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 $\tt tcs_lib$ provides some functionalities to simply or proxy the interaction with the HET Telescope Control System (TCS)

This documentation is also available on het-tcs-lib.readthedocs.io.

CHAPTER 1

Installation

1.1 Installation

1.1.1 Instructions

The recommended way

The recommended way to install tcs_lib is using pip:

pip install --extra-index-url https://gate.mpe.mpg.de/pypi/simple/ tcs_lib

It's possible to set the extra index URL permanently by adding the following lines to the <code>\$HOME/.pip/pip.conf</code> file:

```
[global]
extra-index-url = https://gate.mpe.mpg.de/pypi/simple
```

or exporting the environment variable:

export PIP_EXTRA_INDEX_URL=https://gate.mpe.mpg.de/pypi/simple

The list of released versions can be seen on the MPE pypi server. A specific version can be installed using specifiers, e.g. issuing pip install tcs_lib==0.1.

pip will take care of installing *tcs_lib dependances*.

We suggest you install tcs_lib into a virtualenv, in an anaconda/conda or in similar environments.

Of course it is also possible to install tcs_lib without any of the above with:

pip install --user --extra-index-url https://gate.mpe.mpg.de/pypi/simple/ tcs_lib

This way the executables shipped with tcs_lib are installed in \$HOME/.local/bin, so make sure to add this to the environment variable PATH to be able to easily use them on the command line.

The use of sudo when installing with pip is discouraged and potentially harmful.

From local tcs_lib copy

If you develop tcs_lib or want to use always the latest version, you can install it directly from the checked out svn repository. First you can obtain the source tcs_lib code with

svn checkout svn://luna.mpe.mpg.de/tcs_lib/trunk tcs_lib

If you already have the repository, you can of course keep it up to date with svn update

Then you can install the library with:

pip install /path/to/tcs_lib

or

```
cd /path/to/tcs_lib
pip install .
```

where /path/to/tcs_lib is the base directory containing the setup.py file.

From online svn repository

It is also possible to install tcs_lib directly from the svn repository with

```
pip install svn+svn://luna.mpe.mpg.de/tcs_lib/trunk#egg=tcs_lib
```

If you want to install a specific commit or from a different branch or tag, you can do it issuing one of the following commands

```
pip install svn+svn://luna.mpe.mpg.de/tcs_lib/trunk@5#egg=tcs_lib
pip install svn+svn://luna.mpe.mpg.de/tcs_lib/tag/v0.0.0#egg=tcs_lib
```

Other ways

Once you obtained the source code as in From local tcs_lib copy, you can install the code also using the good old

```
cd /path/to/tcs_lib
python setup.py build
python setup.py install
```

We do not recommend this method.

1.1.2 Dependances

Mandatory dependences

pyzmq		
six		

Optional dependences

• testing:

```
pytest
pytest-cov
tox
```

• documentation:

sphinx numpydoc

• automatic documentation build:

sphinx-autobuild

1.1.3 Development

If you develop tcs_lib we suggest to checkout the svn repository and to install it in "editable" mode and to install all the optional dependances:

```
cd /path/to/tcs_lib
pip install -e .[livedoc]
```

You can also use [not recommended]

```
python setup.py develop
```

See Contribute to tcs_lib for more information.

CHAPTER 2

tcs_event - ZeroMQ based listener

This module is the core of tcs_lib.

It is a ZeroMQ based listener that wait for the next TCS event, composed of a header and a payload (a dictionary) and returns it.

2.1 tcs_event - ZMQ based listener of TCS events

This module provides functionalities to interface with TCS events.

TCSEvent is a listener for ZeroMQ events generated by the HETDEX Telescope Control System (TCS).

Urls and topics to subscribe can be provided when creating a new instance or using the *TCSEvent.connect()* and *TCSEvent.subscribe()*.

Events can be received either using the *TCSEvent.next()* method or in a for loop.

SafeTCSEvent is a fail safe version of TCSEvent.

TCSDict is a dictionary class that, on initialisation, makes sure that the keywords, that TCS needs to parse events, are initialised. It also provides the *TCSDict.topic* property to get and set the topic associated to the event.

2.1.1 Examples

```
>>> from __future__ import unicode_literals
>>> tcs_dict = TCSDict()
>>> print(*sorted(tcs_dict.keys()))
__data __data_time __key __source __system __wire_time
>>> # get to topic
>>> tcs_dict.topic
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
AttributeError: 'TCSDict' object has no attribute 'topic'
```

class tcs_lib.tcs_event.TCSEvent (urls, topics=None, dates_to_float=False, context=None)
Bases: object

TCS event class that connects to the given list of urls and listens for events. See next ()

Warning: This object currently does not support concurrency.

Parameters

urls [list of strings] urls to monitor; the list is passed to the *connect* () method

- topics [list of strings, optional] topics to subscribe; the list is passed to the *subscribe()* method
- dates_to_float [bool, optional] convert __wire_time and __data_time to float before
 returning the event
- context [zmq.Context, optional] context to use when creating the sockets. If not given, uses
 the global instance returned by zmq.Context.instance()

Examples

```
>>> from tcs_lib import tcs_event
>>> events = tcs_event.TCSEvent(["tcp://127.0.0.1:30301", ],
... topics=["tcs.tracker.position",
... "tcs.root.ra_dec"])
>>> for (h, e) in events:
... if e is not None:
... handle(e)
```

or

>>> while True: ... (h, e) = events.next() ... if e is not None: ... handle(e)

subscribe(topics)

Subscribe to each of the topics in the given list.

