mdfreader Documentation

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MDF MODULE DOCUMENTATION

mdf_skeleton module describing basic mdf structure and methods Created on Thu Sept 24 2015

1.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.6+ and 3.2+

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1.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.2 http://www.python.org
- Numpy >1.6 http://numpy.scipy.org

1.3 mdf module

 ${\bf class} \; {\tt mdf.compressed_data}$

Methods

compression(a)

data compression method

Parameters a: numpy array

data to be compresses

decompression()

data decompression

 ${\bf class} \ {\tt mdf_skeleton} \ ({\it fileName=None}, \ {\it channelList=None}, \ {\it convertAfterRead=True}, \ {\it filterChannel-Names=False}, {\it noDataLoading=False}, {\it compression=False})$

Bases: dict

Methods

```
MDFVersionNumber
add_channel (dataGroup, channel_name, data, master_channel, master_type=1, unit='', descrip-
                tion='', conversion=None, info=None, compression=False)
     adds channel to mdf dict.
         Parameters dataGroup: int
               dataGroup number. Is appended to master name for non unique channel names
             channel name: str
               channel name
             data: numpy array
               numpy array of channel's data
             master_channel: str
               master channel name
             master_type: int, optional
               master channel type: 0=None, 1=Time, 2=Angle, 3=Distance, 4=index
             unit: str, optional
               unit description
             description: str, optional
               channel description
             conversion: info class, optional
               conversion description from info class
             info: info class for CNBlock, optional
               used for CABlock axis creation and channel conversion
             compression: bool
               flag to ask for channel data compression
add_metadata (author='', organisation='', project='', subject='', comment='', date='', time='')
     adds basic metadata to mdf class
         Parameters author: str
               author of file
             organisation: str
               organisation of author
             project : str
             subject: str
             comment : str
             date: str
             time: str
convertAfterRead
```

convert_tables copy() copy a mdf class fid fileName file metadata filterChannelNames getChannel (channelName) Extract channel dict from mdf structure Parameters channelName: str channel name Returns channel dictionnary containing data, description, unit, etc. getChannelConversion(channelName) Extract channel conversion dict from mdf structure Parameters channelName: str channel name Returns channel conversion dict getChannelDesc (channelName) Extract channel description information from mdf structure Parameters channelName: str channel name **Returns** channel description string getChannelMaster(channelName) Extract channel master name from mdf structure Parameters channelName: str channel name **Returns** channel master name string getChannelMasterType (channelName) Extract channel master type information from mdf structure Parameters channelName: str channel name Returns channel mater type integer getChannelUnit (channelName) Returns channel unit string Implemented for a future integration of pint

Parameters channelName: str

unit string description

channel name

Returns str

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```
info
```

masterChannelList

multiProc

remove_channel (channel_name)

removes channel from mdf dict.

Parameters channel name: str

channel name

Returns value of mdf dict key=channel_name

remove_channel_conversion(channelName)

removes conversion key from mdf channel dict.

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

Returns removed value from dict

rename_channel (channelName, newname)

Modifies name of channel

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

newname: str

new channel name

setChannelAttachment (channelName, attachment)

Modifies channel attachment

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

attachment

channel attachment

 $\verb§setChannelConversion (channelName, conversion)$

Modifies conversion dict of channel

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

conversion : dict

conversion dictionnary

setChannelData(channelName, data, compression=False)

Modifies data of channel

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

data: numpy array

channel data

compression: bool or str

trigger for data compression

setChannelDesc (channelName, desc)

Modifies description of channel

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

desc : str

channel description

setChannelMaster (channelName, master)

Modifies channel master name

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

master: str

master channel name

setChannelMasterType (channelName, masterType)

Modifies master channel type

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

masterType: int

master channel type

setChannelUnit (channelName, unit)

Modifies unit of channel

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

unit: str

channel unit

zipfile

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MDFREADER MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format file reader main module

2.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.6+ and 3.2+

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2.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.2 http://www.python.org
- Numpy >1.6 http://numpy.scipy.org
- Sympy to convert channels with formula
- bitarray for not byte aligned data parsing
- Matplotlib >1.0 http://matplotlib.sourceforge.net
- NetCDF
- h5py for the HDF5 export
- xlwt for the excel export (not existing for python3)
- openpyxl for the excel 2007 export
- scipy for the Matlab file conversion
- · zlib to uncompress data block if needed

2.3 Attributes

PythonVersion [float] Python version currently running, needed for compatibility of both python 2.6+ and 3.2+

2.4 mdfreader module

Notes

mdf class is a nested dict Channel name is the primary dict key of mdf class At a higher level, each channel includes the following keys:

```
'data': containing vector of data (numpy)
'unit': unit (string)
'master': master channel of channel (time, crank angle, etc.)
'description': Description of channel
```

•'conversion': mdfinfo nested dict for CCBlock. Exist if channel not converted, used to convert with getChannelData method

Examples

