CS-Studio Display Builder

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Overview

- Display Builder replaces OPI Builder (BOY) in CS-Studio
 - Built on Eclipse plugin framework as both a user interface and IDE
 - Editor perspective to create user interfaces
 - Runtime perspective to interact with user interfaces
 - Backward compatible (mostly), can import .opi files and save as .bob
 - 30+ widget types at this time
 - Simple data read/write widgets like gauges and input fields
 - Complex interactive widgets like custom graphs or a web browser
 - Structural and design widgets like text labels, images, and groups
 - Customize widgets for your site using widget style classes
 - Scripting support for custom behaviors
 - Integrated with other CS-Studio tools, e.g. data browser

Examples: SNS Accelerator



Examples: SNS Instruments



CS-Studio

- Display Builder is a component of the Control System Studio
- CS-Studio is an extension of the Eclipse IDE
 - <u>http://controlsystemstudio.org/</u>
 - <u>https://eclipse.org/ide/</u>
- CS-studio can be downloaded from the location above, or through one of the site specific download areas
- Like Eclipse IDE, CS-Studio will run on any Windows/Linux/OSX with a supported version of Java
- This tutorial is based on a redhat virtual machine image running the SNS version of CS-Studio





Getting Around in CS-Studio

- On Linux, launch CS-Studio with the "css" command
 - A dialog will pop up and ask which workspace to use. For now, leave it as the default selection
- CSS should open up in the default "CS-Studio" Perspective
 - If you see a welcome screen, close it using the small 'X' in the corner of the panel
- All of the sub-windows in Eclipse are called Panels
 - This screen has one open panel: The Navigator
 - Panels can be dragged around and rearranged as you work on a project
- Perspectives define a set layout of panels and controls for a given type of work
 - Right click on perspective name to select "Reset"
 - Display Editor Perspective
 - Open Display Editor perspective with the perspective selection button
 - We will be in this perspective for the entire tutorial
 - Sets up editor area with navigator, outline, and properties panels arranged around it.
 - Display Runtime Perspective
 - We will not need this perspective during the tutorial
 - Does not include file navigator and other tools
 - Meant to be open in production once "Top Displays" have been defined

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Display Editor Setup

- Open the "Display Editor" perspective
 - We will be in this perspective during the tutorial
- Install display builder examples
 - Use the top menus to select CS-Studio -> Utilities -> Install Samples
 - Select "Display Builder" and hit OK
 - This will download a number of examples to look at for ideas and techniques
 - This has already been done in the tutorial VM



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Display Editor: Basics

- Focus on function: Edit and Run displays connected to PVs
- Common control system elements should be as easy as 1-2-3:
 - 1. Drag and drop a "Text Update" widget onto your display in the editor
 - 2. Assign an EPICS process variable (PV) to your widget in the editor
 - 3. Hit "Run" and see your display in the runtime

What you will get for less than 5 minutes effort:

- ✓ PV value as text
- ✓ **V** *severity* reflected in border color
- ✓ PV name and value shown in tool-tip
- ✓ Indication of 'disconnected' state via a pink border

Walkthrough: My first display

Create new Display

- Select File -> New
- This will open a "Select a Wizard" dialog
- Choose Display Editor -> New Display
- Click Next
- Name the file "my_display.bob" and choose the /CSS container
- Click Finish



My First Display: Add Some Widgets

- Add a ramp value with text output
 - L-Click and hold to grab and drag a "Text Update" widget from the palette onto the display
 - With the new widget selected, slect the "PV Name" field in the properties and type "sim://ramp(1,10,1)"
 - This means to add a value that counts to 10 at 1 second intervals (more on sim PVs later)
- Add a toggle button to input a value
 - Drag a "Boolean Button" widget onto the display
 - Select "PV Name" and type "loc://test"
 - This makes the boolean button write to a user defined local variable called test. It toggles one bit of the variable between 1 and 0.
- Add an LED to read from the test variable
 - Drag an "LED" widget onto the display
 - Select "PV Name" and type "loc://test"
 - This makes the LED light up when any bit in the test variable is non-zero
- Save File
 - File ->Save
 - OR Ctrl-S







My First Display: How to Run

- There are several ways to test your display in the runtime
 - Hit the Run button on the control bar
 - OR right click inside the display and "Execute Display" (will also save)
 - OR Right click on my_display.bob -> Open With -> Display Runtime
- Runtime panel will open to the right side, over the properties panel
 - Watch your ramp value count to 10
 - The ramp value will show a single solid outline for warning and double outline for severe at the high and low end of its range
 - Click the button to turn the LED on and off by changing the value of "test"