The subscription mechanism works in the following way:

- if topics is None or an empty list ([]) and:
 - no topic has ever been subscribed, subscribe to all (empty string);
 - there are already subscribed topics, do nothing;
- if topics is a non empty list and:
 - no topic has ever been subscribed, subscribe to the given topics;
 - all topics are subscribed (empty string), unsubscribe it and then subscribe to the given topics;
 - otherwise subscribe to the new topics, avoiding duplicates

Parameters

topics [list of strings] topics to subscribe

connect (urls)

Connect to each of the urls in the given list.

Note that this does not affect any prior connections. However, receipt order is still at the whim of the producers.

Parameters

urls [list of strings] urls to monitor; the list is passed to the *connect* () method

next()

Returns a tuple containing the next event topic and dictionary received. Blocks indefinitely.

Todo: add timeout?

Returns

tuple (topic, dict) topic: string with the topic; dict: dictionary with the event information

Raises

TCSEventIndexError if the incoming multipart event does not have two elements

TCSJSONDecodeError if the json cannot be correctly decoded

___next__()

alias of next (), for iteration in python>=3

close()

Close the socket

___iter__()

Return the instance itself for use as iterator

_convert_dates_to_float(event)

Convert __wire_time and __data_time to floats. If they are not in the event dictionary, skip

Parameters

event [dict] event dictionary

Returns

event [dict] modified event

class tcs_lib.tcs_event.SafeTCSEvent (log_func, re_raise, *args, **kwargs)
Bases: tcs_lib.tcs_event.TCSEvent

Wrap *TCSEvent.next()* in a try/except block to log exceptions and keep doing.

StopIteration and the exceptions passed to re_raise are raised again. All the other exceptions are trapped, a message is passed to the log_func so that the caller can handle the exception at need and the *TCSEvent.next()* method is called again.

Important: Do never ever initialise *SafeTCSEvent* with a function that drops the messages: if you do this you are asking for big troubles. The suggested ways are to use either the TCS logging capability (e.g. via the tcs_proxy.tcs_log class) or the standard python logging module to report error messages.

Parameters

- **log_func** [callable] function accepting one arguments: * message (string): the error message with the traceback
- re_raise [iteralbe of exceptions] list of exceptions to re-raise; StopIteration is always
 re-raised

args, kwarg : position and keyword arguments passed to TCSEvent

Examples

```
>>> from __future__ import print_function
>>> from tcs_lib import tcs_event
>>> from tcs_lib import errors
>>> def printer(msq):
        print('[Error message]', msg)
. . .
>>> events = tcs_event.SafeTCSEvent(printer, [],
                                      ["tcp://127.0.0.1:30301", ],
. . .
                                      topics=["tcs.tracker.position",
. . .
                                              "tcs.root.ra_dec"])
>>> for (h, e) in events:
        if e is not None:
            handle(e)
. . .
```

Prints to the standard output the error message and the traceback. If e.g. one of the events is ['test',], the following is printed but events keeps listening for events:

If instead the same event comes in and the *SafeTCSEvent* is initialised in the following way:

events would crash with the above traceback.

Attributes

log_func same as input

re_raise [tuple] exceptions to re-raise

```
next()
```

Fail-safe version of *TCSEvent.next()*.

```
class tcs_lib.tcs_event.TCSDict(*args, **kwargs)
```

```
Bases: dict
```

Dictionary providing the basic keys necessary to comply with event TCS API.

When constructing the object, makes sure that the following keys a present:

- __wire_time (string): the time at which the messaging api put the message on the wire (default: '0');
- __data_time (string): a time provided by a developer, ideally this is the temporal reference point for the contents (default: *string_helpers.time_str()*);
- ____data (string): boolean indicating whether a data payload follows (default: 'false');
- __system (string): the system that generated the event (first token in the event topic: "system.source.key") (default: empty string)
- __source (string): the source that generated the event (second token in the event topic: "system.source.key") (default: empty string)
- <u>key</u> (string): the key that generated the event (third token in the event topic: "system.source.key") (default: empty string)

After initializing, execute *ensure_string_times()*. This method can be executed before sending out events, e.g. using *server.ZMQServer*, to make sure that the times are stored in the correct format.

Parameters

args, kwargs: arguments to initialise underlying dict

Attributes

topic Get or set the topic associated with current dictionary event (as stored in the ______system, _____source and ___key keys).

topic

Get or set the topic associated with current dictionary event (as stored in the __system, __source and __key keys).

Raises

AttributeError if, when retrieving the topic, the above keys are empty

TypeError if the new topic is not a string

ValueError if the new topic is not in the form 'system.source.key'

set_data_time()

reset the ___data_time value to string_helpers.time_str()

ensure_string_times()

Ensure that the __wire_time and __data_time are strings using string_helpers.TIME_FMT

CHAPTER 3

Mock TCS events

In order to test *tcs_event* and code using it, some TCS event is needed. Having your own telescope might not be ideal. Therefore we provide a ZeroMQ server, tcs_lib.zmq_server.ZMQServer, that can stream TCS like events, and two event generators, tcs_lib.zmq_server.TCSMockEvent and tcs_lib.zmq_server.TCSDBReplay, that can be plugged into the server. They are also conveniently packaged and exposed via the tcs_replay executable described in *Stream TCS events*.

3.1 Stream TCS events

tcs_replay provides tcs_replay, an executable that allows the user to replay an sqlite3 database as created during TCS operation or a single mock event.

