of Linux applications works the same for each desktop, therefore you should have no problem using either one.

3. To run this software application, you must have speakers, a microphone, and a Network Interface Card (NIC) properly connected and configured.

4. The OrcaCF test scripts were written for the bash shell. The bash shell is the default shell when installing most RED HAT Linux distributions. When you open a terminal window (or shell) in Linux, it defaults to the bash shell.

5. Some user environment variables need to be configured to run the OrcaCF application. It is assumed the user has a working knowledge of the Linux/Unix operating system and standard programming principles, such as setting environment variables.

6. There are a number of different Editors, File managers, and other applications that come with the RED HAT distribution of Linux. The instructions in this document do not advocate using a particular application to perform a particular task. It is up to the user to select the application he/she prefers. For our example, we use the file manager called Konqueror when browsing for files.

7. The installation steps refer to directories on the machine you are working on and it’s important to note that your directories will look different from ours in some instances. We will denote directory differences by using < > characters. For example, when I logon to our Linux machine my home directory looks like: /home/dackerman. I will list your directory as: /home/<username>. You will replace <username> with your actual logon name. Any other directory differences will be represented in a similar fashion.

8. All files needed to install and run the application are included in the file “OrcaCF_v1_1_0_binary.tar.gz”.

Notes: Linux is case sensitive. Pay attention to caps and extra spaces. Type the paths and commands exactly as they appear in the following steps.
Installation Steps

Below are the steps for installing/setting up the OrcaCF:

1. Set up the environment variables required to run this Release on your machine. Open your .bashrc file with your preferred editor. Your .bashrc file is located in your home directory (/home/<username>). If you don’t see the .bashrc file in your home directory, you may need to select the Show Hidden Files option in the file manager you are using. To do this in Konqueror select View->Show Hidden Files.

Add the following lines at the end of the .bashrc file:

- export ORCACF_ROOT=$HOME/OrcaCF
- export PATH=$PATH:$ORCACF_ROOT/bin
- export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:$ORCACF_ROOT/lib
- export NS_OPTIONS="-ORB_DottedDecimalAddresses 1 -ORBEndpoint \ iiop://<hostname>:<port> -m 0 -d"
- export CF_OPTIONS="-ORB_DottedDecimalAddresses 1 -ORBInitRef \ NameService=corbaloc://<hostname>:<port>/NameService"

The NS_OPTIONS and CF_OPTIONS environment variables contain parameters that are unique and must be set by the user. The <hostname> is the hostname of the machine that OrcaCF is executed on and the <port> is a unique port number that will be used by OrcaCF executables. The NS_OPTIONS contains the ORBEndpoint parameter that tells the ORB to listen for requests on the interface specified by the endpoint. Endpoints are specified using a URL style format. An example of an IIOP endpoint is:

    iiop://localhost:9999

The standard installation of Linux distributions installs a network LOOPBACK interface called “localhost” with an IP address of 127.0.0.1. Using “localhost” is recommended for anyone not familiar with networking. If you have altered the “localhost” interface in any way, the application may not work properly. The CF_OPTIONS environment variable contains the ORBInitRef parameter, which is the ORB initial reference argument. This argument allows specification of an arbitrary object reference for an initial service which, in this case, is the Naming Service. The format is:

    -ORBInitRef [ObjectName]=[ObjectURL]

Using “localhost” (recommended), the line would look like this:

    -ORBInitRef NameService=corbaloc::localhost:9999/NameService

The “localhost” and “port” must match for proper CORBA communication.
This is what a typical .bashrc file should look like:

```bash
# .bashrc
# User specific aliases and functions
# Source global definitions
if [ -f /etc/bashrc ]; then
  /etc/bashrc
fi

# OrcaCF v1.1.0 ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES
export ORCACF_ROOT=$HOME/OrcaCF
export PATH=$PATH:$ORCACF_ROOT/bin
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:$ORCACF_ROOT/lib
export NS_OPTIONS="-ORBInitRef NameService=corbaloc::localhost:9999/NameService"
export CF_OPTIONS="-ORBInitRef NameService=corbaloc::localhost:9999/NameService"
```

2. Save the file.

3. After making changes to your .bashrc file, you should log out and then log back in, to ensure the changes take effect.

