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Visualization Interface Tool



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The Visualization Interface Tool is a Python API that provides an interface between PyAnsys libraries and different plotting backends.

The Visualization Interface Tool offers these main features:

- Serves as an interface between PyAnsys and other plotting libraries (although only [PyVista](#) is supported currently).
- Provides out-of-the box picking, viewing, and measuring functionalities.
- Supplies an extensible class for adding custom functionalities.

Getting started Learn how to install the Visualization Interface Tool in user mode and quickly begin using it.

Getting started
in your workflow.

User guide Understand key concepts for implementing the Visualization Interface Tool

User guide
Visualization Interface Tool.

API reference Understand how to use Python to interact programmatically with the

API reference
perform many different types of operations.

Examples Explore examples that show how to use the Visualization Interface Tool to

Examples
documentation.

Contribute Learn how to contribute to the Visualization Interface Tool codebase or

Contribute

GETTING STARTED

This section describes how to install the Visualization Interface Tool in user mode and quickly begin using it. If you are interested in contributing to the Visualization Interface Tool, see [Contribute](#) for information on installing in developer mode.

1.1 Installation

To use `pip` to install the Visualization Interface Tool, run this command:

```
pip install ansys-tools-visualization-interface
```

Alternatively, to install the latest version from this library's [GitHub repository](#), run these commands:

```
git clone https://github.com/ansys/ansys-tools-visualization-interface
cd ansys-tools-visualization-interface
pip install .
```

1.1.1 Quick start

The following examples show how to use the Visualization Interface Tool to visualize a mesh file.

This code uses only a PyVista mesh:

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter

my_mesh = my_custom_object.get_mesh()

# Create a Visualization Interface Tool object
pl = Plotter()
pl.plot(my_mesh)

# Plot the result
pl.show()
```

This code uses objects from a PyAnsys library:

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter, MeshObjectPlot

my_custom_object = MyObject()
```

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```
my_mesh = my_custom_object.get_mesh()

mesh_object = MeshObjectPlot(my_custom_object, my_mesh)

# Create a Visualization Interface Tool object
pl = Plotter()
pl.plot(mesh_object)

# Plot the result
pl.show()
```

USER GUIDE

This section explains key concepts for implementing the Visualization Interface Tool in your workflow. You can use the Visualization Interface Tool in your examples as well as integrate this library into your own code.

2.1 Default plotter usage

The Visualization Interface Tool provides a default plotter that can be used out of the box, using the PyVista backend. This default plotter provides common functionalities so that you do not need to create a custom plotter.

2.1.1 Use with PyVista meshes

You can use the default plotter to plot simple PyVista meshes. This code shows how to use it to visualize a simple PyVista mesh:

```
## Usage example with pyvista meshes ##

import pyvista as pv
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter

# Create a pyvista mesh
mesh = pv.Cube()

# Create a plotter
pl = Plotter()

# Add the mesh to the plotter
pl.plot(mesh)

# Show the plotter
pl.show()
```


2.1.2 Use with PyAnsys custom objects

You can also use the default plotter to visualize PyAnsys custom objects. The only requirement is that the custom object must have a method that returns a PyVista mesh a method that exposes a `name` or `id` attribute of your object. To expose a custom object, you use a `MeshObjectPlot` instance. This class relates PyVista meshes with any object.

The following code shows how to use the default plotter to visualize a PyAnsys custom object:

```
## Usage example with PyAnsys custom objects ##

from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import MeshObjectPlot

# Create a custom object for this example
class CustomObject:
    def __init__(self):
        self.name = "CustomObject"
        self.mesh = pv.Cube()

    def get_mesh(self):
        return self.mesh

    def name(self):
        return self.name

custom_object = CustomObject()