If the name of the database is provided, tcs_replay will reconstruct each TCS event and send it via a ZMQ socket approximately at the same rate at which they were created. It is possible to speedup or slowdown the rate at which events are sent and to filter events via command line options. If no database name is provided, a mock event is created and sent continuously.

```
Runtcs_replay -h for further information:
```

```
optional arguments:
-h, --help
                      show this help message and exit
-V, --version
                      show program's version number and exit
-u URL, --url URL
                     IP address and port to which bind the ZMQ socket
                        (default: tcp://127.0.0.1:5556)
--wait-setup WAIT_SETUP
                        Wait for wait_setup seconds after creating the servers
                        to allow to set up the connection (default: 1.0)
--serve-forever
                      Keep serving events. In the case of the database, it
                        will restart serving the database entries. (default:
                        False)
Database options:
The following options have effect only if the name of the database is
provided.
-s SPEEDUP, --speedup SPEEDUP
                        Speedup to apply when replaying the database. For
                        example, speedup=1 plays back at the original speed;
                        speedup=2 plays it twice as fast (default: 1.0)
-t TOPICS [TOPICS ...], --topics TOPICS [TOPICS ...]
                        List of topics to publish. If no topic is specified,
                        all the topics will be published. (default: None)
-S {none, __data_time, __wire_time}, --sort-by {none, __data_time, __wire_time}
                        Method to time-sort the events before serving them. If
                        'none', no sorting is done and the order of the
                        database is respected. (default: none)
--convert-number
                      Try to convert values marked as "number" to int or
                        float (default: False)
                      Try to convert values marked as "boolean" to ``True``
--convert-bool
                        or ``False`` (default: False)
Mock options:
The following options have effect only if the name of the database is not
provided.
--sleep SLEEP
                      Sleep for sleep seconds before emitting a new signal
                        (default: 1)
```

The implementation of this executable can also be used as example when using custom event generators.

3.2 server - ZMQ based server

ZMQ based server to stream content and TCS-like event generators.

class tcs_lib.server.ZMQServer(url, context=None)

Bases: object

Create a ZeroMQ server that publishes content on the give ulr.

Sending events is performed by the send_event() method using zmq.Socket.send_multipart().

send_event() and start() allow to send generic events.

send_tcs_event() is designed to send events that reflect TCS expectations. If the tcs_event passed to
the method does not contain the __wire_time key, set it to time.time().

Parameters

url [string] url and port to bind the socket to

context [zmq.Context, optional] context to use when creating the sockets. If not given, uses
the global instance returned by zmq.Context.instance()

send_event (event)

Send the event via the socket.

Parameters

event [list of string] event to send using zmq.Socket.send_multipart(); the events
 are converted to byte string using string_to_bytes().

send_tcs_event (tcs_topic, tcs_event)

Version of *send_event()* specialized to send TCS-like events.

Set ___wire_time in the tcs_event to time.time().

If event is a string, decode it into a dictionary using json.loads().

Parameters

tcs_topic [string] topic of the event

tcs_event [dict or string] event to send

start (events)

Start serving events via the socket

Parameters

events [generator yielding lists of strings or bytes] each event retrieved in a loop and sent using send_event (). If one event is None, it is not sent.

close()

Close the socket

class tcs_lib.server.TCSDBReplay(db_name, sort_by='none', speedup=1.0, topics=None, convert_number=False, convert_bool=False)

Bases: object

Open a TCS sqlite3 database, query it and return one entry at a time when looping or using the next() builtin function.

Parameters

db_name [string] file containing the database

- sort_by [string, optional] whether to sort or not the event_ids. Accepted values: 'none',
 '___data_time', '___wire_time'
- **speedup** [float, optional] speedup to use to replay the database. A value larger than 1 fast-forwards the replay, a smaller value slows the replay down
- **topics** [list, optional] list of topics to return when iterating. If None or [], all topics are returned.
- **convert_number, convert_bool** [bool, optional] try to convert database entries to number (int or float) and to boolean, according to the value of the data_type column. The conversion is fail-safe

Attributes

event_ids [iterator] results of the query for the event_id. The attribute is filled by the
 _reset_iter()

start_wire_time, start_iter_time [float] wire time and current time when calling
___next__() the first time. Call _reset_iter() to reset them before starting a
new iteration

_reset_iter()

Reset the status and allow restarting the iterations.

- Create and execute the query to retrieve the event_id and save it in event_ids. The query is done on the event table, if no ordering 'none' or the '___data_time' ordering is required, or on the attribute table, if the '___wire_time' ordering is required.
- Unset the start_wire_time and start_iter_time

This method is called when initializing the class. It can be called to reinitialize the iterator.

Raises

tcs_lib.DBOrderingError if the ordering is not known

___iter__()

Return the instance for use as iterator

__next__()

Get the next element of event_id, build the TCS object and return it.

Returns

list of strings or "None" if the topic is accepted returns [topic, json(event)],
 otherwise returns None

_event_dict(event_id)

Create dictionary representing the event with id event_id

Parameters

event_id [string] id of the event

Returns

result [dictionary] event information

_convert_to_type (value, type_)

Try to convert value to the given type, if the conversion is required

Parameters

value [string] value to convert

type [string] type of value. Known types: "number", "boolean", "string". Any unknown type is treated as a string

Returns

value [int, float, bool or string] converted value

_convert_to_number(value)

Try to convert the input value from string to int or float, in that order. If it fails, returns value unchanged

_convert_to_bool(value)

Try to convert the input value from "true"/"false" to True/False. If it fails, returns value unchanged

_update_times(event_dict)

Update the '___data_time' and '___wire_time' as an offset from start_iter_time according to the required speedup.

