
Python POD API

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API_MODULES

1.1 BasicPodProtocol module

class BasicPodProtocol.POD_Basics(*port: str | int, baudrate: int = 9600*)

Bases: object

POD_Basics handles basic communication with a generic POD device, including reading and writing packets and packet interpretation.

_port

Instance-level COM_io object, which handles the COM port

Type

COM_io

_commands

Instance-level POD_Commands object, which stores information about the commands available to this POD device.

Type

POD_Commands

FlushPort() → bool

Reset the input and output serial port buffer.

Returns

True if the buffers are flushed, False otherwise.

Return type

bool

GetDeviceCommands() → dict[int, list[str | tuple[int] | bool]]

Gets the dictionary containing the class instance's available POD commands.

Returns

Dictionary containing the available commands and their information. Formatted as key(command number) : value([command name, number of argument ASCII bytes, number of return bytes, binary flag])

Return type

dict[int, list[str | tuple[int] | bool]]

static GetNumberOfPODDevices() → int

Gets the POD device counter (__numPod).

Returns

Number of POD_Basics instances.

Return type

int

GetPODpacket(*cmd: str | int, payload: int | bytes | tuple[int | bytes] | None = None*) → bytes

Builds a POD packet and writes it to a POD device via COM port. If an integer payload is give, the method will convert it into a bytes string of the length expected by the command. If a bytes payload is given, it must be the correct length.

Parameters

- **cmd** (*str | int*) – Command number.
- **payload** (*int | bytes | tuple[int | bytes], optional*) – None when there is no payload. If there is a payload, set to an integer value, bytes string, or tuple. Defaults to None.

Raises

- **Exception** – POD command does not exist.
- **Exception** – POD command requires a payload.

Returns

Bytes string of the POD packet.

Return type

bytes

static GetU(*u: int*) → int

number of hexadecimal characters for an unsigned u-bit value.

Parameters

u (*int*) – 8, 16, or 32 bits. Enter any other number for NOVALUE.

Returns

number of hexadecimal characters for an unsigned u-bit value.

Return type

int

ReadPODpacket(*validateChecksum: bool = True, timeout_sec: int | float = 5*) → bytes

Reads a complete POD packet, either in standard or binary format, beginning with STX and ending with ETX. Reads first STX and then starts recursion.

Parameters

- **validateChecksum** (*bool, optional*) – Set to True to validate the checksum. Set to False to skip validation. Defaults to True.
- **timeout_sec** (*int | float, optional*) – Time in seconds to wait for serial data. Defaults to 5.

Returns

Bytes string containing a POD packet beginning with STX and ending with ETX. This may be a standard packet, binary packet, or an unformatted packet (STX+something+ETX).

Return type

bytes

SetBaudrateOfDevice(*baudrate: int*) → bool

If the port is open, it will change the baud rate to the parameter's value.

Parameters

baudrate (*int*) – Baud rate to set for the open serial port.

Returns

True if successful at setting the baud rate, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

TranslatePODpacket(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, int | bytes]

Determines if the packet is standard or binary, and translates accordingly.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing either a standard or binary packet.

Returns

A dictionary containing the unpacked message in numbers.

Return type

dict[str,int|bytes]

static TranslatePODpacket_Binary(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, int | bytes]

Unpacks the variable-length binary POD packet and converts the values of the ASCII-encoded bytes into integer values and leaves the binary-encoded bytes as is.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes message containing a variable-length POD packet.

Returns

A dictionary containing the 'Command Number' and 'Binary Packet Length' in integers, and 'Binary Data' in bytes.

Return type

dict[str,int|bytes]

TranslatePODpacket_Standard(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, int]

Unpacks the standard POD packet and converts the ASCII-encoded bytes values into integer values.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes message containing a standard POD packet

Returns

A dictionary containing the POD packet's 'Command Number' and 'Payload' (if applicable) in integers.

Return type

dict[str,int]

UnpackPODpacket(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, bytes]

Determines if the packet is standard or binary, and unpacks accordingly.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing either a standard or binary packet

Returns

A dictionary containing the unpacked message in bytes

Return type

dict[str,bytes]

static UnpackPODpacket_Binary(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, bytes]

Converts a variable-length binary packet into a dictionary containing the command number, binary packet length, and binary data in bytes.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes message containing a variable-length POD packet

Returns

A dictionary containing ‘Command Number’, ‘Binary Packet Length’, and ‘Binary Data’ keys with bytes values.

Return type

dict[str,bytes]

Raises

Exception –

- (1) The msg does not have the minimum number of bytes in a standard pod packet,(2) does not begin with STX, (3) does not end with ETX, and (4) does not have an ETX after standard packet.

static UnpackPODpacket_Standard(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, bytes]

Converts a standard POD packet into a dictionary containing the command number and payload (if applicable) in bytes.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes message containing a standard POD packet.

Returns

A dictionary containing the POD packet’s ‘Command Number’ and ‘Payload’ (if applicable) in bytes.

Return type

dict[str,bytes]

Raises

Exception –

- (1) The msg does not have the minimum number of bytes in a standard pod packet, (2) does not begin with STX, and (3) does not end with ETX.

WritePacket(*cmd: str | int, payload: int | bytes | tuple[int | bytes] | None = None*) → bytes

Builds a POD packet and writes it to the POD device.

Parameters

- **cmd** (*str | int*) – Command number.
- **payload** (*int | bytes | tuple[int | bytes], optional*) – None when there is no payload. If there is a payload, set to an integer value, bytes string, or tuple. Defaults to None.

Returns

Bytes string that was written to the POD device.

Return type

bytes

WriteRead(*cmd: str | int, payload: int | bytes | tuple[int | bytes] | None = None, validateChecksum: bool = True*) → bytes

Writes a command with optional payload to POD device, then reads (once) the device response.

Parameters

- **cmd** (*str* / *int*) – Command number.
- **payload** (*int* / *bytes* / *tuple[int|bytes]*, *optional*) – None when there is no payload. If there is a payload, set to an integer value or a bytes string. Defaults to None.
- **validateChecksum** (*bool*, *optional*) – Set to True to validate the checksum. Set to False to skip validation. Defaults to True.

Returns

Bytes string containing a POD packet beginning with STX and ending with ETX. This may be a standard packet, binary packet, or an unformatted packet (STX+something+ETX).

Return type

bytes

_ReadPODpacket_Recursive (*validateChecksum: bool = True*) → bytes

Reads the command number. If the command number ends in ETX, the packet is returned. Next, it checks if the command is allowed. Then, it checks if the command is standard or binary and reads accordingly, then returns the packet.

Parameters

validateChecksum (*bool*, *optional*) – Set to True to validate the checksum. Set to False to skip validation. Defaults to True.

Raises

Exception – Cannot read an invalid command.

Returns

Bytes string containing a POD packet beginning with STX and ending with ETX. This may be a standard packet, binary packet, or an unformatted packet (STX+something+ETX).

Return type

bytes

_Read_Binary (*prePacket: bytes, validateChecksum: bool = True*) → bytes

Reads the remaining part of the variable-length binary packet. It first reads the standard packet (prePacket+payload+checksum+ETX). Then it determines how long the binary packet is from the payload of the standard POD packet and reads that many bytes. It then reads to ETX to get the checksum+ETX.

Parameters

- **prePacket** (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing the beginning of a POD packet: STX (1 byte) + command number (4 bytes)
- **validateChecksum** (*bool*, *optional*) – Set to True to validate the checksum. Set to False to skip validation. Defaults to True.

Raises

Exception – An exception is raised if the checksum is invalid (only if validateChecksum=True).

Returns

Bytes string for a variable-length binary POD packet.

Return type

bytes

_Read_GetCommand (*validateChecksum: bool = True*) → bytes

Reads one byte at a time up to 4 bytes to get the ASCII-encoded bytes command number. For each byte

read, it can (1) start the recursion over if an STX is found, (2) returns if ETX is found, or (3) continue building the command number.

Parameters

validateChecksum (*bool*, *optional*) – Set to True to validate the checksum. Set to False to skip validation. Defaults to True.

Returns

4 byte long string containing the ASCII-encoded command number.

Return type

bytes

_Read_Standard(*prePacket: bytes, validateChecksum: bool = True*) → bytes

Reads the payload, checksum, and ETX. Then it builds the complete standard POD packet in bytes.

Parameters

- **prePacket** (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing the beginning of a POD packet: STX (1 byte) + command number (4 bytes).
- **validateChecksum** (*bool*, *optional*) – Set to True to validate the checksum. Set to False to skip validation. Defaults to True.

Raises

Exception – An exception is raised if the checksum is invalid (only if validateChecksum=True).

Returns

Bytes string for a complete standard POD packet.

Return type

bytes

_Read_ToETX(*validateChecksum: bool = True*) → bytes

Reads one byte at a time until an ETX is found. It will restart the recursive read if an STX is found anywhere.

Parameters

validateChecksum (*bool*, *optional*) – Set to True to validate the checksum. Set to False to skip validation. Defaults to True.

Returns

Bytes string ending with ETX.

Return type

bytes

static _ValidateChecksum(*msg: bytes*) → bool

Validates the checksum of a given POD packet. The checksum is valid if the calculated checksum from the data matches the checksum written in the packet.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes message containing a POD packet: STX (1 bytes) + data (? bytes) + checksum (2 bytes) + ETX (1 byte).

Returns

True if the checksum is correct, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

Raises

Exception – msg does not begin with STX or end with ETX.

__MINBINARYLENGTH: int = 15

Class-level integer representing the minimum length of a binary POD command packet. Format is STX (1 byte) + command number (4 bytes) + length of binary (4 bytes) + checksum (2 bytes) + ETX (1 bytes) + binary (LENGTH bytes) + checksum (2 bytes) + ETX (1 bytes)

__MINSTANDARDLENGTH: int = 8

Class-level integer representing the minimum length of a standard POD command packet. Format is STX (1 byte) + command number (4 bytes) + optional packet (? bytes) + checksum (2 bytes) + ETX (1 bytes)

__numPod: int = 0

Class-level integer counting the number of POD_Basics instances. Maintained by `__init__` and `__del__`.

1.2 GetUserInput module

class GetUserInput.UserInput

Bases: object

UserInput contains several methods for getting user input for POD device setup.

static AskForBool(*prompt: str*) → bool

Asks user for bool type input.

Parameters

prompt (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.

Returns

Boolean type input from user.

Return type

bool

static AskForFloat(*prompt: str*) → float

Asks user for float type input.

Parameters

prompt (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.

Returns

Float type input from user.

Return type

float

static AskForFloatInList(*prompt: str, goodInputs: list, badInputMessage: str | None = None*) → float

Asks the user for a float that exists in the list of valid options.

Parameters

- **prompt** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.
- **goodInputs** (*list*) – List of valid input options.
- **badInputMessage** (*str | None, optional*) – Error message to be printed if invalid input is given. Defaults to None.

Returns

User's choice from the options list as a float.

Return type

float

static AskForFloatInRange(*prompt: str, minimum: float, maximum: float, thisIs: str = 'Input', unit: str = ''*) → float

Asks the user for an float value that falls in a given range.

Parameters

- **prompt** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.
- **minimum** (*float*) – Minimum value of range.
- **maximum** (*float*) – Maximum value of range.
- **thisIs** (*str, optional*) – Description of the input/what is being asked for. Used when printing the error message. Defaults to 'Input'.
- **unit** (*str, optional*) – Unit of the requested value. Use when printing the error message. Defaults to ''.

Returns

Float value given by the user that falls in the given range.

Return type

float

static AskForInput(*prompt: str, append: str = ':'*) → str

Asks user for input given a prompt. Will append a colon ':' to the end of prompt by default

Parameters

- **prompt** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user
- **append** (*str, optional*) – Appended to the end of the prompt. Defaults to ':'.

