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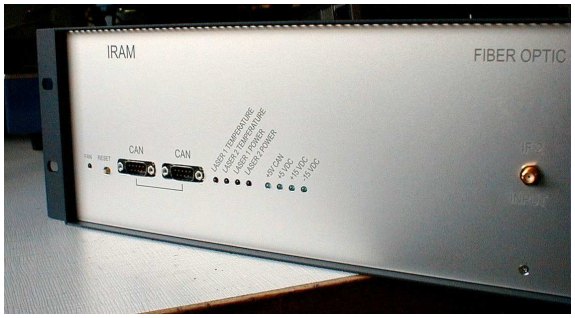


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# 1 Introduction

In October 2006, IRAM has installed a new fiber optic transmission system to connect the new receivers (in each antenna cabin) to the correlator (in the computer room). This document is the reference for fiber optic software: installation, technical documentation, daily usage and troubleshooting.

You need also the hardware documentation of the Fiber Optic Processor from Philippe Chavatte: *FO_TX.pdf* and *FO_RX.pdf*

# 2 Presentation

2 devices compose the fiber optic transmission system:

- An optical transceiver, named FO_TX
- An optical receiver, named FO_RX

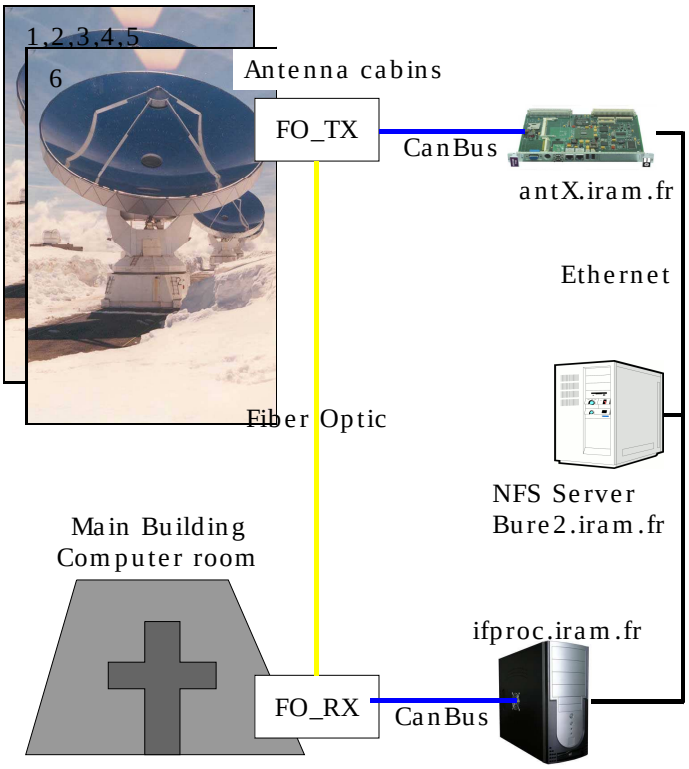


*Figure 1 System overview*

## 2.1 FO_TX

There are six FO_TX, one per antenna. They are located in the antenna cabin. These devices are autonomous, but to allow remote maintenance, a monitoring software can be run from antX.iram.fr

## 2.2 FO_RX

There is only one FO_RX. It is located in the computer room. All the fiber are connected to FO_RX. This device is driven by a computer through a CAN bus. The controlling software runs on *ifproc.iram.fr*.

*Ifproc.iram.fr* runs also the IF Processor software. (see the *IF Processor Software* documentation)

# 3 Installation

## 3.1 Requirements

### 3.1.1 Hardware

The minimal requirements for hardware are:

1. CPU: x86 CPU at 500 MHz
2. RAM: 512 MB
3. CAN controller: TPMC816 PMC card from Tews Technologies GmbH

For software development, the CAN controller is optional, because the software provides a CAN simulator.