Parameters

event_dict [dictionary] event information

Returns

event_dict [dictionary] updated input

class tcs_lib.server.TCSMockEvent(sleep=1)

Bases: object

Iterator class that always return a mock event 'lrs2.hardware.status'

Parameters

sleep [float, optional] sleep sleep seconds between events

___iter__()

Return the instance for use as iterator

___next__()

Return a mock event after sleeping for one second. It never raises a StopIteration exception.

Returns

list of strings topic and mock event as [topic, json(event)]

CHAPTER 4

TCS proxy

4.1 tcs_proxy - Proxy to the TCS modules

Testing code that uses TCS logging and the TCS subsystem interface outside of HET is not possible. Therefore one need to create classes that mocks the original and a way to easily switch between the development and the production environment.

The tcs_lib.tcs_proxy provides a proxy between an application and the TCS systems. It is a thin layer that initialize the necessary objects and allow easy access to them in a transparent and flexible way.

After importing the module:

from tcs_lib import tcs_proxy

we must initialize the proxy before being able to use it:

```
tcs_proxy.init(conf, section='urls')
```

conf is a configuration object containing in the section section all the entries needed to create the logging object and the necessary TCS subsystems. The configuration entries necessary to initialize the proxy are described in *init()*. An example configuration to use to initialize the logger and two TCS subsystems is:

```
[urls]
# url to use for the TCS logger, if the module implementing it is found
tcs_log = tcp://127.0.0.1:5555
# if the TCS logger is not found, use a mock object and use the file of the
# next option to configuration the python loggers to used for the mocks
tcs_log_mock_path = /path/to/conf_file.cfg
# We also want two TCS subsystems called tcs and virus
subsystem_names = tcs, virus
# the tcs subsystem url. But we don't need the tcs_mock_path since the
# configuration is already in ``tcs_log_mock_path``
```

```
tcs = tcp://127.0.0.1:5556
# and now the virus subsystem
virus = tcp://127.0.0.1:5557
# for virus we might have a difference logger configuration file for the
# mock object
virus_mock_path = /path/to/virus_logger.cfg
```

After the initialisation, the following attributes become available:

- tcs_proxy.tcs_log: this attribute refers either to an instance of TCSLog.TCSLog or a wrapper around a standard python logger that exposes the log_* methods listend in _MockTCSLog
- tcs_proxy.tcs, tcs_proxy.virus: these attributes refer either to instances of tcssubsystem. TCSSubSystem or of a mock class that echoes the method called and their arguments via a standard python logger.

Besides those, the TCS proxy exposes also an other attribute: tcs_proxy.errors. If the tcssubsystem is importable, this attribute is an alias of the module itself: i.e. tcs_proxy.errors.error is equivalent to tcssubsystem.error. If the module is not found, any variable name is associated with Exception: i.e. both tcs_proxy.errors.error and tcs_proxy.errors.MyPersonalError are equivalent to Exception. This attribute allows to catch and/or raise TCS exceptions, when available, or generic ones otherwise.

As said the mock objects use python loggers to log messages and method calls, whose names are {mod_name}. {name} where mod_name is the value of tcs_proxy.mod_name, defaulting to tcs_lib.tcs_proxy, and name is either tcs_log or the name of the TCS subsystem. For other software using the proxy it might be preferable to set the mod_name before initializing it, in order to *own* the loggers. So for a package my_package I advice to do the following:

```
from tcs_lib import tcs_proxy
tcs_proxy.mod_name = 'my_package.tcs_proxy'
tcs_proxy.init(conf, section='urls')
```

The initialised proxies can be cleared using the *clear()* function. The TCS proxy will be also marked as not initialized.

Note: Assigning tcs_proxy.mod_name = 'my_package.tcs_proxy' after initializing the proxy results in AttributeError. If necessary it is possible to *clear()* the proxy, set the mod_name and then re-initialize.

4.1.1 Implementation

Proxy for the python interface to the HET Telescope Control System (TCS).

This module tries to import tcssubsystem and TCSLog:

- if it succeeds, initialize all the requested TCS instances.
- otherwise use some mock classes that log every command are used
- class tcs_lib._tcs_proxy.TCSProxy (mod_name='tcs_lib._tcs_proxy')
 Bases: object

Proxy implementation. One instance is exposed as tcs_lib.tcs_proxy.

The only method public method is *init()* and must be called before the proxy attributes can be used.

Parameters

mod_name [string, optional] name of the module to use by the mock TCSLog and tcssubsystem

Attributes

mod_name Name of the module used to initialize the proxy.

- **tcs_log** [TCSLog.TCSLog or _*MockTCSLog*] instance of the TCSLog class or of the corresponding mock version
- {name} [tcssubsystem.TCSSubSystem or _MockTCSSubsystem] for each name in the subsystem_names configuration option, instance of the TCSSubSystem class or of the corresponding mock version
- errors proxy objects for TCS exceptions. If the tcssubsystem module is found, this attribute it's an alias of the module, otherwise it is an instances of _MockErrors

mod_name

Name of the module used to initialize the proxy. Can be modified only before calling init ()

init (conf, section='urls')

Initialize the TCSLog and tcssubsystems, or their mock counterpart.