Returns

String of the user input

Return type

str

static AskForInt(*prompt: str*) → int

Asks user for int type input.

Parameters

prompt (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.

Returns

Integer type input from user.

Return type

int

static AskForIntInList(*prompt: str, goodInputs: list, badInputMessage: str | None = None*) → int

Asks the user for an integer that exists in the list of valid options.

Parameters

- **prompt** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user
- **goodInputs** (*list*) – List of valid input options.
- **badInputMessage** (*str | None, optional*) – Error message to be printed if invalid input is given. Defaults to None.

Returns

User's choice from the options list as an integer.

Return type

int

static AskForIntInRange(*prompt: str, minimum: int, maximum: int, thisIs: str = 'Input', unit: str = ''*) → int

Asks the user for an integer value that falls in a given range.

Parameters

- **prompt** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.
- **minimum** (*int*) – Minimum value of range.
- **maximum** (*int*) – Maximum value of range.
- **thisIs** (*str, optional*) – Description of the input/what is being asked for. Used when printing the error message. Defaults to 'Input'.
- **unit** (*str, optional*) – Unit of the requested value. Use when printing the error message. Defaults to ''.

Returns

Integer value given by the user that falls in the given range.

Return type

int

static AskForStrInList(*prompt: str, goodInputs: list, badInputMessage: str | None = None*) → str

Asks the user for a string that exists in the list of valid options.

Parameters

- **prompt** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.
- **goodInputs** (*list*) – List of valid input options
- **badInputMessage** (*str | None, optional*) – Error message to be printed if invalid input is given. Defaults to None.

Returns

User's choice from the options list as a string.

Return type

str

static AskForType(*typecast: function, prompt: str*) → int | float | str

Ask user for input of a specific data type. If invalid input is given, an error message will print and the user will be prompted again.

Parameters

- **typecast** (*function*) – Datatype to cast the user input (ex. `_CastInt`, `_CastFloat`, `_CastStr`)
- **prompt** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user

Returns

Input from user as the requested type.

Return type

int|float|str

static AskForTypeInList(*typecast: function, prompt: str, goodInputs: list, badInputMessage: str | None = None*) → int | float | str

Asks the user for a value of a given type that exists in the list of valid options. If invalid input is given, an error message will print and the user will be prompted again.

Parameters

- **typecast** (*function*) – Datatype to cast the user input (ex. `_CastInt`, `_CastFloat`, `_CastStr`).
- **prompt** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.
- **goodInputs** (*list*) – List of valid input options.
- **badInputMessage** (*str | None, optional*) – Error message to be printed if invalid input is given. Defaults to `None`.

Returns

User's choice from the `goodInputs` list as the given datatype.

Return type

int|float|str

static AskForTypeInRange(*typecast: function, prompt: str, minimum: int | float, maximum: int | float, thisIs: str = 'Input', unit: str = ''*) → int | float

Asks user for a numerical value that falls between two numbers. If invalid input is given, an error message will print and the user will be prompted again.

Parameters

- **typecast** (*function*) – Datatype to cast the user input (ex. `_CastInt`, `_CastFloat`, `_CastStr`).
- **prompt** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.
- **minimum** (*int | float*) – Minimum value of range.
- **maximum** (*int | float*) – Maximum value of range.
- **thisIs** (*str, optional*) – Description of the input/what is being asked for. Used when printing the error message. Defaults to `'Input'`.
- **unit** (*str, optional*) – Unit of the requested value. Use when printing the error message. Defaults to `''`.

Returns

Numerical value given by the user that falls in the given range.

Return type

int|float

static AskYN(*question: str, append: str = '(y/n): '*) → bool

Asks the user a yes or no question. If invalid input is given, an error message will print and the user will be prompted again.

Parameters

- **question** (*str*) – Statement requesting input from the user.
- **append** (*str, optional*) – Appended to the end of the question. Defaults to `'(y/n): '`.

Returns

True for yes, false for no.

Return type

bool

static CastFloat(*value*) → float

Casts the argument as an float.

Parameters**value** – Value to type casted.**Returns**

Value type casted as a float.

Return type

float

static CastInt(*value*) → int

Casts the argument as an integer.

Parameters**value** – Value to type casted.**Returns**

Value type casted as an integer.

Return type

int

static CastStr(*value*) → str

Casts the argument as an string.

Parameters**value** – Value to type casted.**Returns**

Value type casted as a string.

Return type

str

static CheckFileExt(*f*: str, *fIsExt*: bool = True, *goodExt*: list[str] = ['.txt'], *printErr*: bool = True) → bool

Checks if a file name has a valid extension.

Parameters

- **f** (*str*) – file name or extension
- **fIsExt** (*bool*, *optional*) – Boolean flag that is true if f is an extension, false otherwise. Defaults to True.
- **goodExt** (*list[str]*, *optional*) – List of valid file extensions. Defaults to ['.txt',].
- **printErr** (*bool*, *optional*) – Boolean flag that, when true, will print an error statement. Defaults to True.

Returns

True if extension is in goodExt list, False otherwise.

Return type

bool

static **GetFileName()** → str

Asks the user for a filename.

Returns

String of the file name and extension.

Return type

str

static **GetFilePath**(*prompt: str | None = None, goodExt: list[str] = ['.txt']*) → str

Asks the user for a file path and file name.

Parameters

- **prompt** (*str | None, optional*) – Text to print to the user before requesting the path. Defaults to None.
- **goodExt** (*list[str], optional*) – List of valid file extensions. Defaults to ['.csv', '.txt', '.edf'].

Returns

File path and name.

Return type

str

1.3 PodCommands module

class PodCommands.**POD_Commands**

Bases: object

POD_Commands manages a dictionary containing available commands for a POD device.

__commands

Dictionary containing the available commands for a POD device. Each entry is formatted as { key(command number) : value([command name, number of argument ASCII bytes, number of return bytes, binary flag) }.

Type

dict[int,list[str|tuple[int]|bool]]

AddCommand(*commandNumber: int, commandName: str, argumentBytes: tuple[int], returnBytes: tuple[int], isBinary: bool, description: str*) → bool

Adds a command entry to the current commands dictionary (__commands) if the command does not exist.

Parameters

- **commandNumber** (*int*) – Integer of the command number.
- **commandName** (*str*) – String of the command's name.
- **argumentBytes** (*tuple[int]*) – Integer of the number of bytes in the argument.
- **returnBytes** (*tuple[int]*) – Integer of the number of bytes in the return.
- **isBinary** (*bool*) – Boolean flag to mark if the command is binary (True) or standard (False).
- **description** (*str*) – String description of the command.

Returns

True if the command was successfully added, False if the command could not be added because it already exists.

Return type

bool

ArgumentHexChar(*cmd*: int | str) → tuple[int] | None

Gets the tuple for the number of hex characters in the argument for a given command.

Parameters

cmd (int | str) – Integer command number or string command name.

Returns

Tuple representing the number of bytes in the argument for cmd. If the command could not be found, return None.

Return type

tuple[int]|None

CommandNumberFromName(*name*: str) → int | None

Gets the command number from the command dictionary using the command's name.

Parameters

name (str) – String of the command's name.

Returns

Integer representing the command number. If the command could not be found, return None.

Return type

int|None

Description(*cmd*: int | str) → str | None

Gets the description for a given command.

Parameters

cmd (int | str) – Integer command number or string command name.

Returns

String description for the command. If the command could not be found, return None.

Return type

str|None

DoesCommandExist(*cmd*: int | str) → bool

Checks if a command exists in the __commands dictionary.

Parameters

cmd (int | str) – Integer command number or string command name.

Returns

True if the command exists, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

static GetBasicCommands() → dict[int, list[str | tuple[int] | bool]]

Creates a dictionary containing the basic POD command set (0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12).

Returns

Dictionary containing the available commands for this POD device. Each entry is formatted as

{ key(command number) : value([command name, number of argument ASCII bytes, number of return bytes, binary flag, description) }.

Return type

dict[int, list[str|tuple[int]]|bool|str]]

GetCommands() → dict[int, list[str | tuple[int] | bool]]

Gets the contents of the current command dictionary (__commands).

Returns

Dictionary containing the available commands for a POD device. Each entry is formatted as { key(command number) : value([command name, number of argument ASCII bytes, number of return bytes, binary flag, description) }.

Return type

dict[int, list[str|tuple[int]]|bool|str]]

IsCommandBinary(cmd: int | str) → bool | None

Gets the binary flag for a given command.

Parameters

cmd (int | str) – Integer command number or string command name.

Returns

Boolean flag that is True if the command is binary and False if standard. If the command could not be found, return None.

Return type

bool|None

static NoValue() → int

Gets value of __NOVALUE.

Returns

Value of __NOVALUE.

Return type

int

RemoveCommand(cmd: int | str) → bool

Removes the entry for a given command in __commands dictionary.

Parameters

cmd (int | str) – Integer command number or string command name.

Returns

True if the command was successfully removed, False if the command does not exist.

Return type

bool

RestoreBasicCommands() → None

Sets the current commands (__commands) to the basic POD command set.

ReturnHexChar(cmd: int | str) → tuple[int] | None

Gets the tuple for the number of hex characters in the return for a given command.

Parameters

cmd (int | str) – Integer command number or string command name.

Returns

Tuple representing the number of hex characters in the return for cmd. If the command could not be found, return None.

Return type

tuple[int]|None

Search(cmd: int | str, idx: int | None = None) → str | tuple[int] | bool | None

Searches the __commands dictionary for the command.

Parameters

- **cmd** (int | str) – Integer command number or string command name.
- **idx** (int, optional) – Index for the desired value in the command information list. Defaults to None.

Returns

If an idx was given, this returns the idx value of the command information list if the command was found (None otherwise). If no idx is given, this returns true if the command is found (False otherwise).

Return type

str|tuple[int]|bool|str|None

static U16() → int

Gets value of __U16.

Returns

Value of __U16.

Return type

int

static U32() → int

Gets value of __U32.

Returns

Value of __U32.

Return type

int

static U8() → int

Gets value of __U8.

Returns

Value of __U8.

Return type

int

__ARGUMENTS: int = 1

Class-level integer representing the index key for the number of bytes in an argument for __commands list values.

__BINARY: int = 3

Class-level integer representing the index key for the binary flag for __commands list values.

__DESCRIPTION: int = 4

Class-level integer representing the index key for the description for __commands list values.

__NAME: int = 0

Class-level integer representing the index key for the command name for `__commands` list values.

__NOVALUE: int = -1

Class-level integer used to mark when a list item in `__commands` means ‘no value’ or is undefined.

__RETURNS: int = 2

Class-level integer representing the index key for the number of bytes in the return for `__commands` list values.

__U16: int = 4

Class-level integer representing the number of hexadecimal characters for an unsigned 16-bit value.

__U32: int = 8

Class-level integer representing the number of hexadecimal characters for an unsigned 32-bit value.

__U8: int = 2

Class-level integer representing the number of hexadecimal characters for an unsigned 8-bit value.

1.4 PodDevice_8206HR module

class PodDevice_8206HR.POD_8206HR(*port: str | int, preampGain: int, baudrate: int = 9600*)

Bases: [POD_Basics](#)

POD_8206HR handles communication using an 8206HR POD device.

__preampGain

Instance-level integer (10 or 100) preamplifier gain.

Type

int

TranslatePODpacket(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, int | dict[str, int]]

Overwrites the parent’s method. Determines if the packet is standard or binary, and translates accordingly. Adds a check for the ‘GET TTL PORT’ command.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing either a standard or binary packet.

Returns

A dictionary containing the unpacked message in numbers.