# Create a MeshObjectPlot instance
mesh_object = MeshObjectPlot(custom_object, custom_object.get_mesh())

# Create a plotter
pl = Plotter()

# Add the MeshObjectPlot instance to the plotter
pl.plot(mesh_object)

# Show the plotter
pl.show()
```

2.2 Customize your own plotter

The Visualization Interface Tool provides a base class, `PlotterInterface`, for customizing certain functions of the plotter. This class provides a set of methods that can be overridden so that you can adapt the plotter to the specific need of your PyAnsys library.

The first thing you must do is to create a class that inherits from the `PlotterInterface` class. After that, see these main use cases for customizing the plotter:

- The most common use case is to customize the way that the objects you represent are shown in the plotter. To this end, you can override the `plot` and `plot_iter` methods. These methods are called every time a new object is added to the plotter. The default implementation of this method is to add a PyVista mesh or a `MeshObjectPlot`

instance to the plotter. You can override this method to add your own meshes or objects to the plotter in a manner that fits the way that you want to represent the meshes.

- Another use case is the need to have custom button functionalities for your library. For example, you may want buttons for hiding or showing certain objects. To add custom buttons to the plotter, you use the implementable interface provided by the `PlotterWidget` class.

Some practical examples of how to use the `PlotterInterface` class are included in some PyAnsys libraries, such as [PyAnsys Geometry](#).

API REFERENCE

This section describes `ansys-tools-visualization-interface` endpoints, their capabilities, and how to interact with them programmatically.

3.1 The `ansys.tools.visualization_interface` library

3.1.1 Summary

Subpackages

<i>backends</i>	Provides interfaces.
<i>types</i>	Provides custom types.
<i>utils</i>	Provides the Utils package.

Submodules

<i>plotter</i>	Module for the Plotter class.
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Attributes

<code>__version__</code>

Constants

<code>USE_TRAME</code>	
<code>DOCUMENTATION_BUILD</code>	Whether the documentation is being built or not.
<code>TESTING_MODE</code>	Whether the library is being built or not, used to avoid showing plots while testing.

The backends package

Summary

Subpackages

<code>pyvista</code>	Provides interfaces.
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The pyvista package

Summary

Subpackages

<code>widgets</code>	Provides widgets for the Visualization Interface Tool plotter.
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Submodules

<code>pyvista</code>	Provides a wrapper to aid in plotting.
<code>pyvista_interface</code>	Provides plotting for various PyAnsys objects.
<code>trame_local</code>	Provides <code>trame</code> visualizer interface for visualization.
<code>trame_remote</code>	Module for trame websocket client functions.
<code>trame_service</code>	Trame service module.

The widgets package

Summary

Submodules

<code>button</code>	Provides for implementing buttons in PyAnsys.
<code>displace_arrows</code>	Provides the displacement arrows widget for the PyVista plotter.
<code>hide_buttons</code>	Provides the hide buttons widget for the PyAnsys plotter.
<code>measure</code>	Provides the measure widget for the PyAnsys plotter.
<code>mesh_slider</code>	Provides the measure widget for the PyAnsys plotter.
<code>ruler</code>	Provides the ruler widget for the Visualization Interface Tool plotter.
<code>screenshot</code>	Provides the screenshot widget for the Visualization Interface Tool plotter.
<code>view_button</code>	Provides the view button widget for changing the camera view.
<code>widget</code>	Provides the abstract implementation of plotter widgets.

The button.py module

Summary

Classes

<i>Button</i>	Provides the abstract class for implementing buttons in PyAnsys.
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Button

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.button.Button(plotter:
                                                                 pyvista.Plotter,
                                                                 but-
                                                                 ton_config:
                                                                 tuple)
```

Bases: *ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget.PlotterWidget*

Provides the abstract class for implementing buttons in PyAnsys.

Parameters

plotter

[Plotter] Plotter to draw the buttons on.

button_config

[tuple] Tuple containing the position and the path to the icon of the button.

Notes

This class wraps the PyVista `add_checkbox_button_widget()` method.

Overview

Abstract methods

<i>callback</i>	Get the functionality of the button, which is implemented by subclasses.
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Methods

<i>update</i>	Assign the image that represents the button.
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Attributes

`button_config`

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.button import Button
```

Attribute detail

`Button.button_config`

Method detail

abstract `Button.callback(state: bool) → None`

Get the functionality of the button, which is implemented by subclasses.

Parameters

state

[bool] Whether the button is active.

`Button.update() → None`

Assign the image that represents the button.

Description

Provides for implementing buttons in PyAnsys.

The `displace_arrows.py` module

Summary

Classes

`DisplacementArrow` Defines the arrow to draw and what it is to do.

Enums

<i>CameraPanDirection</i>	Provides an enum with the available movement directions of the camera.
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DisplacementArrow

`class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.displace_arrows.DisplacementArrow(pl`

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`di-`
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`tion`
`Ca`
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`Par`
`rec`
`tion`

Bases: `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.button.Button`

Defines the arrow to draw and what it is to do.

Parameters

- plotter**
[Plotter] Plotter to draw the buttons on.
- direction**
[CameraPanDirection] Direction that the camera is to move.

Overview

Methods

<i>callback</i>	Move the camera in the direction defined by the button.
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Attributes

<i>direction</i>

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.displace_arrows import   
↳ DisplacementArrow
```

Attribute detail

`DisplacementArrow.direction`

Method detail

`DisplacementArrow.callback(state: bool) → None`

Move the camera in the direction defined by the button.

Parameters

state

[*bool*] Whether the state of the button, which is inherited from PyVista, is active. However, this parameter is unused by this callback method.

CameraPanDirection

`class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.displace_arrows.
CameraPanDirection`

Bases: `enum.Enum`

Provides an enum with the available movement directions of the camera.