The following configuration entries from the section are used:

- tcs_log, optional: url to use to initialise the TCSLog.TCSLog class. If not given, empty or the TCSLog module is not found, initialize a mock log class
- tcs_log_mock_path, optional: if the TCSLog.TCSLog cannot be initialized, a mock class is used instead. This class is a proxy for a standard python logger with name {mod_name}.tcs_log. By default the NullHandler is attached. However it is possible to customize the loggers, using a configuration file according to the logger configuration file format. The name of this configuration file can be passed using the tcs_log_mock_path option.
- subsystem_names, optional: list of comma separated names of TCS subsystems to initialize. For each name the following options are used
 - {name}, optional: url to use to initialise the tcssubsystem.TCSSubSystem class. If not given, empty or the tcssubsystem module is not found, initialize a mock subsystem class
 - {name}_mock_path, optional: the option has the same meaning of the tcs_log_mock_path one, with the difference that the python logger name use is {mod_name}.{name}

Note: If the logger configuration file contains the configurations for the mock logger and subsystems, there is no need to assign it to every *_mock_path, but only to the first one used, e.g. tcs_log_mock_path.

Parameters

conf [configparser.ConfigParser instance] configuration files necessary to initialize the TCS log and subsystems.

section [string, optional] name of the section containing the configuration

clear()

Clear the attributes created by *init()* and reset the status to uninitialized.

_init_tcs_log(conf, section) Initialize the tcs logging

Parameters

conf [configParser.ConfigParser instance] configuration files necessary to initialize the TCS log and subsystems.

section [string, optional] name of the section containing the configuration

Returns

:class:'TCSLog.TCSLog' or :class:'_MockTCSLog'

Initialize the TCS subsystem or mock subsystem and return it.

Parameters

name [string] name of the subsystem

conf [configparser.ConfigParser instance] configuration files necessary to initialize the TCS log and subsystems.

section [string, optional] name of the section containing the configuration

Returns

:class:'tcssubsystem.TCSSubSystem' or :class:'_MockTCSSubsystem'

__getattr__(name)

Try to get TCS log/subsystem called name. For sure this will fail if used before calling init ()

Parameters

name [string] attribute name

Raises

AttributeError if name is not a valid attribute

class tcs_lib._tcs_proxy._MockErrors

Bases: object

Instances of this class return an Exception as attribute.

class tcs_lib._tcs_proxy._MockTCSSubsystem(name, mod_name, log_conf_file) Bases: object

Class that log the methods called and their positional and keyword arguments.

The name of the logger used is {mod_name}. {name} where name is the name to the constructor.

In order to customize this logger, use the ocd configuration file as described here. If log_conf_file is an empty string or if the configuration parsing fails, the logging.NullHandler is added to the logger used here. In case of a parsing failure a warning will be printed.

Parameters

name: string name of the instance created

mod_name [string] name of module to associate to the mock proxy objects; used to create the logger name

log_conf_file [string] name of the configuration files necessary to initialize the mock tcs log

__getattr__(*name*)

Return a function that logs the call

Parameters

name [string] attribute name

class tcs_lib._tcs_proxy._MockTCSLog(name, mod_name, log_conf_file)

Bases: tcs_lib._tcs_proxy._MockTCSSubsystem

Replacement for the ${\tt TCSLog}$. ${\tt TCSLog}$ when the ${\tt TCSLog}$ module is not available.

This class translates the TCSLog.TCSLog log_* calls to the appropriate python logging levels:

method	log level
log_debug	10 (DEBUG)
log_info	20 (INFO)
log_warn	30 (WARNING)
log_error	40 (ERROR)
log_fatal	50 (CRITICAL)
log_alarm	60

The TCSLog.TCSLog_log_ \star () methods have the following signature:

log_info(msg, *args)

The log message is formatted with msg.format (*args) before emitting it.

Warning: Because of the formatting, log messages are emitted by a function in **this** module and not in the place where the log_* method is called.

The name of the logger used is {mod_name}. {name}. When initialised by *TCSProxy* {name} is tcs_log.

Parameters

name: string name of the logger to use

mod_name [string] name of module to associate to the mock proxy objects; used to create the logger name

log_conf_file [string] name of the configuration files necessary to initialize the mock tcs log

___getattr___(*name*) convert calls to log *.

Parameters

name [string] attribute name

Raises

AttributeError if name is not one of the valid log_* names

class tcs_lib._tcs_proxy._LogCall(log, obj, function)

Bases: object

Callable class log the call to function with all its positional and keyword arguments.

The function is logged as info.

Parameters

log [logging.Logger] logger

obj, function [string] name of the object and the function called

__call__(*args, **kwargs)
Log the call of the function as "{obj}.{function}({args}, {kwargs})".

Returns

:class:'_MockResponse' current instance that mimic the dictionary returned by each TC-SSubSystem method

class tcs_lib._tcs_proxy._MockResponse

Bases: dict

Extension of a dictionary that returns the key if not present.