Return type

dict[str,int|dict[str,int]]

TranslatePODpacket_Binary(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, int | float | dict[str, int]]

Overwrites the parent’s method. Unpacks the binary4 POD packet and converts the values of the ASCII-encoded bytes into integer values and the values of binary-encoded bytes into integers. Channel values are given in Volts.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing a complete binary4 Pod packet: STX (1 byte) + command (4 bytes) + packet number (1 bytes) + TTL (1 byte) + ch0 (2 bytes) + ch1 (2 bytes) + ch2 (2 bytes) + checksum (2 bytes) + ETX (1 byte).

Returns

A dictionary containing ‘Command Number’, ‘Packet #’, ‘TTL’, ‘Ch0’, ‘Ch1’, and ‘Ch2’ as numbers.

Return type

dict[str,int|float|dict[str,int]]

static UnpackPODpacket_Binary(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, bytes]

Overwrites the parent's method. Separates the components of a binary4 packet into a dictionary.

Parameters**msg** (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing a complete binary4 Pod packet: STX (1 byte) + command (4 bytes) + packet number (1 bytes) + TTL (1 byte) + ch0 (2 bytes) + ch1 (2 bytes) + ch2 (2 bytes) + checksum (2 bytes) + ETX (1 byte).**Raises****Exception –**

- (1) the packet does not have the minimum number of bytes, (2) does not begin with STX, or (3) does not end with ETX.

Returns

A dictionary containing 'Command Number', 'Packet #', 'TTL', 'Ch0', 'Ch1', and 'Ch2' in bytes.

Return type

dict[str,bytes]

_BinaryBytesToVoltage(*value: bytes*) → float

Converts a binary bytes value read from POD device and converts it to the real voltage value at the preamplifier input.

Parameters**value** (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing voltage measurement.**Returns**

A number containing the voltage in Volts [V].

Return type

float

_Read_Binary(*prePacket: bytes, validateChecksum: bool = True*) → bytes

After receiving the prePacket, it reads the 8 bytes(TTL+channels) and then reads to ETX (checksum+ETX).

Parameters

- **prePacket** (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing the beginning of a POD packet: STX (1 byte) + command number (4 bytes).
- **validateChecksum** (*bool, optional*) – Set to True to validate the checksum. Set to False to skip validation. Defaults to True.

Raises**Exception** – Bad checksum for binary POD packet read.**Returns**

Byte string for a binary4 POD packet.

Return type

bytes

static _TranslateTTLbyte_ASCII(*ttlByte: bytes*) → dict[str, int]

Separates the bits of each TTL (0-3) from a ASCII encoded byte.

Parameters**ttlByte** (*bytes*) – One byte string for the TTL (ASCII encoded).

Returns

Dictionary of the TTLs. Values are 1 when input, 0 when output.

Return type

dict[str,int]

static `_TranslateTTLbyte_Binary`(*tTlByte: bytes*) → dict[str, int]

Separates the bits of each TTL (0-3) from a binary encoded byte.

Parameters

tTlByte (*bytes*) – One byte string for the TTL (binary encoded).

Returns

Dictionary of the TTLs. Values are 1 when input, 0 when output.

Return type

dict[str,int]

__B4BINARYLENGTH: int = 8

Class-level integer representing the number of binary bytes for a Binary 4 packet.

__B4LENGTH: int = 16

Class-level integer representing the number of bytes for a Binary 4 packet.

1.5 PodDevice_8229 module

class `PodDevice_8229.POD_8229`(*port: str | int, baudrate: int = 19200*)

Bases: `POD_Basics`

POD_8229 handles communication using an 8229 POD device.

static `BuildSetDayScheduleArgument`(*day: str | int, hours: list | tuple[bool | int], speed: int | list | tuple[int]*) → tuple[int]

Appends the day of the week code to the front of the encoded hourly schedule. this tuple is formatted to be used as the #141 'SET DAY SCHEDULE' argument.

Parameters

- **day** (*str | int*) – Day of the week. Can be either the name of the day (i.e. Sunday, Monday, etc.) or the 0-6 day code (0 for Sunday increasing to 6 for Saturday).
- **hours** (*list | tuple[bool | int]*) – Array of 24 items. The value is 1 for motor on and 0 for motor off.
- **speed** (*int | list | tuple[int]*) – Speed of the motor (0-100). This is an integer of all hours are the same speed. If there are multiple speeds, this should be an array of 24 items.

Returns

`_description_`

Return type

tuple[int]

static `CodeDayOfWeek`(*day: str*) → int

Converts the day of the week to an integer code understandable by the POD device. The day is determined by the first 1-2 characters of the string, which supports multiple abbreviations for days of the week.

Parameters

day (*str*) – Day of the week.

Raises

Exception – Invalid day of the week.

Returns

Code for the day of the week. Values are 0-6, with 0 for Saturday, 1 for Monday, ..., and 6 for Saturday.

Return type

int

static **CodeDaySchedule**(*hours: list | tuple[bool | int], speed: int | list | tuple[int]*) → list[int]

Bitmasks the day schedule to encode the motor on/off status and the motor speed. Use this for getting the command #141 'SET DAY SCHEDULE' U8x24 argument component.

Parameters

- **hours** (*list | tuple[bool | int]*) – Array of 24 items. The value is 1 for motor on and 0 for motor off.
- **speed** (*int | list | tuple[int]*) – Speed of the motor (0-100). This is an integer of all hours are the same speed. If there are multiple speeds, this should be an array of 24 items.

Returns

List of 24 integer items. The msb is the motor on/off flag and the remaining 7 bits are the speed.

Return type

list[int]

static **DecodeDayOfWeek**(*day: int*) → str

Converts the integer code for a day of the week to a human-readable string.

Parameters

day (*int*) – Day of the week code must be 0-6.

Returns

Day of the week ('Sunday', 'Monday', etc.).

Return type

str

static **DecodeDaySchedule**(*schedule: bytes*) → dict[str, int | list[int]]

Interprets the return bytes from the command #142 'GET DAY SCHEDULE'.

Parameters

schedule (*bytes*) – 24 byte long bitstring with one U8 per hour in a day.

Returns

Dictionary with 'Hour' as a list of 24 0/1 values (0 is motor off and 1 is motor on) and 'Speed' as the motor speed (0-100). If the motor speed is the same every hour, 'Speed' will be an integer; otherwise, 'Speed' will be a list of 24 items.

Return type

dict[str,int|list[int]]

static **DecodeLCDSchedule**(*schedule: bytes*) → dict[str, str | list[int]]

Interprets the return bytes from the command #202 'LCD SET DAY SCHEDULE'.

Parameters

schedule (*bytes*) – 4 Byte long bitstring. Byte 3 is weekday, Byte 2 is hours 0-7, Byte 1 is hours 8-15, and byte 0 is hours 16-23.

Returns

Dictionary with Day as the day of the week, and Hours containing a list of 24 0/1 values (one for each hour). Each bit represents the motor state in that hour, 1 for on and 0 for off.

Return type

dict[str,int|list[int]]

static GetCurrentTime() → tuple[int]

Gets a tuple to use as the argument for command #140 SET TIME containing values for the current time.

Returns

Tuple of 7 integer values. The format is (Seconds, Minutes, Hours, Day, Month, Year (without century, so 23 for 2023), Weekday (0 for Sunday))

Return type

tuple[int]

TranslatePODpacket (*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, int | dict[str, int]]

Overwrites the parent's method. Adds an additional check to handle specially formatted payloads.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing a POD packet.

Returns

A translated POD packet, which has Command Number and Payload keys. The payload may be formatted uniquely to the command.

Return type

dict[str,int|dict[str,int]]

WritePacket (*cmd: str | int, payload: int | bytes | tuple[int | bytes] | None = None*) → bytes

Builds a POD packet and writes it to the POD device.

Parameters

- **cmd** (*str | int*) – Command number.
- **payload** (*int | bytes | tuple[int | bytes], optional*) – None when there is no payload. If there is a payload, set to an integer value, bytes string, or tuple. Defaults to None.

Returns

Bytes string that was written to the POD device.

Return type

bytes

static _CodeDecimalAsHex (*val: int*) → int

Builds an integer that equals the val argument when converted into hexadecimal. All integers are converted to hexadecimal ASCII encoded bytes. Some commands (i.e. 8229 #140) need decimal ASCII encoded bytes; to do this, give the return value of _CodeDecimalAsHex() as the payload. Example: I want a number that is equal to 16 in hex. $1 \cdot 16^1 + 6 \cdot 16^0 = 22$. Calling _CodeDecimalAsHex(16) will return 22.

Parameters

val (*int*) – Unsigned integer number.

Returns

integer that equals the val argument when converted into hexadecimal.

Return type

int

static `_DecodeDecimalAsHex(val: int) → int`

Interprets an integer that was converted to a hexadecimal representation of a decimal value. In other words, this method reverses `_CodeDecimalAsHex()`.

Parameters

val (*int*) – Unsigned integer that was converted to a hexadecimal representation of a decimal value.

Returns

Unsigned integer as a true decimal number.

Return type

int

static `_Validate_Day(day: str | int) → int`

Raises an exception if the day is incorrectly formatted. If the day is given as a string, it will be converted to its integer code.

Parameters

day (*str* | *int*) – String day of the week or its respective integer code.

Raises

- **Exception** – The day integer argument must be 0-6.
- **Exception** – The day argument must be a str or int.

Returns

Integer code representing a day of the week.

Return type

int

static `_Validate_Hours(hours: list | tuple[bool | int]) → list[bool | int]`

Raises an exception if the hours is incorrectly formatted. Converts the hours into a list before returning it.

Parameters

hours (*list* | *tuple[bool | int]*) – Array with 24 items with values of 1/0 representing each hour

Raises

- **Exception** – The hours argument must be a list or tuple.
- **Exception** – The hours argument must have exactly 24 items.
- **Exception** – The hours items must be 0 or 1.

Returns

List with 24 items for each hour. The values are 1/0.

Return type

list[bool|int]

static `_Validate_Schedule(schedule: bytes, size: int) → bytes`

Raises an exception if the schedule is incorrectly formatted

Parameters

- **schedule** (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing the day schedule.

- **size** (*int*) – Number of U8 bytes.

Raises

- **Exception** – The schedule must be bytes.
- **Exception** – The schedule is the incorrect size

Returns

Same as the schedule argument.

Return type

bytes

static **_Validate_Speed**(*speed: int | list | tuple[int]*) → list[int]

Raises an exception if the speed is incorrectly formatted. If an integer speed is given, it will convert it to a list.

Parameters

speed (*int | list | tuple[int]*) – Motor speed (0-100). This can either be an integer or a tuple/list of 24 speeds.

Raises

- **Exception** – The speed argument must be an int, list, or tuple.
- **Exception** – The speed must be between 0 and 100.
- **Exception** – The speed argument must have exactly 24 items as a list/tuple.
- **Exception** – The speed must be between 0 and 100 for every list/tuple item.

Returns

List containing 24 motor speeds.

Return type

list[int]

1.6 PodDevice_8401HR module

```
class PodDevice_8401HR.POD_8401HR(port: str | int, ssGain: tuple | list | dict[str, int | None] = {'A': None, 'B': None, 'C': None, 'D': None}, preampGain: tuple | list | dict[str, int | None] = {'A': None, 'B': None, 'C': None, 'D': None}, baudrate: int = 9600)
```

Bases: *POD_Basics*

POD_8401HR handles communication using an 8401-HR POD device.

_ssGain

Instance-level dictionary storing the second-stage gain for all four channels.

Type

dict[str,int|None]

_preampGain

Instance-level dictionary storing the pramplifier gain for all four channels.

Type

dict[str,int|None]

static CalculateBiasDAC_GetDACValue(*vout: int | float*) → int

Calculates the DAC value given the output voltage. Used for ‘GET/SET BIAS’ commands.

Parameters

vout (*int | float*) – Output voltage (+/- 2.048 V).