Overview

Attributes

<i>XUP</i>
<i>XDOWN</i>
<i>YUP</i>
<i>YDOWN</i>
<i>ZUP</i>
<i>ZDOWN</i>

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.displace_arrows import CameraPanDirection
```

Attribute detail

```
CameraPanDirection.XUP = (0, 'upxarrow.png', (5, 170))
CameraPanDirection.XDOWN = (1, 'downarrow.png', (5, 130))
CameraPanDirection.YUP = (2, 'upyarrow.png', (35, 170))
CameraPanDirection.YDOWN = (3, 'downarrow.png', (35, 130))
CameraPanDirection.ZUP = (4, 'upzarrow.png', (65, 170))
CameraPanDirection.ZDOWN = (5, 'downarrow.png', (65, 130))
```

Description

Provides the displacement arrows widget for the PyVista plotter.

The `hide_buttons.py` module

Summary

Classes

<i>HideButton</i>	Provides the hide widget for the Visualization Interface Tool Plotter class.
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HideButton

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.hide_buttons.HideButton(plotter:  
an-  
sys.tools.visuali
```

Bases: *ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget.PlotterWidget*

Provides the hide widget for the Visualization Interface Tool Plotter class.

Parameters

plotter_helper

[PlotterHelper] Plotter to add the hide widget to.

Overview

Methods

<code>callback</code>	Remove or add the hide widget actor upon click.
<code>update</code>	Define the hide widget button parameters.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.hide_buttons import HideButton
```

Method detail

`HideButton.callback(state: bool) → None`

Remove or add the hide widget actor upon click.

Parameters

`state`

[bool] Whether the state of the button, which is inherited from PyVista, is active.

`HideButton.update() → None`

Define the hide widget button parameters.

Description

Provides the hide buttons widget for the PyAnsys plotter.

The `measure.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>MeasureWidget</code>	Provides the measure widget for the Visualization Interface Tool <code>Plotter</code> class.
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MeasureWidget

class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.measure.MeasureWidget(plotter_helper: ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.plotter_helper.PlotterHelper)

Bases: `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget.PlotterWidget`

Provides the measure widget for the Visualization Interface Tool Plotter class.

Parameters

plotter_helper
[PlotterHelper] Plotter to add the measure widget to.

Overview

Methods

<code>callback</code>	Remove or add the measurement widget actor upon click.
<code>update</code>	Define the measurement widget button parameters.

Attributes

<code>plotter_helper</code>

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.measure import MeasureWidget
```

Attribute detail

MeasureWidget.plotter_helper

Method detail

MeasureWidget.callback(state: bool) → None

Remove or add the measurement widget actor upon click.

Parameters

state
[bool] Whether the state of the button, which is inherited from PyVista, is active.

MeasureWidget.update() → None

Define the measurement widget button parameters.

Description

Provides the measure widget for the PyAnsys plotter.

The `mesh_slider.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>MeshSliderWidget</code>	Provides the mesh slider widget for the Visualization Interface Tool Plotter class.
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MeshSliderWidget

class `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.mesh_slider.MeshSliderWidget`(*plotter_helper*, *plotter*)

Bases: `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget.PlotterWidget`

Provides the mesh slider widget for the Visualization Interface Tool Plotter class.

Parameters

plotter_helper

[PlotterHelper] Plotter to add the mesh slider widget to.

Overview

Methods

<code>callback</code>	Remove or add the mesh slider widget actor upon click.
<code>update</code>	Define the mesh slider widget button parameters.

Attributes

<code>plotter_helper</code>

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.mesh_slider import   
↳ MeshSliderWidget
```

Attribute detail

MeshSliderWidget.plotter_helper

Method detail

MeshSliderWidget.callback(*state: bool*) → None

Remove or add the mesh slider widget actor upon click.

Parameters

state

[bool] Whether the state of the button, which is inherited from PyVista, is active.

MeshSliderWidget.update() → None

Define the mesh slider widget button parameters.

Description

Provides the measure widget for the PyAnsys plotter.

The ruler.py module

Summary

Classes

<i>Ruler</i>	Provides the ruler widget for the Visualization Interface Tool Plotter class.
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Ruler

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.ruler.Ruler(plotter:  
pyvista.Plotter)
```

Bases: *ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget.PlotterWidget*

Provides the ruler widget for the Visualization Interface Tool Plotter class.

Parameters

plotter

[Plotter] Provides the plotter to add the ruler widget to.

