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# **mdfreader Documentation**

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## MDFREADER MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format file reader main module

### 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 >3.4 <<http://www.python.org>>
- Numpy >1.14 <<http://numpy.scipy.org>>
- Sympy to convert channels with formula
- bitarray for not byte aligned data parsing
- Matplotlib >1.0 <<http://matplotlib.sourceforge.net>>
- scipy for NetCDF
- h5py for the HDF5 export
- xlwt for the excel export (not existing for python3)
- openpyxl >2.0 for the excel 2007 export
- hdf5storage for the Matlab file conversion
- zlib to uncompress data block if needed

### 1.3 mdfreader

```
class mdfreader.mdfreader.Mdf (file_name=None, channel_list=None, convert_after_read=True,  
                                filter_channel_names=False, no_data_loading=False, compression=False, convert_tables=False, metadata=2)
```

Bases: *mdfreader.mdf3reader.Mdf3*, *mdfreader.mdf4reader.Mdf4*

Mdf class

**fileName**

file name

**Type** str

**MDFVersionNumber**

mdf file version number

**Type** int

**masterChannelList**

Represents data structure: a key per master channel with corresponding value containing a list of channels  
One key or master channel represents then a data group having same sampling interval.

**Type** dict

**multiProc**

Flag to request channel conversion multi processed for performance improvement. One thread per data group.

**Type** bool

**fileMetadata**

file metadata with minimum keys : author, organisation, project, subject, comment, time, date

**Type** dict

**read**( *file\_name = None, multi\_processed = False, channel\_list=None, convert\_after\_read*

*filter\_channel\_names=False, no\_data\_loading=False, compression=False*)

