



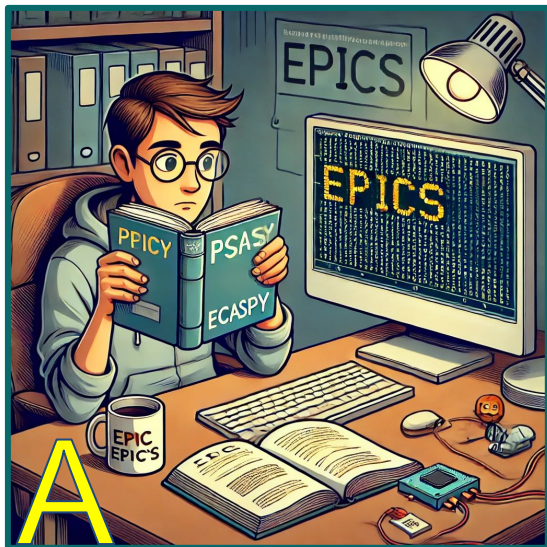
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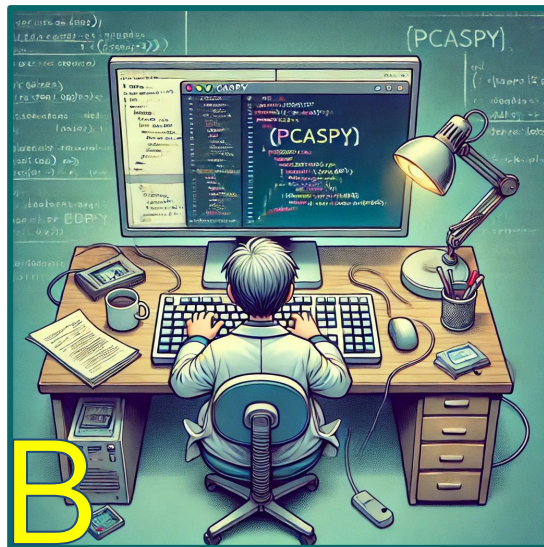
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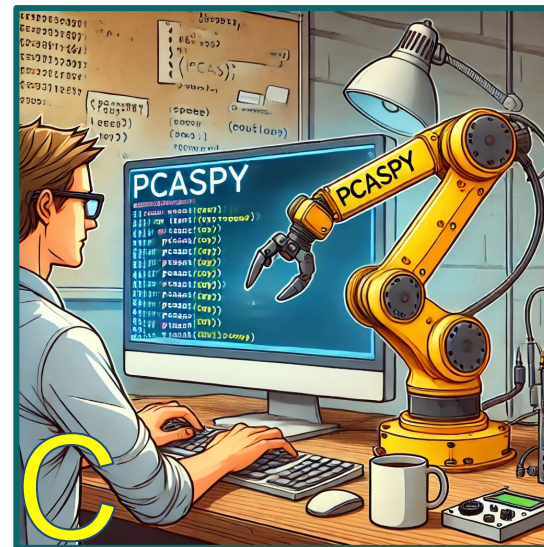




A Learn what PCASpy is capable of.



B Be able to understand and read a PCASpy implementation.

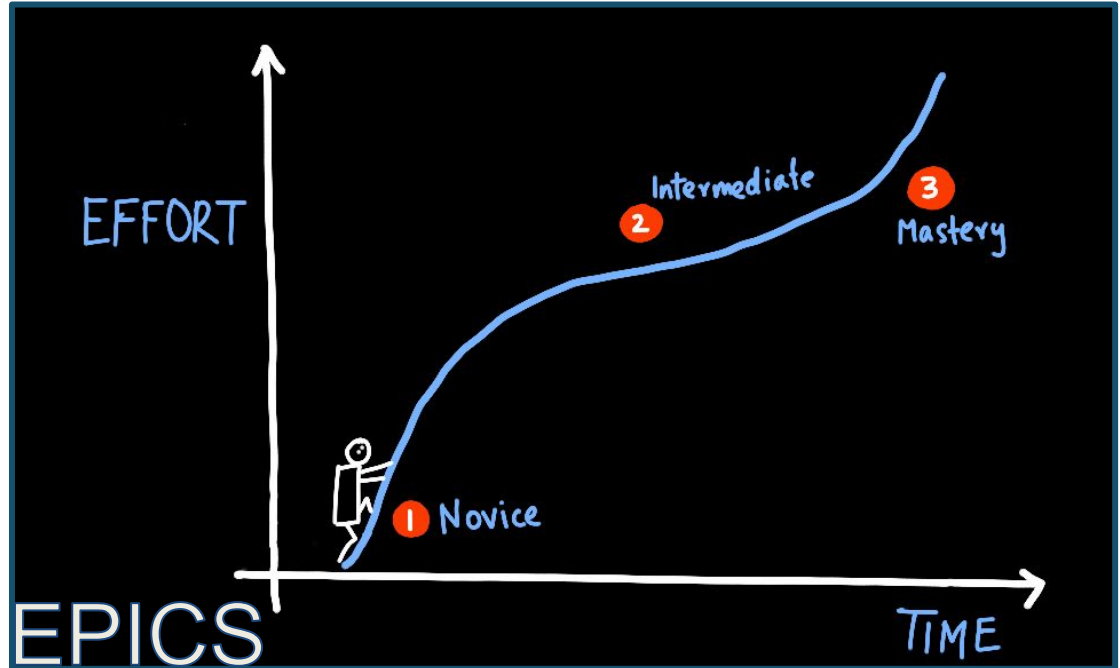


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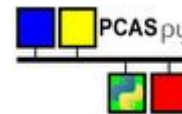
What is the motivation for this talk ?



```
1  
2  
3 var global = 10; // global variable  
4  
5 function fun() {  
6  
7   var local = 5; // local variable  
8  
9 }  
10  
11  
12  
13
```



What is PCASpy ?



PCASpy /'pi:kas,pai/ provides not only the low level python binding to EPICS Portable Channel Access Server but also the necessary high level abstraction to ease the server tool programming.