```
>>> import mdfreader
>>> yop=mdfreader.mdf('NameOfFile')
>>> yop.keys() # list channels names
# list channels grouped by raster or master channel
>>> yop.masterChannelList
>>> yop.plot('channelName') or yop.plot({'channel1','channel2'})
>>> yop.resample(0.1) or yop.resample(channelName='master3')
>>> yop.exportoCSV(sampling=0.01)
>>> yop.exportNetCDF()
>>> yop.exporttoHDF5()
>>> yop.exporttoMatlab()
>>> yop.exporttoExcel()
>>> yop.exporttoXlsx()
>>> yop.convertToPandas() # converts data groups into pandas dataframes
>>> yop.write() # writes mdf file
# drops all the channels except the one in argument
>>> yop.keepChannels({'channel1','channel2','channel3'})
>>> yop.getChannelData('channelName') # returns channel numpy array
```

Attributes

fileName	(str) file name
MDFVer-	(int) mdf file version number
sionNum-	
ber	
master-	(dict) Represents data structure: a key per master channel with corresponding value
Channel-	containing a list of channels One key or master channel represents then a data group having
List	same sampling interval.
multiProc	(bool) Flag to request channel conversion multi processed for performance improvement.
	One thread per data group.
file_metadata	(dict) file metadata with minimum keys: author, organisation, project, subject, comment,
	time, date

Methods

convertAfterRead=True, filterChannelNames=False, noDataLoading=False, compression=False) write (fileName=None) getChannelData(channelName) convertAllChannel() getChannelData(channelName) converts all channel data according to CCBlock information getChannelUnit(channelName) getChannelUnit(channelName) getChannelUnit(channelName) getChannelUnit(channelName) getChannelUnit(channelName) getChannelUnit(channelName) plot (channels) Resample (samplingTime = 0.1, masterChannel=None) exportToCSV(filename = None, sampling = 0.1) Exports mdf data into CSV file exportToNetCDF(filename = None, sampling = None) Exports mdf data into netcdf file exportToHDF5(filename = None, sampling = None) Exports mdf class data structure into hdf5 file exportToMatlab(filename = None) Exports mdf class data structure into Matlab file exportToExcel(filename = None) Exports mdf data into excel 95 to 2003 file exportToXlsx(filename=None) Exports mdf data into excel 2007 and 2010 file convertToPandas(sampling=None) keepChannels(channelList) keep only list of channels and removes the other channels	read(fileName = None, multiProc = False, channelList=None,	reads mdf file version 3.x
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allPlot()

convertAllChannel()

Converts all channels from raw data to converted data according to CCBlock information Converted data will take more memory.

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```
convertToPandas (sampling=None)
```

converts mdf data structure into pandas dataframe(s)

Parameters sampling: float, optional

resampling interval

Notes

One pandas dataframe is converted per data group Not adapted yet for mdf4 as it considers only time master channels

```
copy()
```

copy a mdf class

cut (begin=None, end=None)

Cut data

Parameters begin: float

beginning value in master channel from which to start cutting in all channels

end: float

ending value in master channel from which to start cutting in all channels

Notes

Use this method if whole data in mdf are using same physical or type of master channel (for instance time).

```
exportToCSV (filename=None, sampling=None)
```

Exports mdf data into CSV file

Parameters filename: str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

sampling: float, optional

sampling interval. None by default

Notes

Data saved in CSV fille be automatically resampled as it is difficult to save in this format data not sharing same master channel Warning: this can be slow for big data, CSV is text format after all

```
exportToExcel (filename=None)
```

Exports mdf data into excel 95 to 2003 file

Parameters filename: str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

Notes

xlwt is not fast even for small files, consider other binary formats like HDF5 or Matlab If there are more than 256 channels, data will be saved over different worksheets Also Excel 2003 is becoming rare these days, prefer using exportToXlsx

exportToHDF5 (filename=None, sampling=None)

Exports mdf class data structure into hdf5 file

Parameters filename: str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

sampling: float, optional sampling interval.

Notes

The maximum attributes will be stored Data structure will be similar has it is in masterChannelList attribute

exportToMatlab (filename=None)

Export mdf data into Matlab file format 5, tentatively compressed

Parameters filename: str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

Notes

This method will dump all data into Matlab file but you will loose below information: - unit and descriptions of channel - data structure, what is corresponding master channel to a channel.

Channels might have then different lengths

exportToNetCDF (filename=None, sampling=None)

Exports mdf data into netcdf file

Parameters filename: str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

sampling: float, optional

sampling interval.

exportToXlsx (filename=None)

Exports mdf data into excel 2007 and 2010 file

Parameters filename: str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

Notes

It is recommended to export resampled data for performances

getChannelData(channelName)

Return channel numpy array

Parameters channelName: str

channel name

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Notes

This method is the safest to get channel data as numpy array from 'data' dict key might contain raw data

keepChannels (channelList)

keeps only list of channels and removes the other channels

Parameters channelList: list of str

list of channel names

mergeMdf (mdfClass)

Merges data of 2 mdf classes

Parameters mdfClass: mdf

mdf class instance to be merge with self

Notes

both classes must have been resampled, otherwise, impossible to know master channel to match create union of both channel lists and fill with Nan for unknown sections in channels

plot (channels)

Plot channels with Matplotlib

Parameters channels: str or list of str

channel name or list of channel names

Notes

Channel description and unit will be tentatively displayed with axis labels

Parameters fileName: str, optional

file name

multiProc: bool

flag to activate multiprocessing of channel data conversion

channelList: list of str, optional

list of channel names to be read If you use channelList, reading might be much slower but it will save you memory. Can be used to read big files

convertAfterRead: bool, optional

flag to convert channel after read, True by default If you use convertAfterRead by setting it to false, all data from channels will be kept raw, no conversion applied. If many float are stored in file, you can gain from 3 to 4 times memory footprint To calculate value from channel, you can then use method .getChannelData()

filterChannelNames: bool, optional

flag to filter long channel names from its module names separated by '.'

noDataLoading: bool, optional

Flag to read only file info but no data to have minimum memory use

compression: bool or str, optional

To compress data in memory using blosc or bcolz, takes cpu time if compression = int(1 to 9), uses bcolz for compression if compression = 'blosc', uses blosc for compression Choice given, efficiency depends of data

Notes

If you keep convertAfterRead to true, you can set attribute mdf.multiProc to activate channel conversion in multiprocessing. Gain in reading time can be around 30% if file is big and using a lot of float channels

resample (samplingTime=None, masterChannel=None)

Resamples all data groups into one data group having defined sampling interval or sharing same master channel

