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pyAbacus was built to simplify the usage of Tausand Abacus family of coincidence counters, providing a library aimed to interface these devices using Python coding.

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1.1 pyAbacus.core

class pyAbacus.core.**AbacusSerial** (*port*)

Builds a serial port from pyserial.

findIdn ()

Requests the device for its string identifier (IDN) using serial port.

flush ()

getIdn ()

Gets the device string identifier (IDN) from local memory.

getNChannels ()

Gets the number of input channels in the device.

readSerial ()

testDevice ()

writeSerial (*command, address, data_16o32*)

class pyAbacus.core.**CountersValues** (*n_channels*)

Keeps a set of measurements from counters within a device.

getCountersID ()

Gets the *counters_id* (consecutive number of measurements) field from a set of measurements.

getNumericAddresses ()

getTimeLeft ()

Gets the *time_left* (time in ms for next measurement to be available) field from a set of measurements.

getValue (*channel*)

Gets a value of a single channel.

Example: mycounters.getValue('A')

Args: channel: upper case characters indicating the channel to be read. e.g. 'A' for singles in input A, 'AB' for coincidences between inputs A and B.

Returns: integer value of counts in the selected channel

getValues (*channels*)

Gets an array of values of several channels.

Example: mycounters.getValues({'A','B','AB'})

Args: channels: list of upper case characters indicating the channel to be read. e.g. 'A' for singles in input A, 'AB' for coincidences between inputs A and B.

Returns: array of integer values of counts in the selected channels

getValuesFormatted (*channels*)

setCountersID (*id*)

setTimeLeft (*time*)

setValueFromArray (*address, value*)

time_left = None
in ms

class pyAbacus.core.Settings2Ch

getAddressAndValue (*timer*)

getSetting (*timer*)

getSettingStr (*timer*)

setSetting (*setting, value*)

class pyAbacus.core.Settings48Ch

4 and 8 channel devices use as time base a second. Nevertheless 2 channel uses ns for all timers with the exception of the sampling time (ms).

exponentRepresentationToValue (*c, e*)

exponentsToBits (*c, e*)

fromBitsToValue (*bits*)

getAddressAndValue (*timer*)

getChannels ()

getSetting (*timer*)

For all timers: returns nanoseconds, for sampling returns ms.

getSettingStr (*timer*)

initAddresses ()

setSetting (*setting, value*)

For all timers: value is in nanoseconds, for sampling in ms.

valueToExponentRepresentation (*number*)

class pyAbacus.core.Settings4Ch

4 and 8 channel devices use as time base a second. Nevertheless 2 channel uses ns for all timers with the exception of the sampling time (ms).

class pyAbacus.core.Settings8Ch

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class pyAbacus.core.Stream (*abacus_port, counters, output_function=<built-in function print>*)

setCounters (*counters*)

start ()

stop()

`pyAbacus.core.close(abacus_port)`

Closes a Tausand Abacus device session

`pyAbacus.core.dataArraysToCounters(abacus_port, addresses, data)`

Saves in local memory the values of device's counters.

Args: `abacus_port`: device port.

`addresses`: list of integers with device's register addresses.

`data`: list of integers with device's register values.

Returns: List of counter values as registered within the device.

`pyAbacus.core.dataArraysToSettings(abacus_port, addresses, data)`

Saves in local memory the values of device's settings.

Args: `abacus_port`: device port.

`addresses`: list of integers with device's register addresses.

`data`: list of integers with device's register values.

Returns: List of settings as registered within the device.

`pyAbacus.core.dataStreamToDataArrays(input_string, chunk_size=3)`

Builds data from string read on serial port.

Args: `input_string`: stream of bytes to convert. Should have the appropriate format, as given by a Tausand Abacus device.

`chunk_size` : integer, number of bytes per single data row.

- Use `chunk_size=3` for devices with inner 16-bit registers e.g. Tausand Abacus AB1002, where byte streams are: {address,MSB,LSB}.

- Use `chunk_size=5` for devices with inner 32-bit registers e.g. Tausand Abacus AB1004, where byte streams are: {address,MSB,2nd-MSB,2nd-LSB,LSB}.

Returns: Two lists of integer values: `addresses`, `data`.

Raises: `AbacusError`: Input string is not valid chunk size must either be 3 or 5.

`pyAbacus.core.findDevices(print_on=True)`

Returns a list of connected and available devices that match with a Tausand Abacus.