reads mdf file version 3.x and 4.x

**write** (*file\_name=None*)

writes simple mdf file

**get\_channel\_data** (*channel\_name*)

returns channel numpy array

**convert\_all\_channel** ()

converts all channel data according to CCBLOCK information

**get\_channel\_unit** (*channel\_name*)

returns channel unit

**plot** (*channels*)

Plot channels with Matplotlib

**resample** (*sampling\_time = 0.1, master\_channel=None*)

Resamples all data groups

**export\_to\_csv** (*file\_name = None, sampling = 0.1*)

Exports mdf data into CSV file

**export\_to\_NetCDF** (*file\_name = None, sampling = None*)

Exports mdf data into netcdf file

**export\_to\_hdf5** (*file\_name = None, sampling = None*)

Exports mdf class data structure into hdf5 file

**export\_to\_matlab** (*file\_name = None*)

Exports mdf class data structure into Matlab file

**export\_to\_excel** (*file\_name = None*)

Exports mdf data into excel 95 to 2003 file



**export\_to\_xlsx** (*file\_name=None*)  
Exports mdf data into excel 2007 and 2010 file

**convert\_to\_pandas** (*sampling=None*)  
converts mdf data structure into pandas dataframe(s)

**keep\_channels** (*channel\_list*)  
keeps only list of channels and removes the other channels

**merge\_mdf** (*mdf\_class*) :  
Merges data of 2 mdf classes

## 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()
>>> yop.export_to_csv(sampling=0.01)
>>> yop.export_to_NetCDF()
>>> yop.export_to_hdf5()
>>> yop.export_to_matlab()
>>> yop.export_to_excel()
>>> yop.export_to_xlsx()
>>> yop.convert_to_pandas() # converts data groups into pandas dataframes
>>> yop.write() # writes mdf file
# drops all the channels except the one in argument
>>> yop.keep_channels(['channel1','channel2','channel3'])
>>> yop.get_channel_data('channelName') # returns channel numpy array
>>> yop=mdfreader.Mdf() # create an empty Mdf object
# add channel in Mdf object
>>> yop.add_channel(channel_name, data, master_channel, master_type, unit='lumen',
↳ description='what you want')
>>> yop.write('filename') # change version with yop.MDFVersionNumber or
↳ specifically use write3/4()
```

**convert\_all\_channels** ()  
Converts all channels from raw data to converted data according to CCBlock information. Converted data will take more memory.

**convert\_to\_pandas** (*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 (one master per data group)

**cut** (*master\_channel, begin=None, end=None*)

Cut data

#### Parameters

- **master\_channel** (*str*) – channel to cut data (can be master channel)
- **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

Only the data groups with same master type as master\_channel will be cut (only for mdf4)

**export\_to\_NetCDF** (*file\_name=None, sampling=None*)

Exports mdf data into netcdf file

#### Parameters

- **file\_name** (*str, optional*) – file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path
- **sampling** (*float, optional*) – sampling interval.

### Notes

Dependency: scipy

**export\_to\_csv** (*file\_name=None, sampling=None*)

Exports mdf data into CSV file

#### Parameters

- **file\_name** (*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 file 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

**export\_to\_excel** (*file\_name=None*)

Exports mdf data into excel 95 to 2003 file

Parameters **file\_name** (*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. Dependencies: xlwt for python 2.6+, xlwt3 for python 3.2+

**export\_to\_hdf5** (*file\_name=None, sampling=None, compression=None, compression\_opts=None*)

Exports mdf class data structure into hdf5 file

### Parameters

- **file\_name** (*str, optional*) – file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path
- **sampling** (*float, optional*) – sampling interval.
- **compression** (*str, optional*) – HDF5 compression algorithm. Valid options are 'gzip', 'lzf'. gzip compression recommended for portability. szip compression not supported due to legal reasons.
- **compression\_opts** (*int, optional*) – HDF5 gzip compression level, 0-9. Only valid if gzip compression is used. Level 4 (default) recommended for best balance between compression and time.

## Notes

The maximum attributes will be stored. Data structure will be similar has it is in masterChannelList attribute. Dependency: h5py

**export\_to\_matlab** (*file\_name=None*)

Export mdf data into Matlab file preferably in format 7.3

**Parameters** **file\_name** (*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. Dependency: hdf5storage, scipy

**export\_to\_parquet** (*file\_name=None*)

Exports mdf data into parquet file

**Parameters** **file\_name** (*str, optional*) – file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path with .parquet extension

**export\_to\_xlsx** (*file\_name=None*)

Exports mdf data into excel 2007 and 2010 file

**Parameters** **file\_name** (*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 Dependency: openpyxl

**get\_channel\_data** (*channel\_name*, *raw\_data=False*)

Return channel numpy array

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **raw\_data** (*bool*) – flag to return non converted data

**Returns** converted, if not already done, data corresponding to channel name

**Return type** numpy array

**Notes**

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

**keep\_channels** (*channel\_list*)

keeps only list of channels and removes the other channels

**Parameters** **channel\_list** (*list of str*) – list of channel names

**merge\_mdf** (*mdf\_class*)

Merges data of 2 mdf classes

**Parameters** **mdf\_class** (*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** (*channel\_name\_list\_of\_list*)

Plot channels with Matplotlib

**Parameters** **channel\_name\_list\_of\_list** (*str or list of str or list of list of str*) – channel name or list of channel names or list of list of channel names list of list will create multiplots

**Notes**

Channel description and unit will be tentatively displayed with axis labels

**plot\_all** ()

**read** (*file\_name=None*, *multi\_processed=False*, *channel\_list=None*, *convert\_after\_read=True*, *filter\_channel\_names=False*, *no\_data\_loading=False*, *compression=False*, *metadata=2*)  
reads mdf file version 3.x and 4.x

**Parameters**

- **file\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – file name
- **multi\_processed** (*bool*) – flag to activate multiprocessing of channel data conversion.
- **channel\_list** (*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.

- **convert\_after\_read** (*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()`
- **filter\_channel\_names** (*bool, optional*) – flag to filter long channel names from its module names separated by ‘.’
- **no\_data\_loading** (*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.
- **metadata** (*int, optional, default = 2*) – Reading metadata has impact on performance, especially for mdf 4.x using xml. 2: minimal metadata reading (mostly channel blocks). 1: used for noDataLoading. 0: all metadata reading, including Source Information, Attachment, etc..

## 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

**Warning:** MultiProc use should be avoided when reading several files in a batch, it is not thread safe. You should better multi process instances of mdf rather than using multiproc in mdf class (see implementation of mdfconverter)

**resample** (*sampling=None, channel=None, master\_channel=None*)

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

### Parameters

- **sampling** (*float, optional*) –  
resampling interval, None by default. If None, will rely on channel or master\_channel parameters to define reference data group. If both are undefined, picking the first master
- **or | and \*\* (\*\*) –**
- **channel** (*str, optional*) – channel name to be resampled
- **or | and \*\* –**
- **master\_channel** (*str, optional*) – master channel name to be used as reference

## Notes

1. resampling will be applied only to master channels that have same type as the one given by channel or master\_channel parameters (applicable only to mdf4)
2. resampling will convert all your channels so be careful for big files and memory consumption

**resample\_group** (*sampling, channel, new\_master\_data=None*)

Resamples one channel along with its dataGroup

**Parameters**

- **sampling** (*float*) – resampling interval
- **channel** (*str*) – channel name to be resampled (could the master channel)
- **new\_master\_data** (*array, optional*) – master channel data to be applied to the group identified by channel

**Notes**

Resampling will convert all channels so be careful for big files and memory consumption

**return\_pandas\_dataframe** (*master\_channel\_name*)

returns a dataframe of a raster described by its master channel name