Parameters samplingTime: float, optional

resampling interval, None by default. If None, will merge all datagroups into a unique datagroup having the highest sampling rate from all datagroups

or

masterChannel: str, optional

master channel name to be used for all channels

Notes

- 1. resampling is relatively safe for mdf3 as it contains only time series. However, mdf4 can contain also distance, angle, etc. It might make not sense to apply one resampling to several data groups that do not share same kind of master channel (like time resampling to distance or angle data groups) If several kind of data groups are used, you should better use pandas to resample
- 2. resampling will convert all your channels so be careful for big files and memory consumption

write (fileName=None)

Writes simple mdf file, same format as originally read, default is 4.x

Parameters fileName: str, optional

Name of file If file name is not input, written file name will be the one read with appended '_new' string before extension

Notes

All channels will be converted, so size might be bigger than original file

class mdfreader.mdfinfo (fileName=None, filterChannelNames=False, fid=None, minimal=0)
 Bases: dict

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Methods

fid

fileName

filterChannelNames

listChannels (fileName=None)

Read MDF file blocks and returns a list of contained channels

Parameters fileName: string

file name

Returns nameList: list of string

list of channel names

mdfversion

 $\verb"readinfo" (fileName=None, fid=None, minimal=0)$

Reads MDF file and extracts its complete structure

Parameters fileName: str, optional

file name. If not input, uses fileName attribute

fid: file identifier, optional

minimal: int

0 will load every metadata 1 will load DG, CG, CN and CC 2 will load only DG

zipfile

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THREE

MDF3READER MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format file reader module for version 3.x

3.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.6+ and 3.2+

Author Aymeric Rateau

Created on Sun Oct 10 12:57:28 2010

3.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.2 http://www.python.org
- Numpy >1.6 http://numpy.scipy.org
- Sympy to convert channels with formula

3.3 Attributes

PythonVersion [float] Python version currently running, needed for compatibility of both python 2.6+ and 3.2+

3.4 mdf3reader module

class mdf3reader.DATA (fid, pointer)

Bases: dict

DATA class is organizing record classes itself made of channel. This class inherits from dict. Keys are corresponding to channel group recordID. A DATA class corresponds to a data block, a dict of record classes (one per channel group). Each record class contains a list of channel class representing the structure of channel record.

Attributes

fid	(io.open) file identifier
pointerToData	(int) position of Data block in mdf file
BlockLength (int) total size of data block	

Methods

addRecord(record)	Adds a new record in DATA class dict	
read(channelSet)	Reads data block	
loadSorted(record, nameList=None)	Reads sorted data block from record definition	
loadUnSorted(nameList=None)	Reads unsorted data block, not yet implemented	

addRecord (record)

Adds a new record in DATA class dict

Parameters record class

channel group definition listing record channel classes

loadSorted (record, nameList=None)

Reads sorted data block from record definition

Parameters record class

channel group definition listing record channel classes

channelSet: set of str, optional

list of channel names

Returns numpy recarray of data

loadUnSorted(nameList=None)

Reads unsorted data block from record definition

Parameters record class

channel group definition listing record channel classes

channelSet: set of str, optional

list of channel names

Returns numpy recarray of data

read (channelSet)

Reads data block

Parameters channelSet: set of str, optional

list of channel names

mdf3reader.expConv(data, conv)

apply exponential conversion to data

Parameters data: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv: mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

 $\verb|mdf3reader.formulaConv| (\textit{data}, \textit{conv})|$

apply formula conversion to data

Parameters data: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv: mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

Notes

Requires sympy module

mdf3reader.linearConv (data, conv) apply linear conversion to data

Parameters data: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv: mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

mdf3reader.logConv (*data*, *conv*) apply logarithmic conversion to data

Parameters data: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv: mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

 ${\bf class} \ {\tt mdf3reader.mdf3} \ ({\it fileName=None, channel List=None, convert After Read=True, filter None, convert After Read=True, filter Channel List=No$

Names=False, noDataLoading=False, compression=False)

Bases: mdf.mdf_skeleton
mdf file version 3.0 to 3.3 class

Attributes

fileName	(str) file name
MDFVer-	(int) mdf file version number
sionNum-	
ber	
master-	(dict) Represents data structure: a key per master channel with corresponding value
Channel-	containing a list of channels One key or master channel represents then a data group having
List	same sampling interval.
multiProc	(bool) Flag to request channel conversion multi processed for performance improvement.
	One thread per data group.
con-	(bool) flag to convert raw data to physical just after read
vertAfter-	
Read	
filterChan-	(bool) flag to filter long channel names from its module names separated by '.'
nelNames	
file_metadata	(dict) file metadata with minimum keys: author, organisation, project, subject, comment,
	time, date

Methods

read3(fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False,	Reads mdf 3.x file data and stores it in dict
channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True)	
_getChannelData3(channelName)	Returns channel numpy array
_convertChannel3(channelName)	converts specific channel from raw to physical
	data according to CCBlock information
_convertAllChannel3()	Converts all channels from raw data to converted
	data according to CCBlock information
write3(fileName=None)	Writes simple mdf 3.3 file

read3 (fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True, filterChannelNames=False, compression=False)
Reads mdf 3.x file data and stores it in dict

Parameters fileName: str, optional

file name

info: mdfinfo3.info3 class

info3 class containing all MDF Blocks

multiProc: bool

flag to activate multiprocessing of channel data conversion

channelList: list of str, optional

list of channel names to be read If you use channelList, reading might be much slower but it will save you memory. Can be used to read big files

convertAfterRead: bool, optional

flag to convert channel after read, True by default If you use convertAfterRead by setting it to false, all data from channels will be kept raw, no conversion applied. If many float are stored in file, you can gain from 3 to 4 times memory footprint To calculate value from channel, you can then use method .getChannelData()

compression: bool, optional

falg to activate data compression with blosc

write3 (fileName=None)