### 3.1.2 Software

**Operating system**
The software should run on any recent Linux (i386 or x86_64) with a 2.6.x kernel.

**Mandatory software**

The following libraries are required to build the software

| Name | Description | Version | Download |
|---|---|---|---|
| g++ | GNU C++ compiler | >= 4.1 | http://gcc.gnu.org |
| subversion | Subversion is an open source version control system. | >= 1.5 | http://subversion.tigris.org |
| Qt | C++ Cross-platform application framework | >= 4.4.3 | http://www.qtsoftware.com |
| Sqlite | Embedded SQL database | >= 3.3.6 | http://sqlite.org |
| CxxTest | Unary testing framework for C++ | >= 3.10.1 | http://cxxtest.tigris.org |
| Xmlrpc-c | XML-RPC for C and C++. | >= 1.06 | http://xmlrpc-c.sourceforge.net |

All these libraries are very common (except CxxTest), and you should find easily ready-to-install packages for your favorite Linux distribution.

**Recommended software**

The following programs are strongly recommended to modify easily the code.

| Name | Description | Version | Download |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eclipse/CDT | C and C++ Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for the Eclipse platform. | >= 3.5 | http://eclipse.org/cdt |
| doxygen | Automatic documentation system | >= 1.5.6 | http://doxygen.org |

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### 3.1.3 Network

For the real exploitation, the Fiber Optic software will run on a disk-less computer. So an NFS server is required to export the filesystem.

## 3.2 Building

### 3.2.1 Extract code from the repository

```
$ mkdir ~/develSVN
$ cd ~/develSVN
$ svn co svn://svn.iram.fr/PdB/FiberOptic/trunk FiberOptic
```

Then use the Makefile to extract automatically the dependencies

```
$ cd FiberOptic
$ qmake
$ make get_deps
```

### 3.2.2 Build the TPMC816 driver

The TPMC816 driver is optional for the simulation. In this case, you can skip this section.

```
$ cd ~/develSVN/tpmc816
$ su -c "make install"
```

To create devices (and to load the driver)

```
$ su -c "./create_devices.sh"
```

The `create_devices.sh` script creates nodes in `/etc/udev/devices` .

### 3.2.3 Build the FiberOptic code

```
$ cd ~/develSVN/FiberOptic
$ ./build.sh
```

Optional, you can build the API documentation. The documentation will be created in the *doxydoc* subdirectory.

```
$ make doc
```

To install the software its default settings in `/home/introot/fo`
Note: the shared libraries are installed in `/home/introot/lib`

```
$ su -c "./install.sh"
```

**Warning:**
Normally, you need not to change the default settings, but if you wish to update only the software **without reinstalling the default settings**, use

```
$ make -f Makefile.install programs
```

Nevertheless it is safer to backup `/home/introot/fo` and `/home/introot/lib` first, so you can restore the original installation in case of errors.

```
$ tar cvfz ~/fo-backup-`date --iso`.tar.gz /home/introot/{fo,lib}
```

## 3.3 Configure environment

You should add `/home/introot/ifproc/bin` to your path.

If you wish to use CanLogger, you should also define `CAN_DB_FILE` as follow:

```
export DEVICE_NAME=fo
```

```
export CAN_DB_FILE=/home/introot/${DEVICE_NAME}/data/${DEVICE_NAME}.db
```

### 3.4 Initial tests

For this initial test, we run

1. The CanManagers to enable the Can Over IP protocol
2. The fo-rx simulator
3. The python xml-rpc client: `GetStatus.py`

First we remove the `/dev/tpmc816_*` devices, so the CanManager will run in simulation mode

```
$ su –c "rm –f /dev/tpmc816_*"
$ fo-init-can.sh
$ xterm -e fo-rx-simul &
$ xterm -e fo-rx-server &
```

Now run the `GetStatus.py`

```
# Connect to http://localhost:1088
status.canErrors                  0
status.laserH.a1                  0.1
status.laserH.a2                  0.2
status.laserH.a3                  0.3
status.laserH.a4                  0.4
status.laserH.a5                  0.5
status.laserH.a6                  0.6
status.laserV.a1                  1.1
status.laserV.a2                  1.2
status.laserV.a3                  1.3
status.laserV.a4                  1.4
status.laserV.a5                  1.5
status.laserV.a6                  1.6
status.output                     0
status.powerSupply.can5V          5.0
status.powerSupply.digital12V     12.0
status.powerSupply.digital15V     15.0
status.powerSupply.switch5V       5.09
status.temperature                25.0
status.temperatureDateTime        20100330T08:41:43
# GetStatus() rpc call takes  0.00681900978088  seconds
```

### 3.5 Start application automatically

Add `/home/introot/fo/bin/fo-init-device.sh` to `/etc/rc.local` to initialize the Fiber Optic software at the startup.