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PCASpy Example



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SNS E&RF Main Monitor

Power on Target **1377.20 kW**

09/13/18 10:56:48 RFQ Enable Mag. Health RFQ Enable Click LEDs for Detail

Rep Rate	Availability	RFQ	MEBT	DTL	CCL
59.9 Hz	Current Shift	CAV	RFQ	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Avg Current	Max Achievable: 99.91%	MOD	RFQ	1 2 3 4	M3 M5 M1 M2 M3 M4
27.5 mA	Running Total: 99.79%	XTMR	RFQ	X1 X2 X3 X4	X5 X6 X1 X2 X3 X4
Previous Shift	Total: 99.51%	MEBT Amplifiers			

Recent Downtimes

2018/09/12 16:52:10	2018/09/12 16:54:25	0.0
Fault not found		
2018/09/12 13:21:46	2018/09/12 13:22:37	0.0
Ring Mag EKick08 CT fault		
2018/09/12 13:10:16	2018/09/12 13:14:61	0.1
SCL LLRF HPM22a fault		

Latest MPS Fault

Step	13	2018	10	48:32	RFQ_LLRF_HPM1_PPAR_MEBT_B5
Chan		Class			ICOL_Aval
MEBT	RFQ_HPRF1A				(1, 0)

E&RF Systems

HPRF Main	HVCM Main	LLRF Main
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ELog

Grid of LEDs (SCL 01 to 21b) with status indicators (green/red)

gabrielgazolla\$ caget SNS:POWER_ON_TARGET



```
python
def getSNS_PowerOnTarget():
    def webparser(): return "<html>Power: 450kW</html>" # Simulated HTML
    def parse_power(html): return int(html.split("Power: ")[1].split("k")[0])
    html = webparser()
    power = parse_power(html)
    return power # Power is in kilowatts (kW)
```



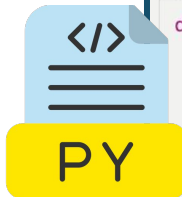
gabrielgazolla\$ 1377.20



Problem is transformed into: "Do I know how to implement a get/set for the function I need?"



```
gabrielgazolla$ caput ORNL:OLCF:SUMMIT_TEMP 70
```



python

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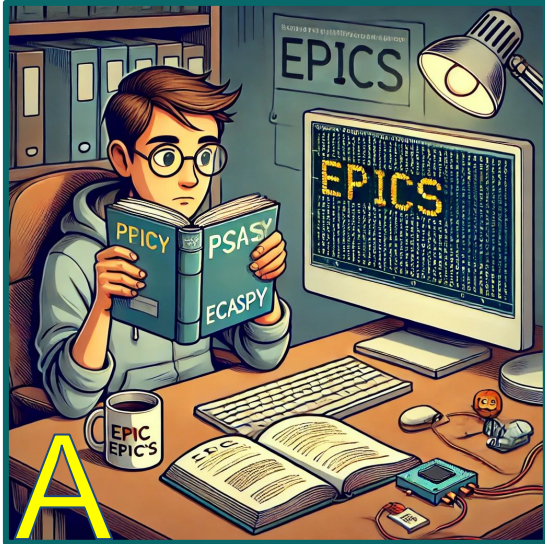
```
def setORNL_OLCF_SummitTemp(temp):  
    MIN, MAX = 65, 85  
    def status(): return "ok"  
    def apply(temp): return "ok" if MIN <= temp <= MAX else "fail"  
  
    if status() != "ok":  
        return "Error: Tower offline."  
  
    return f"Set to {temp}°F." if apply(temp) == "ok" else f"Error: {t
```



Problem is transformed into: "Do I know how to implement a set for the function I need?"



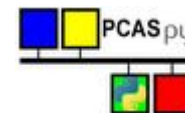
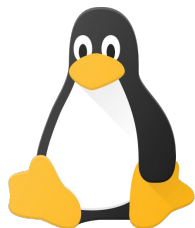
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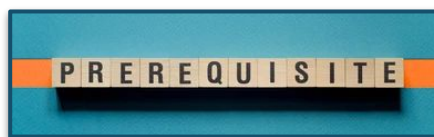
Learn what PCASpy is capable of.



How to install PCASpy ?



What is Anaconda ?



Anaconda is a distribution of the Python and R programming languages for scientific computing that aims to simplify package management and deployment.

CONDA Cheatsheet

Quick Start

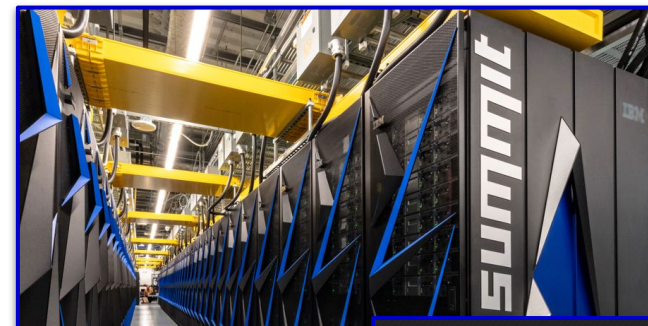
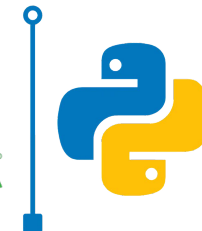
Tip: It is recommended to create a new environment for any new project or workflow.

verify conda install and check version	<code>conda info</code>
update conda in base environment	<code>conda update -n base conda</code>
install latest anaconda distribution	<code>conda install anaconda</code>
create a new environment (tip: name environment descriptively)	<code>conda create --name ENVNAME</code>
activate environment (do this before installing packages)	<code>conda activate ENVNAME</code>

Channels and Packages

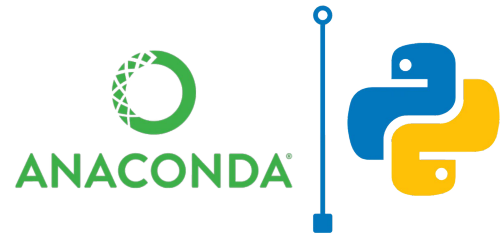
Tip: Package dependencies and platform specifics are automatically resolved when using conda.

list installed packages	<code>conda list</code>
list installed packages with source info	<code>conda list --show-channel-urls</code>
update all packages	<code>conda update --all</code>
install a package from specific channel	<code>conda install -c CHANNELNAME PKGNAME</code> <code>conda install CHANNELNAME::PKGNAME</code>
install package with AND logic	<code>conda install "PKGNAME>2.5,<3.2"</code>
install package with OR logic	<code>conda install "PKGNAME [version='2.5 3.2']"</code>



```
chris@chris-desktop-ubuntu: ~
chris@chris-desktop-ubuntu:~$ conda env list
# conda environments:
#
base                    * /home/chris/anaconda3
tensorflow_env          /home/chris/anaconda3/envs/tensorflow_env

chris@chris-desktop-ubuntu:~$ conda activate tensorflow_env
(tensorflow_env) chris@chris-desktop-ubuntu:~$ python
Python 3.6.6 [Anaconda, Inc.] (default, Jun 28 2018, 17:14:51)
[GCC 7.2.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> print('it works well')
it works well
>>>
```



Using environments

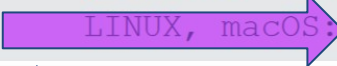
Create a new environment named py35, install Python 3.5



```
conda create --name py35 python=3.5
```

LearningPCASpy

Activate the new environment to use it



```
WINDOWS: activate py35
LINUX, macOS: source activate py35
```

LearningPCASpy

Get a list of all my environments, active environment is shown with *



```
conda env list
```


Installing EPICS Base with Conda


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- win-64 v7.0.7.0
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- osx-arm64 v7.0.7.0

conda install ?