Writes simple mdf 3.3 file

Parameters fileName: str, optional

Name of file If file name is not input, written file name will be the one read with appended '_new' string before extension

Notes

All channels will be converted to physical data, so size might be bigger than original file

mdf3reader.polyConv (data, conv) apply polynomial conversion to data

Parameters data: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv: mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

mdf3reader.rationalConv(data, conv)

apply rational conversion to data

Parameters data: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv: mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

class mdf3reader.record (dataGroup, channelGroup)

Bases: list

record class lists Channel classes, it is representing a channel group

Attributes

CGrecordLength	(int) length of record from channel group block information in Byte
recordLength	(int) length of record from channels information in Byte
numberOfRecords	(int) number of records in data block
recordID	(int) recordID corresponding to channel group
recordIDnumber	(int) size of recordID
dataGroup	(int:) data group number
channelGroup	(int) channel group number
numpyDataRecordFormat	(list) list of numpy (dtype) for each channel
dataRecordName	(list) list of channel names used for recarray attribute definition
master	(dict) define name and number of master channel
recordToChannelMatch-	(dict) helps to identify nested bits in byte
ing	
channelNames	(set) channel names to be stored, useful for low memory consumption but
	slow
hiddenBytes	(Bool, False by default) flag in case of non declared channels in record
byte_aligned	(Bool, True by default) flag for byte aligned record

Methods

addChannel(info, channelNumber)	
loadInfo(info)	
readSortedRecord(fid, pointer, channelSet=None)	
readRecordBuf(buf, channelSet=None)	
readRecordBits(bita, channelSet=None)	

addChannel (info, channelNumber)

add a channel in class

Parameters info: mdfinfo3.info3 class

 ${\color{red} channel Number: int} \\$

channel number in mdfinfo3.info3 class

loadInfo(info)

gathers records related from info class

Parameters info: mdfinfo3.info3 class

```
readRecordBits (bita, channelSet=None)
```

read stream of record bits by bits in case of not aligned or hidden bytes

Parameters buf: stream

stream of bytes read in file

channelSet: Set of str, optional

list of channel to read

Returns rec: dict

returns dictionary of channel with its corresponding values

readRecordBuf (buf, channelSet=None)

read stream of record bytes

Parameters buf: stream

stream of bytes read in file

channelSet: Set of str, optional

list of channel to read

Returns rec: dict

returns dictionary of channel with its corresponding values

readSortedRecord (fid, pointer, channelSet=None)

reads record, only one channel group per datagroup

Parameters fid: float

file identifier

pointer

position in file of data block beginning

channelSet: Set of str, optional

list of channel to read

Returns rec: numpy recarray

contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

Notes

If channelSet is None, read data using numpy.core.records.fromfile that is rather quick. However, in case of large file, you can use channelSet to load only interesting channels or only one channel on demand, but be aware it might be much slower.

mdf3reader.tabConv(data, conv)

apply Tabular conversion to data

Parameters data: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv: mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

mdf3reader.tabInterpConv(data, conv)

apply Tabular interpolation conversion to data

Parameters data: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv: mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

mdf3reader.textRangeTableConv(data, conv)

apply text range table conversion to data

Parameters data: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv: mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

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MDFINFO3 MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format blocks parser for version 3.x Created on Thu Dec 9 12:57:28 2014

4.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.6+ and 3.2+

Author Aymeric Rateau

4.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.2 http://www.python.org
- Numpy >1.6 http://numpy.scipy.org

4.3 Attributes

Python Version [float] Python version currently running, needed for compatibility of both python 2.6+ and 3.2+

4.4 mdfinfo3 module

Methods

```
cleanDGinfo (dg) delete CN,CC and CG blocks related to data group

Parameters dg: int

data group number
```

fileName

```
filterChannelNames
```

listChannels3 (fileName=None, fid=None)

reads data, channel group and channel blocks to list channel names

Returns list of channel names

Attributes

```
fileName
                       (str) file name
     readCGBlock (fid, dg, minimal=0)
          read all CG blocks and relying CN & CC
              Parameters fid: float
                     file identifier
                  dg: int
                    datagroup number
                  channelSet: set
                     set of channel names to read
                  minimal: int
                    0 will load every metadata 1 will load DG, CG, CN and CC 2 will load only DG
     readinfo3 (fid, minimal=0)
          read all file blocks except data
              Parameters fid: float
                     file identifier
                  minimal: int
                    0 will load every metadata 1 will load DG, CG, CN and CC 2 will load only DG
mdfinfo3.read_cc_block (fid, pointer)
     channel conversion block reading
mdfinfo3.read_cg_block (fid, pointer)
     channel block reading
mdfinfo3.read_cn_block (fid, pointer)
     channel block reading
mdfinfo3.read_dg_block (fid, pointer)
     data group block reading
mdfinfo3.read_hd_block (fid, pointer, version=0)
     header block reading
mdfinfo3.read_tx_block (fid, pointer)
     reads text block
```

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FIVE

MDF4READER MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format file reader module for version 4.x.

5.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.6+ and 3.2+

Author Aymeric Rateau

Created on Thu Dec 10 12:57:28 2013

5.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.2 http://www.python.org
- Numpy >1.6 http://numpy.scipy.org
- bitarray to parse bits in not aligned bytes
- Sympy to convert channels with formula if needed
- · zlib to uncompress data block if needed

5.3 Attributes

PythonVersion [float] Python version currently running, needed for compatibility of both python 2.6+ and 3.2+

5.4 mdf4reader module

class mdf4reader.DATA (fid, pointer)
 Bases: dict

Methods

addRecord (record)

Adds a new record in DATA class dict.