4. Place the OrcaCF_v1_1_0_binary.tar.gz file into your home directory. (/home/<username>/)

5. Extract the OrcaCF_v1_1_0_binary.tar.gz file. Open a terminal window, go to your /home/<username> directory, and type the following:

   - gunzip OrcaCF_v1_1_0_binary.tar.gz  <ENTER>
   - tar -xvf OrcaCF_v1_1_0_binary.tar  <ENTER>

6. You should now have a directory called: /home/<username>/OrcaCF

The complete directory tree for the OrcaCF directory should look like Figure 3:
7. You are now ready to run the application. See the instructions in the next section.
Running the Application

The OrcaCF package consists of six executables that are run by the user: the CORBA Naming Service, the Domain Booter (CoreFramework/Server), the Node Booter (DeviceManager/Server), the Application HMI, and the optional Event Viewer and Log Viewer. The executables are run using script files. The scripts for running the executables are listed below:

1. startNamingService
2. startDomainBooter
3. startNodeBooter
4. startEventViewer (optional)
5. startLogViewer (optional)
6. startApplicationHMI

The order in which these scripts are run is important for proper operation of the OrcaCF. Start each script in sequence, from 1 to 6. If you choose not to run the optional Event Viewer and Log Viewer, you may omit steps 4 and 5. Instructions for running these scripts are described in the sections that follow. Script 1 starts the Naming Service. Script 2 starts (boots up) the Core Framework. Script 3 starts (boots up) the DeviceManager. Scripts 1 through 3 launch the appropriate components and make the necessary connections required to run the Application. Scripts 4 & 5 allow the user to monitor Events and Logs. Script 6 starts the Application. A terminal window must be opened for each script/executable that you plan to run.

**Note: BEFORE you run the Application you should disable the soundserver on your machine. The soundserver runs by default when any user logs into KDE. To disable this, open the KStart→KDE Control Center→Sound&Multimedia→Sound System. On the aRts tab uncheck the top box labeled “start aRts soundserver on KDE startup”. Click Apply and Accept the change.**
Naming Service

- To start the CORBA Naming Service, open a terminal window and type the following at the prompt and press <ENTER>.
  
  Prompt> startNamingService <ENTER>

This starts the Naming Service in this console window. You won't need to refer to this window again until you shut down the Application. The following output shown in Figure 4 will be seen within the terminal window for the Naming Service.

- Figure 4 will be seen within the terminal window for the Naming Service.

![Figure 4. Example Console Window Showing Naming Service Startup](image)

- The figure above is the result from running the startNamingService script. You need to leave this window up and running in order to proceed with the next step.

Domain Booter (CoreFramework/Server)

- To start the Domain Booter, open a second terminal window and type the following at the prompt and press <ENTER>.

  Prompt> startDomainBooter <ENTER>

- The following output shown in Figure 5 will be seen within the terminal window for the Domain Booter.
The figure above is the result from running the startDomainBooter script. You need to leave this window up and running in order to proceed with the next step.

**Node Booter (DeviceManager/Server)**

- To start the Node Booter, open another console window and type the following at the prompt and press `<ENTER>`.
  - Prompt> `startNodeBooter` `<ENTER>`

- The following output shown in Figure 6 will be seen within the terminal window for the Node Booter.
Figure 6. Example Console Window Showing Node Booter Startup

- The figure above is the result from running the startNodeBoostr script. You need to leave this window up and running in order to proceed with the next step.

The following output shown in Figure 7 will be seen within the terminal window for the Domain Booter.
The figure above is the result from running the `startNodeBooter` script.

**Event Viewer (optional)**

- To start the Event Viewer, open another terminal window and type the following at the prompt and press `<ENTER>`.
  - Prompt> `startEventViewer <ENTER>`

- The following output shown in Figure 8 will be seen within the terminal window for the Event Viewer.

```
[dackerman@coelacanth]$ startEventViewer
Starting OrcaCF Event Viewer
1. TAO ORB has been initialized.
2. RootPOA has been initialized.
3. POA Manager has been initialized and activated.
4. Root Naming Context has been obtained.
5. DomainManager has been obtained.
6. EventViewer Consumer has been created.
7. EventViewer Consumer registered with the ODM_Channel
8. EventViewer Consumer registered with the IDM_Channel
Running the EventViewer ...
```

The figure above is the result from running the `startEventViewer` script.
Log Viewer (optional)

- To start the Log Viewer, open another terminal window and type the following at the prompt and press <ENTER>.
  - Prompt> startLogViewer <ENTER>

- The following output shown in Figure 9 will be seen within the terminal window for the Log Viewer.

```
[dackerman@coelacanth:~ $]
$ startLogViewer
Starting OrcaCF Log Viewer

1. TAO ORB has been initialized.
2. RootPOA has been initialized.
3. POA Manager has been initialized and activated.
4. Root Naming Context has been obtained.
5. DomainManager has been obtained.

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AVAILABLE LOGS
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1. DomainLog

ENTER the number of an available Log to monitor: 1
```

**Figure 9. Example Console Window Showing Log Viewer Startup**

- The figure above is the result from running the startLogViewer script.

