Turbine Client User Manual (Python Scripts)

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Turbine Science Gateway is a web application and execution environment for running and managing scientific applications and storing and archiving the results. Clients interact with the Turbine resource-oriented architecture through a RESTful web interface, either directly over HTTP or using the higher-level Python Client Application Programming Interface (API). The Python API is designed to be easily scriptable, returning structured JSON output that can be easily consumed by other tools. Turbine is a generic solution that can be extended to process modeling and simulation applications. Currently AspenTech's Aspen Plus®, Aspen Custom Modeler® (ACM), and Microsoft® Excel® applications are supported.

The Turbine Client can be deployed on a single workstation, a cluster, and the Amazon® Web Services EC2® cloud. The server-side software is Windows®-based. The cluster and EC2 deployments allow for parallel application executions, which is shown to scale up to deployments of 400 concurrent instances. This can dramatically increase application throughput and thus decrease the time to solution.

This manual provides detailed usage instructions for using the core Turbine Client scripts with a Turbine Science Gateway. These scripts provide direct access to the Turbine Science Gateway Web API, which is used to upload and change a simulation, execute simulations, and monitor the status of job requests and components.

2. PREREQUISITES

2.1. Operating System

- Windows XP, Windows 2003 Server, Windows 7, Windows 2008 Server
- UNIX® systems (Linux®, Mac® OS)

2.2. Required Software

- Python™ 2.7
  Other versions may work
- Python dateutil
  Typically installed automatically

3. INSTALLATION

The Turbine Python module comes with a setup script that installs everything that a user needs to run Turbine. There are multiple options for installation. The user should select the option that matches their needs. See the README file in the distribution for the full instructions.

3.1. UNIX

If the user is installing UNIX for multiple users and has root privileges, the user should use this command:

If the user is only installing UNIX for them self (or does not have root privileges), the user should use this command:

3.2. Windows

On Windows a user can either modify the environment to include the Python interpreter in the environment path variable or provide the following full path to the interpreter:

4. CONFIGURATION

The Turbine Client requires a configuration file to retrieve data about the Gateway and the simulation. Because the configuration file contains some simulation specific data, it is convenient to keep a version around for each simulation that is being run. The configuration file is in Python ConfigParser format. A very simple sectioned name=value format. The configuration file is referred to as "config.txt" in the examples in the remainder of this manual (refer to Section 10 for details).

5. BASIC OPERATIONS

All of the examples in this section are written in a UNIX convention. For Windows the user needs to invoke the Python interpreter and provide the path to the command utility. All Turbine Client scripts require a configuration file to be passed as an argument (refer to Section 10 for configuration file details).

5.1. UNIX

5.2. Windows

5.3. Discover Applications

Several applications are supported by the Turbine Gateway, but not all may be enabled. Use the script below to discover which applications are available.

5.4. Application Description

The application description also defines the set of input and output files that are staged in and out for a single execution run. None of the configured applications below stage files out.

5.5. Create Simulation

To run an application such as ACM, the user first needs to create a new simulation resource on the Gateway that references this application and then upload the required staged-input files.

To create an ACM simulation the user needs:

- A Turbine Client configuration file (refer to Section 10)
- A Simulation Name, an informative alpha-numeric string (e.g., MEA_Adsorber_v1.2)
- The Aspen Custom Modeler file (e.g., acmf)
- A Sinter JSON Configuration file (refer to the *SimSinter User Manual*)

For this example it is assumed that the scripts directory is added to the user's path as recommended in the Installation Guide. If not, the user has to use the absolute path to the scripts in the example. It is also assumed that the simulation and configuration files have been copied to the current working directory. Below are the steps that are required for creating a simulation using the Turbine Client scripts.

All of the files in this example are available in the Turbine Client distribution, the paths are listed below:

- test/integration/simulations/Hybrid_split/Hybrid_v0.51_rev1.1_UQ_0809.acmf
- test/integration/simulations/Hybrid_split/Hybrid_v0.51_rev1.1_UQ_0809_sinter.json
- test/integration/files/Hybrid_split_testruns_noreset.txt

5.5.1. Create the Simulation Resource

The simulation resource acts as a holder for all of the simulation files which are to be staged into the working directory of each simulation execution.

- ACMHybridSplit is the simulation name that is used in following steps
- ACM, this is a reference to the application name
- Turbine Client configuration file

5.5.2. Put the aspenfile Simulation File in the ACMHybridSplit Simulation

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  - **-r RESOURCE, --resource=RESOURCE**
    - Specifies which staged-in file is specified by the application resource (e.g., aspenfile)
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  ACMHybridSplit is the simulation name, that was created in the previous step
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  Path to file (e.g., acmf)
-

  Turbine Client configuration file

5.5.3. Put the SimSinter Configuration File in the ACMHybridSplit Simulation

Add the SimSinter configuration file to the ACMHybridSplit simulation resource. To construct a SimSinter configuration file, refer to the *SimSinter User Manual*. The configuration resource is always the placeholder for the SimSinter configuration file.