**Parameters** **master\_channel\_name** (*str*) – master channel name, key to a raster to be returned as pandas dataframe

**Returns**

**Return type** pandas dataframe of raster or data group

**write** (*file\_name=None, compression=False, column\_oriented=False*)

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

**Parameters**

- **file\_name** (*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
- **compression** (*bool*) – Flag to store data compressed (from mdf version 4.1) If activated, will write in version 4.1 even if original file is in version 3.x
- **column\_oriented** (*bool*) – Flag to store , column oriented channels

**Notes**

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

**class** mdfreader.mdfreader.**MdfInfo**() -> new empty dictionary dict(mapping) -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs dict(iterable) -> new dictionary initialized as if via: d = {} for k, v in iterable: d[k] = v dict(\*\*kwargs) -> new dictionary initialized with the name=value pairs in the keyword argument list. For example: dict(one=1, two=2)

Bases: dict

**fid**

**fileName**

**filterChannelNames**

**list\_channels** (*file\_name=None*)

Read MDF file blocks and returns a list of contained channels

**Parameters** **file\_name** (*string*) – file name

**Returns** **nameList** – list of channel names

**Return type** list of string

**mdfversion**

**read\_info** (*file\_name=None, fid=None, minimal=0*)

Reads MDF file and extracts its complete structure

**Parameters**

- **file\_name** (*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**





## MDF MODULE DOCUMENTATION

mdf\_skeleton module describing basic mdf structure and methods

Created on Thu Sept 24 2015

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### 2.1 Dependencies

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

### 2.2 mdf

**class** mdfreader.mdf.CompressedData

Bases: object

**compression** (*a*)

data compression method

**Parameters** *a* (*numpy array*) – data to be compresses

**data**

**decompression** ()

data decompression

**Returns**

**Return type** uncompressed numpy array

**dtype**

**class** mdfreader.mdf.MdfSkeleton () -> new empty dictionary dict(mapping) -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs dict(iterable) -> new dictionary initialized as if via: *d* = {} for *k*, *v* in iterable: *d*[*k*] = *v* dict(\*\*kwargs) -> new dictionary initialized with the name=value pairs in the keyword argument list. For example: dict(one=1, two=2)

Bases: dict

**MDFVersionNumber**

**add\_channel** (*channel\_name*, *data*, *master\_channel*, *master\_type*=1, *unit*="", *description*="", *conversion*=None, *info*=None, *compression*=False, *identifier*=None)  
adds channel to mdf dict.

#### Parameters

- **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
- **identifier** (*tuple*) – tuple of int and str following below structure: (data group number, channel group number, channel number), (channel name, channel source, channel path), (group name, group source, group path)

**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*) –

#### Notes

All fields are optional, default being empty string

**convertAfterRead**

**convertTables**

**copy()**

copy a mdf class

**Returns** **mdf\_skeleton** – copy of a mdf\_skeleton class

**Return type** class instance

**fid**

**fileMetadata**

**fileName**

**filterChannelNames**

**get\_channel** (*channel\_name*)

Extract channel dict from mdf structure

**Parameters** **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name

**Returns**

**Return type** channel dictionary containing data, description, unit, etc.

**get\_channel\_conversion** (*channel\_name*)

Extract channel conversion dict from mdf structure

**Parameters** **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name

**Returns**

**Return type** channel conversion dict

**get\_channel\_desc** (*channel\_name*)

Extract channel description information from mdf structure

**Parameters** **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name

**Returns**

**Return type** channel description string

**get\_channel\_master** (*channel\_name*)

Extract channel master name from mdf structure

**Parameters** **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name

**Returns**

**Return type** channel master name string

**get\_channel\_master\_type** (*channel\_name*)

Extract channel master type information from mdf structure

**Parameters** **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name

**Returns** channel mater type integer

**Return type** 0=None, 1=Time, 2=Angle, 3=Distance, 4=index

**get\_channel\_unit** (*channel\_name*)

Returns channel unit string Implemented for a future integration of pint

**Parameters** **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name

**Returns** unit string description

**Return type** str

**get\_invalid\_bit** (*channel\_name*)

**get\_invalid\_channel** (*channel\_name*)

**info**

**masterChannelList**

**multiProc**

**remove\_channel** (*channel\_name*)

removes channel from mdf dict.

**Parameters** **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name

**Returns**

**Return type** value of mdf dict key=channel\_name

**remove\_channel\_conversion** (*channel\_name*)

removes conversion key from mdf channel dict.

**Parameters** **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name

**Returns**

**Return type** removed value from dict

**rename\_channel** (*channel\_name*, *new\_name*)

Modifies name of channel

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **new\_name** (*str*) – new channel name

**set\_channel\_attachment** (*channel\_name*, *attachment*)

Modifies channel attachment

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **attachment** – channel attachment

**set\_channel\_conversion** (*channel\_name*, *conversion*)

Modifies conversion dict of channel

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **conversion** (*dict*) – conversion dictionary

**set\_channel\_data** (*channel\_name*, *data*, *compression=False*)

Modifies data of channel

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **data** (*numpy array*) – channel data
- **compression** (*bool or str*) – trigger for data compression

**set\_channel\_desc** (*channel\_name*, *desc*)

Modifies description of channel

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **desc** (*str*) – channel description

**set\_channel\_master** (*channel\_name*, *master*)

Modifies channel master name

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **master** (*str*) – master channel name

**set\_channel\_master\_type** (*channel\_name*, *master\_type*)

Modifies master channel type

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **master\_type** (*int*) – master channel type

**set\_channel\_unit** (*channel\_name*, *unit*)

Modifies unit of channel

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **unit** (*str*) – channel unit

**set\_invalid\_bit** (*channel\_name*, *bit\_position*)

returns the invalid bit position of channel

**Parameters**

- **channel\_name** (*str*) – channel name
- **bit\_position** – invalid bit position of channel within invalid channel bytes

**Returns**

**Return type** bit position

**set\_invalid\_channel** (*channel\_name*, *invalid\_channel*)

**zipfile**



## MDF3READER MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format file reader module for version 3.x

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### 3.1 mdf3reader

**class** mdfreader.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.

**fid**

file identifier

**Type** io.open

**pointerToData**

position of Data block in mdf file

**Type** int

**BlockLength**

total size of data block

**Type** int

**add\_record** (*record*)

Adds a new record in DATA class dict

**read** (*channelSet*)

Reads data block

**load\_sorted** (*record, nameList=None*)

Reads sorted data block from record definition

**load\_unsorted** (*nameList=None*)

Reads unsorted data block, not yet implemented

**add\_record** (*record*)

Adds a new record in DATA class dict

**Parameters** **record** (*class*) – channel group definition listing record channel classes

**load\_sorted** (*record*, *name\_list=None*)

Reads sorted data block from record definition

**Parameters**

- **record** (*class*) – channel group definition listing record channel classes
- **name\_list** (*set of str, optional*) – list of channel names

**Returns**

**Return type** numpy recarray of data

**load\_unsorted** (*name\_list=None*)

Reads unsorted data block from record definition

**Parameters** **name\_list** (*set of str, optional*) – list of channel names

**Returns**

**Return type** numpy recarray of data

**read** (*channel\_set*, *file\_name*)

Reads data block

**Parameters**

- **channel\_set** (*set of str, optional*) – list of channel names
- **file\_name** (*str*) – name of file