This script starts the CanManager and the fo-rx-server.

## 4 Internal programs

This section describes internal programs that drive the Fiber Optic device. These programs are executed automatically, therefore normal users are not expected run them.

### 4.1 CanManager

For a complete description see the document IRAM-COMP-057 *CanIp*

```
$ CanManager -h
```

```
CanManager is a bridge between the CAN bus and the CAN/IP protocol
Usage: CanManager [options]
Options:
  -d=name        CAN controller device name to use. If missing,
                      the application runs in simulation mode
  -p=N           Listen to UDP port N
  -l=N           Limit write speed base CAN messages.
                      'N' is in message/sec. Default value = 0 (no limit)

  -v             Display version information
  -h, -?         Display help


Example:
        CanManager -d=/dev/tpmc816_0 -p=2500 -l=20
```

For the FiberOptic software, CanManager must listen on port udp/2501

```
CanManager –d=/dev/tpmc816_1 –p=2501 –l=50
```

### 4.2 FO RX Server

FO RX server is a XML-RPC server to remotely control FO RX.

> **What is XML RPC ?**
> XML-RPC is a remote procedure call protocol that uses XML to encode its calls and HTTP as a transport mechanism. This protocol is very simple to use, and can be used from any programming language (many opensource libraries are available)
>
> For a detailed introduction to XML RPC see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/XML-RPC

fo-rx-server listens for XML-RPC calls on http://localhost:1088/RPC2

Note: The path */RPC2* is the default path for a XML-RPC server. Therefore, it can be sometimes omitted (it depends on the implementation library)

This server supports:

- introspection http://xmlrpc-c.sourceforge.net/introspection.html
- multicalls

#### 4.2.1 Syntax

```
$ fo-rx-server -h
Fo Server - XML-RPC Server
Listen on port 1088
Usage: fo-rx-server [options]
Options:
  -v        Display version information
  -h, -?    Display help
```

#### 4.2.2 API Description

Since the XML-RPC server support introspection, we can retrieve the API with a simple program

```
$ cd ~/build/FiberOptic/python/xmlrpc/
$ ./ListMethods.py
# Connect to http://localhost:1088
forx.getStatus
forx.getTemperature
```

```
forx.initIo
forx.reset
forx.selectOutput
system.listMethods
system.methodHelp
system.methodSignature
system.multicall
system.shutdown
```

```
$ ./Introspection.py
# Connect to http://localhost:1088
--------------------------------------------------------------------
Name       : forx.getStatus(  )
Return Type: struct
Description: Returns the device status
Syntax: getStatus()


--------------------------------------------------------------------
Name       : forx.getTemperature(  )
Return Type: struct
Description: Get FO Rx temperature
Syntax: getTemperature()
Return a struct
  {
    double   temperature // temperature in Celcius degree
    dateTime temperatureDateTime // Date time of the temperature reading
  }


--------------------------------------------------------------------
Name       : forx.initIo(  )
Return Type: int
Description: Init IO to their default values
Syntax: initIo()
Return code is always 0


--------------------------------------------------------------------
Name       : forx.reset(  )
Return Type: int
Description: reset FO Rx
Syntax: reset()
Return code is always 0


--------------------------------------------------------------------
Name       : forx.selectOutput( int )
Return Type: int
Description: Select Output for FO Rx
Syntax: selectOutput( int a_output )
  a_output:
      0 -> noise
      1 -> receiver
Return code is always 0


--------------------------------------------------------------------
Name       : system.listMethods(  )
Return Type: array
Description: Return an array of all available XML-RPC methods on this server.

--------------------------------------------------------------------
```

```
Name       : system.methodHelp( string )
Return Type: string
Description: Given the name of a method, return a help string.

----------------------------------------------------------------------
Name       : system.methodSignature( string )
Return Type: array
Description: Given the name of a method, return an array of legal signatures.
Each signature is an array of strings.  The first item of each signature is the
return type, and any others items are parameter types.

----------------------------------------------------------------------
Name       : system.multicall( array )
Return Type: array
Description: Process an array of calls, and return an array of results.  Calls
should be structs of the form {'methodName': string, 'params': array}. Each
result will either be a single-item array containg the result value, or a
struct of the form {'faultCode': int, 'faultString': string}.  This is useful
when you need to make lots of small calls without lots of round trips.

----------------------------------------------------------------------
Name       : system.shutdown( string )
Return Type: int
Description: Shut down the server.  Return code is always zero.

----------------------------------------------------------------------
```

### 4.3 XML RPC client examples

#### 4.3.1 Python examples

##### 4.3.1.1 Minimal example

XML RPC is very easy to use in Python.

