



# EPICS Base 3.14 Introduction APS Controls 22JAN2003

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#### Base 3.14 Overview



#### •Main Goal for 3.14: port iocCore

- vxWorks
- RTEMS Open Source Real Time Operating System
- Solaris
- Linux
- Win32
- Darwin Open Source for Mac OSX
- HPUX11 Release 3.14.1
- Base software is organized to minimize porting effort
- Marty Kraimer, Jeff Hill, Janet Anderson, Eric Norum, and Ralph Lange primary developers.

#### Hardware Support

- vxWorks support unbundled
- RTEMS used at CLS and SSRL. Thus hardware support growing.
- Requires major changes for non VME/vxWorks platforms



#### 3.14 Channel Access Features



- Large Arrays
  - Both client and server must be 3.14
  - Set CA\_MAX\_ARRAY\_BYTES on both client and server
  - Transparent to existing clients but must be relinked
  - Purpose is ease of use not performance
  - PCAS also supports large arrays.
- Multipriority CA servers
  - Client must request, i.e. not transparent to existing clients.
  - Provides incremential improvement for performance degradatation. Purpose is to allow inter IOC communication to have higher priority than other clients.
- Channel Access Reference Manual available via Release WWW page



## Getting Started



- Application Developer's Guide for 3.14.1
  - Chapter 2: New Features for 3.14
  - ◆ Section 2.2: Example Application
    - ◆ IocCore example for any supported platform
    - ◆ Example SNL that uses unbundled sequencer
    - ◆ Two channel access client examples
  - Chapter 4: EPICS Build Facility
- ◆ Other Documentation available via EPICS Home Page
  - http://www.aps.anl.gov/epics/
  - ◆ Under IOC Software, select R3.14
  - ◆ Then select Release R3.14.1



## Example IOC Application





## Running Example



```
Mercury% cd iocBoot/iochost
mercury% .../../bin/solaris-sparc/example st.cmd
dbLoadDatabase("../../dbd/example.dbd",0,0)
registerRecordDeviceDriver(pdbbase)
dbLoadRecords("../../db/dbExample1.db", "user=mrkHost")
dbLoadRecords("../../db/dbExample2.db", "user=mrkHost, no=1, scan=1
 second")
dbLoadRecords("../../db/dbExample2.db", "user=mrkHost, no=2, scan=2
 second")
dbLoadRecords("../../db/dbExample2.db", "user=mrkHost, no=3, scan=5
 second")
dbLoadRecords("../../db/dbSubExample.db", "user=mrkHost")
iocInit()
Starting iocInit
### EPICS IOC CORE built on Jan
### EPICS R3.14.1 $R3-14-1$ $2002/12/12 15:56:59$
iocInit: All initialization complete
epics>
```



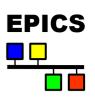
## Major Porting Problems



- ◆ VME/VXI Hardware Support Unbundled.
- vxWorks libraries Define/Implement OSI interfaces.
- vxWorks dynamic loading Registry.
- ◆ Build Environment Major changes.
- vxWorks shell iocsh (ioc shell)
- ◆ Interrupt Level support -Use a global mutex if OS doesn't allow.



# Operating System Independent Interfaces



epicsRing	rngLib	Generic
epicsTimer	wdLib,osiTimer	Generic
epicsAssert	epicsAssert	Default, vxWorks
epicsEvent	semLib	RTEMS,WIN32,POSIX,vxWorks
epicsFindSymbol	symFindByName	Default,vxWorks
epicsInterrupt	intLib	RTEMS, default, vxWorks
epicsMutex	semLib	RTEMS,WIN32,POSIX,vxWorks
epicsThread	taskLib	RTEMS,WIN32,POSIX,vxWorks
epicsTime	tickLib,osiTime	RTEMS,WIN32,POSIX,vxWorks
osiPoolStatus	memLib	RTEMS,WIN32,default,vxWorks
osiProcess	osiProcess	RTEMS,WIN32,POSIX,vxWorks
osiSigPipeIgnore	osiSigPipeIgnore	WIN32,default,POSIX,vxWorks
osiSock	osiSock	Linux,RTEMS,WIN,default,solaris,v <sub>1</sub> xW



#### Some Details



- Registry
  - vxWorks symFindByName bind to global symbol.
  - iocCore dynamically binds record/device/driver/etc support.
  - While building application:
    - A perl program generates a C function
    - C function is linked with application. During startup the C function is called. It registers the support.
- Build Environment
  - Extensive changes, more functionality, easier to use.
- ◆ Iocsh simple command interpreter, built in commands.
- ◆ Interrupt Level Support
  - ◆ IocCore has minimal use.
  - vxWorks,RTEMS real support. Default uses global mutex.