Scans all serial ports, and asks each of them their descriptions. When a device responds with a valid string, e.g. "Tausand Abacus AB1002", the port is included in the final answer. The constant `DEVICES` is updated with the dictionary of valid devices.

Args: `print_on`: bool When True, prints devices information.

Returns: `ports`, `len(ports)` List of valid ports, and its length. `ports` is a dictionary where the keys are the identifier strings of the devices (e.g. "Tausand Abacus AB1004"), and the values are the corresponding pyserial port (e.g. 'COM8', or '/dev/ttyACM0').

`pyAbacus.core.getAllCounters(abacus_port)`

Reads all counters from a Tausand Abacus device.

With a single call, this function reads all the counters within the device, including single-channel counters, 2-fold coincidence counters and multi-fold coincidence counters.

Example:

```
counters, counters_id = getAllCounters('COM3')
```

Reads data from the device in port 'COM3', and might return for example,

```
counters = COUNTERS VALUES: 37
    A: 1023
    B: 1038
    AB: 201
```

meaning that this is the 37th measurement made by the device, and the measurements were 1023 counts in A, 1038 counts in B, and 201 coincidences between A and B.

Args: abacus_port: device port.

Returns: CountersValues class object including counter values as registered within the device, and the sequential number of the reading.

`pyAbacus.core.getAllSettings(abacus_port)`

Reads all settings from a Tausand Abacus device.

With a single call, this function reads all the settings within the device, including sampling time, coincidence window, delay per channel and sleep time per channel.

Example: settings = getAllSettings('COM3')

Reads settings from the device in port 'COM3', and might return for example,

```
delay_A (ns): 0
delay_B (ns): 20
sleep_A (ns): 0
sleep_B (ns): 0
coincidence_window (ns): 10
sampling (ms): 1300
```

Args: abacus_port: device port.

Returns: Settings2ch, Settings4ch or Settings8ch class object including all setting values as registered within the device.

`pyAbacus.core.getChannelsFromName(name)`

Returns the number of input channels by reading the device name.

For example, if name="Tausand Abacus AB1004", returns 4.

Args: name: idn string of the device.

Returns: integer, number of input channels in device.

Raises: AbacusError: Not a valid abacus.

`pyAbacus.core.getCountersID(abacus_port)`

Reads the *counters_id* (consecutive number of measurements) in a Tausand Abacus.

When a new configuration is set, *counters_id*=0, indicating no valid data is available.

Each time a new set of valid measurements is available, *counters_id* increments 1 unit.

counters_id overflows at 1 million, starting over at *counters_id*=1.

Args: *abacus_port*: device port.

Returns: integer, *counters_id* value.

`pyAbacus.core.getFollowingCounters(abacus_port, counters)`

`pyAbacus.core.getIdn(abacus_port)`

Reads the identifier string model (IDN) from a Tausand Abacus.

Example: `myidn = getIdn('COM3')`

might return

`myidn = "Tausand Abacus AB1002"`

Args: *abacus_port*: device port.

Returns: IDN string.

`pyAbacus.core.getPhysicalPort(abacus_port)`

Reads the physical port at the specified serial port.

`pyAbacus.core.getResolutionFromName(name)`

Returns the device resolution, in nanoseconds, by reading the device name.

For example, if *name*="Tausand Abacus AB1004", a 5ns device, returns 5. For example, if *name*="Tausand Abacus AB1504", a 2ns device, returns 2.

Args: *name*: idn string of the device.

Returns: integer, number of input channels in device.

Raises: `AbacusError`: Not a valid abacus.

`pyAbacus.core.getSetting(abacus_port, setting)`

Get a single configuration setting within a Tausand Abacus.

Args: *abacus_port*: device port

setting: name of the setting to be written. Valid strings are: "sampling", "coincidence_window", "delay_N", "sleep_N", where "N" refers to a channel (A,B,C,D,...).

Returns: value for the setting. For "sampling", value in ms; for other settings, value in ns.

`pyAbacus.core.getTimeLeft(abacus_port)`

Reads the remaining time for the next measurement to be ready, in ms.

Args: *abacus_port*: device port

Returns: integer, in ms, of time left for next measurement.

`pyAbacus.core.open(abacus_port)`

Opens a session to a Tausand Abacus device

`pyAbacus.core.readSerial(abacus_port)`

Reads bytes available at the specified serial port.

