

LIDAR CLI User Manual - 1.2.0

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1 Running licli

1.1 First steps

If it's the first time we run licli it would ask us to introduce a password. This password is defined in the configuration file of the lidar server software. In case that it's not the first time and jwt secret has changed we can have some errors like **"The Token's Signature resulted invalid when verified using the Algorithm"**. If it's the case remove `~/.cache/lidar/token` and try again.

1.2 Cheat sheet

1.2.1 Taking data

1. Startup everything
> licli operation --startup

Open/Close only the container doors

- > licli motors doors --open
- > licli motors doors --close

2. Remove the black plastic cap from the liquid light guide at the focus

3. Move telescope to max. zenith
> licli operation telescope --to-max-zenith

Go to another zenith angle

- > licli operation telescope --go-zenith=XX (XX=zenith angle in deg)

4. Check for airplanes at: <https://www.flightradar24.com/41.52,2.07/11>

5. Set the laser power
> licli llc laser --power=XX (X= percent of laser power, from 0 to 100)

6. Shoot the laser
> licli llc laser --fire

7. Take data (remember that the laser must be firing to take data)
> licli operation acq --shots=500 --disc=1:2:1:8

8. Pause the laser
> licli llc laser --pause

9. Shutdown everything
> licli operation --shutdown

1.3 Examples

Open doors: `./licli motors doors --open`

Get converted sensors values: `./licli llc sensors`

Make 4 shots with disc level 2: `./licli operation acq --shots=4 --disc=2:2:2:2`. Output data will be in `~/local/share/lidar-cli`.

1.4 Start up

To start up the system in the standard way execute the "startup" command of 2.7.

If for some reason this fails we can do it manually with the next commands:

- `./licli motors doors --open`
- `./licli motors telescope --sz=600`
- `./licli operation ll --micro-init`
- `./licli motors petals --open`
- `./licli llc laser --init`
- `./licli llc laser --power=5`

1.5 Data acquisition

When an acquisition is made the server stores the data in the licel format and returns an ID, this file can be afterwards downloaded using that identifier. For example to make an acquisition with discriminator levels 1,2,1 and 10 and 100 shots:

`./licli operation acq --shots=100 --disc=1:2:1:10` (this will return the file ID, 1234 for example) `./licli operation acq --download=1234 --disc=1:2:1:10`

1.6 Shutdown

To shutdown the system in the standard way execute the "shutdown" command (section 2.7 briefly describes what it does).

1.7 Warm up

The command for the warm up is described in section 2.7.

1.8 Connect to internal network

There are two switches. One of them is used for all the devices that are accessible from outside the container, the other contains all devices connected to the internal network. To access this network connect a laptop with an ethernet cable to this internal switch with 255.255.255.0 as the mask and an IP equal or below 192.168.127.230. Inside this local network the server is at 192.168.127.253.

2 Commands reference

2.1 LLC

This command contains all the commands related with the low level control board.

2.1.1 Arms

Synopsis

`licli llc arms [OPTION]`

Description

Command to control and monitor laser arm.

Options

- check-node=N** Check communication with node N (N must be either "1" or "2")
- emergency-stop** Execute emergency stop
- get-pos** Get arm current position
- go=X:Y** Go to current position. Argument must follow the format X:Y (eg: 1000:10000)
- init** Initialize arm
- set-speed=axis:speed** Set speed. Argument must follow the format Axis:speed.

2.1.2 DAC

Synopsis

licli llc dac [OPTION]

Description

Command for controlling DAC voltages.

Options

--set-voltage=idx:voltage Set DAC voltage. **idx** is the index of the desired DAC. Voltage is in mV. Setting a voltage of 1000 mV will produce a reading of 1 Volt, but note that the final voltage which will be multiplied by 1000 Volts by the PMT.

2.1.3 Drivers

Synopsis

licli llc drivers [OPTION]

Description

Get information about the drivers.

Options

- status** Get a list of drivers status

2.1.4 Hotwind

Synopsis

licli llc hotwind [OPTION]

Description

Hotwind control.

Options

--error Set error i ?
--lock Lock
--unlock Unlock

2.1.5 Laser

Synopsis

licli llc laser [OPTION]

Description

Laser control.