For example to call method `forx.selectOutput(1)` on the server, you need only the following lines.

```
import xmlrpclib
server = xmlrpclib.ServerProxy( "http://localhost:1088" )
print server.forx.selectOutput( 1 )
```

##### 4.3.1.2 Other Python examples

See directory *python/xmlrpc* for other XML-RPC python examples.

#### 4.3.2 Fortran examples

Unfortunately, there are no native XML-RPC libraries for Fortran, therefore Fortran programs have to use the C library for XML-RPC. ( http://xmlrpc-c.sourceforge.net )
For convenience, I have written a C library to hide the XML-RPC. Therefore Fortran programs can call remote procedures with simple C calls.

```
C Header:          libs/Rpc/FoRx_Rpc_Client.hpp
```

```
Fortran types:      libs/Rpc/CF_FoRx_Types.f
Compiled library:   bin/release/libfoRpc.so
Fortran example:    apps/Fortran/TestRpc
```

Notes:

- All the Fortran calls are described in the header file. There is one C function per XML procedure.
- The Fortran type file shares data types between C and Fortran. It is generated with `c2f`.
- The library has a C interface, but it is written in C++/QT. Therefore QT is required when linking with `foRpc`.
- If you wish to redevelop your own Fortran wrapper for `xmlrpc-c`, it is worth looking into the library source (`libs/Rpc`), to have an example.

For example to call method `forx.selectOutput(1)` from a Fortran program.

```
PROGRAM test_forx_select_output
CHARACTER(64) serverName
INTEGER output

serverName = 'localhost'
ouput = 1

CALL frpc_forx_select_output( TRIM(serverName), 1 )
STOP
END
```

#### 4.3.3 Client/server performances

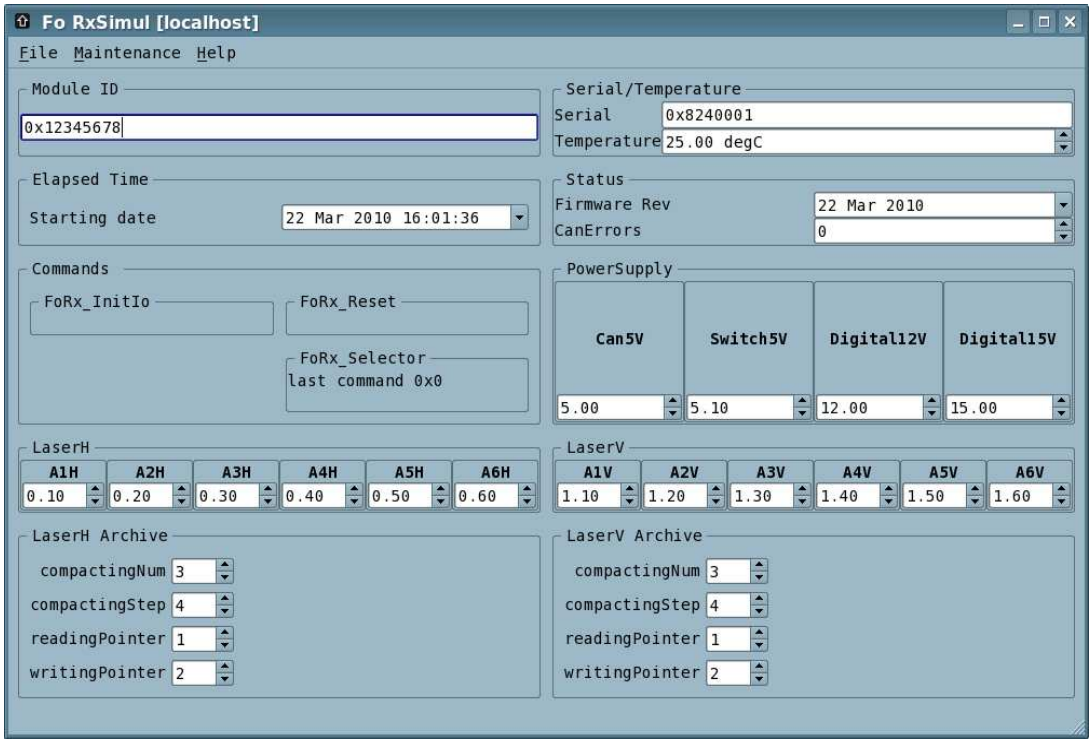
From the client point of view, the total call time (sending + request processing + status receiving) is slightly lower than 10 milliseconds. So we have very good performances.