## Compatibility



- ◆ Building R3.13 IOC applications with 3.14.
  - ◆ The old 3.13 build rules are still supported.
  - Using old build rules requires few changes.
     However all hardware support is unbundled.
  - Should convert to new rules ASAP
- ◆ Old CA client interface still supported
  - Many CA client applications have been built with 3.14.
- ◆ Converting R3.13 IOC Applications to new build rules
  - New rules in <top>/configure
  - Single Makefile in application directories
  - Conversion instructions available on WWW



## Two Killer Apps



- ◆ Sequencer Unbundled version (KECK and now SLAC)
  - Works on all supported platforms
  - Works as standalone process or as part of iocCore
- ◆ GpibCore
  - Benjamin Franksen's version ported to R3.14.
  - HP LAN supported on all platforms
  - NI1014 supported on vxWorks
- ◆ Both are built as support apps in /usr/local/iocapps/R3.14.1/support



### Hardware Tested with 3.14



- ◆ The following support has been tested (vxWorks only)
  - ◆ Allen Bradley 6008 Scanner, 1771 I/O, etc.
  - Stepper motor support from base 3.13 (NOT Tim Mooney's)
  - ◆ Mizar 8310
  - ◆ XYCOM: 566, 210, 220, 240
  - Analogic dvx2502
  - Burr Brown mpv902 and mpv910
  - ◆ VMIC 4100
  - ◆ Acromag avme9440
- Bitbus was tested but not for 3.14.1
- ◆ None of this is currently built in 3.14.1/support



## Converting Existing Apps



- ◆ R3.14 uses more memory
  - ◆ A test example with 4000 records
    - ◆ 3.13 uses 7.67 megaBytes
    - ◆ 3.14 uses 9.01 megaBytes
  - If already short on memory then a big problem
- ◆ CA client appears to use much more CPU time
  - Being investigated



## New Build System



- Major task for porting iocCore
  - Before Makefile, Makefile. Host, Makefile. Vx.
  - What now? In particular Makefile.Vx
- ♦ Solution
  - Single Makefile builds everything.
  - Many things can be built in a single directory
- ◆ Makefile.Vx
  - Did not use regular object libraries
  - Now everything uses regular libraries as defined by platform
- ◆ A single executable is created even for vxWorks iocs.



### **Build Host Product**



```
PROD_HOST += caExample
caExample_SRCS += caExample.c
caExample_LIBS += ca
caExample_LIBS += Com

PROD_HOST += caMonitor
caMonitor_SRCS += caMonitor.c
caMonitor_LIBS += ca
caMoni
```



## Building Database Files



```
DBDINC += xxxRecord

# <name>.dbd will be created from <name>Include.dbd

DBD += example.dbd
```

# xxxRecord.h will be created from xxxRecord.dbd

```
# name<i>.db will be created from name<i>.substitutions
and <name>.template
DB += name1.db name2.db
```



## Building IOC product



```
PROD IOC += example
example SRCS += xxxRecord.c
example SRCS += devXxxSoft.c
example SRCS += dbSubExample.c
# <name> registerRecordDeviceDriver.cpp will be created from
<name>.dbd
example SRCS += example registerRecordDeviceDriver.cpp
example SRCS DEFAULT += exampleMain.cpp
example SRCS vxWorks += -nil-
#The following adds support from base/src/vxWorks
example OBJS vxWorks += $(EPICS BASE BIN)/vxComLibrary
```



## Building IOC Product cont.



```
# Use win32 object libs for registered
support
example LIBS win32 += recIocObj
example LIBS win32 += softDevIocObj
example LIBS win32 += testDevIocObj
example LIBS DEFAULT += recloc
example LIBS DEFAULT += softDevIoc
example LIBS DEFAULT += testDevIoc
example LIBS += iocsh
example LIBS += miscloc
example LIBS += rsrvIoc
example LIBS += dbtoolsIoc
example LIBS += asIoc
example LIBS += dbIoc
example LIBS += registryIoc
example LIBS += dbStaticIoc
example LIBS += ca
example LIBS += Com
```