```
class mdfreader.mdf3reader.Mdf3 (file_name=None, channel_list=None, convert_after_read=True, filter_channel_names=False, no_data_loading=False, compression=False, convert_tables=False, metadata=2)
```

Bases: *mdfreader.mdf.MdfSkeleton*

mdf file version 3.0 to 3.3 class

**fileName**

file name

**Type** str

**MDFVersionNumber**

mdf file version number

**Type** int

**masterChannelList**

Represents data structure: a key per master channel with corresponding value containing a list of channels  
One key or master channel represents then a data group having same sampling interval.

**Type** dict

**multiProc**

Flag to request channel conversion multi processed for performance improvement. One thread per data group.

**Type** bool

**convertAfterRead**

flag to convert raw data to physical just after read

**Type** bool



**filterChannelNames**

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

**Type** bool

**fileMetadata**

file metadata with minimum keys: author, organisation, project, subject, comment, time, date

**Type** dict

**read3** (*fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True*)

Reads mdf 3.x file data and stores it in dict

**\_get\_channel\_data3** (*channelName*)

Returns channel numpy array

**\_convert\_channel13** (*channelName*)

converts specific channel from raw to physical data according to CCBlock information

**\_convert\_all\_channel13** ()

Converts all channels from raw data to converted data according to CCBlock information

**write3** (*fileName=None*)

Writes simple mdf 3.3 file

**read3** (*file\_name=None, info=None, multi\_processed=False, channel\_list=None, convert\_after\_read=True, filter\_channel\_names=False, compression=False, metadata=2*)

Reads mdf 3.x file data and stores it in dict

**Parameters**

- **file\_name** (*str, optional*) – file name
- **info** (*mdfinfo3.info3 class*) – info3 class containing all MDF Blocks
- **multi\_processed** (*bool*) – flag to activate multiprocessing of channel data conversion
- **channel\_list** (*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
- **convert\_after\_read** (*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 .get\_channel\_data()
- **filter\_channel\_names** (*bool, optional*) – flag to filter long channel names from its module names separated by ‘.’
- **compression** (*bool, optional*) – flag to activate data compression with blosc
- **metadata** (*int, optional, default = 2*) – Reading metadata has impact on performance, especially for mdf 4.x using xml. 2: minimal metadata reading (mostly channel blocks) 1: used for noDataLoading 0: all metadata reading

**write3** (*file\_name=None*)

Writes simple mdf 3.3 file

**Parameters** **file\_name** (*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

**class** mdfreader.mdf3reader.**Record**(*data\_group, channel\_group*)

Bases: list

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

**CRecordLength**

length of record from channel group block information in Byte

**Type** int

**recordLength**

length of record from channels information in Byte

**Type** int

**numberOfRecords**

number of records in data block

**Type** int

**recordID**

recordID corresponding to channel group

**Type** int

**recordIDnumber**

size of recordID

**Type** int

**dataGroup**

data group number

**Type** int:

**channelGroup**

channel group number

**Type** int

**numpyDataRecordFormat**

list of numpy (dtype) for each channel

**Type** list

**dataRecordName**

list of channel names used for recarray attribute definition

**Type** list

**master**

define name and number of master channel

**Type** dict

**recordToChannelMatching**

helps to identify nested bits in byte

**Type** dict

**channelNames**

channel names to be stored, useful for low memory consumption but slow

**Type** set

**hiddenBytes**

flag in case of non declared channels in record

**Type** Bool, False by default

**byte\_aligned**

flag for byte aligned record

**Type** Bool, True by default

**addChannel** (*info*, *channelNumber*)

**loadInfo** (*info*)

**readSortedRecord** (*fid*, *pointer*, *channelSet=None*)

**readRecordBuf** (*buf*, *channelSet=None*)

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

**add\_channel** (*info*, *channel\_number*)

add a channel in class

**Parameters**

- **info** (*mdfinfo3.info3 class*) –
- **channel\_number** (*int*) – channel number in mdfinfo3.info3 class

**load\_info** (*info*)

gathers records related from info class

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo3.info3 class*) –

**read\_record\_bits** (*bit\_stream*, *channel\_set=None*)

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

**Parameters**

- **bit\_stream** (*stream*) – stream of bytes read in file
- **channel\_set** (*Set of str, optional*) – list of channel to read

**Returns** **rec** – returns dictionary of channel with its corresponding values

**Return type** dict

**read\_record\_buf** (*buf*, *channel\_set=None*)

read stream of record bytes

**Parameters**

- **buf** (*stream*) – stream of bytes read in file
- **channel\_set** (*Set of str, optional*) – list of channel to read

**Returns** **rec** – returns dictionary of channel with its corresponding values

**Return type** dict

**read\_sorted\_record** (*fid*, *pointer*, *channel\_set=None*)

reads record, only one channel group per data group

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*float*) – file identifier

- **pointer** – position in file of data block beginning
- **channel\_set** (*Set of str, optional*) – list of channel to read

**Returns** **rec** – contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

**Return type** numpy recarray

### 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.

## MDFINFO3 MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format blocks parser for version 3.x

Created on Thu Dec 9 12:57:28 2014

**Author** Aymeric Rateau

### 4.1 Dependencies

- Python >3.4 <<http://www.python.org>>
- Numpy >1.14 <<http://numpy.scipy.org>>

### 4.2 mdinfo3

**class** `mdfreader.mdinfo3.Info3()` -> new empty dictionary *dict(mapping)* -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs *dict(iterable)* -> new dictionary initialized as if via: *d = {} for k, v in iterable: d[k] = v dict(\*\*kwargs)* -> new dictionary initialized with the *name=value* pairs in the keyword argument list. For example: *dict(one=1, two=2)*

Bases: `dict`

**clean\_dg\_info** (*dg*)

delete CN,CC and CG blocks related to data group

**Parameters** *dg* (*int*) – data group number

**fid**

**fileName**

**filterChannelNames**

**list\_channels3** (*file\_name=None, fid=None*)

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

**file\_name**

file name

**Type** `str`

**Returns**

**Return type** list of channel names

**read\_cg\_block** (*fid*, *dg*, *minimal=0*)  
read all CG blocks and relying CN & CC

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*float*) – file identifier
- **dg** (*int*) – data group number
- **minimal** (*int*) – 0 will load every metadata 1 will load DG, CG, CN and CC 2 will load only DG

**read\_info3** (*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

`mdfreader.mdinfo3.read_cc_block` (*fid*, *pointer*)  
channel conversion block reading

`mdfreader.mdinfo3.read_ce_block` (*fid*, *pointer*)  
reads source block

`mdfreader.mdinfo3.read_cg_block` (*fid*, *pointer*)  
channel block reading

`mdfreader.mdinfo3.read_cn_block` (*fid*, *pointer*)  
channel block reading

`mdfreader.mdinfo3.read_dg_block` (*fid*, *pointer*)  
data group block reading

`mdfreader.mdinfo3.read_hd_block` (*fid*, *pointer*, *version=0*)  
header block reading

`mdfreader.mdinfo3.read_tx_block` (*fid*, *pointer*)  
reads text block

## MDF4READER MODULE DOCUMENTATION

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

**Author** Aymeric Rateau

Created on Thu Dec 10 12:57:28 2013

### 5.1 Dependencies

- Python >3.4 <<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

### 5.2 mdf4reader

**class** mdfreader.mdf4reader.**Data**() -> new empty dictionary dict(mapping) -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs dict(iterable) -> new dictionary initialized as if via: `d = {}` for `k, v` in iterable: `d[k] = v` dict(\*\*kwargs) -> new dictionary initialized with the `name=value` pairs in the keyword argument list. For example: `dict(one=1, two=2)`

Bases: dict

**add\_record**(record)

Adds a new record in Data class dict.

**Parameters** **record** (class) – channel group definition listing record channel classes

**fid**

**load**(record, info, name\_list=None, sorted\_flag=True, vlsd=False)

Reads data block from record definition

**Parameters**

- **record** (class) – channel group definition listing record channel classes
- **info** (class) – contains blocks
- **name\_list** (list of str, optional) – list of channel names

- **sorted\_flag** (*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**

**Return type** numpy recarray of data

**pointer\_to\_data**

**read** (*channel\_set, info, filename*)

Reads data block

**Parameters**

- **channel\_set** (*set of str*) – set of channel names
- **info** (*info object*) – contains blocks structures
- **filename** – name of file ot read

**read\_data\_list** (*field, nBytes, temps, record, info, name\_list, sorted\_flag, vlsd*)

**read\_record** (*record\_id, info, buf*)

read record from a buffer

**Parameters**

- **record\_id** (*int*) – record identifier
- **info** (*class*) – contains blocks
- **buf** (*str*) – buffer of data from file to be converted to channel raw data

**type**