Overview

Methods

<code>callback</code>	Remove or add the ruler widget actor upon click.
<code>update</code>	Define the configuration and representation of the ruler widget button.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.ruler import Ruler
```

Method detail

`Ruler.callback(state: bool) → None`

Remove or add the ruler widget actor upon click.

Parameters

`state`

[bool] Whether the state of the button, which is inherited from PyVista, is True.

Notes

This method provides a callback function for the ruler widget. It is called every time the ruler widget is clicked.

`Ruler.update() → None`

Define the configuration and representation of the ruler widget button.

Description

Provides the ruler widget for the Visualization Interface Tool plotter.

The `screenshot.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>ScreenshotButton</code>	Provides the screenshot widget for the Visualization Interface Tool Plotter class.
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ScreenshotButton

class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.screenshot.ScreenshotButton(*plotter:* *pyvista.Plotter*)

Bases: *ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget.PlotterWidget*

Provides the screenshot widget for the Visualization Interface Tool `Plotter` class.

Parameters

plotter
[`Plotter`] Provides the plotter to add the screenshot widget to.

Overview

Methods

<i>callback</i>	Remove or add the screenshot widget actor upon click.
<i>update</i>	Define the configuration and representation of the screenshot widget button.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.screenshot import ...
↳ ScreenshotButton
```

Method detail

ScreenshotButton.**callback**(*state: bool*) → `None`

Remove or add the screenshot widget actor upon click.

Parameters

state
[`bool`] Whether the state of the button, which is inherited from `PyVista`, is `True`.

Notes

This method provides a callback function for the screenshot widget. It is called every time the screenshot widget is clicked.

ScreenshotButton.**update**() → `None`

Define the configuration and representation of the screenshot widget button.

Description

Provides the screenshot widget for the Visualization Interface Tool plotter.

The `view_button.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>ViewButton</code>	Provides for changing the view.
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Enums

<code>ViewDirection</code>	Provides an enum with the available views.
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ViewButton

class `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.view_button.ViewButton`(*plotter: pyvista.Plotter, direction: tuple*)

Bases: `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.button.Button`

Provides for changing the view.

Parameters

plotter
[Plotter] Plotter to draw the buttons on.

direction
[ViewDirection] Direction of the view.

Overview

Methods

<code>callback</code>	Change the view depending on button interaction.
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Attributes

direction

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.view_button import ViewButton
```

Attribute detail

`ViewButton.direction`

Method detail

`ViewButton.callback(state: bool) → None`

Change the view depending on button interaction.

Parameters

state

[bool] Whether the state of the button, which is inherited from PyVista, is True.

Raises

`NotImplementedError`

Raised if the specified direction is not implemented.

ViewDirection

class

`ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.view_button.ViewDirection`

Bases: `enum.Enum`

Provides an enum with the available views.

Overview

Attributes

XYPLUS
XYMINUS
XZPLUS
XZMINUS
YZPLUS
YZMINUS
ISOMETRIC

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.view_button import   
↳ ViewDirection
```

Attribute detail

```
ViewDirection.XYPLUS = (0, '+xy.png', (5, 220))  
ViewDirection.XYMINUS = (1, '-xy.png', (5, 251))  
ViewDirection.XZPLUS = (2, '+xz.png', (5, 282))  
ViewDirection.XZMINUS = (3, '-xz.png', (5, 313))  
ViewDirection.YZPLUS = (4, '+yz.png', (5, 344))  
ViewDirection.YZMINUS = (5, '-yz.png', (5, 375))  
ViewDirection.ISOMETRIC = (6, 'isometric.png', (5, 406))
```

Description

Provides the view button widget for changing the camera view.

The widget.py module

Summary

Classes

<i>PlotterWidget</i>	Provides an abstract class for plotter widgets.
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PlotterWidget

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget.PlotterWidget(plotter:  
pyvista.Plotter)
```

Bases: `abc.ABC`

Provides an abstract class for plotter widgets.

Parameters

plotter

[`Plotter`] Plotter instance to add the widget to.

Notes

These widgets are intended to be used with PyVista plotter objects. More specifically, the way in which this abstraction has been built ensures that these widgets can be easily integrated with the Visualization Interface Tool's widgets.

Overview

Abstract methods

<i>callback</i>	General callback function for <code>PlotterWidget</code> objects.
<i>update</i>	General update function for <code>PlotterWidget</code> objects.

Properties

<i>plotter</i>	Plotter object that the widget is assigned to.
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Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget import ↪ PlotterWidget
```

Property detail

property `PlotterWidget.plotter`: `pyvista.Plotter`

Plotter object that the widget is assigned to.

Method detail

abstract `PlotterWidget.callback(state) → None`

General callback function for `PlotterWidget` objects.

abstract `PlotterWidget.update() → None`

General update function for `PlotterWidget` objects.

Description

Provides the abstract implementation of plotter widgets.

Description

Provides widgets for the Visualization Interface Tool plotter.

The `pyvista.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>PyVistaBackendInterface</code>	Provides the interface for the Visualization Interface Tool plotter.
<code>PyVistaBackend</code>	Provides the generic plotter implementation for PyAnsys libraries.

