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The past and future of require at ESS

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ESS uses a fork of the PSI-developed *require* module to load EPICS modules at runtime to manage its IOCs. This has worked very well for managing the control system, but development and maintenance is a challenge due to the complexity of the additions to the build system. Recently we have created a proof-of-concept version of *require* that strips away most of the added complexity and uses only the underlying EPICS build system. In this presentation we will provide a brief history of *require* as well as how it works currently, as well as a description of our proof-of-concept, with the hope of finding greater interest within the broader EPICS community.

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