- There is only one Log (DomainLog) to select from. Type in ‘1’ and hit <ENTER>.

- The following output shown in Figure 10 will be seen within the terminal window for the Log Viewer.
Application HMI (Human Machine Interface)

- To start the Application HMI, open another terminal window and type the following at the prompt and press <ENTER>.
  - Prompt> startApplicationHMI <ENTER>

- The following output shown in Figure 11 will be seen within the terminal window for the Application HMI.

The figure above is the result from running the startApplicationHMI script.
There is a single ApplicationFactory to select from. Selection of the “Sound Demo” ApplicationFactory executes the Sound Recorder “waveform” application. To select the “Sound Demo”, type the number ‘1’ and hit <ENTER>.

You will then be asked for a name of an Application you wish to create. Type in any name (e.g. myApp) and hit <ENTER>.

The following output shown in Figure 12 will now be seen within the terminal window for the Application HMI.

The figure above is the result of selecting an ApplicationFactory and creating a new Application.

The following output shown in Figure 13 will now be seen within the terminal window for the Node Booter.
The figure above is the result of selecting an ApplicationFactory and creating a new Application. Creation of the Application initiates the launching of the TestAssemblyController[CF::Resource] and the TestResource[CF::Resource] on the GPPDevice[CF::ExecutableDevice].

The following output shown in Figure 14 will be seen within the terminal window for the Domain Booter.
The figure above shows the results of the Domain Booter after running the startApplicationHMI script and creating an Application.
The following output shown in Figure 15 will be seen within the terminal window for the Event Viewer.

![Event Viewer Console](image)

**Figure 15. Example Console Window Showing Event Viewer After Application Creation**

- The figure above shows the Events generated from running the `startApplicationHMI` script and creating an Application.

- At this point you may hit the `<SPACEBAR>` in the Log Viewer console window to view the Log activity at any time. The following output shown in Figure 16 shows the Log Viewer console window after user interaction described above.
Before you start recording, you may need to adjust the microphone input volume by using KMix, which comes with RED HAT Linux 9.0. KMix can be accessed from the following path: KStart -> Sound & Video -> Sound Mixer. Figure 17 illustrates this toolbar. Verify that the red light is selected under the microphone icon.
In the Application HMI console window, press the <r> key on your keyboard to start the Application in RECORD mode. You may now talk into the microphone. Your voice will be recorded to a Sound File in the OrcaCF directory.

Press the <s> key to stop recording.

Press the <p> key on your keyboard to start the Application in PLAY mode. You should be able to hear your voice that you previously recorded. You can adjust the quality and volume by using Kmix.

Press the <s> key to stop playing.

Press the <q> key to quit the Application.

The output shown in Figure 18 shows the Application HMI console window after user interaction described above.
Figure 18. Example Console Window Showing Application HMI After Termination

**Note:** OrcaCF does not currently allow the user to restart the Application HMI without first terminating all of the other console windows <ctrl><c>. If the user chooses to RECORD some voice input, stop the Application, and begin RECORDING again, the new voice input is appended to the Sound File. PLAYING the Sound File will play all recording sessions performed during the life of the Application.
Concluding the Session

- To conclude your session, you must first shutdown/kill all the OrcaCF processes in the following order:
  - Application HMI: If you haven’t done so yet, press the <q> key in the console window that you used to start it. You should see the message “ApplicationHMI TERMINATED” followed by the return to the command line.
  - Log Viewer: Shut down the Log Viewer (if it is running). This is accomplished by hitting the <q> key in the console window you used to start it. You should see the prompt and cursor return to the window when the Log Viewer is shut down.
  - Event Viewer: Shut down the Event Viewer (if it is running). This is accomplished by pressing <ctrl><c> in the console window that you used to start it. You should see the prompt and cursor return to the window when the Event Viewer is shut down.
  - Node Booter: Shut down the Node Booter. This is accomplished by pressing <ctrl><c> in the console window that you used to start it. You should see the prompt and cursor return to the window when the Node Booter is shut down.
  - Domain Booter: Shut down the Domain Booter. This is accomplished by pressing <ctrl><c> in the console window that you used to start it. You should see the prompt and cursor return to the window when the Domain Booter is shut down.
  - Naming Service: Shut down the Naming Service. This is accomplished by pressing <ctrl><c> in the console window that you used to start it. You should see the prompt and cursor return to the window when the Naming Service is shut down.
- Once the Application has been terminated, all console windows can be closed. If you wish to restart the Application, repeat the steps in the section on Running the Application.
**Troubleshooting Tips**

This section contains user tips for troubleshooting common problems.