To install this package run one of the following:

```
conda install conda-forge::epics-base
```

```
conda install conda-forge/label/cf202003::epics-base
```

Installing PCASpy - Easy Installation

You must login to search private packages

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Portable Channel Access Server in Python

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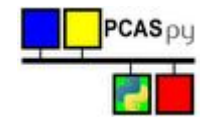
To install this package run one of the following:

```
conda install conda-forge::pcaspy
```





example using PCASpy



```
[root@bl201-usbserver1 ~]# caget ORNL:RNDVALUE
```

```
ORNL:RNDVALUE          9
```

```
[root@bl201-usbserver1 ~]# caget ORNL:RNDVALUE
```

```
ORNL:RNDVALUE          6
```

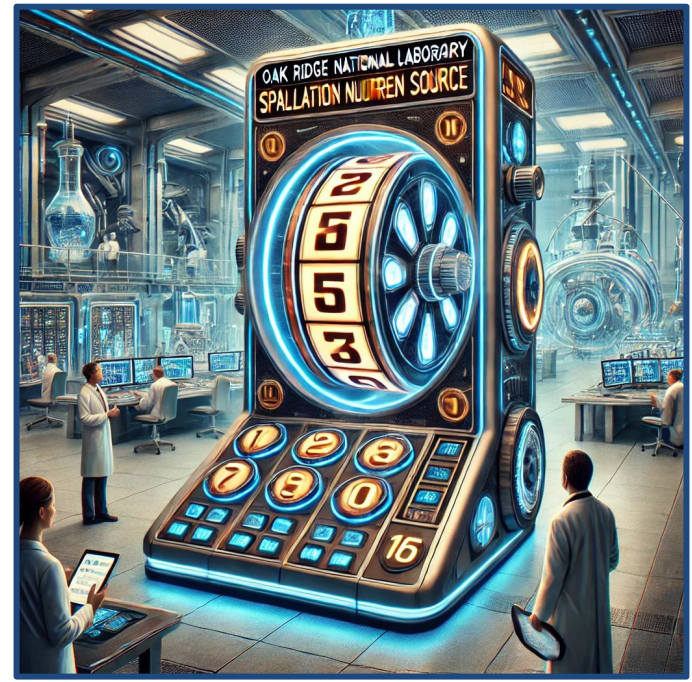
```
[root@bl201-usbserver1 ~]# caput ORNL:SETMAX 100
```

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.....
Old  : ORNL:SETMAX      10
New  : ORNL:SETMAX     100
```

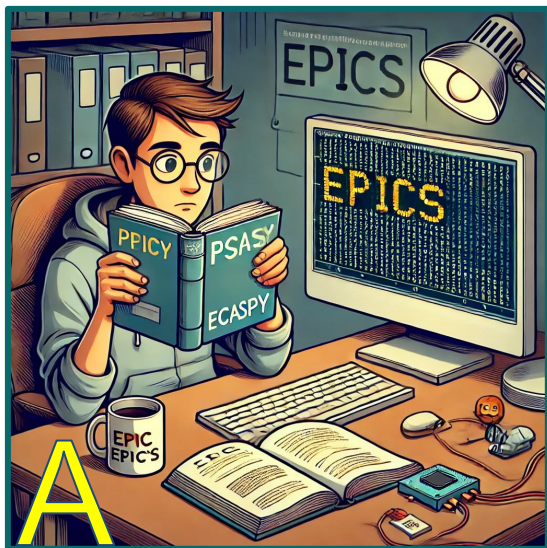
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```

```
ORNL:RNDVALUE          95
```

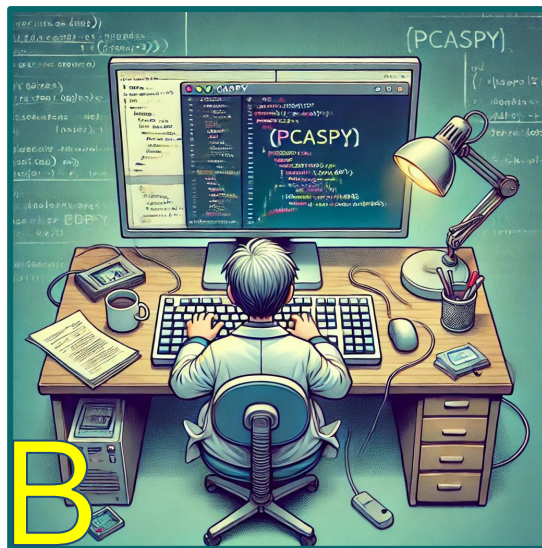
Random Number Generator [1,N]



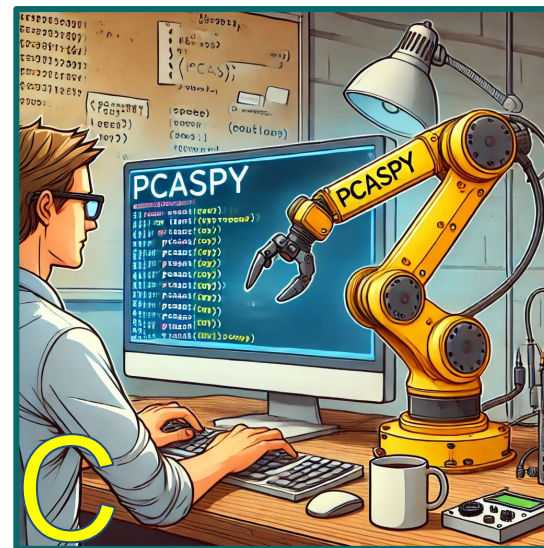
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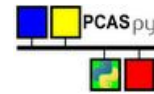
B Be able to understand and read a PCASpy implementation.



C Implement a basic PCASpy driver.



PCASPy - EPICS - Random Number Generator