Options

--fire Fire the laser
--fire-single Fire a single shot
--get-temp Get laser temperature.
--get-counter Get shots counter.
--init Initialize laser
--pause Pause the laser
--power Set power in %
--power-us Set power in microseconds.
--stop Stop the laser.

2.1.6 Relays

Synopsis

licli llc relays [OPTION]

Description

Commands to switch on/off relays.

Options

- status** Get relays status
- hotwind-off** Disable hotwind
- hotwind-on** Enable hotwind. When the temperature reaches the target it will be stopped.
- laser-on** Enable laser
- laser-off** Disable laser
- licel-on** Enable laser
- licel-off** Disable laser

2.1.7 Sensors

Synopsis

licli llc sensors [OPTION]

Description

Commands to get sensor information from low level control board. There are other sensors that this command doesn't read, for example the temperature of the head of the laser. If no option is specified it will print values in human readable form.

Options

- raw** Get raw sensor values

2.2 Motors

2.2.1 Doors

Synopsis

licli motors doors [OPTION]

Description

Commands to control motor doors

Options

- close** Close doors.
- open** Open doors
- stop** Stop doors.
- status** Print current status of the doors (OPEN, CLOSE or INTERSTATE if it's something in the middle)

2.2.2 Petals

Synopsis

licli motors petals [OPTION]

Description

Commands to control petals doors.

Options

- close** Close petals.
- open** Open petals
- stop** Stop petals.
- status** Print current status of the petals (CLOSED or UNKNOWN if there is something else)

2.2.3 Telescope

Synopsis

licli motors telescope [OPTION]

Description

Commands to control telescope motors.

Options

- ga** Get current azimuth position
- gz** Get current zenith position
- home** Go home. If tries to go to the position registered before opening the doors, if it's not possible it defaults to the hardcoded values, which may not be the correct ones. For this reason it's important to start the server when the doors are closed.
- sa** Go to the given azimuth encoder position (an unsigned integer)
- sz** Go to the given zenith encoder position (an unsigned integer)

2.3 Monitoring

Monitoring commands

2.3.1 Sensors

Synopsis

licli monitoring sensors [OPTION]

Description

Monitoring of sensors.

Options

- humidity** Show readings of humidity values
- env-temperature** Show readings of environment temperatures
- last-value** (can be used in combination): Show the last value reading

2.3.2 Motors

Synopsis

licli monitoring motors

Description

Monitoring of the motor monitoring board. It can show encoders position or a bitmap of the current status.

2.4 Alarms

Synopsis

licli monitoring alarms

Description

Waits for alarm messages. Alarms are triggered whenever a sensor exceeds the safe limit. Message are sent in the form of strings informing of the problem.

2.5 Config

Synopsis

licli monitoring config [OPTION]

Description

Config related operations.

Options

- get** Returns current configuration of the server.
- check** Check client configuration. If no errors are found it will print *Configuration OK*.

2.6 Trace

Description

Command for debugging purposes

2.7 Operation

Synopsis

licli operation [OPTION]

Description

Unless other commands, operation commands (2.7) are complex commands. Those complex commands can be macros (ie: a couple of commands executed sequentially) or control functions which makes use of the other functions.

Options

--startup Prepare the laser to shoot. Open the doors, power on all subsystems and move telescope to a good position (ie:above tilt).

--shutdown Power off all subsystems, close petals, move the telescope to parking position and close the doors.

--warmup Start warm up. Enable hotwind and wait until it gets to the target temperature.

2.7.1 Acquisition

Synopsis

licli operation acq [OPTION]

Description

The acquired data is first stored in the server in licel file format. The server will return a file ID so we can download that file at anytime. Files are also downloaded automatically so we don't need to download it manually.

Options

--disc=A:B.. Discriminator levels. Always required. It's an array of discriminators levels separated by a ":". First value corresponds to the first discriminator and so.

--download=N Download licel file. Argument is the ID (unsigned integer) of the licel file we want to download.

--shots=N Acquire a given number of shots. Argument is an unsigned integer greater than 1.

--start Start acquisition manually

--stop Stop acquisition

--analog-data Save a file with all analog values using space character as separator.