Examples

```
>>> d = _MockResponse(a=42)
>>> d['a']
42
>>> key = 'b'
>>> d[key] == key
True
```

__getitem__(key)

If the key is not found, return it, otherwise returns the associated value

CHAPTER 5

Other modules

5.1 errors - Error definitons

Module with the Exception definitions used in tcs_lib

exception tcs_lib.errors.TCSLibError Bases: Exception

Error used as base class for all the others

exception tcs_lib.errors.DBOrderingError
Bases: tcs_lib.errors.TCSLibError, ValueError

The database ordering keyword is not correct

exception tcs_lib.errors.ConvertTypeError Bases: tcs_lib.errors.TCSLibError, TypeError

Raised when the type to encode/decode is not correct

exception tcs_lib.errors.TCSEventIndexError Bases: tcs_lib.errors.TCSLibError, IndexError

Raise when an incoming TCS event is not composes of two parts

exception tcs_lib.errors.TCSJSONDecodeError Bases: tcs_lib.errors.TCSLibError, ValueError

Raise when the second part of the TCS event is not a valid json

5.2 string_helpers - String/Byte helper functionalities

Utilities to deal with strings and bytes for a better python2/3 compatibility

```
tcs_lib.string_helpers.TIME_FMT = '{t:.9f}'
Default formatter to times in TCS events
```

tcs_lib.string_helpers.bytes_to_string(byte, encoding='utf-8')

If the input is a string or a list of strings, returns it, otherwise interprets it as a byte string or a list of bytes strings.

Parameters

byte [(list of) byte string(s)] byte string or list of byte strings to decode

encoding [string, optional] encoding to use; see Standard Encodings for a list of possible encodings

Returns

Python2: input; Python3: (list of) string(s). If the input is not iterable returns it

Raises

ConvertTypeError if the input is not a string/byte string or a list thereof

tcs_lib.string_helpers.string_to_bytes(string, encoding='utf-8')

If the input is a byte string or a list of byte strings, returns it, otherwise interprets it as a string or a list of strings.

Parameters

string [(list of) string(s)] string or list of strings to encode

encoding [string, optional] encoding to use; see Standard Encodings for a list of possible encodings

Returns

Python2: input; Python3: (list of) byte string(s). If the input is not iterable returns it

Raises

ConvertTypeError if the input is not a string/byte string or a list thereof

tcs_lib.string_helpers.time_str()

Returns

string time.time as a string with format TIME_FMT

CHAPTER 6

Contribution guide

6.1 Contribute to tcs_lib

6.1.1 How To

The suggested workflow for implementing bug fixes and/or new features is the following:

- Identify or, if necessary, add to our redmine issue tracker one or more issues to tackle. Multiple issues can be addressed together if they belong together. Assign the issues to yourself.
- Create a new branch from the trunk with a name either referring to the topic or the issue to solve. E.g. if you need to add a new executable, tracked by issue #1111 do_something:

```
svn cp ^/trunk ^/branches/do_something_1111\
-m 'create branch to solve issue #1111'
```

• Switch to the branch:

```
svn switch ^/branches/do_something_1111
```

• Implement the required changes and don't forget to track your progress on Redmine. If the feature/bug fix requires a large amount of time, we suggest, when possible, to avoid one big commit at the end in favour of smaller commits. In this way, in case of breakages, is easier to traverse the branch history and find the offending code. For each commit you should add an entry in the Changelog file.

If you work on multiple issues on the same branch, close one issue before proceeding to the next. When closing one issue is good habit to add in the description on the redmine the revision that resolves it.

• Every function or class added or modified should be adequately documented as described in *Coding style*.

Documentation is essential both for users and for your fellow developers to understand the scope and signature of functions and classes. If a new module is added, it should be also added to the documentation in the appropriate place. See the existing documentation for examples.

Each executable should be documented and its description should contain enough information and examples to allow users to easily run it.

- Every functionality should be thoroughly tested for python 2.7, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 in order to ensure that the code behaves as expected and that future modifications will not break existing functionalities. When fixing bugs, add tests to ensure that the bug will not repeat. For more information see *Testing*.
- Once the issue(s) are solved and the branch is ready, merge any pending change **from** the trunk:

svn merge ^/trunk

While doing the merge, you might be asked to manually resolve one or more conflicts. Once all the conflicts have been solved, commit the changes with a meaningful commit message, e.g.: merge ^/trunk into ^/branches/do_something_1111. Then rerun the test suite to make sure your changes do not break functionalities implemented while you were working on your branch.

• Then contact the maintainer of tcs_lib and ask to merge your branch back to the trunk.

Information about branching and merging can be found in the svn book. For any questions or if you need support do not hesitate to contact the maintainer or the other developers.

6.1.2 Coding style

All the code should be compliant with the official python style guidelines described in **PEP 8**. To help you keep the code in spec, we suggest to install plugins that check the code for you, like Synstastic for vim or flycheck for Emacs.

The code should also be thoroughly documented using the numpy style. See the existing documentation for examples.

6.1.3 Testing

tcs_lib uses the testing framework provided by the pytest package. The tests should cover every aspect of a function or method. If exceptions are explicitly raised, this should also tested to ensure that the implementation behaves as expected.

The preferred way to run the tests is using tox, an automatised test help package. If you have installed tox, with e.g. pip install tox, you can run it by typing:

tox

It will take care of creating virtual environments for every supported version of python (2.7, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6), if it exists on the system, install tcs_lib, its dependences and the packages necessary to run the tests and runs py.test.

You can run the tests for a specific python version using:

```
py.test
```

or:

```
python setup.py test
```

The latter command fetches all the needed dependences, among others <code>pytest</code> itself, will be fetched and installed in a .eggs directory. Then it will run <code>py.test</code>. This command might fail when running in a virtual environment. Use the option <code>--addopts</code> to pass additional options to <code>py.test</code>.