Parameters record class

```
channel group definition listing record channel classes
```

```
fid
```

load (record, info, nameList=None, sortedFlag=True, vlsd=False)
Reads data block from record definition

Parameters record class

channel group definition listing record channel classes

info class

contains blocks

nameList: list of str, optional

list of channel names

sortedFlag: bool, optional

flag to know if data block is sorted (only one Channel Group in block) or unsorted (several Channel Groups identified by a recordID). As unsorted block can contain CG records in random order, block is processed iteratively, not in raw like sorted -> much slower reading

vlsd: bool

indicate a sd block, compressed (DZ) or not (SD)

Returns numpy recarray of data

pointerTodata

read (channelSet, info)
Reads data block

Parameters channelSet: set of str

set of channel names

info: info object

contains blocks structures

readRecord (recordID, info, buf, channelSet=None)

read record from a buffer

Parameters recordID: int

record identifier

info class

contains blocks

buf: str

buffer of data from file to be converted to channel raw data

channelSet: set of str

setof channel names to be read

type

mdf4reader.DATABlock (record, info, parent_block, channelSet=None, nrecords=None, sorted-Flag=True, vlsd=False)

DATABlock converts raw data into arrays

Parameters record: class

record class instance describing a channel group record

parent_block : class

MDFBlock class containing at least parent block header

channelSet: set of str, optional

defines set of channels to only read, can be slow but saves memory, for big files

nrecords: int, optional

number of records to read

sortedFlag: bool, optional

flag to know if data block is sorted (only one Channel Group in block) or unsorted (several Channel Groups identified by a recordID). As unsorted block can contain CG records in random order, block is processed iteratively, not in raw like sorted -> much slower reading

vlsd: bool

indicate a sd block, compressed (DZ) or not (SD)

Returns a recarray containing the channels data

Notes

This function will read DTBlock, RDBlock, DZBlock (compressed), RDBlock (VLSD), sorted or unsorted mdf4reader.decompress_datablock (block, zip_type, zip_parameter, org_data_length) decompress datablock.

Parameters block: bytes

raw data compressed

zip_type : int

0 for non transposed, 1 for transposed data

zip_parameter: int

first dimension of matrix to be transposed

org_data_length: int

uncompressed data length

Returns uncompressed raw data

mdf4reader.equalizeStringLength(buf)

Makes all strings in a list having same length by appending spaces strings.

Parameters buf: list of str

Returns list of str elements all having same length

mdf4reader.formulaConv(vect, formula)

apply formula conversion to data

Parameters vect: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

cc_val: mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

 $mdf4reader.linearConv(vect, cc_val)$

apply linear conversion to data

Parameters vect : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

cc_val: mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

Bases: mdf.mdf_skeleton

mdf file reader class from version 4.0 to 4.1.1

Attributes

fileName	(str) file name
MDFVer-	(int) mdf file version number
sionNum-	
ber	
master-	(dict) Represents data structure: a key per master channel with corresponding value
Channel-	containing a list of channels One key or master channel represents then a data group having
List	same sampling interval.
multiProc	(bool) Flag to request channel conversion multi processed for performance improvement.
	One thread per data group.
con-	(bool) flag to convert raw data to physical just after read
vertAfter-	
Read	
filterChan-	(bool) flag to filter long channel names from its module names separated by '.'
nelNames	
file_metadata	(dict) file metadata with minimum keys: author, organisation, project, subject, comment,
	time, date

Methods

read4(fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False,	Reads mdf 4.x file data and stores it in dict
channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True)	
_getChannelData4(channelName)	Returns channel numpy array
_convertChannel4(channelName)	converts specific channel from raw to physical
	data according to CCBlock information
_convertAllChannel4()	Converts all channels from raw data to converted
	data according to CCBlock information

read4 (fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True, filterChannelNames=False, compression=False)
Reads mdf 4.x file data and stores it in dict

Parameters fileName: str, optional

file name

```
info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
```

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

multiProc: bool

flag to activate multiprocessing of channel data conversion

channelList: list of str, optional

list of channel names to be read If you use channelList, reading might be much slower but it will save you memory. Can be used to read big files

convertAfterRead: bool, optional

flag to convert channel after read, True by default If you use convertAfterRead by setting it to false, all data from channels will be kept raw, no conversion applied. If many float are stored in file, you can gain from 3 to 4 times memory footprint To calculate value from channel, you can then use method .getChannelData()

compression: bool, optional

falg to activate data compression with blosc

write4 (fileName=None)

Writes simple mdf 4.1 file

Parameters fileName: str, optional

Name of file If file name is not input, written file name will be the one read with appended '_new' string before extension

Notes

All channels will be converted to physical data, so size might be bigger than original file

```
mdf4reader.rationalConv(vect, cc_val)
apply rational conversion to data
```

Parameters vect: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

cc val: mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

mdf4reader.readUnsorted(record, info, parent_block, channelSet=None)

mdf4reader.read_sdblock(signal_data_type, sdblock, sdblock_length)

Reads vlsd channel from its SD Block bytes

Parameters signal_data_type: int

sdblock : bytes
SD Block bytes

sdblock length: int

SD Block data length (header not included)

Returns array

 ${\bf class} \; {\tt mdf4reader.record} \; ({\it dataGroup}, {\it channelGroup})$