Arranging Panels for Display Testing

- By default the runtime panel opens on the right side, but can be re-arranged.
- Drag the runtime down to the bottom below the editor
- Make some change to your display in the editor
- Right click on the display in the editor, select "Execute Display"
 - The runtime display will update
 - The display file will be saved



Editor: Using the Widget Palette

- Widget palette appears in editor panel whenever a display file is being edited
- Just drag and drop widgets from the palette onto the display in the editor
- Widgets are arranged by section
 - <u>Graphics</u> are static images
 - <u>Monitors</u> change in response to changes in a connected PV (read-only)
 - <u>Controls</u> make changes to PVs, and may also change in response to changes in the PV (read and write)
 - <u>Plots</u> are more complex images based on PV values
 - <u>Structures</u> are used to make more advanced display elements, such as groups of widgets or embedded displays
 - And then some <u>miscellaneous</u> elements...
- Hover the mouse over a widget to see a description tooltip

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Editor: Customizing Widget Properties

- Properties panel allows editing widget attributes
 - Opens automatically in Editor Perspective
 - If it is closed, to open it:
 - Reset Editor Perspective
 - OR Click Window -> Show View -> Properties
- Properties change depending on which widget is selected
 - Click on the display file name to see file properties
 - Click on the background of the display to see display properties
- Widget <u>class</u> defines property defaults (more on classes later)
- Properties panel is dynamic. For example, changing number of states in multistate LED will add more fields to edit state attributes



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Editor: Manipulating Widgets

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- Select and in editor using left click and drag
- Resize in editor by left click and drag edges of outline box
- Use alignment tools to help with arrangements
 - Grid
 - Snap to Grid
 - Snap to Geometry (sides and sizes of other widgets)
 - Arrange group of widgets
- Arrange front to back
 - Use alignment tools for widget ordering
 - OR select widget in outline
 - Right click for context menu and hotkey combos
 - alt+up or alt-down to move forward or back



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My Display

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PV Names and Examples

- ca://some_pv_name
 - EPICS Channel Access PV
- some_pv_name
 - Typically same, since "ca://" is the default
- sim://sine
 - Simulated PV. Read online help for details
- loc://x(4)
 - Local PV. Read online help for details
- pva://x
 - EPICS V4 pvAccess

Editor: Drag and Drop Text

- CS-Studio includes drag and drop functionality
 - Text can be dropped into display
 - Prompt will ask about Widget type
- Exercise: A file full of process variable names
 - Make a new text file in Eclipse
 - File -> New then select General -> File
 - Name the file pv_names.txt and select /CSS parent folder
 - Arrange text file below Display Editor panel
 - Type some lines of text to be PV names
 - Drag text from file into display editor, it will give prompt for widget type
 - Make a text update widget
- What happens when we run with this text update widget assigned to our unqualified PV name?
 - The default PV type is channel access (ca://)
 - This txt update will show the PV disconnected, unless you typed a PV name that is reachable from your tutorial machine using channel access



Editor: Widget Behaviors

Widget behaviors allow control over more complex functionality

- Later exercises will cover these in more detail
- Actions
 - Widgets can have assigned actions
 - Usually for button press
- Rules and Scripts
 - Widgets can have arbitrary scripts attached to them that alter widget properties Rules are a safe way to generate common script actions
- Tooltips
 - Set the text that appears when hovering over a widget
- Alarm Border
 - Only for widgets that can have a PV assigned to them
 - Disable or enable border for alarm states
- Items, Items from...
 - This is used for multi-choice widgets like a combo box
 - To get items from an enum PV type, assign the PV to the widget and set "Item from.." to true
- Enabled
 - Only for widgets with mouse press functionality (buttons, checkbox, etc)
- Other Behaviors...
 - Various widgets have behaviors regarding limits, min/max values, etc
 - Behaviors with "from..." indicate whether to get these values from the connected PV or not

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Access Online Help

- Searchable online help is included
- Help -> Help Contents

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Runtime Panel

- The runtime panel opens when we execute a display
 - With the Display Builder examples installed, navigate to Display Builder -> 01_main.bob
 - Right click and select Open With -> Display Runtime
 - Resize the main runtime panel so that the scroll bars disappear and all the buttons are visible
- Navigation
 - Click buttons to open new displays with examples
 - Use the forward and back arrows to navigate between screens
 - Right click on a button to choose to open in (New tab) or (New workbench window)



Runtime: Tooltip & Context Menu

- From the main example screen, click "Text Update" button
- Tooltip
 - Hover over any of the text update fields to see a tooltip for the widget
 - PV info for widgets with connected PV
 - General info for other widgets
- Context Menu (right click on any widget)
 - Get info for a given widget (i) -> debugging help
 - Reload Display
 - Open Display in editor
 - Send email (if configured for your site)
 - Send to Logbook (if configured for your site)
 - Possibly other functions...