```
1 from pcaspy import Driver, SimpleServer
2 import random
3 import time
4
5 # Define the PV prefix and PV database
6 prefix = 'ORNL:'
7
8 pvdb = {
9
10     'RNDVALUE': {
11         'type': 'int', # Ensuring the
12         value is an integer
13     },
14     'SETMAX': {
15         'type': 'int', # The maximum
16         limit for random number
17         generation
18         'value': 10, # Default value
19         for SETMAX
20     },
21 }
```

```
56 if __name__ == '__main__':
57
58     # Initialize the server
59     server = SimpleServer()
60     server.createPV(prefix, pvdb)
61     driver = SimpleDriver()
62
63     print("Starting EPICS PV server...")
64
65     while True:
66         server.process(0.1)
67         time.sleep(0.1)
```

```
(microDXP) [root@bl201-usbserver1 Temp]# python randomPCASPY.py
Starting EPICS PV server...
```



```
20 class SimpleDriver(Driver):
21
22     def __init__(self):
23
24         super(SimpleDriver, self).__init__()
25         self.max_value = 10 # Default maximum value for random
26                             # number generation
27         self.setParam('SETMAX', self.max_value) # Initialize
28         SETMAX
29         self.update_random_value()
```

```
46     def read(self, reason):
47         if reason == 'RNDVALUE': [root@bl201-usbserver1 ~]# caget ORNL:RNDVALUE
48             self.update_random_value() # Update random value
49             whenever it is read
50             return self.getParam(reason)
51
52     def write(self, reason, value):
53         if reason == 'SETMAX': [root@bl201-usbserver1 ~]# caput ORNL:SETMAX 100
54             self.set_max_value(value)
55             return True
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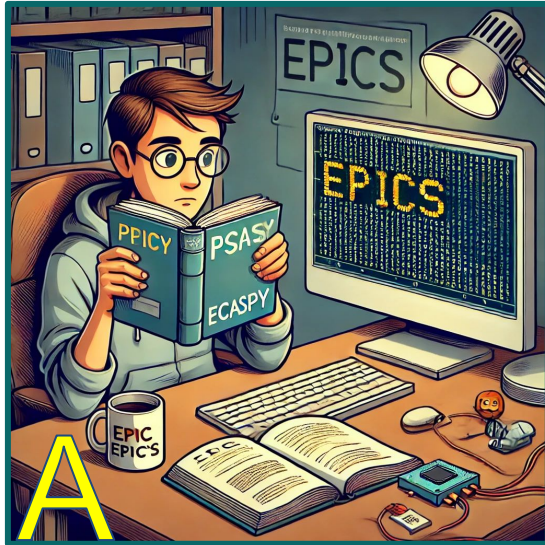
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ORNL:RNDVALUE 9
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Old : ORNL:SETMAX 10
New : ORNL:SETMAX 100
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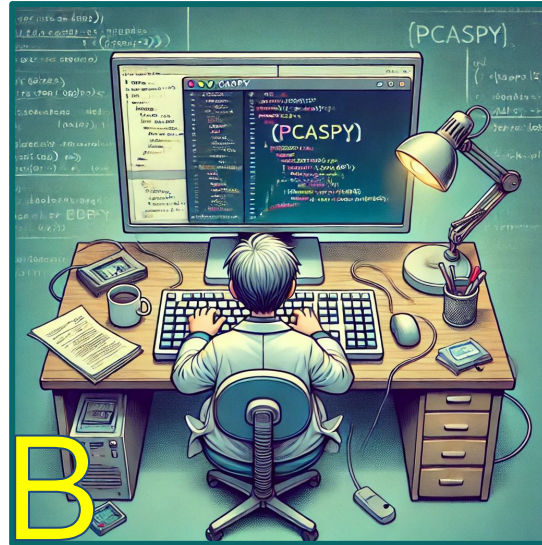



```
29 def update_random_value(self):
30     """
31     Generates a random value between 1 and the current
32     max_value and updates the RNDVALUE PV.
33     """
34     random_value = random.randint(1, self.max_value)
35     self.setParam('RNDVALUE', random_value)
```

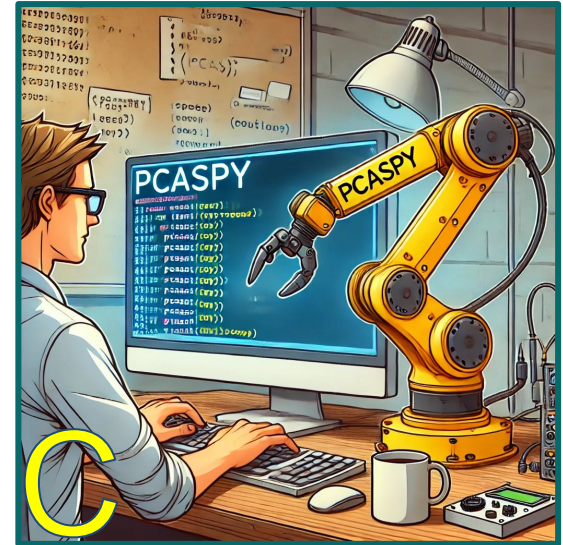
```
36 def set_max_value(self, new_max):
37     """
38     Updates the max_value parameter and ensures it is at
39     least 1.
40     """
41     if new_max < 1:
42         new_max = 1
43     self.max_value = new_max
44     self.setParam('SETMAX', self.max_value)
45     self.update_random_value()
```



A Learn what PCASpy is capable of.

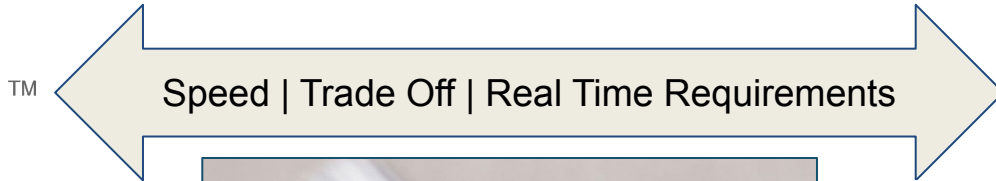
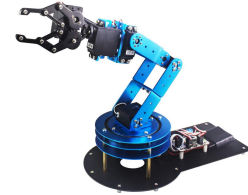
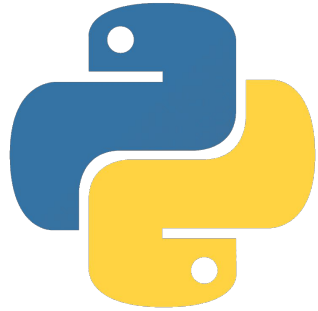


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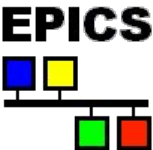
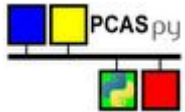