Bases: list

Methods CANOpen CGrecordLength Flags MLSD VLSD VLSD_CG addChannel(info, channelNumber)add a channel in class Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class channelNumber: int channel number in mdfinfo4.info4 class byte_aligned channelGroup channelNames dataGroup dataRecordName generate chunks() Initialise recarray **Returns** (nrecord_chunk, chunk_size) hiddenBytes initialise_recarray (info, channelSet, nrecords, dtype=None, channels_indexes=None) Initialise recarray Parameters info: info class channelSet: set of str, optional set of channel to read nrecords: int number of records dtype: numpy dtype, optional channels_indexes: list of int, optional Returns rec: numpy recarray contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name) invalid channel loadInfo(info) gathers records related from info class Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

master

numberOfRecords

numpyDataRecordFormat

readRecordBuf (buf, info, channelSet=None)

read stream of record bytes

Parameters buf: stream

stream of bytes read in file

info class

contains blocks structure

channelSet: set of str, optional

set of channel to read

Returns rec: dict

returns dictionary of channel with its corresponding values

readSortedRecord (fid, info, channelSet=None)

reads record, only one channel group per datagroup

Parameters fid:

file identifier

pointer

position in file of data block beginning

channelSet: set of str, optional

set of channel to read

Returns rec: numpy recarray

contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

Notes

If channelSet is None, read data using numpy.core.records.fromfile that is rather quick. However, in case of large file, you can use channelSet to load only interesting channels or only one channel on demand, but be aware it might be much slower.

read_all_channels_sorted_record(fid)

reads all channels from file using numpy fromstring, chunk by chunk

Parameters fid:

file identifier

Returns rec: numpy recarray

contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

read_channels_from_bytes (bita, info, channelSet=None, nrecords=None, dtype=None, channels_indexes=None)

reads stream of record bytes using dataRead module if available otherwise bitarray

Parameters bita: stream stream of bytes

```
info: info class
             channelSet: set of str, optional
               set of channel to read
             nrecords: int
               number of records
             dtype: numpy dtype
             channels_indexes: list of int
         Returns rec: numpy recarray
               contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)
read_channels_from_bytes_fallback (bita,
                                                       info,
                                                              channelSet=None,
                                                                                   nrecords=None,
                                               dtype=None, channels_indexes=None)
     reads stream of record bytes using bitarray in case no dataRead available
         Parameters bita: stream
               stream of bytes
             info: info class
             channelSet: set of str, optional
               set of channel to read
             nrecords: int
               number of records
             dtype: numpy dtype
             channels_indexes: list of int
         Returns rec: numpy recarray
               contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)
read_not_all_channels_sorted_record(fid, info, channelSet)
     reads channels from file listed in channelSet
         Parameters fid:
               file identifier
             info: info class
             channelSet: set of str, optional
               set of channel to read
         Returns rec: numpy recarray
               contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)
recordID
recordIDCFormat
recordIDsize
recordLength
recordToChannelMatching
```

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```
mdf4reader.textToTextConv(vect, cc ref)
     apply text to text conversion to data
           Parameters vect: numpy 1D array
                   raw data to be converted to physical value
               cc ref: cc ref from mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict
           Returns converted data to physical value
mdf4reader.textToValueConv(vect, cc_val, cc_ref)
     apply text to value conversion to data
           Parameters vect: numpy 1D array
                   raw data to be converted to physical value
               cc_val: cc_val from mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict
               cc_ref : cc_ref from mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict
           Returns converted data to physical value
mdf4reader.valueRangeToTextConv(vect, cc_val, cc_ref)
     apply value range to text conversion to data
           Parameters vect: numpy 1D array
                   raw data to be converted to physical value
               cc_val: cc_val from mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict
               cc_ref: cc_ref from mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict
           Returns converted data to physical value
mdf4reader.valueRangeToValueTableConv(vect, cc val)
     apply value range to value table conversion to data
           Parameters vect : numpy 1D array
                   raw data to be converted to physical value
               cc val: mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict
           Returns converted data to physical value
mdf4reader.valueToTextConv(vect, cc_val, cc_ref)
     apply value to text conversion to data
           Parameters vect: numpy 1D array
                   raw data to be converted to physical value
               cc_val : cc_val from mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict
               cc_ref : cc_ref from mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict
           Returns converted data to physical value
mdf4reader.valueToValueTableWInterpConv(vect, cc_val)
     apply value to value table with interpolation conversion to data
           Parameters vect: numpy 1D array
                   raw data to be converted to physical value
               cc_val: mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict
```

Returns converted data to physical value

 $\verb|mdf4reader.valueTableWOInterpConv| (vect, cc_val)$

apply value to value table without interpolation conversion to data

Parameters vect: numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

cc_val: mdfinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

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MDFINFO4 MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format blocks paser for version 4.x

6.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.6+ and 3.2+

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6.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.2 http://www.python.org
- Numpy >1.6 http://numpy.scipy.org

6.3 Attributes

PythonVersion [float] Python version currently running, needed for compatibility of both python 2.6+ and 3.2+

6.4 mdfinfo4 module

```
class mdfinfo4.ATBlock (fid, pointer)
```

Bases: dict

reads Attachment block and saves in class dict

Methods

class mdfinfo4.CABlock (fid, pointer)

Bases: dict

reads Channel Array block and saves in class dict

Methods

```
class mdfinfo4.CCBlock (fid=None, pointer=None)
     reads Channel Conversion block and saves in class dict
     Methods
     read(fid, pointer)
class mdfinfo4.CGBlock (fid=None, pointer=None)
     Bases: dict
     reads Channel Group block and saves in class dict
     Methods
     read (fid, pointer)
     write(fid, cg_cycle_count, cg_data_bytes)
class mdfinfo4.CHBlock (fid, pointer)
     Bases: dict
     reads Channel Hierarchy block and saves in class dict
     Methods
class mdfinfo4.CNBlock
     Bases: dict
     reads Channel block and saves in class dict
     Methods
     read (fid, pointer)
     write(fid)
class mdfinfo4.CommentBlock (fid=None, pointer=None, MDType=None)
     Bases: dict
     Methods
     read (fid, pointer, MDType=None)
          reads Comment block and saves in class dict
```

Notes