Returns

Integer of the DAC value (16 bit 2’s complement).

Return type

int

static CalculateBiasDAC_GetVout(*value: int*) → float

Calculates the output voltage given the DAC value. Used for ‘GET/SET BIAS’ commands.

Parameters

value (*int*) – DAC value (16 bit 2’s complement).

Returns

Float of the output bias voltage [V].

Return type

float

static DecodeSSConfigBitmask(*config: bytes*)

Converts the SS configuration byte to a dictionary with the high-pass and gain.

Parameters

config (*bytes*) – U8 byte containing the SS configuration. Bit 0 = 0 for 0.5Hz Highpass, 1 for DC Highpass. Bit 1 = 0 for 5x gain, 1 for 1x gain.

static DecodeTTLByte(*tTlByte: bytes*) → dict[str, int]

Converts the TTL bytes argument into a dictionary of integer TTL values.

Parameters

tTlByte (*bytes*) – U8 byte containing the TTL bitmask.

Returns

Dictionary with TTL name keys and integer TTL values.

Return type

dict[str,int]

static GetChannelMapForPreamplifierDevice(*preamplifierName: str*) → dict[str, str] | None

Get the channel mapping (channel labels for A,B,C,D) for a given device.

Parameters

preamplifierName (*str*) – String for the device/sensor name.

Returns

Dictionary with keys A,B,C,D with values of the channel names. Returns None if the device name does not exist.

Return type

dict[str,str]|None

static GetSSConfigBitmask(*gain: int, highpass: float*) → int

Gets a bitmask, represented by an unsigned integer, used for ‘SET SS CONFIG’ command.

Parameters

- **gain** (*int*) – 1 for 1x gain. else for 5x gain.

- **highpass** (*float*) – 0 for DC highpass, else for 0.5Hz highpass.

Returns

Integer representing a bitmask.

Return type

int

static GetSupportedPreampDevices() → list[str]

Gets a list of device/sensor names used for channel mapping.

Returns

List of string names of all supported sensors.

Return type

list[str]

static GetTTLbitmask(*ext0: bool = 0, ext1: bool = 0, ttl4: bool = 0, ttl3: bool = 0, ttl2: bool = 0, ttl1: bool = 0*) → int

Builds an integer, which represents a binary mask, that can be used for TTL command arguments.

Parameters

- **ext0** (*bool, optional*) – boolean bit for ext0. Defaults to 0.
- **ext1** (*bool, optional*) – boolean bit for ext1. Defaults to 0.
- **ttl4** (*bool, optional*) – boolean bit for ttl4. Defaults to 0.
- **ttl3** (*bool, optional*) – boolean bit for ttl3. Defaults to 0.
- **ttl2** (*bool, optional*) – boolean bit for ttl2. Defaults to 0.
- **ttl1** (*bool, optional*) – boolean bit for ttl1. Defaults to 0.

Returns

Integer number to be used as a bit mask.

Return type

int

static IsPreampDeviceSupported(*name: str*) → bool

Checks if the argument exists in channel map for all preamp sensors.

Parameters

name (*str*) – name of the device

Returns

True if the name exists in __CHANNELMAPALL, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

TranslatePODpacket(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, int | dict[str, int]]

Overwrites the parent's method. Unpacks the binary5 POD packet and converts the values of the ASCII-encoded bytes into integer values and the values of binary-encoded bytes into integers. The channels and analogs are converted to volts (V).

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes message containing a standard or binary5 POD packet.

Returns

A dictionary containing the unpacked message in numbers.

Return type

dict[str,int|dict[str,int]]

TranslatePODpacket_Binary(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, int | float]

Overwrites the parent's method. Unpacks the binary5 POD packet and converts the values of the ASCII-encoded bytes into integer values and the values of binary-encoded bytes into integers. The channels and analogs are converted to volts (V).

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – msg (bytes): Bytes string containing a complete binary 5 Pod packet: STX (1 byte) + command (4) + packet number (1) + status (1) + channels (9) + analog inputs (12) + checksum (2) + ETX (1).

Returns

A dictionary containing 'Command Number', 'Packet #', 'Status', 'D', 'C', 'B', 'A', 'Analog EXT0', 'Analog EXT1', 'Analog TTL1', 'Analog TTL2', 'Analog TTL3', 'Analog TTL4', as numbers.

Return type

dict[str,int|dict[str,int]]

static UnpackPODpacket_Binary(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, bytes]

Overwrites the parent's method. Separates the components of a binary5 packet into a dictionary.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing a complete binary5 Pod packet: STX (1 byte) + command (4) + packet number (1) + status (1) + channels (9) + analog inputs (12) + checksum (2) + ETX (1)

Raises**Exception** –

- (1) The packet does not have the minimum number of bytes, (2) does not begin with STX, or (3) does not end with ETX.

Returns

A dictionary containing 'Command Number', 'Packet #', 'Status', 'Channels', 'Analog EXT0', 'Analog EXT1', 'Analog TTL1', 'Analog TTL2', 'Analog TTL3', 'Analog TTL4', in bytes.

Return type

dict[str,bytes]

_Read_Binary(*prePacket: bytes, validateChecksum: bool = True*)

After receiving the prePacket, it reads the 23 bytes (binary data) and then reads to ETX.

Parameters

- **prePacket** (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing the beginning of a POD packet: STX (1 byte) + command number (4 bytes).
- **validateChecksum** (*bool, optional*) – Set to True to validate the checksum. Set to False to skip validation. Defaults to True.

Raises**Exception** – Bad checksum for binary POD packet read.**static _Voltage_PrimaryChannels**(*value: int, ssGain: int | None = None, PreampGain: int | None = None*) → float

Converts a value to a voltage for a primary channel.

Parameters

- **value** (*int*) – Value to be converted to voltage.
- **ssGain** (*int | None, optional*) – Second stage gain. Defaults to None.
- **PreamplifierGain** (*int | None, optional*) – Preamplifier gain. Defaults to None.

Returns

Number of the voltage in volts [V]. Returns value if no gain is given (no-connect).

Return type

float

static _Voltage_PrimaryChannels_Biosensor(*value: int, ssGain: int*) → float

Converts a value to a voltage for a biosensor primary channel.

Parameters

- **value** (*int*) – Value to be converted to voltage.
- **ssGain** (*int*) – Second stage gain.

Returns

Number of the voltage in volts [V].

Return type

float

static _Voltage_PrimaryChannels_EEGEMG(*value: int, ssGain: int, PreamplifierGain: int*) → float

Converts a value to a voltage for an EEG/EMG primary channel.

Parameters

- **value** (*int*) – Value to be converted to voltage.
- **ssGain** (*int*) – Second stage gain.
- **PreamplifierGain** (*int*) – Preamplifier gain.

Returns

Number of the voltage in volts [V].

Return type

float

static _Voltage_SecondaryChannels(*value: int*) → float

Converts a value to a voltage for a secondary channel.

Parameters

value (*int*) – Value to be converted to voltage.

Returns

Number of the voltage in volts [V].

Return type

float

__B5BINARYLENGTH: int = 23

Class-level integer representing the number of binary bytes for a Binary 5 packet.

__B5LENGTH: int = 31

Class-level integer representing the number of bytes for a Binary 5 packet.

```
__CHANNELMAPALL: dict[str, dict[str, str]] = {'8406-2BIO': {'A': 'Bio1', 'B': 'Bio2', 'C': 'NC', 'D': 'NC'}, '8406-BIO': {'A': 'Bio', 'B': 'NC', 'C': 'NC', 'D': 'NC'}, '8406-EEG2BIO': {'A': 'Bio1', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EMG', 'D': 'Bio2'}, '8406-SE': {'A': 'Bio', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EMG', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8406-SE3': {'A': 'Bio', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EEG3', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8406-SE31M': {'A': 'EMG', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EEG3', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8406-SE4': {'A': 'EEG4', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EEG3', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8406-SL': {'A': 'Bio', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EMG', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8407-SE': {'A': 'Bio', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EMG', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8407-SE-2BIO': {'A': 'Bio1', 'B': 'Bio2', 'C': 'EMG', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8407-SE3': {'A': 'Bio', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EEG3', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8407-SE31M': {'A': 'EEG3', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EMG', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8407-SE4': {'A': 'EEG4', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EEG3', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8407-SL': {'A': 'Bio', 'B': 'EEG1', 'C': 'EMG', 'D': 'EEG2'}, '8407-SL-2BIO': {'A': 'Bio1', 'B': 'Bio2', 'C': 'EMG', 'D': 'EEG2'}}
```

Class-level dictionary containing the channel map for all preamplifier devices.

1.7 PodDevice_8480SC module

POD_8480SC handles communication using an 8480-SC POD device.

class PodDevice_8480SC.POD_8480SC(*port: str | int, baudrate: int = 9600*)

Bases: *POD_Basics*

POD_8480SC handles communication using an 8480-SC POD device.

DecodeStimulusConfigBits(*config: int*) → dict

Converts an integer into 3 values, representing 3 individual bits of the Stimulus Config Bits.

Parameters

config (*int*) – an integer is passed in, and it represents the Config Flag byte.

Returns

Keys as the names of the bits, the values representing values at each bit.

Return type

dict

DecodeSyncConfigBits(*config: int*) → dict

Converts an integer into 3 values, representing 3 individual bits of the Sync Config Bits.

Parameters

config (*int*) – an integer is passed in, and it represents the Sync Config Flag byte.

Returns

Keys as the names of the bits, the values representing values at each bit.

Return type

dict

DecodeTTLConfigBits(*config: int*) → dict

Converts an integer into 3 values, representing 3 individual bits of the TTL Config Bits.

Parameters

config (*int*) – an integer is passed in, and it represents the TTL Setup Config Flag Byte.

Returns

Keys as the names of the bits, the values representing values at each bit.

Return type

dict

static StimulusConfigBits(*optoElec: bool, monoBiphasic: bool, Simul: bool*) → int

Incoming inputs are bitmasked into an integer value. This value is later given as part of a payload to command #102 'SET STIMULUS'.

Parameters

- **optoElec** (*bool*) – Bit is Opto/Electrical.
- **monoBiphasic** (*bool*) – Bit 1 is Monophasic/Biphasic.
- **Simul** (*bool*) – Bit 2 is Simultaneous.

Returns

which represents the Config flag byte in the Stimulus Command. The return value is the seventh item in the payload for command 'SET STIMULUS'.

Return type

int

static SyncConfigBits(*sync_level: bool, sync_idle: bool, signal_trigger: bool*) → int

Incoming inputs are bitmasked into an integer value. This value is later given as the payload to command #127 'SET SYNC CONFIG'.

Parameters

- **sync_level** (*bool*) – Bit 0 is Sync Level.
- **sync_idle** (*bool*) – Bit 1 is Stimulus Triggering.
- **signal_trigger** (*bool*) – Bit 2 is Signal/Trigger.

Returns

which represents the Sync Config Bits format value.

Return type

int

TranslatePODpacket(*msg: bytes*) → dict[str, int | bytes]

Overwrites the parent's method. Adds an additional check to handle specially formatted payloads.

Parameters

msg (*bytes*) – Bytes string containing a POD packet.

Returns

A translated POD packet, which has Command Number and Payload keys. There are 3 special commands in the 8480 Device, and the payload will be uniquely formatted to fit these commands.

Return type

dict[str,int|dict[str,int]]

static TtlConfigBits(*trigger: bool, stimtrig: bool, input_sync: bool*) → int

Incoming inputs are bitmasked into an integer value. This value is later given as part of the payload to command #109 'SET TTL SETUP'. This commands accepts 3 items in the payload, and the return value of this function is given as the second item.

Parameters

- **trigger** (*bool*) – Bit 0 is 0 for rising edge, 1 for falling edge.
- **stimtrig** (*bool*) – Bit 1 is 0 for TTL event notifications, 1 for TTL inputs as triggers.