PyVistaBackendInterface

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.pyvista.PyVistaBackendInterface(use_frame:
    beartype.typing.
    =
    None,
    al-
    low_picking:
    beartype.typing.
    =
    False,
    al-
    low_hovering:
    beartype.typing.
    =
    False,
    plot_picked_name:
    beartype.typing.
    =
    False,
    show_plane:
    beartype.typing.
    =
    False,
    **plot-
    ter_kwargs)
```

Bases: `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends._base.BaseBackend`

Provides the interface for the Visualization Interface Tool plotter.

This class is intended to be used as a base class for the custom plotters in the different PyAnsys libraries. It provides the basic plotter functionalities, such as adding objects and enabling widgets and picking capabilities. It also provides the ability to show the plotter using the [trame](#) service.

You can override the `plot_iter()`, `plot()`, and `picked_operation()` methods. The `plot_iter()` method is intended to plot a list of objects to the plotter, while the `plot()` method is intended to plot a single object to the plotter. The `show()` method is intended to show the plotter. The `picked_operation()` method is intended to perform an operation on the picked objects.

Parameters

`use_trame`

[Optional[bool], default: `None`] Whether to activate the usage of the trame UI instead of the Python window.

`allow_picking`

[Optional[bool], default: `False`] Whether to allow picking capabilities in the window. Incompatible with hovering. Picking will take precedence over hovering.

`allow_hovering`

[Optional[bool], default: `False`] Whether to allow hovering capabilities in the window. Incompatible with picking. Picking will take precedence over hovering.

Overview

Abstract methods

<code>plot_iter</code>	Plot one or more compatible objects to the plotter.
<code>plot</code>	Plot a single object to the plotter.

Methods

<code>enable_widgets</code>	Enable the widgets for the plotter.
<code>add_widget</code>	Add one or more custom widgets to the plotter.
<code>select_object</code>	Select a custom object in the plotter.
<code>unselect_object</code>	Unselect a custom object in the plotter.
<code>picker_callback</code>	Define the callback for the element picker.
<code>hover_callback</code>	Define the callback for the element hover.
<code>compute_edge_object_map</code>	Compute the mapping between plotter actors and EdgePlot objects.
<code>enable_picking</code>	Enable picking capabilities in the plotter.
<code>enable_hover</code>	Enable hover capabilities in the plotter.
<code>disable_picking</code>	Disable picking capabilities in the plotter.
<code>disable_hover</code>	Disable hover capabilities in the plotter.
<code>show</code>	Plot and show any PyAnsys object.
<code>show_plotter</code>	Show the plotter or start the <code>trame</code> service.
<code>picked_operation</code>	Perform an operation on the picked objects.

Properties

<code>pv_interface</code>	PyVista interface.
---------------------------	--------------------

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.pyvista import PyVistaBackendInterface
```

Property detail

property `PyVistaBackendInterface.pv_interface:`
`ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.pyvista_interface.PyVistaInterface`
PyVista interface.

Method detail

`PyVistaBackendInterface.enable_widgets()`

Enable the widgets for the plotter.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.add_widget(widget:`
beartype.typing.Union[ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget
beartype.typing.List[ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.widgets.widget.L

Add one or more custom widgets to the plotter.

Parameters

widget

[Union[PlotterWidget, List[PlotterWidget]]] One or more custom widgets.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.select_object(custom_object:`
beartype.typing.Union[ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.mesh_object_plot.Me
ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.edge_plot.EdgePlot], pt:
numpy.ndarray) → None

Select a custom object in the plotter.

This method highlights the edges of a body and adds a label. It also adds the object to the `_picked_list` and the actor to the `_picker_added_actors_map`.

Parameters

custom_object

[Union[MeshObjectPlot, EdgePlot]] Custom object to select.

pt

[`ndarray`] Set of points to determine the label position.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.unselect_object(custom_object:`
beartype.typing.Union[ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.mesh_object_plot.
ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.edge_plot.EdgePlot])
→ None

Unselect a custom object in the plotter.

This method removes edge highlighting and the label from a plotter actor and removes the object from the Visualization Interface Tool object selection.

Parameters

custom_object

[Union[MeshObjectPlot, EdgePlot]] Custom object to unselect.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.picker_callback(actor: pyvista.Actor) → None`

Define the callback for the element picker.

Parameters

actor

[*Actor*] Actor to select for the picker.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.hover_callback(_widget, event_name) → None`

Define the callback for the element hover.

Parameters

actor

[*Actor*] Actor to hover for the picker.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.compute_edge_object_map() → beartype.typing.Dict[pyvista.Actor, ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.edge_plot.EdgePlot]`

Compute the mapping between plotter actors and *EdgePlot* objects.