```
class mdfreader.mdf4reader.Mdf4 (file_name=None,          channel_list=None,          con-
                                vert_after_read=True,      filter_channel_names=False,
                                no_data_loading=False,      compression=False,      con-
                                vert_tables=False, metadata=2)
```

Bases: `mdfreader.mdf.MdfSkeleton`

mdf file reader class from version 4.0 to 4.1.1

**fileName**

file name

**Type** str

**MDFVersionNumber**

mdf file version number

**Type** int

**masterChannelList**

Represents data structure: a key per master channel with corresponding value containing a list of channels  
One key or master channel represents then a data group having same sampling interval.

**Type** dict

**multiProc**

Flag to request channel conversion multi processed for performance improvement. One thread per data group.



**Type** bool

**convertAfterRead**

flag to convert raw data to physical just after read

**Type** bool

**filterChannelNames**

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

**Type** bool

**fileMetadata**

file metadata with minimum keys : author, organisation, project, subject, comment, time, date

**Type** dict

**read4** (*fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True*)

Reads mdf 4.x file data and stores it in dict

**\_get\_channel\_data\_4** (*channelName*)

Returns channel numpy array

**\_convert\_channel\_data\_4** (*channel, channel\_name, convert\_tables, multiProc=False, Q=None*)

select right conversion and calculates it

**\_convert\_channel\_4** (*channelName*)

converts specific channel from raw to physical data according to CCBlock information

**\_convert\_all\_channel\_4** ()

Converts all channels from raw data to converted data according to CCBlock information

**write4** (*file\_name=None, compression=False*)

writes mdf 4.1 file

**apply\_invalid\_bit** (*channel\_name*)

mask data from invalid bit channel if existing

**get\_channel\_name\_4** (*name, path*)

returns a list of tuples

**apply\_all\_invalid\_bit** ()

Mask data of all channels based on its invalid bit definition if there is

**apply\_invalid\_bit** (*channel\_name*)

Mask data of channel based on its invalid bit definition if there is

**Parameters** **channel\_name** (*str*) – Name of channel

**get\_channel\_name4** (*name, path*)

finds mdf channel name from name and path

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – channel name
- **path** (*str*) – source path or name, or channel group name, source name or path

**Returns**

**Return type** list of tuples (channel\_name, (ndg, ncg, ncn))

**get\_invalid\_mask** (*channel\_name*)

**read4** (*file\_name=None, info=None, multi\_processed=False, channel\_list=None, convert\_after\_read=True, compression=False, metadata=2*)

Reads mdf 4.x file data and stores it in dict

### Parameters

- **file\_name** (*str, optional*) – file name
- **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
- **multi\_processed** (*bool*) – flag to activate multiprocessing of channel data conversion
- **channel\_list** (*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
- **convert\_after\_read** (*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 `.get_channel_data()`
- **compression** (*bool, optional*) – flag to activate data compression with `blosc`
- **metadata** (*int, optional, default = 2*) – Reading metadata has impact on performance, especially for mdf 4.x using xml. 2: minimal metadata reading (mostly channel blocks) 1: used for noDataLoading 0: all metadata reading, including Source Information, Attachment, etc..

**write4** (*file\_name=None, compression=False, column\_oriented=False*)

Writes simple mdf file

### Parameters

- **file\_name** (*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
- **compression** (*bool*) – flag to store data compressed
- **column\_oriented** (*bool*) – flag to store data in columns, faster reading channel by channel and not jumping in records

### Notes

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

**class** `mdfreader.mdf4reader.Record()` -> new empty dictionary `dict(mapping)` -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs  
`dict(iterable)` -> new dictionary initialized as if via: `d = {}`  
for `k, v` in `iterable`: `d[k] = v` `dict(**kwargs)` -> new dictionary initialized with the name=value pairs in the keyword argument list. For example: `dict(one=1, two=2)`

Bases: `dict`

**CANOpen**

**CGRecordLength**

**Flags**

**MLSD**

**VLSD**

**VLSD\_CG**

**add\_channel** (*info*, *channel\_number*)

add a channel in class

**Parameters**

- **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) –
- **channel\_number** (*int*) – channel number in mdfinfo4.info4 class

**byte\_aligned**

**channelGroup**

**channelNames**

**dataGroup**

**dataRecordName**

**generate\_chunks** ()

calculate data split

**Returns**

**Return type** (*n\_record\_chunk*, *chunk\_size*)

**hiddenBytes**

**initialise\_reccarray** (*info*, *channel\_set*, *n\_records*, *dtype=None*, *channels\_indexes=None*)

Initialise reccarray

**Parameters**

- **info** (*info class*) –
- **channel\_set** (*set of str, optional*) – set of channel to read
- **n\_records** (*int*) – number of records
- **dtype** (*numpy dtype, optional*) –
- **channels\_indexes** (*list of int, optional*) –

**Returns** **rec** – contains a matrix of raw data in a reccarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

**Return type** *numpy reccarray*

**invalid\_channel**

**load\_info** (*info*)

gathers records related from info class

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) –

**master**

**numberOfRecords**

**numpyDataRecordFormat**

**read\_all\_channels\_sorted\_record** (*fid*)

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

**Parameters** **fid** – file identifier

**Returns** **rec** – contains a matrix of raw data in a reccarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

**Return type** numpy recarray

**read\_channels\_from\_bytes** (*bit\_stream*, *info*, *channel\_set=None*, *n\_records=None*, *dtype=None*,  
*channels\_indexes=None*)

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

**Parameters**

- **bit\_stream** (*stream*) – stream of bytes
- **info** (*info class*) –
- **channel\_set** (*set of str, optional*) – set of channel to read
- **n\_records** (*int*) – number of records
- **dtype** (*numpy dtype*) –
- **channels\_indexes** (*list of int*) –

**Returns** **rec** – contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

**Return type** numpy recarray

**read\_channels\_from\_bytes\_fallback** (*bit\_stream*, *info*, *channel\_set=None*, *n\_records=None*,  
*dtype=None*, *channels\_indexes=None*)

reads stream of record bytes using bitarray in case no dataRead available

**Parameters**

- **bit\_stream** (*stream*) – stream of bytes
- **info** (*info class*) –
- **channel\_set** (*set of str, optional*) – set of channel to read
- **n\_records** (*int*) – number of records
- **dtype** (*numpy dtype*) –
- **channels\_indexes** (*list of int*) –

**Returns** **rec** – contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

**Return type** numpy recarray

**read\_not\_all\_channels\_sorted\_record** (*fid*, *info*, *channel\_set*)

reads channels from file listed in channelSet

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **info** (*info class*) –
- **channel\_set** (*set of str, optional*) – set of channel to read

**Returns** **rec** – contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

**Return type** numpy recarray

**read\_record\_buf** (*buf*, *info*, *channel\_set=None*)

read stream of record bytes

**Parameters**

- **buf** (*stream*) – stream of bytes read in file
- **info** (*class*) – contains blocks structure
- **channel\_set** (*set of str, optional*) – set of channel to read

**Returns** **rec** – returns dictionary of channel with its corresponding values

**Return type** dict

**read\_sorted\_record** (*fid, info, channel\_set=None*)

reads record, only one channel group per datagroup

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **info** – info class
- **channel\_set** (*set of str, optional*) – set of channel to read

**Returns** **rec** – contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

**Return type** numpy recarray

## 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\_unique\_channel** (*fid, info*)

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

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **info** – info class

**Returns** **rec** – contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

**Return type** numpy recarray

**recordID**

**recordIDCFormat**

**recordIDsize**

**recordLength**

**recordToChannelMatching**

**unique\_channel\_in\_DG**



## MDFINFO4 MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format blocks parser for version 4.x

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### 6.1 mdinfo4