### 4.4 FO RX Simulator

The goal of this program is to simulate the FO RX, so that the other software can be written before the hardware is ready.

**Syntax:**

```
fo-rx-simul
```

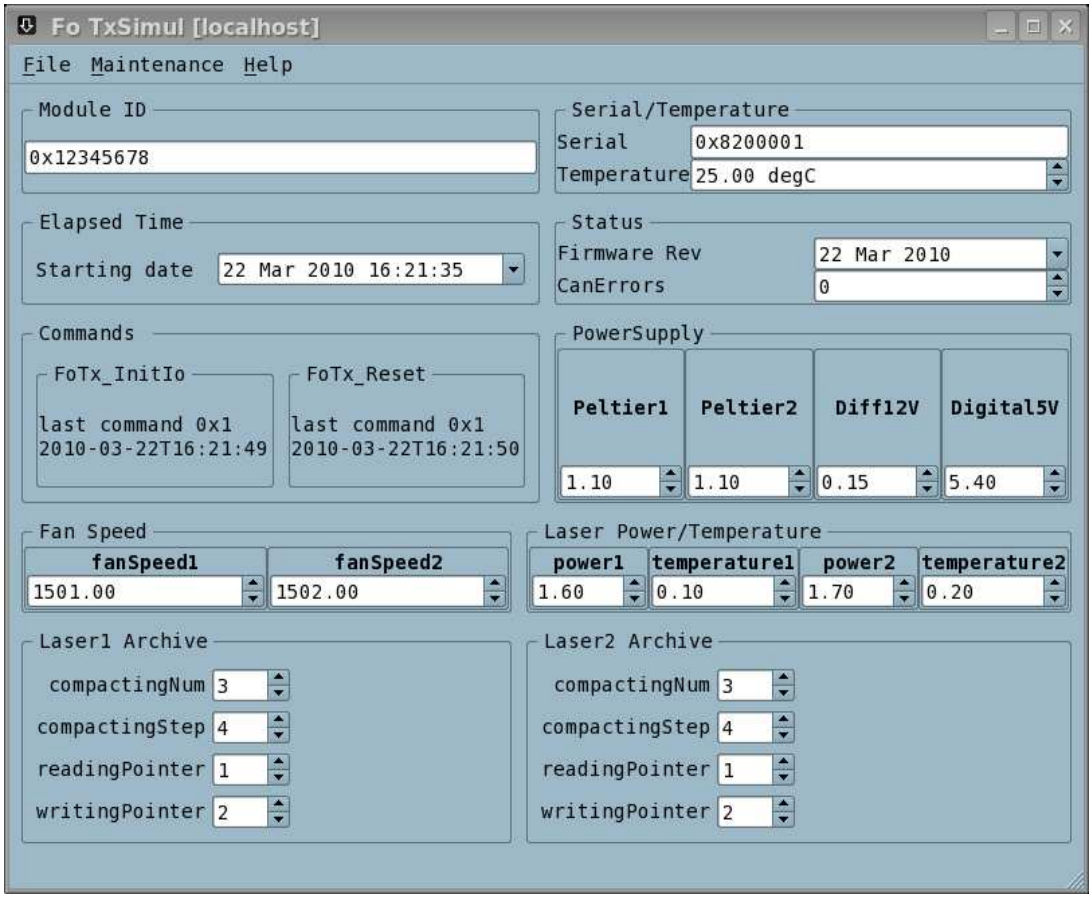



### 4.5 FO TX Simulator

The goal of this program is to simulate the FO TX, so that the other software can be written before the hardware is ready.