```
Can read xml (MD metadata) or text (TX) comments from several kind of blocks
     write (fid, data, MDType)
class mdfinfo4.DGBlock (fid=None, pointer=None)
     Bases: dict
     reads Data Group block and saves in class dict
     Methods
     read (fid, pointer)
     write (fid)
class mdfinfo4.DLBlock (fid, link_count)
     Bases: dict
     reads Data List block
     Methods
{f class} \ {\tt mdfinfo4.DZBlock} \ ({\it fid})
     Bases: dict
     reads Data List block
     Methods
class mdfinfo4.EVBlock (fid, pointer)
     Bases: dict
     reads Event block and saves in class dict
     Methods
class mdfinfo4.FHBlock (fid=None, pointer=None)
     Bases: dict
     reads File History block and save in class dict
     Methods
     \verb"read" (fid, pointer")
     write(fid)
class mdfinfo4.HDBlock (fid=None, pointer=64)
     Bases: dict
     reads Header block and save in class dict
```

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```
Methods
     read (fid=None, pointer=64)
     write(fid)
class mdfinfo4.HLBlock (fid)
     Bases: dict
     reads Header List block
     Methods
class mdfinfo4.IDBlock (fid=None)
     Bases: dict
     reads or writes ID Block
     Methods
     read(fid)
          reads IDBlock
     write(fid)
          Writes IDBlock
class mdfinfo4.SIBlock
     Bases: dict
     reads Source Information block and saves in class dict
     Methods
     read (fid, pointer)
class mdfinfo4.SRBlock (fid, pointer)
     Bases: dict
     reads Sample Reduction block and saves in class dict
     Methods
class mdfinfo4.info4 (fileName=None, fid=None, minimal=0)
     Bases: dict
     Methods
     cleanDGinfo(dg)
          delete CN,CC and CG blocks related to data group
              Parameters dg: int
                    data group number
     fid
```

fileName listChannels4 (fileName=None, fid=None) Read MDF file and extract its complete structure Parameters fileName: str file name **Returns** list of channel names contained in file readATBlock (selfself, fid, pointer) reads Attachment blocks Parameters fid: float file identifier pointer: int position of ATBlock in file Returns Attachments Blocks in a dict readCGBlock (fid, dg, channelNameList=False, minimal=0) reads Channel Group blocks Parameters fid: float file identifier dg: int data group number channelNameList: bool Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method minimal: falg to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching readCNBlock (fid, dg, cg, channelNameList=False, minimal=0) reads Channel blocks Parameters fid: float file identifier dg: int data group number cg: int channel group number in data group channelNameList: bool Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method

minimal: falg

Parameters fid: float

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to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching

readComposition (fid, dg, cg, MLSDChannels, channelNameList=False)

check for composition of channels, arrays or structures

```
file identifier
             dg: int
               data group number
             cg: int
               channel group number in data group
             MLSDChannels: list of int
               channel numbers
             channelNameList: bool
               Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method
         Returns MLSDChannels list of appended Maximum Length Sampling Data channels
readDGBlock (fid, channelNameList=False, minimal=0)
     reads Data Group Blocks
         Parameters fid: float
                file identifier
             channelNameList: bool
               Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method
             minimal: falg
               to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching
readSRBlock (fid, pointer)
     reads Sample Reduction Blocks
         Parameters fid: float
                file identifier
             pointer: int
               position of SRBlock in file
         Returns Sample Reduction Blocks in a dict
readinfo (fid, minimal)
     read all file blocks except data
         Parameters fid: float
               file identifier
             minimal: falg
                to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching
zipfile
```

CHAPTER

SEVEN

CHANNEL MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format file reader module.

7.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.7 and 3.4+

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7.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.4 http://www.python.org
- Numpy >1.6 http://numpy.scipy.org

7.3 Attributes

PythonVersion [float] Python version currently running, needed for compatibility of both python 2.6+ and 3.4+

7.4 channel module

class channel. Channel3 (info, dataGroup, channelGroup, channelNumber, recordIDnumber)

Channel class gathers all about channel structure in a record

Attributes

name	(str) Name of channel
unit	(str, default empty string) channel unit
desc	(str) channel description
conversion	(info class) conversion dictionnary
channelNumber	(int) channel number corresponding to mdfinfo3.info3 class
signalDataType	(int) signal type according to specification
bitCount	(int) number of bits used to store channel record
nBytes	(int) number of bytes (1 byte = 8 bits) taken by channel record
dataFormat	(str) numpy dtype as string
CFormat	(struct class instance) struct instance to convert from C Format
byteOffset	(int) position of channel record in complete record in bytes
bitOffset	(int) bit position of channel value inside byte in case of channel having bit count below
	8
recAttribute-	(str) channel name compliant to a valid python identifier (recarray attribute)
Name	
RecordFormat	(list of str) dtype format used for numpy.core.records functions
	((name_title,name),str_stype)
channelType	(int) channel type
posByteBeg	(int) start position in number of bit of channel record in complete record
posByteEnd	(int) end position in number of bit of channel record in complete record
CFormat byteOffset bitOffset recAttribute- Name RecordFormat channelType posByteBeg	(struct class instance) struct instance to convert from C Format (int) position of channel record in complete record in bytes (int) bit position of channel value inside byte in case of channel having bit count below 8 (str) channel name compliant to a valid python identifier (recarray attribute) (list of str) dtype format used for numpy.core.records functions ((name_title,name),str_stype) (int) channel type (int) start position in number of bit of channel record in complete record

Methods

init(info, dataGroup, channelGroup, channelNumber, recordIDnumber)	constructor
str()	to print class attributes

changeChannelName (channelGroup)