```
class mdfreader.mdinfo4.ATBlock (fid, pointer)
    Bases: dict
    reads Attachment block and saves in class dict

class mdfreader.mdinfo4.CABlock
    Bases: dict
    reads Channel Array block and saves in class dict
    load (byte_offset_base)
    read (fid, pointer)
    write (fid)

class mdfreader.mdinfo4.CCBlock
    Bases: dict
    reads Channel Conversion block and saves in class dict
    read_cc (fid, pointer)

class mdfreader.mdinfo4.CGBlock (fid=None, pointer=None)
    Bases: dict
    reads Channel Group block and saves in class dict
    read_cg (fid, pointer)
    write (fid)

class mdfreader.mdinfo4.CHBlock (fid, pointer)
    Bases: dict
    reads Channel Hierarchy block and saves in class dict

class mdfreader.mdinfo4.CNBlock
    Bases: dict
    reads Channel block and saves in class dict
```

**read\_cn** (\*\*kargs)

**write** (fid)

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.**CommentBlock**

Bases: dict

reads or writes Comment block and saves in class dict

**load** (data, md\_type)

**read\_cm\_at** (fid, pointer)

reads Comment block from attachment block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_cc** (fid, pointer)

reads Comment block from channel conversion block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_cc\_unit** (fid, pointer)

reads Comment block for channel conversion unit

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_cg** (fid, pointer)

reads Comment block from channel group block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_ch** (fid, pointer)

reads Comment block from file channel hierarchy block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_cn** (fid, pointer, minimal=True)

reads Comment block from channel block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file
- **minimal** (*boolean*) – flag to reduce metadata parsing

**read\_cm\_cn\_unit** (fid, pointer)

reads Comment block for channel unit



**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_dg** (*fid, pointer*)

reads Comment block from data group block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_ev** (*fid, pointer*)

reads Comment block from event block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_fh** (*fid, pointer*)

reads Comment block from file history block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_hd** (*fid, pointer*)

reads Comment block from header block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_header** (*fid, pointer*)

reads Comment block header

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_cm\_si** (*fid, pointer*)

reads Comment block from source information block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_tx** (*fid, pointer*)

reads TX block

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file

**read\_xml** (*fid*)  
reads Comment block xml and objectifies it

**Parameters**

- **fid** – file identifier
- **block** (*Metadata*) –
- **normal 0 at end** (*removes*) –

**write** (*fid*)

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.DGBlock (*fid=None, pointer=None*)

Bases: dict

reads Data Group block and saves in class dict

**read\_dg** (*fid, pointer*)

**write** (*fid*)

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.DIBlock () -> new empty dictionary dict(mapping) -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs  
dict(iterable) -> new dictionary initialized as if via: d = {}  
for k, v in iterable: d[k] = v dict(\*\*kwargs) -> new dictionary  
initialized with the name=value pairs in the keyword argument  
list. For example: dict(one=1, two=2)

Bases: dict

**load** (*invalid\_bytes, nRecords, pointer*)

**write** (*fid, data*)

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.DLBlock

Bases: dict

reads List Data block

**read\_dl** (*fid, link\_count*)

**write** (*fid, chunks*)

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.DTBlock () -> new empty dictionary dict(mapping) -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs  
dict(iterable) -> new dictionary initialized as if via: d = {}  
for k, v in iterable: d[k] = v dict(\*\*kwargs) -> new dictionary  
initialized with the name=value pairs in the keyword argument  
list. For example: dict(one=1, two=2)

Bases: dict

**load** (*record\_byte\_offset, nRecords, pointer*)

**write** (*fid, data*)

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.DVBlock () -> new empty dictionary dict(mapping) -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs  
dict(iterable) -> new dictionary initialized as if via: d = {}  
for k, v in iterable: d[k] = v dict(\*\*kwargs) -> new dictionary  
initialized with the name=value pairs in the keyword argument  
list. For example: dict(one=1, two=2)

Bases: dict

**load** (*record\_byte\_offset, nRecords, pointer*)