You can run specific tests providing the file name(s) and, optionally the name of a test. E.g.:

py.test tests/test_logging_helper.py # runs only the tests in the logging helper file
py.test tests/test_logging_helper.py::test_log_setup # runs only one test

Relevant command line options:

```
    verbose output: print the names and parameters of the tests
    capture standard output: can cause weird interactions with the logging module
```

A code coverage report is also created thanks to the pytest-cov plugin and can be visualized opening into a browser cover/index.html. If you want a recap of the coverage directly in the terminal you can provide one of the following options when running py.test:

```
--cov-report term
--cov-report term-missing
```

Besides running the tests, the tox command also builds, by default, the documentation and collates the coverage tests from the various python interpreters and can copy then to some directory. To do the latter create, if necessary, the configuration file ~/.config/little_deploy.cfg and add to it a section called tcs_lib with either one or both of the following options:

```
[tcs_lib]
```

```
# if given the deploys the documentation to the given dir
doc = /path/to/dir
# if given the deploys the coverage report to the given dir
cover = /path/to/other/dir
# it's also possible to insert the project name and the type of the document
# to deploy using the {project} and {type_} placeholders. E.g
# cover = /path/to/dir/{project}_{type_}
# will be expanded to /path/to/dir/tcs_lib_cover
```

For more information about the configuration file check little_deploy.

For other command line arguments type:

```
py.test -h
```

For a list of available fixtures type:

```
py.test -- fixtures tests/
```

tox and pyenv

Many systems have a limited number of python versions installed. pyenv provides ways to have multiple python versions that can be used by tox via the tox-pyenv plugin.

Here we outline the steps necessary to make tox use pyenv:

- Install pyenv following these instructions. We suggest to use brew under Mac OS X or the automatic installer. When is done, follow the instructions to enables pyenv.
- Install the python versions that you need. E.g. if you have python 2.7 and 3.6 on you system, you can install only missing versions, e.g.:

```
pyenv install 3.4.6
pyenv install 3.5.3
```

Of course you can also install 2.7 and 3.6 using pyenv.

• Install tox-pyenv in the same place where tox is installed, i.e. either on the system, a virtual environment or a pyenv instance:

pip install tox-pyenv

This way tox is can use pyenv which to locate a required python version

• The last step consists in letting pyenv know which python versions to use. If you have already set pyenv global to all the version required for testing you should be done. Otherwise go to the tcs_lib directory and run pyenv local:

pyenv local system 3.4.6 3.5.3

This command creates a file called .python-version that contains the following three lines:

system 3.4.6 3.5.3

It will make pyenv which look for python versions in the system directories as well as within the pyenv directory.

If you did installed also other versions of python (e.g. 3.6.0 and 2.7.13) under pyenv and want to use them instead of the system ones, you can use:

pyenv local 3.6.0 3.4.6 3.5.3 2.7.13

• Run tox: now you will be able to use all the python version that tox requires.

6.1.4 Documentation

To build the documentation you need the additional dependences described in *Optional dependences*. They can be installed by hand or during tcs_lib installation by executing one of the following commands on a local copy:

```
pip install /path/to/tcs_lib[doc]
pip install /path/to/tcs_lib[livedoc]
```

The first install sphinx, the alabaster theme and the numpydoc extension; the second also installs sphinx-autobuild.

To build the documentation in html format go to the doc directory and run:

make html

The output is saved in doc/build/html. For the full list of available targets type make help.

If you are updating the documentation and want avoid the edit-compile-browser refresh cycle, and you have installed sphinx-autobuild, type:

make livehtml

then visit http://127.0.0.1:8000. The html documentation is automatically rebuilt after every change of the source and the browser reloaded.

CHAPTER 7

About

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7.3 tcs_lib release notes

7.3.1 Development version @ trunk

7.3.2 Version 0.5.0

- do not term context in ZMQServer.close and TCSEvent.close (issue #2536)
- add license GPL v3
- add tcs_event.TCSDict to provide basic structure necessary by TCS to parse events (issue #2535)
- ZMQServer.send_tcs_event set __wire_time (issue #2534)

7.3.3 Version 0.4.0

• add a SafeTCSEvent class (issue #2471)

7.3.4 Version 0.3.0

- TCSEvent: receive the full multipart event for better error handling (issue #2314)
- TCSEvent, ZMQServer: add possibility to explicitly pass a context (issue #2331)

7.3.5 Version 0.2.0

- Send a single event with the ZMQServer (issue #2061)
- Add tcs_proxy module (issue #2062)

7.4 Changelog

2018-05-17 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>

- * ReleaseNotes.rst: rename and update
- * doc/source/release_notes.rst: added. Resolves issue #2553
- * doc/source/index.rst: update
- * doc/source/conf.py: remove pyhetdex intersphinx (not necessary)

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* readthedocs.yml: added

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* setup.py: bump version to 0.5.0-post

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- * setup.py: prepare for v0.5.0 release
- * ReleaseNotes.md: same

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- * : merge ^/branches/conform_tcs_dict into ^/trunk
- 2018-05-09 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>
 - * : merge ^/trunk into ^/branches/conform_tcs_dict

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- * tcs_lib/string_helpers.py: function to return a string representation of time.time
- * tcs_lib/server.py: use it when setting __wire_time
- * tcs_lib/tcs_event.py: and when setting __data_time
- * tests/test_server.py: test the changes
- * tests/test_string_helpers.py: test the changes
- * tests/test_tcs_event.py: test the changes

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* ReleaseNotes.md: update release notes

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* tcs_lib/server.py: always set the __wire_time