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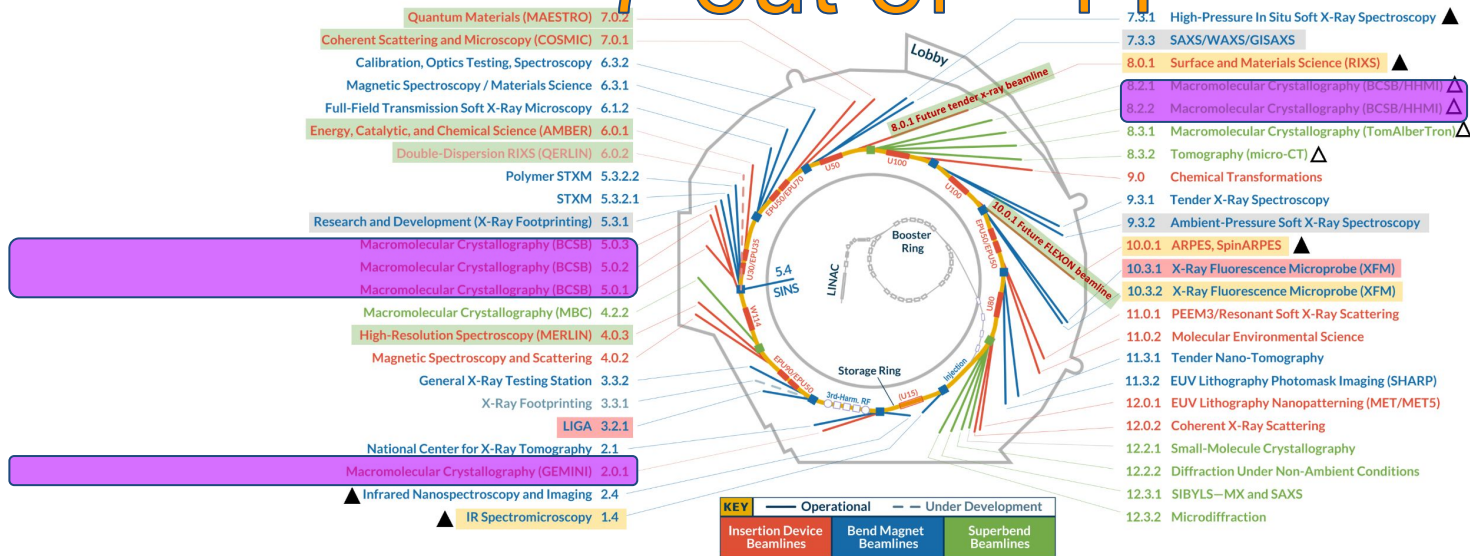
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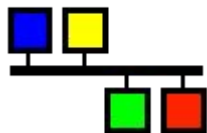
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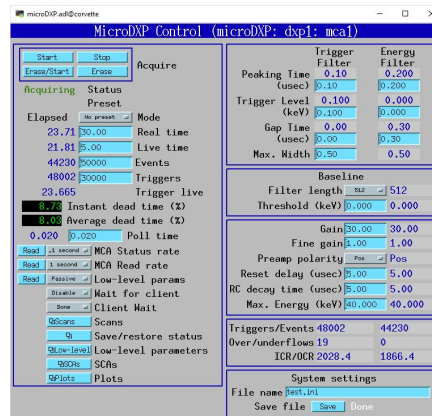
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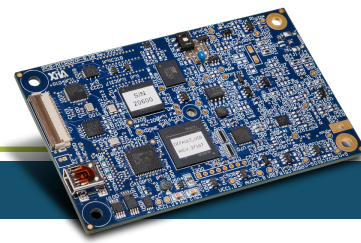
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Look at issue [#10](#).

it describes very similar problems. It only happens on Linux with the MicroDXP. There is no problem on Windows or other XIA modules like Saturn or Mercury.

Some Linux systems work fine and some fail. XIA thinks it is a firmware issues. You should add your observations to [#10](#).



Using Serial Communication Over USB



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RS-232 Communications Specification

Version 3.32
June 29, 2018

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Using Serial Communication Over USB

```
301 #####
302 ### Imports ###
303 #####
304
305 import usb.core
306 import usb.util
307 import time
308
```

```
418 #####
419 ### Data ###
420 #####
421
422
423 # Informing we will send X Bytes
424 A_____ = "00000A000000000001"
425
426 A_bin_____ = bytes.fromhex(A)
427 A_bin_size = len(A_bin)
428
429 # Command 0x02 - Read MCA
430 B_____ = "1B020500000000100215"
431
432 B_bin_____ = bytes.fromhex(B)
433 B_bin_size = len(B_bin)
434
435 # Informing we will read X Bytes
436
437 C_____ = "002000400000010000"
438 C_bin_____ = bytes.fromhex(C)
439 C_bin_size = len(C_bin)
440
441 # Expected Return : 27, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3
442 # Actual Return : 27, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3 (Good!)
443 # Hex Translation. : 1B 00 03 00 00 00 00 03
444
445 # Reading 512 bytes
446 D_____ = ""
447
```

```
464 try:
465
466 # Packet 01 (A) - Informing we will send 6 Bytes
467 print("1) Sending " + A + " to EP_0x1. [" + str(A_bin) + ", Size: " + str(A_bin_size) + " bytes]")
468 #EP_0x1.write(A_bin,1000)
469
470 # Packet 02 (B) - Command 0x00 - Start Run
471 print("2) Sending " + B + " to EP_0x6. [" + str(B_bin) + ", Size: " + str(B_bin_size) + " bytes]")
472 #EP_0x6.write(B_bin,1000)
473
474 #Packet 03 (C) - Informing we will read 512 Bytes
475 print("3) Sending " + C + " to EP_0x1. [" + str(C_bin) + ", Size: " + str(C_bin_size) + " bytes]")
476 EP_0x1.write(C_bin,1000)
477
478 #Packet 04 (D) - Reading 512 bytes from Device.
479 print("4) Reading from EP_0x82, 512 bytes.")
480 #D = EP_0x82.read(16384)
481 D = dev.read(EP_0x82.bEndpointAddress,16384)
482
483 print(D)
```