`pyAbacus.core.renameDuplicates(old)`

`pyAbacus.core.setAllSettings(abacus_port, new_settings)`

`pyAbacus.core.setSetting(abacus_port, setting, value)`

Sets a configuration setting within a Tausand Abacus.

Example: `setSetting('COM3', 'sampling', 1300)`

sets the sampling time to 1300 ms to a device in port 'COM3'.

Args: `abacus_port`: device port

`setting`: name of the setting to be written. Valid strings are: "sampling", "coincidence_window", "delay_N", "sleep_N", where "N" refers to a channel (A,B,C,D,...).

`value`: new value for the setting. For "sampling", value in ms; for other settings, value in ns.

`pyAbacus.core.writeSerial(abacus_port, command, address, data_16o32)`

Low level function. Writes in the specified serial port an instruction built based on command, memory address and data.

1.2 pyAbacus.exceptions

exception `pyAbacus.exceptions.AbacusError(message=")`

An unexpected error occurred.

exception `pyAbacus.exceptions.BaseError(message)`

exception `pyAbacus.exceptions.CheckSumError`

An error occurred while doing check sum.

exception `pyAbacus.exceptions.InvalidValueError(message=")`

The selected value is not valid

exception `pyAbacus.exceptions.TimeoutError(message=")`

A time out error occurred

1.3 pyAbacus.constants

`pyAbacus.constants.ADDRESS_DIRECTORY_2CH = {'coincidence_window_ms': 22, 'coincidence_windo`

Memory addresses

`pyAbacus.constants.BAUDRATE = 115200`

Default baudrate for the serial port communication

`pyAbacus.constants.BOUNCE_TIMEOUT = 1`

Number of times a specific transmittion is tried

`pyAbacus.constants.COINCIDENCE_WINDOW_DEFAULT_VALUE = 10`

Default coincidence window time value (ns).

`pyAbacus.constants.COINCIDENCE_WINDOW_MAXIMUM_VALUE = 10000`

Maximum coincidence window time value (ns).

`pyAbacus.constants.COINCIDENCE_WINDOW_MINIMUM_VALUE = 5`

Minimum coincidence window time value (ns).

`pyAbacus.constants.COINCIDENCE_WINDOW_STEP_VALUE = 5`

Increase ratio on the coincidence window time value (ns).

`pyAbacus.constants.COUNTERS_VALUES = {}`

Global counters values variable

```
pyAbacus.constants.CURRENT_OS = 'linux'  
    Current operative system  
  
pyAbacus.constants.DELAY_DEFAULT_VALUE = 0  
    Default delay time value (ns).  
  
pyAbacus.constants.DELAY_MAXIMUM_VALUE = 100  
    Maximum delay time value (ns).  
  
pyAbacus.constants.DELAY_MINIMUM_VALUE = 0  
    Minimum delay time value (ns).  
  
pyAbacus.constants.DELAY_STEP_VALUE = 5  
    Increase ratio on the delay time value (ns).  
  
pyAbacus.constants.END_COMMUNICATION = 4  
    End of message  
  
pyAbacus.constants.MAXIMUM_WRITING_TRIES = 20  
    Number of tries done to write a value  
  
pyAbacus.constants.READ_VALUE = 14  
    Reading operation signal  
  
pyAbacus.constants.SAMPLING_DEFAULT_VALUE = 1000  
    Default sampling time value (ms)  
  
pyAbacus.constants.SAMPLING_VALUES = [1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000]  
    From (1, 2, 5) ms to 1000 s  
  
pyAbacus.constants.SETTINGS = {}  
    Global settings variable  
  
pyAbacus.constants.SLEEP_DEFAULT_VALUE = 0  
    Default sleep time value (ns).  
  
pyAbacus.constants.SLEEP_MAXIMUM_VALUE = 100  
    Maximum sleep time value (ns).  
  
pyAbacus.constants.SLEEP_MINIMUM_VALUE = 0  
    Minimum sleep time value (ns).  
  
pyAbacus.constants.SLEEP_STEP_VALUE = 5  
    Increase ratio on the sleep time value (ns).  
  
pyAbacus.constants.START_COMMUNICATION = 2  
    Begin message signal  
  
pyAbacus.constants.TIMEOUT = 0.5  
    Maximum time without answer from the serial port  
  
pyAbacus.constants.WRITE_VALUE = 15  
    Writing operation signal
```


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