1. This Release has only been verified on hardware configurations that include SoundBlaster Live!, and SoundBlaster PCI128 cards, as well as motherboard sound devices consisting of the Analog Devices (AD1885) AC 97 Codec. However with motherboard sound, you may encounter write errors or read errors if you press the record and play keystrokes in rapid succession. The sound device supported by your PC will be displayed in KMix above the slider bars. We have not verified the OrcaCF Sound Demo operation with other soundcards or on-board sound devices.

2. Attempts to execute the OrcaCF scripts may result in a “permission denied” error. If such an error occurs, verify that you have “execute” permissions for the scripts. This may be done by locating the scripts in your file browser of choice, right-clicking the script and selecting Properties, and verifying the appropriate check box is selected within the Permissions tab. This same “permission denied” error may also result due to improper permissions assigned to the actual executables, which are located in the `/home/<username>/OrcaCF/bin` directory. Locate the executables and verify that you have “execute” permissions for those files.

3. The OrcaCF directory resulting from unzipping the OrcaCF_v1_1_0_binary package includes a `tmp` subdirectory. Even though it is empty upon unzipping the package, it is not to be deleted. Deleting this `tmp` subdirectory will cause a file exception error to occur during execution of the “startDomainBoo" executable script. This `tmp` subdirectory is used by the CoreFramework.

4. Running the OrcaCF requires the use of a GPPTemp directory with “write” and “execute” permissions. The final path of this directory is `/home/<username>/OrcaCF/tmp/GPPTemp`. If this GPPTemp directory does not exist prior to testing OrcaCF, it will be created during OrcaCF execution with you as the owner, and you will be given all necessary permissions for this directory. If this folder does exist prior to testing OrcaCF, you must verify that you have “write” and “execute” permissions. A consequence of not having “write” permissions is a “Create Application Error” during execution of the “startApplicationHMI” executable script. A consequence of not having “execute” permissions is a “Caught a CORBA exception” error during execution of the “startApplicationHMI” executable script.

5. Running the Sound Demo requires the user to verify that the microphone is set as the recording device. RED HAT Linux 9.0 contains a mixer program, KMix, that lets you modify volume settings for the sound device, and select the desired recording device. The currently active recording device is indicated by a red light beneath the device’s volume control. Make sure the red light is lit below the microphone volume control prior to running the SoundDemo. If the sound test is performed without the microphone as the recording device, the result will be the absence of sound, or noisy sound without voice during playback.
6. Errors and exceptions that may occur while testing OrcaCF are sometimes caused by attempting to execute a process that is already running in the background. If an error occurs while running the CoreFramework, troubleshooting should begin by checking all currently running processes using the “top” utility. In a console window type `top` at the prompt and hit `<ENTER>`. Next, type `u`, enter your `username` and hit `<ENTER>` to identify any OrcaCF processes running. Terminate all OrcaCF processes before re-running the CoreFramework. Terminating a process is done within `top` by typing `k`, hitting `<ENTER>`, and entering the process ID number, and then hitting `<ENTER> twice.

7. The source code has been compiled and tested on Red Hat Linux 7.3, 9.0, and Fedora Core 1. The binary executables in this distribution were compiled on Red Hat Linux 9.0. We recommend that you recompile the source code if you intend to run on other versions of the Linux OS. We also tested on Fedora Core 2, which is the latest free distribution sponsored by Red Hat. The Sound Demo does not run properly under Fedora Core 2. Fedora Core 2 uses the Linux kernel 2.6.x which removed native support for the Open Sound System (OSS), and switched the default to Advanced Linux Sound Architecture (ALSA). The OrcaCF Sound Demo uses OSS which doesn’t work with the current version of ALSA.

8. Check the website, [www.OrcaCF.com](http://www.OrcaCF.com) for the latest information.
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Computer Environment
Linux Version: □ RED HAT 9.0 □ Other __________________________
OrcaCF Version: □ v1.1.0 □ Other __________________________
Memory: □ Less than 512 MB RAM □ 512 MB RAM, or more
Hard Drive: □ Less than 40 GB □ 40 GB, or more
Audio Card: □ SoundBlaster Live! □ Other __________________________
Processor Type/Speed __________________________

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