Using Serial Communication Over USB

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425
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427 A_bin_size = len(A_bin)
428
429 # Command 0x02 - Read MCA
430 B_____ = "1B02050000000100215"
431
432 B_bin_____ = bytes.fromhex(B)
433 B_bin_size = len(B_bin)
434
435 # Informing we will read X Bytes
436
437 C_____ = "002000400000010000"
438 C_bin_____ = bytes.fromhex(C)
439 C_bin_size = len(C_bin)
440
441 # Expected Return : 27, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3
442 # Actual Return : 27, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3 (Good!)
443 # Hex Translation. : 1B 00 03 00 00 00 00 03
444
445 # Reading 512 bytes
446 D_____ = ""
447
```

DSP Parameter Editor

Export to File: Hex Decimal

Parameter Name	Value	Parameter Name	Value	Parameter Name	Value	Parameter Name	Value	Parameter Name	Value	Parameter Name	Value	Parameter Name	Value	Parameter Name	Value
ADCAVGOR	0	CLKSET	0	FPSET	0	INTLEN	28	NYQUIST	2	REALTIMEHI	0	SCA3LMLO	0	SNAPSHOTS	3000
ADCAVGON	9	CODEREV	5A0	FPSTATUS	1F9	LIVETIMEI	0	OFFSETBAC	8000	REALTIMELO	5E9	SCA4LMHI	0	SNAPSTATST	E
ADCAVGLAST	0	CODEVAR	0	FPVARIANT	4000	LIVETIMELO	6227	OSACWAIT	A	REALTIMEID	583A	SCA4LMLO	0	SNAPSTATSE	4
ADCDelay	1	COILEN	A00	FPVERSION	5500	LIVETIMED	5639	OVERFLOWSHI	0	RESETDELAY	0	SCA5LMHI	0	SPECTLEN	2000
ADCDGRADE	1	COMREADY	1	FLASHREV	23AF	MAXPERSON	5	OVERFLOWSHL	3	RESETINT	3	SCA5LMLO	0	SPECTSTART	2000
ADCDMAX	3333	CONSTART	200	FLASHWAKER	8F	MAXWIDTH	14	PARCHECKSUM	0	RESETHORT	20	SCA6LMHI	0	SQUOTEXP	FFF8
ADCDMIN	0	CTUNHSTRY	0	PGGRADE	4	MCALEN	1000	PARMODE	0	RESETWAIT	30	SCA6LMLO	0	SQUOTINT	0
ANLGRPOWER	0	TCOUREL	0	FQIOTEHP	FFFE	MCALMHI	FFF	PARSET	F	RUNACTIVE	0	SCA7LMHI	0	STATLEN	A
ASCHMODE	0	TECOBATION	0	FQIOTEHT	8000	MCALMLO	0	PARVERSION	4	RUNENABLE	0	SCA7LMLO	0	STATSMODE	0
AUTOSLEEP	0	DGAIN	EED1	FSCALE	0	MCATRIGHI	FFF	PEAKINT	A8	RUNERROR	0	SCA8LMHI	0	STATSTART	45
BASEBINING	0	DGAINBASE	F4AB	GAINBASE	8000	MCATRLO	0	PEAKMODE	0	RUNDENT	0	SCA8LMLO	0	SWGAIN	4
BASEVTSHI	1494	DGAINBASEXP	FFFF	GAINMODE	3	MNVERSION	A0	PEAKSAM	A0	RUNMODE	0	SCA9LMHI	0	SWITCHPOS	0
BASEVTSLO	5588	DGAINEXP	FFFF	GAINWEAK0	7C64	MNWIDTH	4	POLARITY	1	RUNTASKS	698	SCA9LMLO	0	TAU0	1E
BASELEN	400	DRIFTLM	5	GAINWEAK1	8000	NOMGAIN	4000	PRESET	0	RUNTYPE	2	SCALEN	40	TAU1	30
BASESTART	1043	DSPSPED	28	GAINWEAK2	8000	NOMGANE	1	PRESETLENH	0	SCALEM	0	SCASTART	3453	TAU2	15F
BASETHRESH	12C	ERRMFD	0	GAINWEAK3	8000	NOMASCNTHI	0	PRESETLENL	0	SCALMLO	0	SCATMEFF	14	TAU3	AF
BASETHRESH0	12C	EVENTWAIT	06	GAINWEAK4	8000	NOMASCNTLO	0	PRESETLENM	0	SCA10LMHI	0	SCATMEON	14	TAUCTRL	3
BASETHRESH1	0	EVTBLEEN	0	GENCHECKSUM	0	NUMCAL	0	RCFLSCOFF	0	SCA10LMLO	0	SETOFFADC	668	TAUDC	190
BASETHRESH2	0	EVTBSRST	0	NUMDRDISHI	0	NUMDRDLSH	0	RCFLSEXP	0	SCA11LMHI	0	SLEEPDELAY	5	TAURC	190
BASETHRESH3	0	EVTBSRSHI	0	NUMDRDLSHI	0	NUMDRDLSLO	A	RCFTSCOFF	0	SCA11LMLO	0	SLEEPMODE	0	TEMPDET	3FF
BASETHRESH4	0	EVTBSRSHL	7	OLDBCHECKS	0	NUMDRUPSHI	0	RCFTSEXP	0	SCA12LMHI	0	SLOPEDAC	7FF6	THRESHOLD	3E8
BFACTOR	1	EXTRA0	0	OLDBVERSION	4	NUMDRUPSHL	0	RCOISCOFF	0	SCA12LMLO	0	SLOPESRT	8000	THRESHOLD0	3E8
BNGRAINLAR	4	FASTGAP	0	HALFWIDTH	A0	NUMFPPI	1	RCJSEXP	0	SCA13LMHI	0	SLOPESRT	F	THRESHOLD1	CD
BMULTIPLE	1	FASTLEN	4	HOWRREV	4838	NUMGENSET	2E	RCJSCOFF	0	SCA13LMLO	0	SLOWGAP	8	THRESHOLD2	CD
BLAVGDM	0	FASTPEAKSHL	0	HOWRVAR	3133	NUMGLOBSET	1E	RCLSEXP	0	SCA14LMHI	0	SLOWTHRESH	A0	THRESHOLD3	CD
BLCUT	0	FASTPEAKSLO	0	HSTTYPE	0	NUMINFO	0	RCRSCOFF	0	SCA14LMLO	0	SLOWTHRESH0	0	THRESHOLD4	CD
BLFILTER	40	FBLAVGDM	9	HSTLEN	1F40	NUMINFO	24	RCRSCOFF	0	SCA15LMHI	0	SLOWTHRESH1	0	TRACETRIG	40
BUSY	0	FPCONTROL	0	HSTSTART	1443	NUMRECOVERY	0	RCTSEXP	0	SCA15LMLO	0	SLOWTHRESH2	0	TRACETRIG1	1
CALVERSION	0	FPCTRL	4620	INFOCHECKSUM	0	NUMRESETSHI	0	RCOSCOFF	0	SCA15LMHI	0	SLOWTHRESH3	0	TRACETRIG2	0
CIRCULAR	0	FPDATE	7E3	INFOTAG	0	NUMRESETSHL	1304	RCJSCOFF	0	SCA16LMHI	0	SLOWTHRESH4	0	TRACEWAIT	0
CLEARMCA	1	FPDEC	0	INFOVERSION	0	NUMSCA	0	RCLSEXP	0	SCA16LMLO	0	SLOWTHRESH4	0	UNDRFLOWSHI	0
CLKDEFALT	0	FPPREV	5508	INFOVERSION	1	NUMSCAFX	0	RCRSCOFF	0	SCA17LMHI	0	SNAPSHOT	0	UNDRFLOWSHL	0
CLKENABLE	1	FPVAR	4000	ITGAP	2	NUMSNPSHO	0	RCRSCOFF	0	SCA17LMLO	0	SNAPSHOT	0	UNDRFLOWSHL	0

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caget BL201-MICRODXP:RUNNUMBER