- **input_sync** (*bool*) – Bit 7 is 0 for normal TTL operation, 1 for TTL pin operates as a sync output.

Returns

which represents the TTL Config Bits Format value.

Return type

int

1.8 PodPacketHandling module

class PodPacketHandling.POD_Packets

Bases: object

POD_Packets is a collection of methods for creating and interpreting POD packets.

static **ASCIIbytesToInt_Split**(*msg: bytes, keepTopBits: int, cutBottomBits: int*) → int

Converts a specific bit range in an ASCII-encoded bytes object to an integer.

Parameters

- **msg** (*bytes*) – Bytes message holding binary information to be converted into an integer.
- **keepTopBits** (*int*) – Integer position of the msb of desired bit range.
- **cutBottomBits** (*int*) – Integer number of lsb to remove.

Returns

Integer result from the ASCII-encoded bytes message in a given bit range.

Return type

int

static **AsciiBytesToInt**(*msg_b: bytes, signed: bool = False*) → int

Converts a ASCII-encoded bytes message into an integer. It does this using a base-16 conversion. If the message is signed and the msb is '1', the integer will be converted to it's negative 2's complement.

Parameters

- **msg_b** (*bytes*) – Bytes message to be converted to an integer. The bytes must be base-16 or the conversion will fail.
- **signed** (*bool, optional*) – True if the message is signed, false if unsigned. Defaults to False.

Returns

Integer result from the ASCII-encoded byte conversion.

Return type

int

static **BinaryBytesToInt**(*msg: bytes, byteorder: str = 'big', signed: bool = False*) → int

Converts binary-encoded bytes into an integer.

Parameters

- **msg** (*bytes*) – Bytes message holding binary information to be converted into an integer.
- **byteorder** (*str, optional*) – Ordering of bytes. 'big' for big endian and 'little' for little endian. Defaults to 'big'.

- **signed** (*bool*, *optional*) – Boolean flag to mark if the msg is signed (True) or unsigned (False). Defaults to False.

Returns

Integer result from the binary-encoded bytes message.

Return type

int

static BinaryBytesToInt_Split(*msg: bytes*, *keepTopBits: int*, *cutBottomBits: int*, *byteorder: str = 'big'*, *signed: bool = False*) → int

Converts a specific bit range in a binary-encoded bytes object to an integer.

Parameters

- **msg** (*bytes*) – Bytes message holding binary information to be converted into an integer.
- **keepTopBits** (*int*) – Integer position of the msb of desired bit range.
- **cutBottomBits** (*int*) – Integer number of lsb to remove.
- **byteorder** (*str*, *optional*) – Ordering of bytes. 'big' for big endian and 'little' for little endian. Defaults to 'big'.
- **signed** (*bool*, *optional*) – Boolean flag to mark if the msg is signed (True) or unsigned (False). Defaults to False.

Returns

Integer result from the binary-encoded bytes message in a given bit range.

Return type

int

static BuildPODpacket_Standard(*commandNumber: int*, *payload: bytes | None = None*) → bytes

Builds a standard POD packet as bytes: STX (1 byte) + command number (4 bytes) + optional packet (? bytes) + checksum (2 bytes)+ ETX (1 bytes).

Parameters

- **commandNumber** (*int*) – Integer representing the command number. This will be converted into a 4 byte long ASCII-encoded bytes string.
- **payload** (*bytes | None*, *optional*) – bytes string containing the payload. Defaults to None.

Returns

Bytes string of a complete standard POD packet.

Return type

bytes

static Checksum(*bytesIn: bytes*) → bytes

Calculates the checksum of a given bytes message. This is achieved by summing each byte in the message, inverting, and taking the last byte.

Parameters

bytesIn (*bytes*) – Bytes message containing POD packet data.

Returns

Two ASCII-encoded bytes containing the checksum for bytesIn.

Return type

bytes

static ETX() → bytes

Get end-of-transmission (ETX) character in bytes. ETX marks the end byte of a POD Packet.

Returns

Bytes for ETX(0x03).

Return type

bytes

static IntToAsciiBytes(*value: int, numChars: int*) → bytes

Converts an integer value into ASCII-encoded bytes.

First, it converts the integer value into a usable uppercase hexadecimal string. Then it converts the ASCII code for each character into bytes. Lastly, it ensures that the final message is the desired length.

Example: if value=2 and numBytes=4, the returned ASCII will show b'0002', which is '0x30 0x30 0x30 0x32' in bytes. Uses the 2's complement if the val is negative.

Parameters

- **value** (*int*) – Integer value to be converted into ASCII-encoded bytes.
- **numChars** (*int*) – Number characters to be the length of the ASCII-encoded message.

Returns

Bytes that are ASCII-encoded conversions of the value parameter.

Return type

bytes

static PayloadToBytes(*payload: int | bytes | tuple[int | bytes], argSizes: tuple[int]*) → bytes

Converts a payload into a bytes string.

Parameters

- **payload** (*int | bytes | tuple[int | bytes]*) – Integer, bytes, or tuple containing the payload.
- **argSizes** (*tuple[int]*) – Tuple of the argument sizes.

Raises

- **Exception** – Payload requires multiple arguments, use a tuple.
- **Exception** – Payload is the wrong size.
- **Exception** – Payload has an incorrect number of items.
- **Exception** – Payload has invalid values.
- **Exception** – Payload is an invalid type.

Returns

Bytes string of the payload.

Return type

bytes

static STX() → bytes

Get start-of-transmission (STX) character in bytes. STX marks the starting byte of a POD Packet.

Returns

Bytes for STX (0x02).

Return type

bytes

static TwosComplement(*val: int, nbits: int*) → int

Gets the 2's complement of the argument value.

Parameters

- **val** (*int*) – Value to be complemented.
- **nbits** (*int*) – Number of bits in the value.

Returns

Integer of the 2's complement for the val.

Return type

int

1.9 SerialCommunication module

class SerialCommunication.COM_io(*port: str | int, baudrate: int = 9600*)

Bases: object

COM_io handles serial communication (read/write) using COM ports.

__serialInst

Instance-level serial COM port.

Type

Serial

CloseSerialPort() → None

Closes the instance serial port if it is open.

Flush() → bool

Reset the input and output serial buffer.

Returns

True if the buffers are flushed, False otherwise.

Return type

bool

static GetCOMportsList() → list[str]

Finds all the available COM ports on the user's computer and appends them to an accessible list.

Returns

List containing the names of available COM ports.

Return type

list[str]

GetPortName() → str | None

Gets the name of the open port.

Returns

If the serial port is open, it will return a string of the port's name. If the port is closed, it will return None.

Return type

str|None

IsSerialClosed() → bool

Returns False if the serial instance port is open, True otherwise.

Returns

True if the COM port is closed, False otherwise.

Return type

bool

IsSerialOpen() → bool

Returns True if the serial instance port is open, false otherwise.

Returns

True if the COM port is open, False otherwise.

Return type

bool

OpenSerialPort(*port: str | int, baudrate: int = 9600*) → None

First, it closes the serial port if it is open. Then, it opens a serial port with a set baud rate.

Parameters

- **port** (*str | int*) – String of the serial port to be opened.
- **baudrate** (*int, optional*) – Integer baud rate of the opened serial port. Defaults to 9600.

Raises

Exception – Port does not exist.

Read(*numBytes: int, timeout_sec: int | float = 5*) → bytes | None

Reads a specified number of bytes from the open serial port.

Parameters

- **numBytes** (*int*) – Integer number of bytes to read.
- **timeout_sec** (*int | float, optional*) – Time in seconds to wait for serial data. Defaults to 5.

Raises

Exception – Timeout for serial read.

Returns

If the serial port is open, it will return a set number of read bytes. If it is closed, it will return None.

Return type

bytes|None

ReadLine() → bytes | None

Reads until a new line is read from the open serial port.

Returns

If the serial port is open, it will return a complete read line. If closed, it will return None.

Return type

bytes|None

ReadUntil(*eol: bytes*) → bytes | None

Reads until a set character from the open serial port.

Parameters

eol (*bytes*) – end-of-line character.

Returns

If the serial port is open, it will return a read line ending in eol. If closed, it will return None.

Return type

bytes|None

SetBaudrate(*baudrate: int*) → bool

Sets the baud rate of the serial port

Parameters

baudrate (*int*) – Baud rate, or signals per second.

Returns

True if the baudrate was set, False otherwise.

Return type

bool

Write(*message: bytes*) → None

Write a set message to the open serial port.

Parameters

message (*bytes*) – byte string containing the message to write.

__BuildPortName(*port: str | int*) → str

Converts the port parameter into the “COM”+<number> format.

Parameters

port (*str | int*) – Name of a COM port. Can be an integer or string.

Returns

Name of the COM port.

Return type

str

1.10 Setup_8206HR module

class Setup_8206HR.**Setup_8206HR**

Bases: [Setup_Interface](#)

Setup_8206HR provides the setup functions for an 8206-HR POD device.

static **GetDeviceName**() → str

Returns the name of the 8206-HR POD device.

Returns

8206-HR.

Return type

str

StopStream() → None

Write a command to stop streaming data to all POD devices.

static _ChoosePreampGain() → int

Asks user for the preamplifier gain of their POD device.

Returns

Integer 10 or 100 for the preamplifier gain.

Return type

int

_ConnectPODdevice(*deviceNum: int, deviceParams: Params_8206HR*) → bool

Creates a POD_8206HR object and write the setup parameters to it.

Parameters

- **deviceNum** (*int*) – Integer of the device's number.
- **deviceParams** (*Params_8206HR*) – Device's parameters.

Returns

True if connection was successful, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

_GetPODdeviceParameterTable() → Texttable

Builds a table containing the parameters for all POD devices.

Returns

Texttable containing all parameters.

Return type

Texttable

_GetParam_onePODdevice(*forbiddenNames: list[str] = []*) → *Params_8206HR*

Asks the user to input all the device parameters.

Parameters

forbiddenNames (*list[str]*) – List of port names already used by other devices.

Returns

Dictionary of device parameters.

Return type

dict[str,(str|int|dict[str,int])]

_OpenSaveFile_EDF(*fname: str, devNum: int*) → EdfWriter

Opens EDF file and write header.

Parameters

- **fname** (*str*) – String filename.
- **devNum** (*int*) – Integer device number.

Returns

Opened file.

Return type

EdfWriter

_OpenSaveFile_TXT(*fname: str*) → IOBase

Opens a text file and writes the column names. Writes the current date/time at the top of the txt file.

Parameters

fname (*str*) – String filename.

Returns

Opened file.

Return type

IOBase

_PHYSICAL_BOUND_uV: int = 2046

Class-level integer representing the max/-min physical value in uV. Used for EDF files.

_StreamThreading() → dict[int, threading.Thread]

Opens a save file, then creates a thread for each device to stream and write data from.

Returns

Dictionary with keys as the device number and values as the started Thread.

Return type

dict[int, Thread]

_StreamUntilStop(*pod: POD_8206HR, file: IOBase | EdfWriter, sampleRate: int*) → None

Streams data from a POD device and saves data to file. Stops looking when a stop stream command is read. Calculates average time difference across multiple packets to collect a continuous time series data.

Parameters

- **pod** (*POD_8206HR*) – POD device to read from.
- **file** (*IOBase | EdfWriter*) – open file.
- **sampleRate** (*int*) – Integer sample rate in Hz.

static _WriteDataToFile_EDF(*file: EdfWriter, data: list[*numpy.ndarray*]*)

Writes data to an open EDF file.

Parameters

- **file** (*EdfWriter*) – opened EDF file.
- **data** (*list[*np.ndarray*]*) – List of 3 items, one for each channel.

static _WriteDataToFile_TXT(*file: IOBase, data: list[*numpy.ndarray*], t: *ndarray**)

Writes data to an open text file.