--analog-combined Save a file with normalized analog values.

--raw-analog Save lsw and msw arrays in raw format.

--raw-squared Save squared data in raw format.

2.7.2 Telescope

Synopsis

licli operation telescope [OPTION]

Description

Telescope motors operations. When going to parking position it will first try to go to the last know good value (ie: the position we know that doors can be closed), if it's not possible it will go to the hardcoded values.

Options

- get-azimuth** Get azimuth position
- go-azimuth-parking** Go to azimuth parking position
- go-parking** Go to parking position
- go-zenith-parking** Go zenith parking position
- go-zenith=N** Go to zenith inclination in degrees
- start-test** Execute telescope tests (move azmiuth and zenith to their maximum, minimum and parking position).
- stop** Stop any telescope movement
- to-max-azimuth** Go to maximum azimuth
- to-max-zenith** Go to maximum zenith
- to-min-azimuth** Go to minimum azimuth

2.7.3 Low level

Synopsis

licli operation ll [OPTION]

Description

Low level operations.

Options

- arm-align** Move arm to alignment position (first it must be initialized)
- arm-init** Initialize arm
- laser-init** Initialize laser (first it must be powered-on)
- laser-power-off** Power off laser
- laser-power-on** Power on laser
- laser-fire** Fire the laser
- micro-init** Micro initialization sequence. Prepare laser, arm and rump up all DACs.
- micro-shutdown** Micro shutdown sequence. Power off laser hotwind and ramp down DACs

- ramp-down** Ramp down all DACs
- ramp-single** Modify voltage of a single DAC. Argument must follow the format `idx:voltage`.
- ramp-up** Ramp up all DACs (defaults to 150)

3 Configuration

Configuration files can be found on `~/config/lidar/client/`.

- `acquisition.properties`: This config file is mandatory. It have four fields named `wavelength_ch_N` where N goes from 1 to 4. This specifies the wavelength for each channel.
- `micro_init_sequence.properties`: Can be used to defines arm alignment position, pmt voltages and temperature threshold.
- `networking.properties`: Can be used to specify address and TCP port of the server. By default it connects to **lidar.ifae.es**.

3.1 Environment variables

- `LIDAR_INSECURE`: By default licli uses tls encryption. If this variable is set to true licli won't use any encryption method. Note that the server must also allow plain text connections.
- `LIDAR_VERBOSE`: Increase verbosity level. Valid levels are 1,2,3, and 4.

4 Troubleshooting

In case of unknown problems, increase verbosity level to gather more information. To do this define `LIDAR_VERBOSE` environment variable with an integer in the range of [1, 4], then execute licli again.

4.1 The Token's Signature resulted invalid...

Once we introduce the correct password a token is generated and save in our machine. This token allows us to execute new commands without having to introduce the password each time. Next time we execute a command the token (which is an encrypted message) will be sent to the server, validated and, if valid, it will execute our command. However, our local token may be invalid for multiple reasons (e.g: server password changed). The fix should be straightforward; remove `~/cache/lidar/token` and try again. This way a new (valid) token will be generated.

4.2 This method is not safe/read-only

This means that the keylock is on which means that only those commands that don't produce side effects are allowed (ie: read-only commands) for example to read the status, etc. To fix it someone have to go physically and switch off the keylock.

Note: **enabling the keylock doesn't kill current running commands**

4.3 Connection problems

Execute **ping lidar.ifae.es** and see if there is an answer. The server may take up to 10 minutes to be completely operational, if after this time the the server doesn't answer ping requests, power off and on the lidar.

If the server is responding to ping requests, try to check if lidar service is also running. To do it check if port 81 is open (you can use a command like **nc -vz lidar.ifae.es 81** to check it). If it isn't, power off and on the lidar.

4.4 Where is X,Y,Z file/directory

This program follow the XDG Base Directory specification. The full specification may be found on <https://standards.freedesktop.org/basedir-spec/basedir-spec-latest.html>

In short

- `~/.config/lidar`: Where config files are stored. See section 3.
- `~/.local/share/lidar`: Data directory. Licel, raw files and all related lidar output is stored here.
- `~/.cache/lidar`: Cache dir. Only the token is stored there.