**Syntax:**

```
fo-tx-simul
```




# 5 User programs

## 5.1 fo-rx-gui

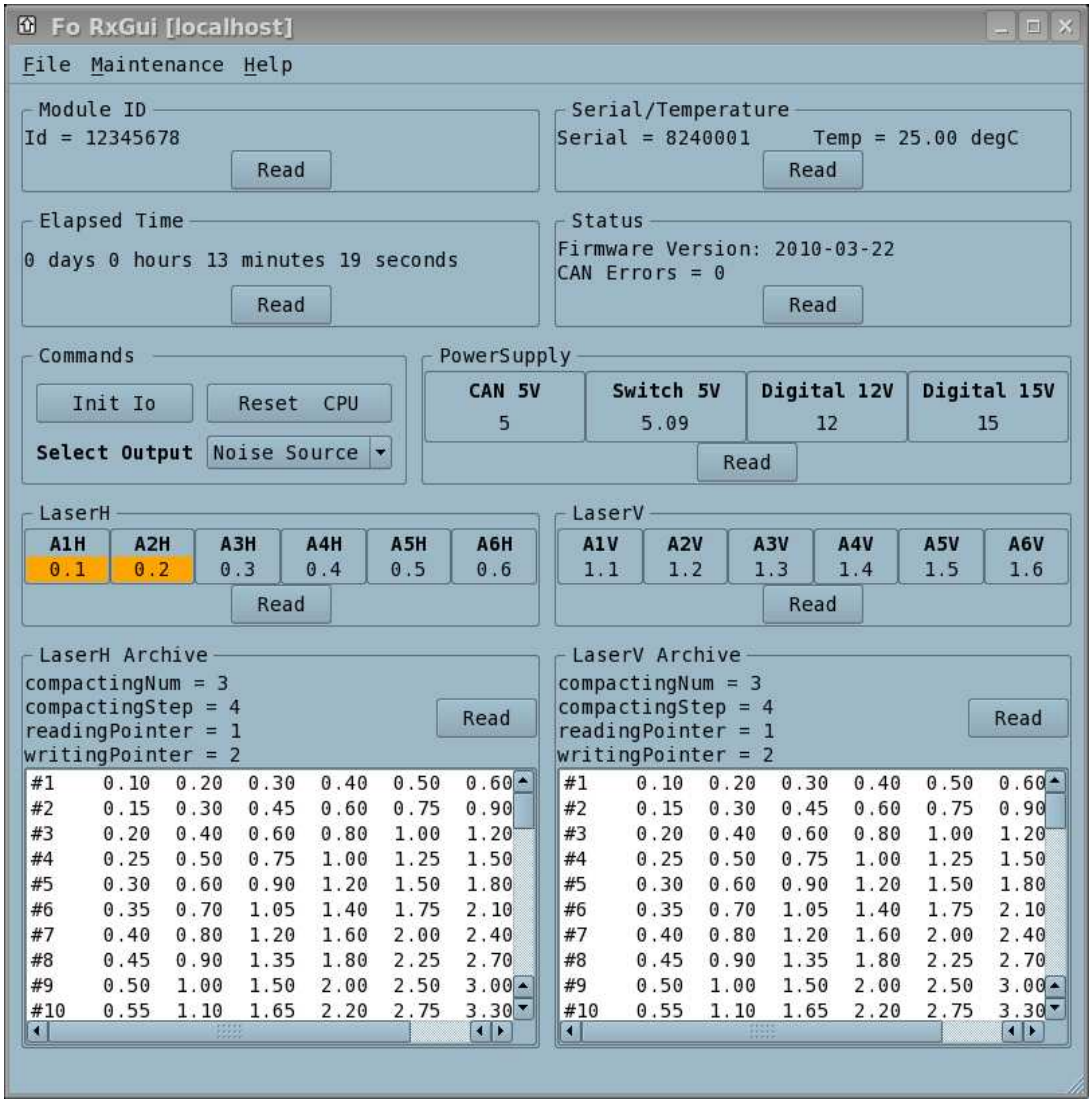
Fo-rx-gui is a graphical software to send command to the FO_RX device.