Returns

Dict[*Actor*, *EdgePlot*]

Dictionary defining the mapping between plotter actors and *EdgePlot* objects.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.enable_picking()`

Enable picking capabilities in the plotter.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.enable_hover()`

Enable hover capabilities in the plotter.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.disable_picking()`

Disable picking capabilities in the plotter.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.disable_hover()`

Disable hover capabilities in the plotter.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.show(plottable_object: beartype.typing.Any = None, screenshot: beartype.typing.Optional[str] = None, view_2d: beartype.typing.Dict = None, name_filter: str = None, **plotting_options) → beartype.typing.List[beartype.typing.Any]`

Plot and show any PyAnsys object.

The types of objects supported are *MeshObjectPlot*, *pv.MultiBlock*, and *pv.PolyData*.

Parameters

plottable_object

[Any, default: *None*] Object or list of objects to plot.

screenshot

[str, default: *None*] Path for saving a screenshot of the image that is being represented.

view_2d

[Dict, default: *None*] Dictionary with the plane and the viewup vectors of the 2D plane.

name_filter

[str, default: *None*] Regular expression with the desired name or names to include in the plotter.

****plotting_options**

[dict, default: None] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

Returns**List[Any]**

List with the picked bodies in the picked order.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.show_plotter(screenshot: beartype.typing.Optional[str] = None) → None`

Show the plotter or start the `trame` service.

Parameters**plotter**

[Plotter] Visualization Interface Tool plotter with the meshes added.

screenshot

[str, default: None] Path for saving a screenshot of the image that is being represented.

abstract `PyVistaBackendInterface.plot_iter(plottable_object: beartype.typing.Any, name_filter: str = None, **plotting_options)`

Plot one or more compatible objects to the plotter.

Parameters**plottable_object**

[Any] One or more objects to add.

name_filter

[str, default: None.] Regular expression with the desired name or names to include in the plotter.

****plotting_options**

[dict, default: None] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

abstract `PyVistaBackendInterface.plot(plottable_object: beartype.typing.Any, name_filter: str = None, **plotting_options)`

Plot a single object to the plotter.

Parameters**plottable_object**

[Any] Object to add.

name_filter

[str] Regular expression with the desired name or names to include in the plotter.

****plotting_options**

[dict, default: None] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

`PyVistaBackendInterface.picked_operation() → None`

Perform an operation on the picked objects.

PyVistaBackend

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.pyvista.PyVistaBackend(
    use_frame:
        beartype.typing.Optional[bool] = None,
    allow_picking:
        beartype.typing.Optional[bool] = False,
    allow_hovering:
        beartype.typing.Optional[bool] = False,
    plot_picked_names:
        beartype.typing.Optional[bool] = True)
```

Bases: PyVistaBackendInterface

Provides the generic plotter implementation for PyAnsys libraries.

This class accepts MeshObjectPlot, pv.MultiBlock and pv.PolyData objects.

Parameters

- use_frame**
[bool, default: `None`] Whether to enable the use of `frame`. The default is `None`, in which case the `USE_FRAME` global setting is used.
- allow_picking**
[Optional[bool], default: `False`] Whether to allow picking capabilities in the window. Incompatible with hovering. Picking will take precedence over hovering.
- allow_hovering**
[Optional[bool], default: `False`] Whether to allow hovering capabilities in the window. Incompatible with picking. Picking will take precedence over hovering.
- plot_picked_names**
[bool, default: `True`] Whether to plot the names of the picked objects.

Overview

Methods

<code>plot_iter</code>	Plot the elements of an iterable of any type of object to the scene.
<code>plot</code>	Plot a pyansys or PyVista object to the plotter.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.pyvista import PyVistaBackend
```

Method detail

`PyVistaBackend.plot_iter`(*plotting_list*: *beartype.typing.List[beartype.typing.Any]*, *name_filter*: *str = None*, ***plotting_options*) → *None*

Plot the elements of an iterable of any type of object to the scene.

The types of objects supported are `Body`, `Component`, `List[pv.PolyData]`, `pv.MultiBlock`, and `Sketch`.

Parameters

plotting_list

[*List[Any]*] List of objects to plot.

name_filter

[*str*, default: *None*] Regular expression with the desired name or names to include in the plotter.

****plotting_options**

[*dict*, default: *None*] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

`PyVistaBackend.plot`(*plottable_object*: *beartype.typing.Any*, *name_filter*: *str = None*, ***plotting_options*)

Plot a pyansys or PyVista object to the plotter.

Parameters

plottable_object

[*Any*] Object to add.

name_filter

[*str*] Regular expression with the desired name or names to include in the plotter.

****plotting_options**

[*dict*, default: *None*] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

Description

Provides a wrapper to aid in plotting.