In case of duplicate channel names within several channel groups for unsorted data, rename channel name

Parameters channelGroup: int

channelGroup bumber

channel.arrayformat4 (signalDataType, numberOfBits)

function returning numpy style string from channel data type and number of bits

Parameters signalDataType: int

channel data type according to specification

numberOfBits: int

number of bits taken by channel data in a record

Returns endian, dataType : str

numpy dtype format used by numpy.core.records to read channel raw data

class channel.channel4

Bases: object

Methods

```
CABlock (info)
```

Extracts channel CA Block from info4

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns CABlock object from mdfinfo4 module

CANOpenOffset (info)

CANopen channel bytes offset

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns integer, channel bytes offset

CFormat (info)

channel data C format struct object

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns string data C format struct object

CNBlock (info)

channel block

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns CNBlock class from mdfinfo4 module

Format (info)

channel data C format

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns string data C format

VLSD_CG_Flag

attachment (fid, info)

In case of sync channel attached to channel

Parameters fid : class

file identifier

info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns ATBlock class from mdfinfo4 module

bitCount (info)

calculates channel number of bits

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

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```
Returns integer corresponding to channel number of bits
bitOffset (info)
     channel data bit offset in record
         Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
               info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
         Returns integer, channel bit offset
byteOffset (info)
     channel data bytes offset in record (without record id)
         Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
               info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
         Returns integer, channel bytes offset
changeChannelName (channelGroup)
     In case of duplicate channel names within several channel groups for unsorted data, rename channel name
         Parameters channelGroup: int
               channelGroup bumber
channelGroup
channelNumber
channelSyncType (info)
     Extracts channel sync type from info4
         Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
               info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
         Returns integer corresponding to channel sync type
             0 no sync, normal data
             1 time
             2 angle
             3 distance
             4 index
channelType (info)
     Extracts channel type from info4
         Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
               info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
         Returns integer describing channel type
             0 normal channel
             1 variable length
             2 master channel
             3 virtual master channel
             4 sync channel
             5 max length data
```

```
6 virtual data channel
```

conversion (info)

channel conversion CCBlock

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns CCBlock

data (info)

returns data block pointer for VLSD, MLD or sync channels

dataFormat (info)

channel numpy.core.records data format

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns string data format

dataGroup

desc(info)

channel description

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns channel description string

invalid_bit (info)

extrzcts from info4 the channels valid bits positions

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns dict of channels valid bits positions

little_endian(info)

check if channel is little endian

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns boolean

nBytes (info)

calculates channel bytes number

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns number of bytes integer

name

nativedataFormat(info)

numpy_format (info)

channel numpy.core.records data format

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

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```
info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
```

Returns endian, dataType: string data format

posBitBeg(info)

channel data bit starting position in record

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns integer, channel bit starting position

posBitEnd(info)

channel data bit ending position in record

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns integer, channel bit ending position

posByteBeg(info)

channel data bytes starting position in record

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns integer, channel bytes starting position

posByteEnd(info)

channel data bytes ending position in record

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns integer, channel bytes ending position

recAttributeName (info)

clean up channel name from unauthorised characters

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns channel name compliant to python attributes names (for recarray)

recordIDsize (info)

Extracts record id size from info4

Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class

info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

Returns integer describing record id size

0 no record id used

1 uint8

2 uint16

4 uint32

8 uint64

```
set (info, dataGroup, channelGroup, channelNumber)
     channel initialisation
         Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
             dataGroup: int
               data group number in mdfinfo4.info4 class
             channelGroup: int
               channel group number in mdfinfo4.info4 class
             channelNumber: int
               channel number in mdfinfo4.info4 class
             recordIDsize: int
               size of record ID in Bytes
setCANOpen (info, dataGroup, channelGroup, channelNumber, name)
     CANOpen channel intialisation
         Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
             dataGroup: int
               data group number in mdfinfo4.info4 class
             channelGroup: int
               channel group number in mdfinfo4.info4 class
             channelNumber: int
               channel number in mdfinfo4.info4 class
             recordIDsize: int
               size of record ID in Bytes
             name: str
               name of channel. Should be in ('ms', 'day', 'days', 'hour', 'month', 'minute', 'year')
setInvalidBytes (info, dataGroup, channelGroup, channelNumber)
     invalid bytes channel initialisation
         Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
             dataGroup: int
               data group number in mdfinfo4.info4 class
             channelGroup: int
               channel group number in mdfinfo4.info4 class
             channelNumber: int
               channel number in mdfinfo4.info4 class
             recordIDsize: int
               size of record ID in Bytes
             byte_aligned: Bool
               Flag for byte alignement
```

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signalDataType (info, byte_aligned=True)

```
extract signal data type from info4 class
               Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
                      info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
                   byte aligned: bool
                      flag activated if channel is part of a record byte aligned
               Returns integer corresponding to channel data type
                   0 unsigned integer little endian
                    1 unsigned integer big endian
                   2 signed integer little endian
                   3 signed integer big endian
                   4 float little endian
                   5 float big endian
                   6 string latin
                   7 string utf-8
                   9 string utf-16
                    10 byte array
                    11 mime sample
                    12 mime stream
                    13 CANopen date
                    14 CANopen time
     type
     unit (info)
           channel unit
               Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
                      info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
               Returns channel unit string
     validity channel(info, invalid bytes)
           extract channel validity bits
               Parameters info: mdfinfo4.info4 class
                   invalid_bytes : bytes
                      bytes from where to extract validity bit array
channel.datatypeformat4 (signalDataType, numberOfBits)
     function returning C format string from channel data type and number of bits
           Parameters signalDataType: int
                   channel data type according to specification
               numberOfBits: int
```

number of bits taken by channel data in a record

Returns dataType : str

C format used by fread to read channel raw data

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