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* tests/test_server.py: test it
2018-04-30 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>
    * tcs_lib/tcs_event.py: add dictionary with basic structure need by TCS.
         Resolves #2535
    * tests/test_tcs_event.py: test it
2018-04-27 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>
    * tcs_lib/server.py: Server.send_tcs_event set ``__wire_time``. Resolves
          issue #2534
    * tests/test_server.py: update the tests
2018-05-08 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>
    * LICENSE: added
    * doc/source/license.rst: properly renamed
    * doc/source/index.rst: update accordingly
    * tcs_lib/*.py: add copyright notice
2018-04-30 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>
    * tcs_lib/server.py: do not terminate context in ZMQServer.close. Resolves
          #2536
    * tcs_lib/tcs_event.py: do not terminate context in TCSEvent.close._
→Resolves
          #2536
    * tests/test_server.py: update the tests
    * tests/test_tcs_event.py: same
    * ReleaseNotes.md: udate
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    * setup.py: bump version to 0.4.0-post
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    * setup.py: prepare for v0.4.0
    * ReleaseNotes.md: same
    * README.md: update
2018-04-13 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>
    * tcs_lib/tcs_event.py: add a SafeTCSEvent class. Resolves issue #2471
    * tests/test_tcs_event.py: test the new addition
    * ReleaseNotes.md: update
2018-02-13 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>
    * setup.py: bump version to 0.3.0-post
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* setup.py: prepare for release of v0.3.0 * ReleaseNotes.md: same 2018-02-08 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * tcs lib/ tcs proxy.py: fix documentation inconsistencies. Resolves issue #2265 2018-02-08 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * : merge ^/branches/explicit_context/ into ^/trunk 2018-02-08 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * setup.py: drop deprecated pytest-catchlog * tox.ini: same * tests/test_tcs_proxy.py: adapt to changes in pytest==3.4 2018-02-08 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * tcs_lib/server.py: add possibility to explicitly pass a context to the ZMQServer (second part of issue #2331) * tests/test_server.py: test it 2018-02-07 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * tcs_lib/tcs_event.py: add possibility to explicitly pass a context to_ →the TCSEvent (first part of issue #2331) * tests/test_tcs_event.py: test it 2018-01-31 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * : merge ^/branches/recv_multipart into ^/trunk 2018-01-31 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * ReleaseNotes.md: update 2018-01-30 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * tcs_lib/tcs_event.py: remove ``unnecessary while True``. 2018-01-29 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * tcs_lib/tcs_event.py: get the full multipart event and then convert to json. Also improve error messages for easier debugging. Resolves ⇔issue #2314 * tcs_lib/errors.py: add necessary exceptions * tests/test_tcs_event.py: test the changes 2017-10-17 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>

* setup.py: bump version to 0.2.0-post

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- * ReleaseNotes.md: add release information
- * setup.py: set version to 0.2.0

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* : merge ^/branches/tcs_proxy into ^/trunk

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- * tcs_lib/_tcs_proxy.py: add a method to clear the proxies
- * tests/test_tcs_proxy.py: test it
- * doc/source/tcs_proxy.rst: document it

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- * tcs_lib/_tcs_proxy.py: add ``errors`` attribute
- * tests/test_tcs_proxy.py: test it
- * doc/source/tcs_proxy.rst: document it
- * doc/Makefile: use random port and open the browser

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- * doc/source/tcs_proxy.rst: add documentation about tcs_lib.tcs_proxy
- * tcs_lib/_tcs_proxy.py: add {name} attribute to the docs

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- * tcs_lib/_tcs_proxy.py: reimplement tcs_proxy from ocd. Issue #2062
- * tcs_lib/tcs_proxy.py: public interface to the tcs_proxy
- * tests/test_tcs_proxy.py: test the tcs proxy
- * doc/source/tcs_proxy.rst: add the documentation
- * doc/source/index.rst: add to the index
- * pytest.ini: ignore tcs_lib/tcs_proxy.py
- * tox.ini: add dependencies
- * setup.py: same

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* : merge ^/branches/send_event into ^/trunk

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- * tests/test_server.py: add tests
- * tests/conftest.py: update the fixtures
- * tests/test_tcs_event.py: same

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* setup.py: bump version to 0.1.0-pos * : ignore dist and build directories 2017-07-05 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * setup.py: set version to 0.1.0 ahead of release 2017-07-04 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * doc/source/authors.rst: added * doc/source/changelog.rs: added * doc/source/contributions.rs: added * doc/source/index.rst: update documentation, add new section * doc/source/install.rs: added * doc/source/licence.rs: added * doc/source/tcs_event.rst: update * doc/source/tcs_replay.rst: update * doc/source/todos.rs: added * doc/source/zmq_server.rst: update * setup.py: fix test dependences * tcs_lib/errors.py: update docstrings * tcs_lib/server.py: same * tcs_lib/string_helpers.py: same * tcs_lib/tcs_event.py: same * tox.ini: fix project name and doc 2017-07-04 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * doc: added 2017-07-04 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de> * .: ignore byproducts * ReleaseNotes.md: remove OCD references * setup.py: same * tcs_lib/__init__.py: same * tcs lib/errors.py: same * tcs_lib/server.py: same * tcs_lib/tcs_event.py: same * tcs_lib/tcs_replay.py: same * tests: add and adapt tests * setup.cfg: tcs_lib/replay.py doesn't exist anymore 2017-07-04 Francesco Montesano <montefra@mpe.mpg.de>

* import code

7.5 **TODO**

Todo: add timeout?

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