Update PTU

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1 Motivation

The two main components of a PSA are

- PTU software.
- Device controller (DC) firmware.

While the DC firmware is basically the same for each PSA (even for different customers), the PTU software is highly dependent on customer requirements.

Hence, each customer is assigned an own git-repository, which will be loaded ("cloned") on the PSA when configuring the machine for the first time.

Two special tools, the **UpdateController** (a **Qt** binary [**up_dev_ctrl**]) and the **UpdateScript** (a bash script [**update_psa**]), work together to finish a PSA installation.

2 PSA: Initial configuration

For the initial configuration, a PSA loads a customer-specific git-repository, which structure is detailed below [Structure of a customer git-repository].

The "git clone" for the repository is done by the UpdateScript [update_psa]. It updates the file

/opt/app/tools/atbupdate/update_log.csv

which will be interpreted by the UpdateController [up_dev_ctrl]. The structure of [update_log.csv] is detailed below.

Each line of update_log.csv represents a command for the UpdateController, which will either download certain files to the DC or execute some opkg commands [The package manager "opkg"].

3 PSA: Update

The update of a PSA is basically managed by git, a free and open source distributed version control system. Like many other Version Control Systems, git has a way to fire off custom scripts when certain important actions occur, so-called hooks. The hooks used for a PSA update are called **post-checkout** and **post-merge**.

The post-checkout hook is called when checking out some branch of the customer-repository (for instance when cloning the customer repository for the first time). In contrast, the post-merge hook is called when a git pull operation has been issued (more precisely, a git-fetch followed by a git-merge).

Both hooks update the file [**update_log.csv**], which is interpreted by the UpdateController in a second step.

$4 \quad up_dev_ctrl$

The update-tool is a Qt binary ("up_dev_ctrl") and called by the system-controller application. It is installed under

and has two responsibilities:

- Call update-script "update_psa".
- Update the device controller firmware.

4.1 Calling the update-script "update_psa"

The update-script "update_psa" is about executing all git-commands necessary to clone and pull a customer repository.

5 update_psa

Inside of such a repository, there are at least the following directories:

- \bullet etc
- etc/dc Contains the device controller firmware as binary file.
- etc/psa_config Contains the printer template files (JSON).
- etc/psa_tariff Contains the tariff files (JSON).
- etc/psa_update Contains a single file for opkg-commands.

6 Structure of a customer git-repository

6.1 The post-checkout hook

TODO: checkout_history

6.2 The post-merge hook

They are both located under the .githooks-directory

$7 \quad update_log.csv$

Table 1: Initial state of update_log.csv

Request	Name	Date	Status
DOWNLOAD	/etc/dc/dc2c4.21.bin	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DOWNLOAD	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print01.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DOWNLOAD	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print02.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DOWNLOAD	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print03.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DOWNLOAD	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print04.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DOWNLOAD	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print29.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DOWNLOAD	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print32.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
EXECUTE	opkg update	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A

Table 2: State of update_log.csv after updating

Request	Name	Date	Status
DONE	$/\mathrm{etc}/\mathrm{dc}/\mathrm{dc}2\mathrm{c}4.21.\mathrm{bin}$	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DONE	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print01.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DONE	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print02.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DONE	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print03.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DONE	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print04.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DONE	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print29.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DONE	/etc/psa_config/DC2C_print32.json	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A
DONE	opkg update	2023-05-01T12:00:00	N/A

- 8 The package manager "opkg"
- 9 Known problems