```
18 # Prefix for the EPICS Process Variables (PVs)
19 prefix = 'BL201-MICRODXP:'
20
21 # Define the Process Variable database
22 pvdb = {
23
24     #####
25     ### Define PVs for reading data ###
26     #####
27
28     'MCA': {
29         'type': 'int',
30         'count': 8192,
31         'value': 'NULL',
32     },
33
34     'MCASUM': {
35         'type': 'int',
36         'value': -1,
37     },
38
39     'RUNNUMBER': {
40         'type': 'int',
41         'value': -1,
42     },
43
44     'RUNSTATE': {
45         'type': 'string',
46     },
47 }
```

```
138 #####
139 ### Class ###
140 #####
141
142 2 usages
143 class MyDriver(Driver):
144
145     # Constructor
146     def __init__(self):
147
148         # Initialize the base Driver class
149         super(MyDriver, self).__init__()
150
151         # Create an instance of MicroDXP for
152         self.myMicroDXP = MicroDXP()
```

```
1 usage
273 def getRunNumber(self):
274     return self.myMicroDXP.epics_getRunNumber()
```

```
1452 def epics_getRunNumber(self):
1453
1454     print("EPICS, start of epics_getRunNumber()")
1455     print("EPICS, end of epics_getRunNumber()")
1456
1457     return self.runNumber
```

```
# Handle read requests for PVs
2 usages (2 dynamic)
def read(self, reason):

    # Dispatch read request to appropriate driver
    #
    if reason == 'MCA':
        return self.getMCA()

    if reason == 'MCA2FILE':
        return self.getMCA2File()

    if reason == 'MCASUM':
        return self.getMCASum()

    #
    if reason == 'RUNNUMBER':
        return self.getRunNumber()
```

Tip: Running the IOC inside a Conda Environment

```
screen -S pyMicroDXP -X stuff ^c  
cd /opt/iocs/pyMicroDXP  
screen -S pyMicroDXP -d -m ./pyMicroDXPActivate.sh
```

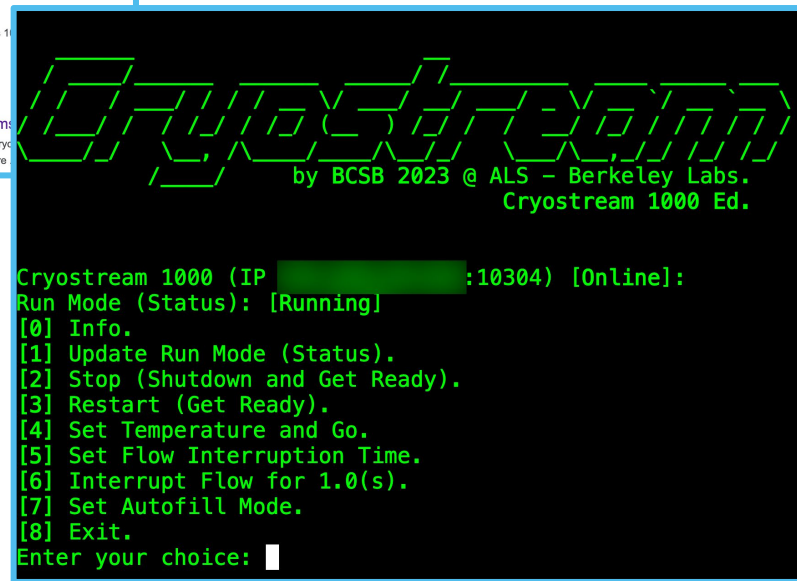
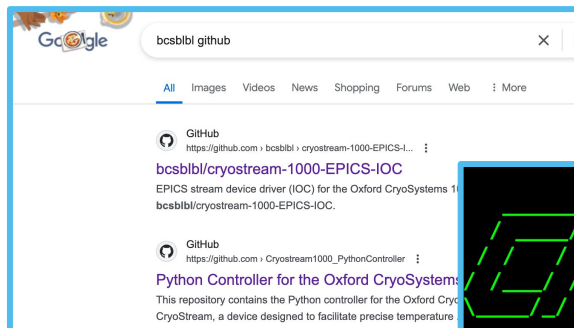
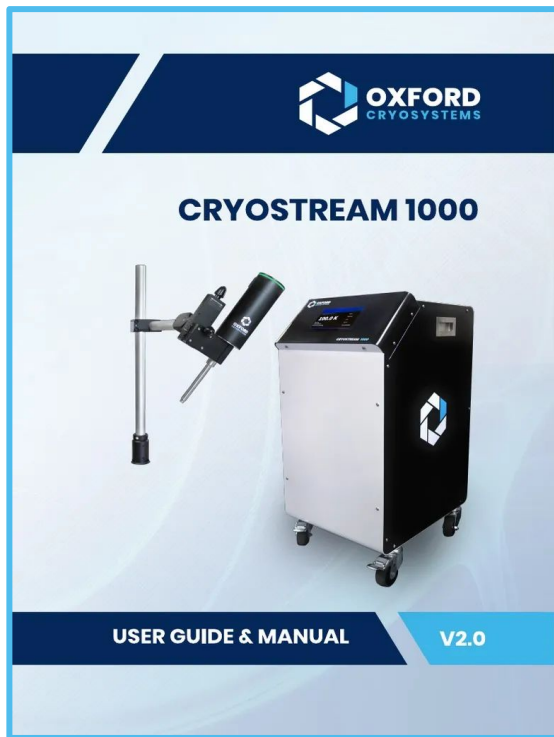
Virtual
Session