Parameters

- **file** (*IOBase*) – opened write file.
- **data** (*list[*np.ndarray*]*) – List of 3 items, one for each channel.
- **t** (**np.ndarray**) – list with the time stamps (in seconds).

1.11 Setup_8229 module

class Setup_8229.Setup_8229

Bases: [Setup_Interface](#)

Setup_8229 provides the setup functions for an 8229 POD device.

_streamMode

True when the user wants to stream data from an 8229 POD device, False otherwise.

Type

bool

static GetDeviceName() → str

Returns the name of the POD device.

Returns

8229.

Return type

str

static GetSupportedFileExtensions() → list[str]

Returns a list containing valid file extensions.

Returns

List of string file extensions.

Return type

list[str]

StopStream() → None

Update the state flag to signal to stop streaming data.

_ConnectPODdevice(deviceNum: int, deviceParams: [Params_8229](#)) → bool

Creates a 8229 POD device object and write the setup parameters to it.

Parameters

- **deviceNum** (int) – Integer of the device's number.
- **deviceParams** ([Params_8229](#)) – Device parameters.

Returns

True if connection was successful, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

_GetPODdeviceParameterTable() → Texttable

Builds a table containing the parameters for all POD devices.

Returns

Table containing all parameters.

Return type

Texttable

`_GetParam_onePODdevice`(*forbiddenNames: list[str] = []*) → *Params_8229*

Asks the user to input all the device parameters.

Parameters

`forbiddenNames` (*list[str]*, *optional*) – List of port names already used by other devices. Defaults to [].

Returns

Device parameters.

Return type

Params_8229

`static _GetScheduleForWeek`() → dict[str, tuple[int]]

Asks the user to input if the motor is on/off for each hour of each day of the week.

Returns

Dictionary with the schedule. The keys are the days of the week (Sunday, Monday, ...). The values are a tuple of 24 items for each hour; the items are 1 if the motor is on or 0 if the motor is off

Return type

dict[str, tuple[int]]

`_OpenSaveFile_EDF`(*fname: str, devNum: int*)

EDF files are not supported for 8229 POD devices. Overwrites the parent's method, which would open an EDF file and write the header.

Parameters

- **`fname`** (*str*) – String filename. Not used.
- **`devNum`** (*int*) – Integer device number. Not used.

Raises

Exception – EDF filetype is not supported for 8229 POD devices.

`_OpenSaveFile_TXT`(*fname: str*) → IOBase

Opens a text file and writes the column names. Writes the current date/time at the top of the txt file.

Parameters

`fname` (*str*) – String filename.

Returns

Opened file.

Return type

IOBase

`_StreamThreading`() → dict[int, threading.Thread]

Opens a save file, then creates a thread for each device to stream and write data from.

Returns

Dictionary with keys as the device number and values as the started Thread.

Return type

dict[int, Thread]

`_StreamUntilStop`(*pod: POD_8229, file: IOBase*) → None

Saves a log of all packets recieved from the 8229 POD device until the user decides to stop streaming.

Parameters

- **pod** ([POD_8229](#)) – POD device to read from.
- **file** (*IOBase*) – Opened text file to save data to.

1.12 Setup_8401HR module

class Setup_8401HR.Setup_8401HR

Bases: [Setup_Interface](#)

Setup_8401HR provides the setup functions for an 8206-HR POD device. REQUIRES FIRMWARE 1.0.2 OR HIGHER.

static **GetDeviceName()** → str

returns the name of the 8401-HR POD device.

Returns

8401-HR.

Return type

str

StopStream() → None

Write a command to stop streaming data to all POD devices.

static **_CodeDCmode**(*dcMode: str*) → int

gets the integer payload to use for ‘SET DC MODE’ commands given the mode.

Parameters

dcMode (*str*) – DC mode VBIAS or AGND.

Raises

Exception – DC Mode value is not supported.

Returns

Integer code representing the DC mode.

Return type

int

static **_CodeHighpass**(*highpass: float*) → int

Gets the integer payload to use for ‘SET HIGHPASS’ given a highpass value.

Parameters

highpass (*float*) – Highpass value in Hz.

Raises

Exception – High-pass value is not supported.

Returns

Integer code representing the highpass value.

Return type

int

_ConnectPODdevice(*deviceNum: int, deviceParams: [Params_8401HR](#)*) → bool

Creates a POD_8206HR object and write the setup parameters to it.

Parameters

- **deviceNum** (*int*) – Integer of the device’s number.

- **deviceParams** ([Params_8401HR](#)) – Device parameters.

Returns

True if connection was successful, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

_GetPODDeviceParameterTable() → Texttable

Builds a table containing the parameters for all POD devices.

Returns

Texttable containing all parameters.

Return type

Texttable

_GetParam_onePODDevice(*forbiddenNames: list[str] = []*) → [Params_8401HR](#)

Asks the user to input all the device parameters.

Parameters

forbiddenNames (*list[str]*) – List of port names already used by other devices.

Returns

Device parameters.

Return type

[Params_8401HR](#)

_GetPreampDeviceName() → str

Asks the user to select a mouse/rat preamplifier.

Returns

String of the chosen preamplifier.

Return type

str

_NiceABCDtableText(*abcdValues: list[int | str | None], channelMap: dict[str, str]*) → str

Builds a string that formats the channel values to be input into the parameter table.

Parameters

- **abcdValueDict** (*dict[str, int | str | None]*) – Dictionary with ABCD keys.
- **channelMap** (*dict[str, str]*) – Maps the ABCD channels to the sensor's channel name.

Returns

String with “channel name: value newline...” for each channel.

Return type

str

_OpenSaveFile_EDF(*fname: str, devNum: int*) → EdfWriter

Opens EDF file and write header.

Parameters

- **fname** (*str*) – String filename.
- **devNum** (*int*) – Integer device number.

Returns

Opened file.

Return type

EdfWriter

_OpenSaveFile_TXT(*fname: str*) → IOBase

Opens a text file and writes the column names. Writes the current date/time at the top of the txt file.

Parameters**fname** (*str*) – String filename.**Returns**

Opened file.

Return type

IOBase

_PHYSICAL_BOUND_uV: int = 2046

Class-level integer representing the max/-min physical value in uV. Used for EDF files.

static _SetBias(*channelName: str*) → float

Asks the user for the bias voltage in V (+/-2.048V).

Parameters**channelName** (*str*) – Name of the channel.**Returns**

A float for the bias voltage in V.

Return type

float

static _SetDCMode(*channelName: str*) → str

Asks the user for the DC mode (VBIAS or AGND).

Parameters**channelName** (*str*) – Name of the channel.**Returns**

String for the DC mode.

Return type

str

_SetForMappedChannels(*message: str, channelMap: dict[str, str], func: function*) → tuple[int | None]

Asks the user to input values for all channels (excluding no-connects).

Parameters

- **message** (*str*) – Message to ask the user.
- **channelMap** (*dict[str, str]*) – Maps the ABCD channels to the sensor's channel name.
- **func** (*function*) – a function that asks the user for an input. takes one string parameter and returns one value.

Returns

Tuple with user inputs for values for the ABCD channels

Return type

tuple[int|None]

static _SetHighpass(*channelName: str*) → float | None

Asks the user for the high-pass in Hz (0.5,1,10Hz, or DC).

Parameters

channelName (*str*) – Name of the channel.

Returns

A float for the high-pass frequency in Hz, or None if DC.

Return type

float|None

static **_SetLowpass**(*channelName: str*) → int | None

Asks the user for the low-pass in Hz (21-15000Hz).

Parameters

channelName (*str*) – Name of the channel.

Returns

An integer for the low-pass frequency in Hz.

Return type

int|None

static **_SetPreampGain**(*channelName: str*) → int | None

Asks the user for the preamplifier gain.

Parameters

channelName (*str*) – Name of the channel.

Returns

An integer for the gain, or None if no gain.

Return type

int|None

static **_SetSSGain**(*channelName: str*) → int

Asks the user for the second stage gain.

Parameters

channelName (*str*) – Name of the channel.

Returns

An integer for the gain.

Return type

int

_StreamThreading() → dict[int, threading.Thread]

Opens a save file, then creates a thread for each device to stream and write data from.

Returns

Dictionary with keys as the device number and values as the started Thread.

Return type

dict[int, Thread]

_StreamUntilStop(*pod: POD_8401HR, file: IOBase | EdfWriter, sampleRate: int, devNum: int*) → None

Streams data from a POD device and saves data to file. Stops looking when a stop stream command is read. Calculates average time difference across multiple packets to collect a continuous time series data.

Parameters

- **pod** (**POD_8206HR**) – POD device to read from.
- **file** (*IOBase | EdfWriter*) – open file.

- **sampleRate** (*int*) – Integer sample rate in Hz.

static _WriteDataToFile_EDF(*file: EdfWriter, data: list[*numpy.ndarray*]*)

Writes data to an open EDF file.

Parameters

- **file** (*EdfWriter*) – opened EDF file.
- **data** (*list[*np.ndarray*]*) – List with one item for each channel.

static _WriteDataToFile_TXT(*file: IOBase, data: list[*numpy.ndarray*], t: *ndarray**)

Writes data to an open text file.

Parameters

- **file** (*IOBase*) – opened write file.
- **data** (*list[*np.ndarray*]*) – List with one item for each channel.
- **t** (*np.ndarray*) – list with the time stamps (in seconds).

1.13 Setup_8480SC module

class Setup_8480SC.**Setup_8480SC**

Bases: [Setup_Interface](#)

Setup_8480SC provides the setup functions for an 8480-SC POD device.

_streamMode

Set to True when the user wants to start streaming data from an 8480 POD device, False otherwise.

Type

bool

static GetDeviceName() → str

Returns the name of the POD device.

Returns

String of _NAME.

Return type

str

static GetSupportedFileExtensions() → list[str]

Returns a list containing valid file extensions.

Returns

List of string file extensions.

Return type

list[str]

StopStream() → None

Update the state flag to signal to stop streaming data.

static _ChoosePeriod() → tuple[int]

Asks the user an input value for Stimulus Period, which is then separated into Period_ms and Period_us. Separation is required because the 'SET STIMULUS' requires 7 items in payload, and the second and third items is the Period_ms and Period_us.

Returns

Formatted period into millisecs and microsecs.

Return type

tuple[int]

static _ChooseRepeat() → int

Asks the user to input a value for the number of stimulus pulses to perform.

Returns

representing repeat count for command 'SET STIMULUS'.

Return type

int

static _ChooseStimulusConfig() → int

Asks the user to input values for Config format of Stimulus

Returns

Formatted Stimulus Config value.

Return type

(int)

static _ChooseSyncConfig() → int

Asks the user to input values for Sync Config bits.

Returns

Value calculated from the input bits, this value would be given as payload.

Return type

int

static _ChooseWidth() → tuple[int]

Asks the user an input value for Stimulus width, which is then seperated into width_ms and width_us. Seperation is required because the 'SET STIMULUS' requires 7 items in payload, and the fourth and fifth items is the width_ms and width_us.

Returns

Formatted given width into millisecs and microsecs

Return type

tuple[int]

_ConnectPODdevice(deviceNum: int, deviceParams: Params_8480SC) → bool

Creates a POD_8206HR object and write the setup parameters to it.

Parameters

- **deviceNum** (int) – Integer of the device's number.
- **deviceParams** (Params_8480SC) – Device parameters.

Returns

True if connection was successful, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

_GetPODdeviceParameterTable() → Texttable

Builds a table containing the parameters for all POD devices.

Returns

Texttable containing all parameters.

Return type

Texttable

_GetParam_onePODdevice(*forbiddenNames: list[str] = []*) → *Params_8480SC*

Asks the user to input all the device parameters.