The `pyvista_interface.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>PyVistaInterface</code>	Provides the middle class between PyVista plotting operations and PyAnsys objects.
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PyVistaInterface

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.pyvista_interface.PyVistaInterface(scene:
    beartype.typing
    =
    None,
    color_opts:
    beartype.typing
    =
    None,
    num_points:
    int
    =
    100,
    enable_widgets:
    bool
    =
    True,
    show_plane:
    bool
    =
    False,
    **plotter_kwargs)
```

Provides the middle class between PyVista plotting operations and PyAnsys objects.

The main purpose of this class is to simplify interaction between PyVista and the PyVista backend provided. This class is responsible for creating the PyVista scene and adding the PyAnsys objects to it.

Parameters

- scene**
[[Plotter](#), default: [None](#)] Scene for rendering the objects. If passed, `off_screen` needs to be set manually beforehand for documentation and testing.
- color_opts**
[[dict](#), default: [None](#)] Dictionary containing the background and top colors.
- num_points**
[[int](#), default: 100] Number of points to use to render the shapes.
- enable_widgets**
[[bool](#), default: [True](#)] Whether to enable widget buttons in the plotter window. Widget buttons must be disabled when using [trame](#) for visualization.
- show_plane**
[[bool](#), default: [False](#)] Whether to show the XY plane in the plotter window.

Overview

Methods

<code>view_xy</code>	View the scene from the XY plane.
<code>view_xz</code>	View the scene from the XZ plane.
<code>view_yx</code>	View the scene from the YX plane.
<code>view_yz</code>	View the scene from the YZ plane.
<code>view_zx</code>	View the scene from the ZX plane.
<code>view_zy</code>	View the scene from the ZY plane.
<code>clip</code>	Clip a given mesh with a plane.
<code>plot_meshobject</code>	Plot a generic <code>MeshObjectPlot</code> object to the scene.
<code>plot_edges</code>	Plot the outer edges of an object to the plot.
<code>plot</code>	Plot any type of object to the scene.
<code>plot_iter</code>	Plot elements of an iterable of any type of objects to the scene.
<code>show</code>	Show the rendered scene on the screen.
<code>set_add_mesh_defaults</code>	Set the default values for the plotting options.

Properties

<code>scene</code>	Rendered scene object.
<code>object_to_actors_map</code>	Mapping between the PyVista actor and the PyAnsys objects.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.pyvista_interface import   
↳ PyVistaInterface
```

Property detail

property `PyVistaInterface.scene`: `pyvista.plotting.plotter.Plotter`

Rendered scene object.

Returns

`Plotter`

Rendered scene object.

property `PyVistaInterface.object_to_actors_map`: `beartype.typing.Dict[pyvista.Actor, ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.mesh_object_plot.MeshObjectPlot]`

Mapping between the PyVista actor and the PyAnsys objects.

Method detail

`PyVistaInterface.view_xy()` → `None`

View the scene from the XY plane.

`PyVistaInterface.view_xz()` → `None`

View the scene from the XZ plane.

`PyVistaInterface.view_yx()` → `None`

View the scene from the YX plane.

`PyVistaInterface.view_yz()` → `None`

View the scene from the YZ plane.

`PyVistaInterface.view_zx()` → `None`

View the scene from the ZX plane.

`PyVistaInterface.view_zy()` → `None`

View the scene from the ZY plane.

`PyVistaInterface.clip(mesh: pyvista.PolyData | pyvista.MultiBlock, plane: ansys.tools.visualization_interface.utils.clip_plane.ClipPlane)` → `pyvista.PolyData` | `pyvista.MultiBlock`

Clip a given mesh with a plane.

Parameters

mesh

[Union[pv.PolyData, pv.MultiBlock]] Mesh.

normal

[*str*, default: "x"] Plane to use for clipping. Options are "x", "-x", "y", "-y", "z", and "-z".

origin

[*tuple*, default: `None`] Origin point of the plane.

plane

[*ClipPlane*, default: `None`] Clipping plane to cut the mesh with.

Returns

Union[pv.PolyData, pv.MultiBlock]

Clipped mesh.

`PyVistaInterface.plot_meshobject(custom_object: ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.mesh_object_plot.MeshObjectPlot, **plotting_options)`

Plot a generic MeshObjectPlot object to the scene.

Parameters

plottable_object

[*MeshObjectPlot*] Object to add to the scene.

****plotting_options**

[*dict*, default: `None`] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

```
PyVistaInterface.plot_edges(custom_object:  
    ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.mesh_object_plot.MeshObjectPlot,  
    **plotting_options) → None
```

Plot the outer edges of an object to the plot.

This method has the side effect of adding the edges to the `MeshObjectPlot` object that you pass through the parameters.

Parameters

custom_object

[`MeshObjectPlot`] Custom object with the edges to add.

****plotting_options**

[`dict`, default: `None`] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

```
PyVistaInterface.plot(plottable_object: pyvista.PolyData | pyvista.MultiBlock |  
    ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.mesh_object_plot.MeshObjectPlot,  
    name_filter: str = None, **plotting_options) → None
```

Plot any type of object to the scene.