At this point the Gateway has a new simulation that can be run, ACMHybridSplit.

5.5.4. Launch Simulation Executions "Jobs"

A "session" is used to group a collection of simulation runs or "jobs". To run a set of jobs the user first needs to create the session. This returns a string that is the session GUID (globally unique identifier). The user should keep track of the GUID as it is used to reference this set of jobs.

Each simulation execution is referred to as a "job". To run a set of jobs the user needs to create a JSON file that contains a list of job descriptions (refer to the *SimSinter User Manual*).

Jobs wait in the create state until they are moved to submit by the user. To move the group of simulations onto the job queue:

5.5.5. Check Status of Simulation Executions "Jobs"

To check the status of all the jobs in the session:

From this the user can see that:

- 4 Runs are waiting on the submit queue
- 2 Runs have completed successfully
- 3 Runs are currently running
- 1 Run is in setup (staging-in files, initializing AspenEngine)

Checking again later, more jobs have completed:

Once the jobs completed, the user can pull the results down from the Gateway. The script turbine_session_get_results prints the resulting JSON file to standard out, to capture the results in a file redirect standard out.

The results of the run are in the file results.json and a user can easily load the results in Python.

6. ADVANCED SCRIPTING (BASH)

This section contains a few advanced examples of using the Turbine scripts to monitor the Gateway. The variable "SESSION" is set to the identifier of the session the user is interested in. The variable "CONFIG" is set to the absolute path of the Turbine Client configuration file.

6.1. Check Status of Session Every Minute

6.2. Check All Sessions for Submit Jobs

7. INTEGRATION TESTING

There are several test suites that are available to verify that the Turbine Client and Gateway are working correctly.

- ws_test_suite.py
  Basic Read operations on web resources
- simulation_test_suite.py
  SimulationWriteTest creates a simulation on the Gateway
- acm_test_suite.py
  Executes the ACM simulation on the Gateway
- aspenplus_test_suite.py
  Executes the Aspen Plus simulations on the Gateway
- excel_test_suite.py
  Executes an Excel simulation on the Gateway

To execute a test the user should be in the "test/integration" directory. The user needs to copy over the template "integration_test.cfg.in" file to "integration_test.cfg", and then add the information from their Turbine Client configuration file (refer to Section 10).

8. SUPPORT

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9. PYTHON API REFERENCE

9.1. Application Resource

9.1.1. turbine_application_list

9.2. Consumer Resource

9.2.1. turbine_consumer_list

9.2.2. turbine_consumer_log

9.3. Job Resource

9.3.1. turbine_job_script

9.4. Session Resource

9.4.1. turbine_session_append

9.4.2. turbine_session_create

9.4.3. turbine_session_delete

9.4.4. turbine_session_get_results

9.4.5. turbine_session_graphs

9.4.6. turbine_session_kill

9.4.7. turbine_session_list

9.4.8. turbine_session_start

9.4.9. turbine_session_stats

9.4.10. turbine_session_status

9.4.11. turbine_session_stop

9.5. Simulation Resource

9.5.1. turbine_simulation_create

9.5.2. turbine_simulation_get

9.5.3. turbine_simulation_list

9.5.4. turbine_simulation_update

10. PYTHON API CONFIGURATION FILE

10.1. Configuration File

The Turbine Python script configuration file is a parameter to every Turbine Python script, it is in "ConfigParser" format. The file contains a separate section for each web resource Application, Consumer, Job, Session, and Simulation. These sections each contain a "url" key, which specifies the URL of the web resource. The "Logging" section is optional. In this section a user can specify a logging configuration file. There is a sample "logging.conf" included in the distribution. The "Authentication" section is for specifying user's credentials.

- The IP Address/FQDN and port of the Gateway (for example: *localhost:8080)*
- Turbine Gateway account username
- Turbine Gateway account password
- If the user provides the "Security" section the Client validates the server's certificate against the provided certificate authority list
  This is a text file containing CA certificates
  To turn validation off, remove the "Security" section

11. TESTS

11.1. Integration

A template integration test configuration file is located in the “test/integration” directory, and is named “integration_test.cfg.in”. The file contains all of the sections contained in the Python API Configuration File (Section 9), and these sections should match. There are additional sections for several of the tests, but these require no modification. Not all of these tests may be relevant for the Turbine Gateway Deployment the user is using, namely some of the applications may not be supported (e.g., ACM, Aspen Plus, Excel, gPROMS).

- WS Tests Suite

- Simulation

- AspenTech ACM

- AspenTech Aspen Plus

12. LOGGING

The Turbine Client uses the standard Python logging module. To use logging for Turbine Client, add a python logging file with the name “logging.conf” into the working directory. Below is an example file.