```

    write (fid, data)
class mdfreader.mdinfo4.DZBlock
    Bases: dict
    reads Data List block
    static decompress_data_block (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
        Return type uncompressed raw data

    read_dz (fid)
    write (fid, data, record_length)
class mdfreader.mdinfo4.EVBlock (fid, pointer)
    Bases: dict
    reads Event block and saves in class dict
class mdfreader.mdinfo4.FHBlock (fid=None, pointer=None)
    Bases: dict
    reads File History block and save in class dict
    read (fid, pointer)
    write (fid)
class mdfreader.mdinfo4.HDBlock (fid=None)
    Bases: dict
    reads Header block and save in class dict
    read (fid=None)
    write (fid)
class mdfreader.mdinfo4.HLBlock
    Bases: dict
    reads Header List block
    load (record_byte_offset, n_records, position)
    read_hl (fid)
    write (fid, data)
class mdfreader.mdinfo4.IDBlock (fid=None)
    Bases: dict
    reads or writes ID Block
    read (fid)
        reads IDBlock

```

**write** (*fid*)

Writes IDBlock

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.**Info4** () -> new empty dictionary dict(mapping) -> new dictionary initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs dict(iterable) -> new dictionary initialized as if via: *d = {} for k, v in iterable: d[k] = v* dict(\*\*kwargs) -> new dictionary initialized with the name=value pairs in the keyword argument list. For example: *dict(one=1, two=2)*

Bases: dict

**clean\_dg\_info** (*dg*)

delete CN,CC and CG blocks related to data group

**Parameters** *dg* (*int*) – data group number

**fid**

**fileName**

**list\_channels4** (*file\_name=None, fid=None*)

Read MDF file and extract its complete structure

**Parameters**

- **file\_name** (*str*) – file name
- **fid** –

**Returns**

**Return type** list of channel names contained in file

**read\_cg\_block** (*fid, dg, cg, pointer, vlsc\_cg\_block, channel\_name\_list=False, minimal=0*)

reads one Channel Group block

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*float*) – file identifier
- **dg** (*int*) – data group number
- **cg** (*int*) – channel group number
- **channel\_name\_list** (*bool*) – Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method
- **minimal** (*flag*) – to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching

**Returns** *vlsc\_cg\_block*

**Return type** boolean

**read\_cg\_blocks** (*fid, dg, channel\_name\_list=False, minimal=0*)

reads Channel Group blocks linked to same Data Block dg

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*float*) – file identifier
- **dg** (*int*) – data group number
- **channel\_name\_list** (*bool*) – Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method
- **minimal** (*flag*) – to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching

**read\_ch\_block** (*fid, pointer*)  
reads channel hierarchy Blocks

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*identifier*) – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position of EVBlock in file

**Returns**

**Return type** channel hierarchy Blocks in a dict

**read\_cn\_block** (*fid, pointer, dg, cg, mlsd\_channels, vlsd, minimal, channel\_name\_list*)  
reads single Channel block

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*float*) – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position in file
- **dg** (*int*) – data group number
- **cg** (*int*) – channel group number in data group
- **mlsd\_channels** (*list of int*) – list of maximum length data channel numbers
- **minimal** (*flag*) – to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching
- **channel\_name\_list** (*bool*) – Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method

**Returns**

- **cn** (*integer*) – channel number
- *MLSDChannels* list of appended Maximum Length Sampling Data channels
- **vlsd** (*boolean*)

**read\_cn\_blocks** (*fid, dg, cg, channel\_name\_list=False, minimal=0*)  
reads Channel blocks link to CG Block

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*float*) – file identifier
- **dg** (*int*) – data group number
- **cg** (*int*) – channel group number in data group
- **channel\_name\_list** (*bool*) – Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method
- **minimal** (*flag*) – to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching

**Returns** vlsd

**Return type** boolean

**read\_dg\_block** (*fid, channel\_name\_list=False, minimal=0*)  
reads Data Group Blocks

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*float*) – file identifier

- **channel\_name\_list** (*bool*) – Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method
- **minimal** (*flag*) – to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching

**static read\_ev\_block** (*fid, pointer*)  
reads Events Blocks

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*identifier*) – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position of EVBlock in file

**Returns**

**Return type** Event Blocks in a dict

**read\_info** (*fid, minimal*)  
read all file blocks except data

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*identifier*) – file identifier
- **minimal** (*flag*) – to activate minimum content reading for raw data fetching

**static read\_sr\_block** (*fid, pointer*)  
reads Sample Reduction Blocks

**Parameters**

- **fid** (*float*) – file identifier
- **pointer** (*int*) – position of SRBlock in file

**Returns**

**Return type** Sample Reduction Blocks in a dict

**unique\_id** (*ndg, ncg, ncn*)  
generate unique id tuples

**Parameters**

- **ndg** (*int*) – data group number
- **ncg** (*int*) – channel group number
- **ncn** (*int*) – channel number

**Returns tuples** – (channel name, channel source, channel path), (group name, group source, group path)

**Return type** (data group number, channel group number, channel number),

**zipfile**

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.LDBlock

Bases: dict

reads List Data block

**load** (*record\_byte\_offset, n\_records, position, invalid\_bytes=0, column\_oriented\_flag=False*)

**read\_ld** (*fid, link\_count*)

**write** (*fid, data, invalid\_data=None, compression\_flag=False*)

**write\_DIV** (*fid, pointer, block, data, dl\_data, counter, data\_pointer, record\_length, chunk\_size, n\_records*)

**write\_DZ** (*fid, pointer, data, dl\_data, counter, data\_pointer, record\_length, chunk\_size, dz\_zip\_type, dz\_org\_block\_type*)

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.**SIBlock**

Bases: dict

reads Source Information block and saves in class dict

**read\_si** (*fid, pointer*)

**class** mdfreader.mdinfo4.**SRBlock** (*fid, pointer*)

Bases: dict

reads Sample Reduction block and saves in class dict





## CHANNEL MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format file reader module.

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`mdfreader.channel.PythonVersion`

Python version currently running, needed for compatibility of both python 3.4+

**Type** float

`mdfreader.channel.channel`

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**class** `mdfreader.channel.Channel13` (*info*, *data\_group*, *channel\_group*, *channel\_number*,  
*record\_id\_number*)

Bases: object

Channel class gathers all about channel structure in a record

**name**

Name of channel

**Type** str

**unit**

channel unit

**Type** str, default empty string

**desc**

channel description

**Type** str

**conversion**

conversion dictionary

**Type** info class

**channelNumber**

channel number corresponding to `mdfinfo3.info3` class

**Type** int

**signalDataType**

signal type according to specification

**Type** int

**bitCount**  
number of bits used to store channel record  
**Type** int

**nBytes\_aligned**  
number of bytes (1 byte = 8 bits) taken by channel record  