```
[root@bl201-usbserver1 pyMicroDXP]# conda env list  
# conda environments:  
#  
base                /root/anaconda3  
LutMaker            /root/anaconda3/envs/LutMaker  
microDXP           /root/anaconda3/envs/microDXP  
xmagix             /root/anaconda3/envs/xmagix
```

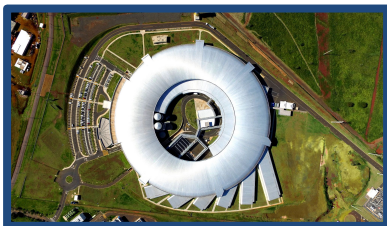
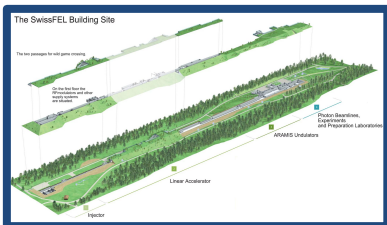
Listing Virtual
Environments

```
conda run -n microDXP python /opt/iocs/pyMicroDXP/epicsIOC.py
```

Running in the
background inside a
Conda Environment



Some Success Stories from GitHub



Success Stories #15
xiaoqiangwang opened this issue on May 8, 2015 · 10 comments

xresende commented on Mar 15, 2019

At this point we are commissioning the Sirius storage ring (Brazilian Synchrotron Light Laboratory) and various current power supply IOCs have been running using PCASpy as EPICS server library.
[SIRIUS PS IOC github repo](#)

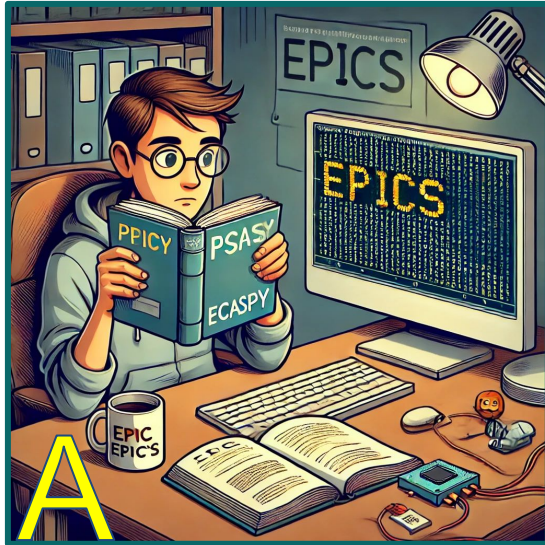
shadowguy commented on Sep 3, 2019

We are using a PCASpy based IOC in SwissFEL Aramis to control a Shimadzu HPLC pump, the reason for choosing PCASpy over a traditional IOC is that we wanted to use the device's web interface, and Python offered a simpler option (the requests library) over C/C++ and curl based solutions. It has also been deployed successfully at the Australian Synchrotron.
[GitHub Repo](#)

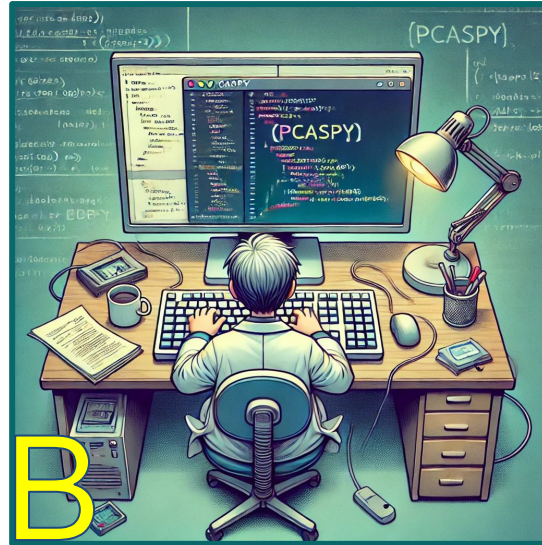
MarcoMontevecchi commented on Apr 4, 2022 · edited

We used successfully a pcaspy IOC to control an MCPS36 motor controller in Brazilian Synchrotron Light Laboratory. We chose to use pcaspy because the controller used commands with complex syntax and PVs which interacted with each other.

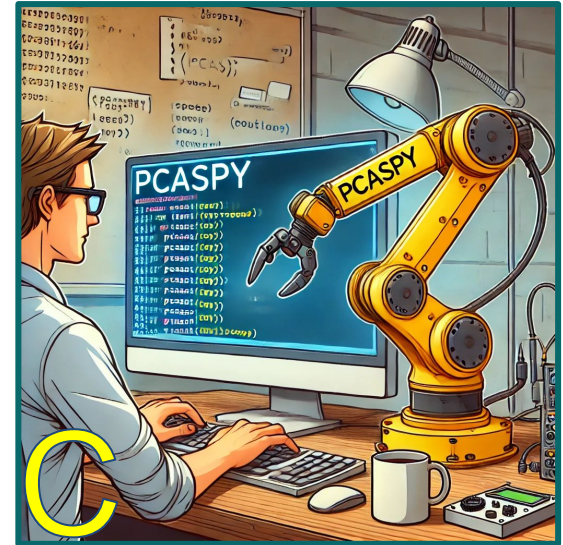
Agenda & Objectives



Learn what PCASpy is capable of.

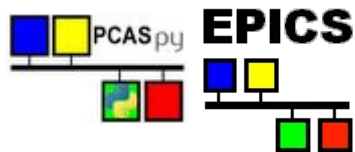


Be able to understand and read a PCASpy implementation.



Implement a basic PCASpy driver.





- PCASPy simplifies certain aspects of working with EPICS but introduces its own set of challenges in the process.



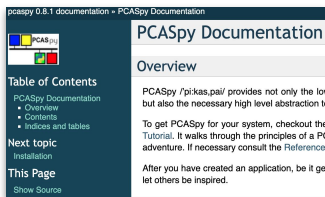
- Additional effort is required to establish Python code.



- Best suited for non-real-time critical applications due to its Python foundation.



- Not a universal solution but useful as a tool for specific cases requiring new driver implementation.



- This presentation covered the basics; there are many more advanced features to explore and learn.

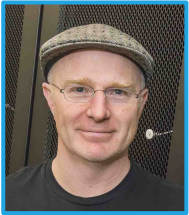
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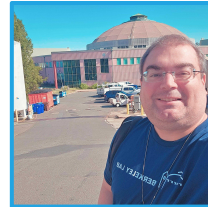
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