**Syntax:**

```
fo-rx-gui
```

Procedure to log in forx.iram.fr, and execute the program

```
$ ssh –Y backend@forc.iram.fr
backend@forx.iram.fr password:
$ fo-rx-gui
```




With this software, you can

- read all the FO_RX internal values. If the value is out of range, the widget background becomes orange.
- select the wanted output (Noise Source or Receiver)
- reset the FO_RX microcontroller
- download the Laser EEPROM data, which hold the history.

Note 1:
By default, the software runs in manual mode, i.e. you must click on the *Read* buttons to get the FO_RX values. Nevertheless, the automatic refreshing can be enabled by opening the menu *"Maintenance | Refresh"*

Note 2:
You have to click two times on Read, to display the Laser Records
The reason is simple: we cannot know before how many data will be sent by the device. It depends on the EEPROM content, so it is difficult to know when the widget should be updated.

### 5.2 fo-rx-report

Fo-rx-report is a command line program to generate a report about FO RX.

**Syntax**

```
$ fo-rx-report -h
Fo Rx Report - Print FoRx report
Usage: fo-rx-report [options]
Options:
  -v              Display version information
  -h, -?          Display help
```

Tip: Use redirection to save the program output in a filename.

```
$ fo-rx-report > myreport.txt
```

Example of report

```
################################################################
# Fiber Optic RX - Automatic Report
# Date: 2010-03-22T16:13:18
# Generated on: gre106
################################################################



################################################################
Status
moduleId = 12345678
serial = 136577025
temperature = 25 deg Celcius
Firmware Version = 2010-03-22
Can Error = 0
################################################################

################################################################
Selection
Output = 0

################################################################
Elapsed Time = 0 days 0 hours 11 minutes 41 seconds

################################################################
PowerSupply
Can 5V = 5
Switch 5V = 5.09
Digital 12V = 12
Digital 15V = 15

################################################################
LaserH
A1H = 0.1
A2H = 0.2
A3H = 0.3
A4H = 0.4
A5H = 0.5
A6H = 0.6

################################################################
LaserV
A1V = 1.1
A2V = 1.2
A3V = 1.3
A4V = 1.4
A5V = 1.5
A6V = 1.6
```

```
############################################################
LaserH Archive
compactingNum = 3
compactingStep = 4
readingPointer = 1
writingPointer = 2
#1    0.10  0.20  0.30  0.40  0.50  0.60
#2    0.15  0.30  0.45  0.60  0.75  0.90
#3    0.20  0.40  0.60  0.80  1.00  1.20
#4    0.25  0.50  0.75  1.00  1.25  1.50
[...]

# End of Report
```

### 5.3 fo-tx-gui

Fo-tx-gui is a graphical software to send command to the FO_TX device.