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Runtime: Send PV to other CSS Tools

- Display Builder is integrated with other CS-Studio tools...
- Probe tool
 - Right-click, select Process
 Variable -> Probe
- Databrowser
 - Right click, select Process
 Variable -> Data Browser



Exercise: Grouping Container

- Using the my_display.bob that we started earlier, group the LED and boolean button so that they can be manipulated as a unit.
 - Under "Structure" in the widget palette, drag a "Group" widget onto the display
 - Drag the LED into the group
 - Drag the boolean button into the group
 - The group will highlight when widgets are added, and the outline will reflect the new structure
 - Select the group and use the properties change the name to "Button Group" and the style to "Title Bar"
 - Right click and "Execute Display" to see the group in the runtime and click the button



- Display Builder supports macros
 - Notate as \$(macro) or \${macro}
 - Can be used for any widget property
 - Often used as PV name or partial PV name
 - \${pv}
 - \${pvprefix}_setpoint
- Utility of this comes from building a display using macros, then making several instances of this display with different macro definitions
- Macros can be defined at various levels, and are resolved in the following precedence:
 - Preferences
 - OpenDisplayAction
 - EmbeddedWidget
 - DisplayModel
 - GroupWidget
- For the next exercise:
 - Make a new display ("sub_display.bob") using macros for widget properties
 - Add two embedded displays to "my_display.bob" with different macro definitions for sub display widgets

Create a new display file

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- File -> New, then Display Builder -> New Display
- Name it "sub display.bob" in folder /CSS
- Delete all widgets except for the title label, change it from "My Display" to "Mini Display"
 - Delete widgets using backspace (ctrl-delete on OSX)
 - Set label text in the "Text" field of properties
- Add a scaled slider from the controls section of the palette
 - set "PV Name"=\${pv} _
 - Under behaviors, set:
 - "Limits from..."=false
- Add a linear meter from the monitors section of the palette
 - Set "PV Name"=\${pv}
 - Under behaviors, set:
 - . "Limits from..."=false
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- Right click and "Execute Display" to save the file and ٠ see the sub display in the runtime

Widgets will show disconnected PV when we execute the sub display without macros defined



- Open "my_display.bob" in the editor
- Add the Sub Display:
 - Drag an "Embedded Display" from the palette
 - With the embedded display widget selected:
 - Set the "Resize Behavior" to "Size content to fit widget"
 - Click the "..." button next to the File property
 - Navigate to /CSS/sub_display.bob in the file selection dialog
 - Click OK
- Oh no! The sub display is very small inside the embedded display widget
 - Each display has a width and height in pixels
 - We will need to set the sub display size boundaries more tightly around the widgets



- Open "sub_display.bob" in the editor
- Click on the background to get the display properties panel
- Change width and height until the red outline is tight around the widgets
- Return to "my_display.bob"
 - Right click -> "Reload Display"

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- Add a second embedded display widget below the first
 - Set the file to "sub_display.bob"
 - Set resize behavior to "Size content to fit widget"
- Select the top embedded display:
 - Click the "Macros" property button
 - Enter a macro with name "pv" and value "loc://test1
- Select the bottom embedded display
 - Click "Macros"
 - Enter a macro with name "pv" and value "sim://ramp(1,10,1)
- Right click and "Execute Display"



Exercise: Action and Menu Buttons

- Add an action button to change the value of the test1 variable
 - Drag an action button from the controls widget palette to the display
 - Click the Actions property button to open Actions dialog
 - Use the "Add" dropdown to select "Write PV"
 - Enter:
 - Description: Test1 = 20
 - PV Name: loc://test1
 - Value: 20
- Menu buttons are action buttons with multiple actions
 - Drag another action button to the display
 - Click the Actions property button to open Actions dialog
 - Use "Add" to add two actions, as above, where one action sets test1 to 50, and one sets test1 to 75
 - Set the "Text" widget property to "Set Test1 Value"
- Right click and "Execute Display"
 - Use the buttons to set the value in the top mini display



