

Python in a physics lab

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Lab overview



Experiment X

Laundry list of an experiment

- Planning and theory
- Instrument control
- Interface
- Analysis and archiving

Theory

Tools of theory:



multiprocessing



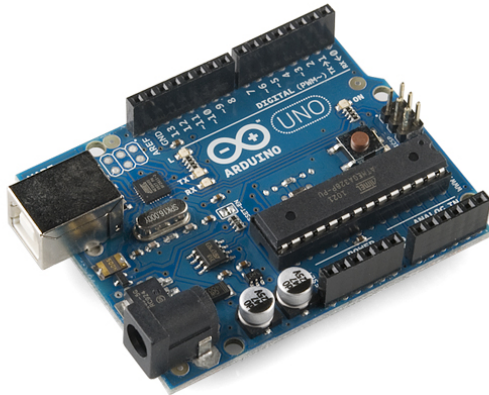
FreeCAD

RS-232 Serial

```
import serial
instrument = serial.Serial("/dev/ttyUSB0",
                           baudrate=19200,
                           timeout=1)

instrument.write(cmd)
```

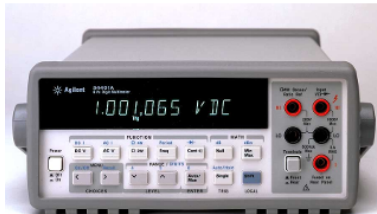




GPIB: General Purpose Interface Bus

```
import visa  
oscilloscope = visa.instrument("GPIB::12")  
oscilloscope.write("*IDN?")  
print oscilloscope.read()
```





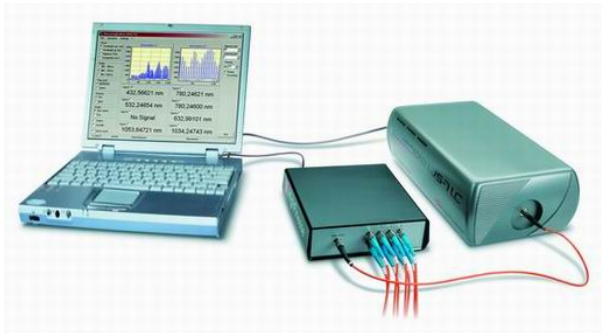
FireWire IEEE-1394

```
import pydc1394
lib = pydc1394.DC1394Library()
cams = l.enumerate_cameras()
cam0 = fw.Camera(1, cams[0]['guid'], isospeed=800)
image = numpy.array(cam0.current_image, dtype='f')
```



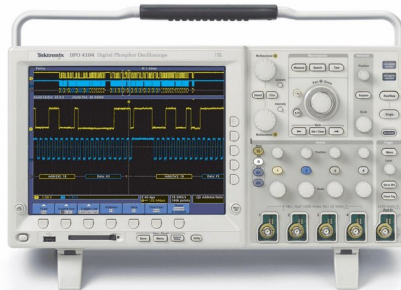
ctypes

```
import ctypes
my_dll = ctypes.windll.dll_name
receive_data = my_dll.ReceiveData
receive_data.restype = ctypes.c_long
print receive_data()
```



USB Test and Measurement Class

```
import os  
file = os.open(device, os.O_RDWR)  
os.write(file, command)
```



PyMCU - Python controller microcontroller unit

```
import pymcu  
board = pymcu.mcuModule()  
board.pinHigh(1)  
board.pausems(500)  
board.pinLow(1)  
board.pausems(500)
```



Interface

Tools of control

Bottle



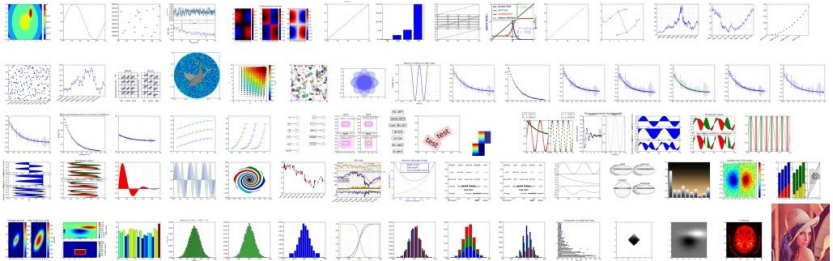
Analysis

Tools of analysis:

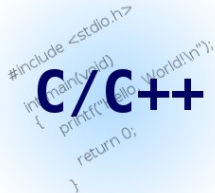


Matplotlib aka. pylab

```
import pylab
import numpy
data = numpy.loadtxt('data.csv')
pylab.plot(data[:, 0], data[:, 1])
pylab.show()
```



Competitors



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