Parameters

forbiddenNames (*list[str]*) – List of port names already used by other devices.

Returns

Device parameters.

Return type

Params_8480SC

_OpenSaveFile_EDF(*fname: str, devNum: int*)

EDF files are not supported for 8480 POD devices. Overwrites the parent's method, which would open an EDF file and write the header.

Parameters

- **fname** (*str*) – String filename. Not used.
- **devNum** (*int*) – Integer device number. Not used.

Raises

Exception – EDF filetype is not supported for 8480 POD devices.

_OpenSaveFile_TXT(*fname: str*) → *IOBase*

Opens a text file and writes the column names. Writes the current date/time at the top of the txt file.

Parameters

fname (*str*) – String filename.

Returns

Opened file.

Return type

IOBase

_StreamThreading() → *dict[int, threading.Thread]*

Opens a save file, then creates a thread for each device to stream and write data from.

Returns

Dictionary with keys as the device number and values as the started Thread.

Return type

dict[int, Thread]

_StreamUntilStop(*pod: POD_8480SC, file: IOBase*) → *None*

Saves a log of all packets recieved from the 8480 POD device until the user decides to stop streaming.

Parameters

- **pod** (*POD_8480*) – POD device to read from.
- **file** (*IOBase*) – Opened text file to save data to.

static `_TtlSetup()` → int

Asks the user to input values for Config format values of TTL Setup.

Returns

Formatted TTL Setup config value.

1.14 Setup_PodDevices module

class `Setup_PodDevices.Setup_PodDevices`(*saveFileDict: dict[str, str] | None = None, podParametersDict: dict[str, dict[int, Setup_PodParameters.Params_Interface] | None] | None = None*)

Bases: object

Setup_PodDevices allows a user to set up and stream from any number of POD devices. The streamed data is saved to a file.

REQUIRES FIRMWARE 1.0.2 OR HIGHER.

_Setup_PodDevices

Dictionary containing the Setup_Interface subclasses for each POD device.

Type

dict[str, dict[int, Params_Interface]

_options

Dictionary listing the different options for the user to complete.

Type

dict[int, str]

GetOptions() → dict[int, str]

Gets the dictionary of setup options.

Returns

Dictionary listing the different options for the user to complete (_options).

Return type

dict[int, str]

GetPODparametersInit() → str

Sets up each POD device type. Used in initialization. :returns: String representing a dictionary of all POD devices initialization. The keys are the device name and the entries are the initialization dictionaries. :rtype: str

GetSaveFileNames() → str

Run() → None

Prints the options and asks the user what to do. Loops until ‘Quit’ is chosen.

SetupPODparameters(*podParametersDict: dict[str, dict[int, Setup_PodParameters.Params_Interface] | None]*) → None

Sets up each POD device type. Used in initialization.

Parameters

podParametersDict (*dict[str, dict[int, Params_Interface] | None]*) – Dictionary of all POD devices initialization. The keys are the device name and the entries are the initialization dictionaries.

SetupSaveFile(*saveFileDict: dict[str, str] | None = None*) → None

Gets the path/file name from the user and stores it. Used in initialization.

Parameters

saveFile (*dict[str, str | None] | None, optional*) – String of the save file, which includes the directory path, filename, and file extension. Defaults to None.

_AskOption() → int

Asks user which option to do.

Returns

Integer number representing an option key.

Return type

int

_AskToStopStream() → None

Asks user to press enter to stop streaming. The program will then prompt all POD devices to end stream.

static _AskUserForDevices()

Asks the user what POD devices they want to use.

_CheckForValidParams(*podParametersDict: dict[str, None | dict]*) → bool

Checks if the parameters are correctly formatted.

Parameters

podParametersDict (*dict[str, None | dict]*) – Dictionary with keys as the device names and values as None or the respective parameter dictionary.

Raises

- **Exception** – Parameters must be dictionary type.
- **Exception** – Parameters dictionary is empty.
- **Exception** – Invalid device name in paramater dictionary.

Returns

True if the parameters are correctly formatted.

Return type

bool

_ConnectNewDevice() → None

Asks the user for the POD device type, then it sets up that device.

_DoOption(*choice: int*) → None

Performs the methods associated with the user selected option.

Parameters

choice (*int*) – Integer number representing an option key.

_EditCheckConnect() → None

Displays the POD devices parameters, asks the user to edit the device, and then reconnects the device for each POD device type.

_EditSaveFilePath() → None

Asks the user for the POD device type, then asks the user for a new file name and path, then sets the value to the POD devices.

_GetChosenDeviceType(*question: str*) → str

Asks the user which type of POD device they want.

Parameters

question (*str*) – Question to ask the user.

Returns

String of the user input (may be invalid POD device type).

Return type

str

_GetParams(*podParametersDict: None | dict[str, None]*) → dict[str, dict | None]

If no parameters are give, this asks user which types of POD devices they want to use. Then it checks if the parameters are valid.

Parameters

podParametersDict (*None | dict[str, None]*) – Dictionary of all POD devices initialization. The keys are the device name and the entries are the initialization dictionaries.

Returns

Dictionary whose keys are the POD device name, and value the setup dictionary.

Return type

dict[str,dict|None]

_PrintInitCode() → None

Prints code that can be used to initialize and run SetupPodDevices with the current parameters.

_PrintOptions() → None

Prints options available for user.

_Reconnect() → bool

Reconnects all POD devices.

Returns

Bool that is true if all devices were successfully connected. False otherwise.

Return type

bool

_RemoveDevice() → None

Displays the POD devices parameters, asks the user which device ro remove, and then deletes that POD device.

_Set_Setup_PodDevices(*podParametersDict: dict[str, dict | None]*) → None

Sets the _Setup_PodDevices variable to have keys as the POD device name and values as the setup class.

Parameters

podParametersDict (*dict[str,dict | None]*) – Dictionary with keys as the device names and values as None or the respective parameter dictionary.

_ShowCurrentSettings() → None

Displays the POD device settings for all devices, and then prints the save file name.

_Stream() → float

Streams data from all POD devices and prints the execution time.

Returns

Float of the execution time in seconds.

Return type

float

_StreamAllDevices() → None

Streams data from all the devices. User is asked to click enter to stop streaming. Data is saved to file. Uses threading.

static _TimeFunc(*func: function*) → float

Runs a function and gets the calculated execution time.

Parameters

func (*function*) – Function/method name.

Returns

Float of the execution time in seconds rounded to 3 decimal places.

Return type

float

1.15 Setup_PodInterface module

class Setup_PodInterface.**Setup_Interface**

Bases: object

Setup_Interface provides the basic interface of required methods for subclasses to implement. SetupPodDevices.py is designed to handle any of these children.

_podDevices

Instance-level dictionary of pod device objects. MUST have keys as device number.

Type

dict[int,[POD_Basics](#)]

_podParametersDict

Instance-level dictionary of device information. MUST have keys as device number.

Type

dict[int,[Params_Interface](#)]

_saveFileName

Instance-level string filename: <path>/file.ext. The device name and number will be appended to the filename.

Type

str

AddPODdevice() → None

Asks the user for the parameters for the new device. A new device number is generated.

AreDeviceParamsValid(*paramDict: None | dict[int, Setup_PodParameters.Params_Interface]*)

Checks if the parameters dictionary is valid.

Parameters

paramDict (*None | dict[int, [Params_Interface](#)]*) – Dictionary of parameters for all POD devices.

Raises

- **Exception** – Parameters must be contained in a dictionary.

- **Exception** – Device keys must be integer type.
- **Exception** – Device parameters must be dictionary type.
- **Exception** – Device parameters dictionary is empty.

ConnectAllPODdevices() → bool

Connects all setup POD devices.

Returns

True if all devices are successfully connected, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

DisplayPODdeviceParameters() → None

Display all the pod device parameters in a table.

static GetDeviceName() → str

returns the name of the POD device.

Returns

GENERIC.

Return type

str

GetPODparametersInit() → str

Gets a dictionary whose keys are the device number and the value is the device parameters dict. :returns: String representation of a dictionary of POD device parameters. The keys are the device number. :rtype: str

GetSaveFileName() → str

Gets the path and filename where streaming data is saved to.

Returns

String of the save file name and path (_saveFileName).

Return type

str

static GetSupportedFileExtensions() → list[str]

Returns a list containing valid file extensions.

Returns

List of string file extensions.

Return type

list[str]

PrintSaveFile() → None

Prints the file path and name that data is saved to. Note that the device name and number will be appended to the end of the filename.

SetupFileName(fileName: str | None = None) → None

Gets the file path and name to save streaming data to. Note that the device name and number will be appended to the end of the filename.

Parameters

fileName (str | None, optional) – Name and path of the file, if known. Defaults to None.

SetupPODparameters(*podParametersDict*: *dict[int, Setup_PodParameters.Params_Interface]* | *None* = *None*) → *None*

Sets the parameters for the POD devices.

Parameters

podParametersDict (*dict[int, Params_Interface]* | *None*, *optional*) – dictionary of the device parameters for all devices. Defaults to *None*.

StopStream() → *None*

Write a command to stop streaming data to all POD devices.

Stream() → *dict[int, threading.Thread]*

Tests that all devices are connected then starts streaming data.

Raises

Exception – Test connection failed.

Returns

Dictionary with integer device number keys and Thread values.

Return type

dict[int, Thread]

ValidateParams() → *None*

Displays a table of the parameters of all devices, then asks the user if everything is correct. The user can then edit the parameters of a device.

_BuildFileName(*devNum*: *int*) → *str*

Appends the device name and number to the end of the file name.

Parameters

devNum (*int*) – Integer of the device number.

Returns

String file name.

Return type

str

static _ChoosePort(*forbidden*: *list[str] = []*) → *str*

Asks the user to select a COM port.

Parameters

forbidden (*list[str]*, *optional*) – List of port names that are already used. Defaults to *[]*.

Returns

String name of the port.

Return type

str

_ConnectPODdevice(*deviceNum*: *int*, *deviceParams*: *Params_Interface*) → *bool*

Creates a POD device object and write the setup parameters to it.

Parameters

- **deviceNum** (*int*) – Integer of the device's number.
- **deviceParams** (*Params_Interface*) – Device parameters.

Returns

True if connection was successful, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

_DisconnectAllPODdevices() → None

Disconnects all POD devices by deleted all POD obejcts.

_EditParams() → None

Asks the user which device to edit, and then asks them to re-input the device parameters.

_GetForbiddenNames(*exclude: str | None = None*) → list[str]

Generates a list of port names used by the active pod devices. There is an option to exclude an additional name from the list.

Parameters

exclude (*str | None, optional*) – String port name to exclude from the returned list. Defaults to None.

Returns

List of string names of ports in use.

Return type

list[str]

_GetPODdeviceParameterTable() → Texttable

Builds a table containing the parameters for all POD devices.

Returns

Table containing all parameters.

Return type

Texttable

_GetParam_allPODdevices() → dict[int, *Setup_PodParameters.Params_Interface*]

First gets the number of POD devices, then asks the user for the information for each device.

Returns

Dictionary with device numbers for keys and parameters for values.

Return type

dict[int,*Params_Interface*]

_GetParam_onePODdevice(*forbiddenNames: list[str] = []*) → *Params_Interface*

Asks the user to input all the device parameters.

Parameters

forbiddenNames (*list[str]*) – List of port names already used by other devices. Defaults to [].

Returns

Device parameters.

Return type

Params_Interface

static _GetPortsList(*forbidden: list[str] = []*) → list[str]

Gets the names of all available ports.

Parameters

forbidden (*list[str]*, *optional*) – List of port names that are already used. Defaults to [].

Returns

List of port names.

Return type

list[str]

static **_GetTimeHeader_forTXT()** → str

Builds a string containing the current date and time to be written to the text file header.

Returns

String containing the date and time. Each line begins with '#' and ends with a newline.