Exercise: Make a widget class file

- Widget classes provide support for creating a standardized style for displays
- Design the widget properties once, in a class definition file, then use them many times
- Define a new class file:
 - Create a new display file, File -> New, then Display Editor New Display
 - For the file name, enter "my_classes.bcf"
 - The .bcf extension indicates a class file
 - The file icon in the navigator will reflect that this is a class file type
- Override the default TITLE class
 - Select the title "My Display"
 - The properties panel in the .bcf file editor works differently than in the .bob file editor
 - Checkboxes indicate which properties are set by the class
 - Set the widget name to "TITLE"
 - Change the "Foreground" property to a light yellow color
 - Change the "Transparent" property to false
 - Check the box next to the "Background" property, then set it to a dark grey color
- Save the file "my_classes.bcf"



Exercise: Make a widget class file

- Tell CS-Studio to use your class file
 - Open preferences: Edit -> Preferences
 - Navigate to CSS Applications -> Display > Display Builder
 - Find the line "Widget Class Files"
 - Add your class file to the end of the list
 - Separate files with semi-colons
 - Use the path /CSS/my_classes.bcf
- Update your display to see changes
 - Open "mydisplay.bob" in the editor
 - Select the top label that says "My Display", make sure the class is set to "TITLE"
 - Right click and select "Re-load Widget Classes"
 - The properties of the widget change to match the class style



Exercise: Widget Classes

- Class files
 - Can override classes or define entirely new ones
 - One could design a "BLUE LED" in a class file
 - Once the .bcf class file is loaded, "BLUE LED" will appear in the class dropdown for LEDs in the display editor for .bob files
 - Are resolved in the order they are listed
 - You could have a "master.bcf", then override certain settings in another file, "control_room1.bcf"
- Classes
 - Are applied to widgets when CS-Studio starts up
 - Are applied to widgets when the display is reloaded
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- Rules are a guided way to safely generate scripts tied to widgets
- Scripts generally use some type of internal logic to determine a widget property
- Exercise: Make a button invisible when it is not needed
 - Open the "my_display.bob"
 - Select the action button "Test1=20"
 - Click the "Rules" property button to open the Rules definition dialog
 - Click "Add" next to "Rule Name"
 - Set rule name to "Disappear"
 - Use the Property ID dropdown
 - Select "visible"
 - Click "Add" next to "PV Name"
 - Enter "loc://test1"
 - Leave the trigger checkbox checked
 - Click "Add" next to "Boolean Expression"
 - Enter "pv0 == 20"
 - Set value to "false"
 - Click OK

Exercise: Rules

- To see the rule in action, right click on the display and "Execute Display"
 - Push the "Test1=20" button
 - The button will disappear until you change the value to something other than 20 using the other button or the slider
- What was going on with the pv0 in the boolean expression? What does this rule mean?
 - In the Rules dialog, select "Show Script" to see the python script that runs for this button
 - Each PV that we enter can be accessed using its index, starting at 0
 - If we use the "pv0" accessor, that will return a numeric (float) value for the 0th pv in our pv list for this rule -> loc://test1
 - We could alternatively use "pvStr0" to access this pv's string value, or "pvSev0" to get its severity status
 - Since we selected the "visible" property from the dropdown, the rule generates the script to change this value
 - Try adding and changing rules and pvs to look at different script outcomes



Scripting...

- As seen in rules, widgets can have scripts tied to them
- Scripting behavior is more advanced topic
- See Help and examples to get started scripting
- Use Scripts widget property to attach Python or JavaScript

Runtime Perspective Configuration

- As mentioned earlier, there is a "Display Runtime" perspective that is meant to be used in production
- Configure the "Top Displays" available in runtime perspective
 - Select Edit -> Preferences
 - Navigate to CSS Applications -> Display -> Display Builder
 - Locate the "Top Displays" area
 - Copy/paste the XML for the existing top display
 - Separate with a semicolon
 - Change the "name" to Tutorial
 - Change the "file" to /CSS/my_display.bob

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Runtime Perspective

- Open the "Display Runtime" perspective in CS-Studio
- Open your display by selecting File -> Top Displays -> Tutorial
- Top Displays can also be accessed with the toolbar

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Backward Compatibility: OPI Files

- Display Editor can be used to import .OPI files
 - Right click on .opi and select Open With -> Display Editor
 - Most widgets will work, screens need to be checked
 - Scripts will need to be updated
- When the file is saved from display editor, it will save in new .bob format
- Can maintain both files
 - Will use the .bob file if both exist
 - Scripts can check if they are running in BOY or Display Builder and take different actions depending on runtime environment
 - See examples -> script_util -> portable.py

For more information...

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