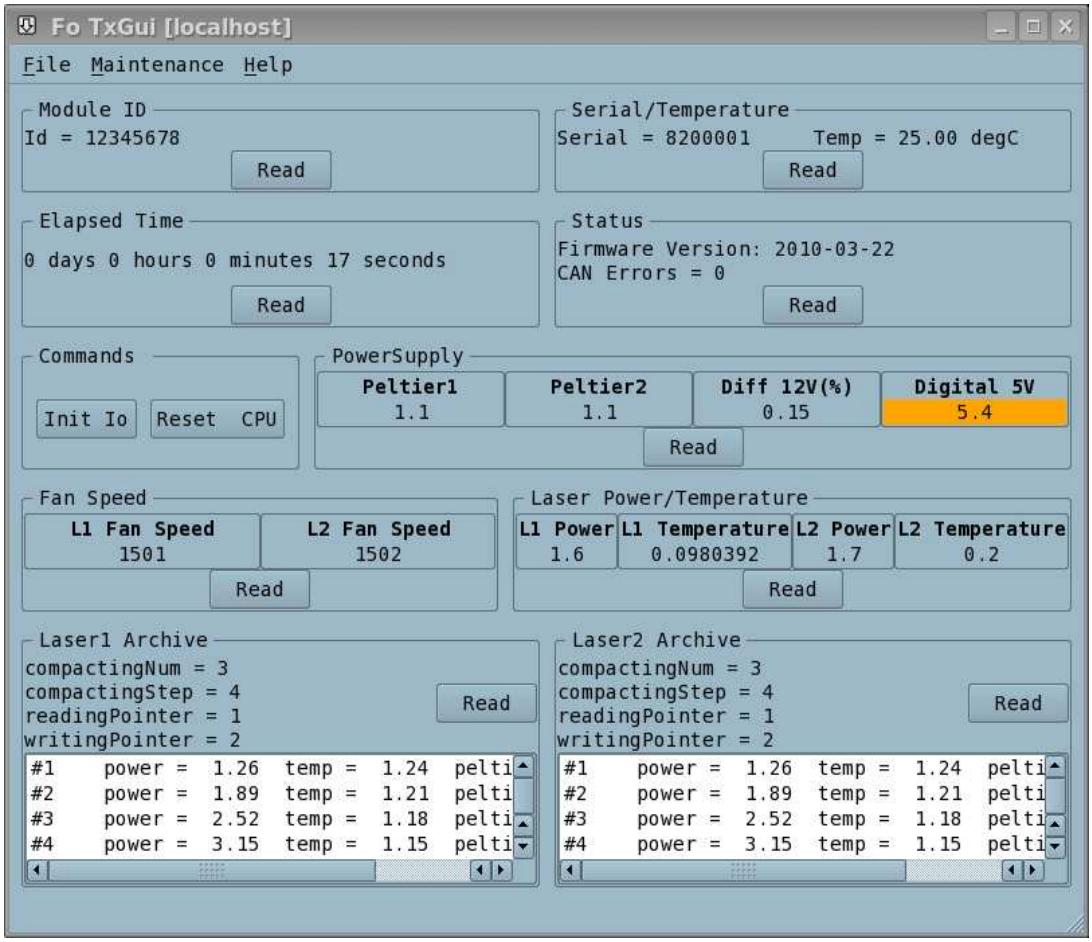
**Syntax:**

```
fo-tx-gui
```

The software run on antX.iram.fr (X=[1..6]

Procedure to log in `antX.iram.fr`, and execute the program

```
$ ssh –Y backend@ant62.iram.fr
backend@ant62.iram.fr password:
$ fo-tx-gui
```

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### 5.4 fo-tx-report

Fo-rx-report is a command line program to generate a report about FO RX.

Syntax

```
$ fo-tx-report -h
Fo Tx Report - Print FoTx report
Usage: fo-tx-report [options]
Options:
```

```
  -v              Display version information
  -h, -?          Display help
```

Tip: Use redirection to save the program output in a filename.

```
$ fo-tx-report > myreport.txt
```

Example of report

```
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# Fiber Optic TX - Automatic Report
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# Generated on: gre106
################################################################

################################################################
Status
moduleId = 12345678
serial = 136314881
temperature = 25 deg Celcius
Firmware Version = 2010-03-22
Can Error = 0
################################################################

################################################################
Elapsed Time = 0 days 0 hours 4 minutes 43 seconds

################################################################
PowerSupply
Peltier1 = 1.1
Peltier2 = 1.1
Diff 12V(%) = 0.15
Digital 5V = 5.4

################################################################
Laser Power/Temperature
L1 Power = 1.6
L1 Temperature = 0.0980392
L2 Power2 = 1.7
L2 Temperature2 = 0.2

################################################################
Fan Speed
L1 Fan Speed = 1501
L2 Fan Speed = 1502

################################################################
Laser1 Archive
compactingNum = 3
compactingStep = 4
readingPointer = 1
writingPointer = 2
#1    1.26  1.24  0.04
#2    1.89  1.21  0.07
[...]

# End of Report
```

# 6 Troubleshooting

## 6.1 CAN maintenance

See document IRAM-COMP-057 *CanIp*

## 6.2 Modules

You can check if the device drivers are loaded:

```
$ /sbin/lsmod | grep tpmc
Module                  Size  Used by
tpmc816drv             10704  4
```

If this module is missing, it means that there was a problem during the computer initialization. You should restart the computer with the 'reboot' command.

## 6.3 Processes

You can list the current processes and check that all the required processes are present:

```
$ ps –f –u oper
```

Look for the following processes:

```
oper      1572  1571  0 Mar26 ?        00:01:01
/home/introot/fo/bin/release/CanManager -d=/dev/tpmc816_1 -p=2501 -l=50
oper      1599     1  0 Mar26 ?        00:01:25 fo-rx-server
```

If one of these processes is missing, it means that it has crashed. If it happens, please contact the IRAM computer group. And then you can reboot the computer.