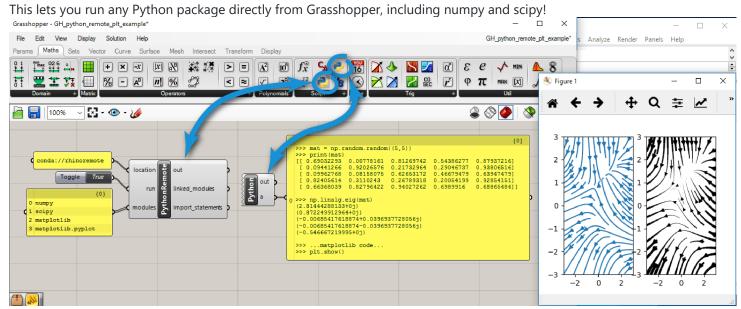
gh-python-remote

Connect an external python instance to Grasshopper, and vice-versa.



³Installation

Requires a Python 2.7 installation, not compatible with Python 3. Python 2.6 might work but is not supported.

Uses rpyc for the connection backend (automatically installed).

³1. Install the software dependencies:

Python 2.7 (2.6 might work too):	gh-python-remote was developed with the Anaconda distribution in mind (comes with numpy and scipy included), but anything else works. If you already have Anaconda installed with Python 3, do not reinstall, instead just read the next paragraph.
Python virtual environment(optional):	isolate dependencies for each project by creating a new virtual environment. If you use Anaconda,conda envname rhinoremotepython=2.7 will set you up with a new virtual environment named rhinoremote.
Rhinoceros3D:	version 5 is the only one supported by gh-python-remote, no other version works.
Grasshopper:	version 0.9.0076 is supported by gh-python-remote. Version 0.9.0061 and up might work as well. Open it at least once before continuing.
GH Python:	version 0.6.0.3 works best, older versions are buggy with gh-python-remote. Drop it on the Grasshopper canvas at least once before continuing.

³2. Install gh-python-remote:

From the Windows command line (or the special Anaconda or Python command if pip is not in your path by default), run: (If you are using a virtual environment, remember to activate it first.)

```
pip install gh-python-remote
python -m ghpythonremote._configure_ironpython_installation
```

The first line installs gh-python-remote in the current Python interpreter. The second tries to find your Rhinoceros IronPython installation, and install gh-python-remote there.

If you do not use the standard Rhinoceros IronPython installation (%APPDATA%\McNeel\Rhinoceros\5.0\Plug-ins\IronPython (814d908a-e25c-493d-97e9-ee3861957f49)\settings), you can specify a target directory to use like so: python -m ghpythonremote._configure_ironpython_installation "location".

This will also install the gh-python-remote UserObject in Grasshopper.

³Usage

All the examples files are copied in the %APPDATA%\Grasshopper\UserObjects\gh-python-remote\examples folder. You can also download them from the github repo.

⁹ From Grasshopper to Python

- 1. Open the example file GH_python_remote.ghx in Python, or drop the gh-python-remote component on the canvas.
- 2. Use the location input to define the location of the Python interpreter you want to connect to. You can use the path to a folder containing python, the full path to a python executable, or conda:// followed by the name of an Anaconda virtual environment.
- 3. Use the modules input to define the modules you want to access in the GHPython component. Anything that can follow an import statement in the remote Python works. If you need to import a submodule inside a package (like import this.that), the parent package has to be imported first.
- 4. Change run to True to connect.
- 5. In the GHPython component, the imported modules will be available via the sticky dictionary. For example if you are trying to use Numpy:

```
import scriptcontext
np = scriptcontext.sticky['numpy']
```

6. Done!

² Quick-ref:

* marks an input that is only available by editing the gh-python-remote UserObject, or in GH_python_remote.ghx.

Arguments:	*code (string):	Path to the GH_to_python_sticky.py code file.		
	location (string):	Path to a python executable, or to a folder containing python.exe, or the name of a conda-created virtual environment prefixed by conda:// (conda://env_name). If empty, finds python from your windows %PATH%.		
	run (boolean):	Creates the connection, and imports new modules, when turned to True. Kills the connection, and deletes the references to the imports, when turned to False.		
	modules (string list):	List of module names to import in the remote python. They will be added to the scriptcontext.sticky dictionary, allowing them to be reused from other python components in the same Grasshopper document. Submodules (for example numpy.linalg have to be added explicitly to this list to be available later.		
	*log_level (string from ['NOTSET', 'DEBUG', 'INFO', 'WARNING', 'ERROR', 'CRITICAL']):			
		Logging level to use for the local IronPython and the remote python instance.		

	*working_dir W (string):	orking directory for the remote python instance.
Returns:	out (string):	Console output with DEBUG information.
	linked_modules (st list):	ring list of imported module names.
	import_statemen (string):	what to use in the GHPython component to actually use the imported modules.

⁵ From Python to Grasshopper

You can also use gh-python-remote to programmatically control a Rhinoceros instance, and connect to it via Python. Have a look at examples/python_to_GH.py for a full working example.

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