**Type** int

**dataFormat**  
numpy dtype as string  
**Type** str

**CFormat**  
struct instance to convert from C Format  
**Type** struct class instance

**byteOffset**  
position of channel record in complete record in bytes  
**Type** int

**bitOffset**  
bit position of channel value inside byte in case of channel having bit count below 8  
**Type** int

**recAttributeName**  
channel name compliant to a valid python identifier (recarray attribute)  
**Type** str

**RecordFormat**  
dtype format used for numpy.core.records functions ((name\_title,name),str\_type)  
**Type** list of str

**channelType**  
channel type  
**Type** int

**posByteBeg**  
start position in number of bit of channel record in complete record  
**Type** int

**posByteEnd**  
end position in number of bit of channel record in complete record  
**Type** int

**bit\_masking\_needed**  
True if bit masking needed after data read  
**Type** bool, default false

**\_\_init\_\_** (*info, dataGroup, channelGroup, channelNumber, recordIDnumber*)  
constructor

**\_\_str\_\_** ()  
to print class attributes

**change\_channel\_name** (*channel\_group*)

rename duplicated channel name within unsorted channel groups

**change\_channel\_name** (*channel\_group*)

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

**Parameters** **channel\_group** (*int*) – channelGroup number

**class** mdfreader.channel.**Channel4** (*data\_group, channel\_group, channel\_number*)

Bases: object

**CANOpen\_offset** ()

CANopen channel bytes offset

**Returns**

**Return type** integer, channel bytes offset

**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**

**Return type** ATBlock class from mdfinfo4 module

**bit\_count** (*info*)

calculates channel number of bits

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** integer corresponding to channel number of bits

**bit\_masking\_need** (*info*)

Valid if bit masking need

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** boolean True if channel needs bit masking, otherwise False

**bit\_offset** (*info*)

channel data bit offset in record

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** integer, channel bit offset

**byteOffset**

**c\_format** (*info*)

channel data C format

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** string data C format

**c\_format\_structure** (*info*)

channel data C format struct object

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** string data C format struct object

**ca\_block** (*info*)

Extracts channel CA Block from info4

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** CABlock object from mdfinfo4 module

**calc\_byte\_offset** (*info*)

channel data bytes offset in record (without record id)

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** integer, channel bytes offset

**calc\_bytes** (*info, aligned=True*)

calculates channel aligned bytes number

**Parameters**

- **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
- **aligned** (*boolean*) – with or without aligned bytes

**Returns**

**Return type** number of bytes integer

**change\_channel\_name** (*channel\_group*)

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

**Parameters** **channel\_group** (*int*) – channelGroup number

**channelGroup**

**channelNumber**

**channel\_sync\_type** (*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*

**channel\_type** (*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*

**cn\_block** (*info*)

channel block

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** CNBlock class from mdfinfo4 module

**conversion** (*info*)

channel conversion CCBLOCK

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** *CCBlock*

**data** (*info*)

returns data block pointer for VLSD, MLD or sync channels

**dataGroup****data\_format** (*info*)

channel numpy.core.records data format

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** string data format

**desc** (*info*)

channel description

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** channel description string

**has\_invalid\_bit** (*info*)**invalid\_bit** (*info*)

extracts from info4 the channels valid bits positions

**Parameters** `info` (`mdfinfo4.info4 class`) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** channel valid bit position

`is_ca_block` (`info`)

`isnumeric` (`info`)

check this is numeric channel from data type

**Parameters** `info` (`mdfinfo4.info4 class`) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** boolean, true if numeric channel, otherwise false

`little_endian` (`info`)

check if channel is little endian

**Parameters** `info` (`mdfinfo4.info4 class`) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** boolean

`nBytes_aligned`

`name`

`native_data_format` (`info`)

`numpy_format` (`info`)

channel numpy.core.records data format

**Parameters** `info` (`mdfinfo4.info4 class`) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns** endian, dataType

**Return type** string data format

`pos_bit_beg`

`pos_bit_begin` (`info`)

channel data bit starting position in record

**Parameters** `info` (`mdfinfo4.info4 class`) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** integer, channel bit starting position

`pos_bit_end` (`info`)

channel data bit ending position in record

**Parameters** `info` (`mdfinfo4.info4 class`) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** integer, channel bit ending position

`pos_byte_beg` (`info`)

channel data bytes starting position in record

**Parameters** `info` (`mdfinfo4.info4 class`) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** integer, channel bytes starting position

**pos\_byte\_end** (*info*)

channel data bytes ending position in record

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** integer, channel bytes ending position

**record\_attribute\_name** ()

clean up channel name from unauthorised characters

**Returns**

**Return type** channel name compliant to python attributes names (for recarray)

**record\_id\_size** (*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*)

channel initialisation

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) –

**set\_CANOpen** (*info, name*)

CANOpen channel intialisation

**Parameters**

- **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks
- **name** (*str*) – name of channel. Should be in ('ms', 'day', 'days', 'hour', 'month', 'minute', 'year')

**set\_invalid\_bytes** (*info*)

invalid\_bytes channel initialisation

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**signal\_data\_type** (*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
- 15 LE Complex
- 16 BE Complex

**type**

**unit** (*info*)  
channel unit

**Parameters** **info** (*mdfinfo4.info4 class*) – info4 class containing all MDF Blocks

**Returns**

**Return type** channel unit string

`mdfreader.channel.array_format4` (*signal\_data\_type, number\_of\_bytes*)  
function returning numpy style string from channel data type and number of bits

**Parameters**

- **signal\_data\_type** (*int*) – channel data type according to specification
- **number\_of\_bytes** (*int*) – number of bytes taken by channel data in a record

**Returns** **endian, data\_type** – numpy dtype format used by `numpy.core.records` to read channel raw data

**Return type** str

`mdfreader.channel.data_type_format4` (*signal\_data\_type, number\_of\_bytes*)  
function returning C format string from channel data type and number of bits

**Parameters**

- **signal\_data\_type** (*int*) – channel data type according to specification
- **number\_of\_bytes** (*int*) – number of bytes taken by channel data in a record

**Returns** **data\_type** – C format used by `fread` to read channel raw data

**Return type** str



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