Return type

str

_OpenSaveFile(*devNum: int*) → IOBase | EdfWriter

Opens a save file for a given device.

Parameters

devNum (*int*) – Integer of the device number.

Returns

Opened file. IOBase for a text file, or EdfWriter for EDF file.

Return type

IOBase | EdfWriter

_OpenSaveFile_EDF(*fname: str, devNum: int*) → EdfWriter

Opens EDF file and write header.

Parameters

- **fname** (*str*) – String filename.
- **devNum** (*int*) – Integer device number.

Returns

Opened file.

Return type

EdfWriter

_OpenSaveFile_TXT(*fname: str*) → IOBase

Opens a text file and writes the column names. Writes the current date/time at the top of the txt file.

Parameters

fname (*str*) – String filename.

Returns

Opened file.

Return type

IOBase

static **_PrintDeviceNumber**(*num: int*) → None

Prints a title with the device number.

Parameters

num (*int*) – Integer of the device number.

_RemoveDevice() → None

Asks the user for a device number to remove, then deletes that device. This will only remove a device if there are more than one options.

_SelectDeviceFromDict(action: str) → int

Asks the user to select a valid device number. The input must be an integer number of an existing device.

Parameters

action (str) – Description of the action to be performed on the device.

Returns

Integer for the device number.

Return type

int

static _SetNumberOfDevices(name: str) → int

Asks the user for how many devices they want to setup.

Parameters

name (str) – Name of the POD device type.

Returns

Integer number of POD devices desired by the user.

Return type

int

_StreamThreading() → dict[int, threading.Thread]

Opens a save file, then creates a thread for each device to stream and write data from.

Returns

Dictionary with keys as the device number and values as the started Thread.

Return type

dict[int, Thread]

static _TestDeviceConnection(pod: [POD_Basics](#)) → bool

Tests if a POD device can be read from or written. Sends a PING command.

Parameters

pod ([POD_Basics](#)) – POD device to read to and write from.

Returns

True for successful connection, false otherwise.

Return type

bool

_TestDeviceConnection_All() → bool

Tests the connection of all setup POD devices.

Returns

True when all devices are successfully connected, false otherwise

Return type

bool

static _uV(voltage: float | int) → float

Converts volts to microVolts, rounded to 6 decimal places.

Parameters**voltage** (*float* / *int*) – number of volts.**Returns**

voltage in of uV.

Return type

float

1.16 Setup_PodParameters module

This module has several container classes for storing parameters for different POD devices.

```
class Setup_PodParameters.Params_8206HR(port: str, sampleRate: int, preamplifierGain: int, lowPass:  
tuple[int], checkForValidParams: bool = True)
```

Bases: [*Params_Interface*](#)

Container class that stores parameters for an 8206-HR POD device.

port

Name of the COM port.

Type

str

sampleRate

Sample rate in 100-2000 Hz range.

Type

int

preamplifierGain

Preamplifier gain. Should be 10x or 100x.

Type

int

lowPass

Low-pass for EEG/EMG in 11-500 Hz range.

Type

tuple[int]

EEG1() → int

Gets the filter value of EEG1 in Hz from the low-pass.

Returns

EEG1 low-pass filter in Hz.

Return type

int

EEG2() → int

Gets the filter value of EEG2 in Hz from the low-pass.

Returns

EEG2 low-pass filter in Hz.

Return type

int

EEG3_EMG() → int

Gets the filter value of EEG3/EMG in Hz from the low-pass.

Returns

EEG3/EMG low-pass filter in Hz.

Return type

int

GetInit() → str

Builds a string that represents the Params_8206HR constructor with the arguments set to the values of this class instance.

Returns

String that represents the Params_8206HR constructor.

Return type

str

_CheckParams() → None

Throws an exception if Params_8206HR instance variable is an invalid value.

Raises

- **Exception** – Sample rate must be between 100-2000 Hz.
- **Exception** – Preamplidier gain must be 10x or 100x.
- **Exception** – Low-pass EEG/EMG must be between 11-500 Hz.

lowPassLabels: tuple[str] = ('EEG1', 'EEG2', 'EEG/EMG')

Tuple describing the items in the lowPass.

```
class Setup_PodParameters.Params_8229(port: str, systemID: int, motorDirection: bool, motorSpeed: int,  
randomReverse: bool, mode: int, reverseBaseTime: int | None =  
None, reverseVarTime: int | None = None, schedule: dict[str,  
tuple[bool]] | None = None, checkForValidParams: bool = True)
```

Bases: [*Params_Interface*](#)

Container class that stores parameters for an 8229 POD device.

port

Name of the COM port.

Type

str

systemID

ID of this 8229 POD system. Must be a positive integer.

Type

int

motorDirection

False for clockwise and true for counterclockwise.

Type

bool

motorSpeed

Motor speed as a percentage 0-100%.

Type
int

randomReverse

True to enable random reverse, False otherwise. The random reverse time will be reverseBaseTime + random value in reverseVarTime range.

Type
bool

reverseBaseTime

Base time for a random reverse in seconds. Must be a positive integer.

Type
int

reverseVarTime

Variable time for a random reverse in seconds. Must be a positive integer.

Type
int

mode

System mode; 0 = Manual, 1 = PC Control, and 2 = Internal Schedule.

Type
int

schedule

Schedule for a week. The keys are the weekdays (Sunday-Saturday). The values are a tuple of 24 bools that are either 1 for motor on or 0 for motor off

Type
dict[str, tuple[int]]

static BuildEmptySchedule() → dict[str, tuple[bool]]

Creates a schedule where the motor is off for all hours of every day.

Returns
Dictionary of the empty schedule. The keys are the days of the week. The values are tuples of 24 zeros.

Return type
dict[str, tuple[bool]]

GetInit() → str

Builds a string that represents the Params_8229 constructor with the arguments set to the values of this class instance.

Returns
String that represents the Params_Interface constructor.

Return type
str

_CheckParams() → None

Throws an exception if Params_8229 instance variable is an invalid value.

Raises

- **Exception** – The system ID must be a positive integer.

- **Exception** – The motor speed must be between 0-100%.
- **Exception** – The reverse base time (sec) must be a positive integer.
- **Exception** – The reverse variable time (sec) must be a positive integer.
- **Exception** – The mode must be 0, 1, or 2.
- **Exception** – The schedule must have exactly ('Sunday','Monday','Tuesday', 'Wednesday','Thursday','Friday','Saturday') as keys.
- **Exception** – There must be 24 items in the schedule for each day.

hoursPerDay: `int = 24`

Integer storing the number of hours in a day.

week: `tuple[str] = ('Sunday', 'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday')`

Tuple containing strings of the 7 days of the week.

class `Setup_PodParameters.Params_8401HR`(*port: str, preampDevice: str, sampleRate: int, muxMode: bool, preampGain: tuple[int], ssGain: tuple[int], highPass: tuple[float], lowPass: tuple[int], bias: tuple[float], dcMode: tuple[str], checkForValidParams: bool = True*)

Bases: [*Params_Interface*](#)

Container class that stores parameters for an 8401-HR POD device.

port

Name of the COM port.

Type

`str`

preampDevice

Name of the mouse/rat preamplifier device.

Type

`str`

sampleRate

Sample rate (2000-20000 Hz).

Type

`int`

muxMode

Using mux mode when True, false otherwise.

Type

`bool`

preampGain

Preamplifier gain (1, 10, or 100) for all channels.

Type

`tuple[int]`

ssGain

Second stage gain (1 or 5) for all channels.

Type
tuple[int]

highPass

High-pass filter (0, 0.5, 1, or 10 Hz) for all channels.

Type
tuple[float]

lowPass

Low-pass filter (21-15000 Hz) for all channels.

Type
tuple[int]

bias

Bias voltage (+/- 2.048 V) for all channels.

Type
tuple[float]

dcMode

DC mode (VBIAS or AGND) for all channels.

Type
tuple[str]

GetInit() → str

Builds a string that represents the Params_8401HR constructor with the arguments set to the values of this class instance.

Returns
String that represents the Params_8401HR constructor.

Return type
str

_CheckParams() → None

Throws an exception if Params_8401HR instance variable is an invalid value.

Raises

- **Exception** – Mouse/rat preamplifier does not exist.
- **Exception** – Sample rate must be between 2000-20000 Hz.
- **Exception** – EEG/EMG preamplifier gain must be 10x or 100x. For biosensors, the preampGain is None.
- **Exception** – The second stage gain must be 1x or 5x; set gain to None if no-connect.
- **Exception** – The high-pass filter must be 0.5, 1, or 10 Hz. If the channel is DC, input 0.
- **Exception** – The low-pass filter must be between 21-15000 Hz.
- **Exception** – The bias voltage must be +/- 2.048 V.
- **Exception** – The DC mode must be VBIAS or AGND.

channelLabels: tuple[str] = ('A', 'B', 'C', 'D')

Tuple listing the four channel characters in order.

```
class Setup_PodParameters.Params_8480SC(port: str, stimulus=tuple[int], preamp=<class 'int'>,
                                         ledCurrent=tuple[int], ttlPullups=<class 'int'>,
                                         estimCurrent=tuple[int], syncConfig=<class 'int'>,
                                         ttlSetup=tuple[int], checkForValidParams: bool = True)
```

Bases: [*Params_Interface*](#)

Container class that stores parameters for an 8401-HR POD device.

port

Name of the COM port.

Type

str

stimulus

Stimulus configuration on selected channel.

Type

tuple[int]

preamp

Preamp value (0-1023).

Type

int

ledCurrent

Led-Current (0-600 mA) for both channels.

Type

tuple[int]

ttlPullups

pullups disabled for value 0, pullups enabled for values that are non-zero.

Type

int

estimCurrent

Estim-Current (0-100 %) for both channels.

Type

tuple[int]

syncConfig

Sets Sync-Config byte.

Type

int

ttlSetup

TTL-Setup for selected channel.

Type

tuple[int]

GetInit() → str

Builds a string that represents the Params_8480SC constructor with the arguments set to the values of this class instance.

Returns

String that represents the Params_8480SC constructor.

Return type

str

_CheckParams() → None

Throws an exception if Params_8206HR member variable is an invalid value.

Raises

- **Exception** – The preamp must be between 0-1023.
- **Exception** – Led-Curent must be between 0-600.
- **Exception** – Estim-Current must be between 0-100.

estimCurrent_CH0() → int

Gets the estimCurrent value for Channel 0.

Returns

Channel 0 estimCurrent in percentage.

Return type

int

estimCurrent_CH1() → int

Gets the estimCurrent value for Channel 1.

Returns

Channel 1 estimCurrent in percentage.

Return type

int

ledCurrent_CH0() → int

Gets he ledCurrent value for Channel 0.

Returns

Channel 0 ledCurrent in mA.

Return type

int

ledCurrent_CH1() → int

Gets he ledCurrent value for Channel 1.

Returns

Channel 1 ledCurrent in mA.

Return type

int

class Setup_PodParameters.Params_Interface(port: str, checkForValidParams: bool = True)

Bases: object

Interface for a container class that stores parameters for a POD device.

port

Name of the COM port.

Type

str

GetInit() → str

Builds a string that represents the Params_Interface constructor with the arguments set to the values of this class instance.

Returns

String that represents the Params_Interface constructor.

Return type

str

_CheckParams() → None

Throws an exception if Params_Interface instance variable is an invalid value.

Raises

Exception – The port name must begin with COM.

static _FixTypeInTuple(arr: tuple, itemType: type) → tuple[type]

Retypes each item of the arr arguemnt to itemType.

Parameters

- **arr** (*tuple*) – Tuple of items to be re-typed.
- **itemType** (*type*) – Type to be casted to each tuple item.

Returns

Tuple with values of all itemType types.

Return type

tuple[type]

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