Supported object types are `List[pv.PolyData]`, `MeshObjectPlot`, and `pv.MultiBlock`.

Parameters

plottable_object

[`Union[pv.PolyData, pv.MultiBlock, MeshObjectPlot]`] Object to plot.

name_filter

[`str`, default: `None`] Regular expression with the desired name or names to include in the plotter.

****plotting_options**

[`dict`, default: `None`] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

```
PyVistaInterface.plot_iter(plotting_list: beartype.typing.List[beartype.typing.Any], name_filter: str = None,  
    **plotting_options) → None
```

Plot elements of an iterable of any type of objects to the scene.

Supported object types are `Body`, `Component`, `List[pv.PolyData]`, `pv.MultiBlock`, and `Sketch`.

Parameters

plotting_list

[`List[Any]`] List of objects to plot.

name_filter

[`str`, default: `None`] Regular expression with the desired name or names to include in the plotter.

****plotting_options**

[`dict`, default: `None`] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

```
PyVistaInterface.show(show_plane: bool = False, jupyter_backend: beartype.typing.Optional[str] = None,  
    **kwargs: beartype.typing.Optional[beartype.typing.Dict]) → None
```

Show the rendered scene on the screen.

Parameters

show_plane

[bool, default: True] Whether to show the XY plane.

****kwargs**

[dict, default: None] Plotting keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.show` method.

Notes

For more information on supported Jupyter backends, see [Jupyter Notebook Plotting](#) in the PyVista documentation.

`PyVistaInterface.set_add_mesh_defaults(plotting_options: beartype.typing.Optional[beartype.typing.Dict]) → None`

Set the default values for the plotting options.

Parameters**plotting_options**

[Optional[Dict]] Keyword arguments. For allowable keyword arguments, see the `Plotter.add_mesh` method.

Description

Provides plotting for various PyAnsys objects.

The trame_local.py module**Summary****Classes**

<code>TrameVisualizer</code> Defines the trame layout view.

Constants

<code>CLIENT_TYPE</code>

TrameVisualizer

class `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.trame_local.TrameVisualizer`

Defines the trame layout view.

Overview

Methods

<code>set_scene</code>	Set the trame layout view and the mesh to show through the PyVista plotter.
<code>show</code>	Start the trame server and show the mesh.

Attributes

<code>server</code>

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.trame_local import TrameVisualizer
```

Attribute detail

`TrameVisualizer.server`

Method detail

`TrameVisualizer.set_scene(plotter)`

Set the trame layout view and the mesh to show through the PyVista plotter.

Parameters

plotter

[`Plotter`] PyVista plotter with the rendered mesh.

`TrameVisualizer.show()`

Start the trame server and show the mesh.

Description

Provides `trame` visualizer interface for visualization.

Module detail

```
trame_local.CLIENT_TYPE = 'vue2'
```

The trame_remote.py module

Summary

Functions

<code>send_pl</code>	Send the plotter meshes to a remote trame service.
<code>send_mesh</code>	Send a mesh to a remote trame service.

Description

Module for trame websocket client functions.

Module detail

```
trame_remote.send_pl(plotter: pyvista.Plotter, host: str = 'localhost', port: int = 8765)
```

Send the plotter meshes to a remote trame service.

Since plotter can't be pickled, we send the meshes list instead.

Parameters

plotter

[pv.Plotter] Plotter to send.

host

[str, optional] Websocket host to connect to, by default "localhost".

port

[int, optional] Websocket port to connect to, by default 8765.

```
trame_remote.send_mesh(mesh: beartype.typing.Union[pyvista.PolyData, pyvista.MultiBlock], host: str = 'localhost', port: int = 8765)
```

Send a mesh to a remote trame service.

Parameters

mesh

[Union[pv.PolyData, pv.MultiBlock]] Mesh to send.

host

[str, optional] Websocket host to connect to, by default "localhost".

port

[int, optional] Websocket port to connect to, by default 8765.

The `trame_service.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>TrameService</code>	Trame service class.
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TrameService

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.trame_service.TrameService(websocket_host:
                                                                                         str
                                                                                         =
                                                                                         'lo-
cal-
host',
                                                                                         web-
socket_port:
                                                                                         int
                                                                                         =
                                                                                         8765)
```

Trame service class.

Initializes a trame service where you can send meshes to plot in a trame webview plotter.

Parameters

websocket_host

[`str`, optional] Host where the webserver will listen for new plotters and meshes, by default “localhost”.

websocket_port

[`int`, optional] Port where the webserver will listen for new plotters and meshes, by default 8765.

Overview

Methods

<code>clear_plotter</code>	Clears the web view in the service.
<code>set_scene</code>	Sets the web view scene for the trame service.
<code>run</code>	Start the trame web view and the websocket services.

Attributes

`OFF_SCREEN`

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.trame_service import   
↪ TrameService
```

Attribute detail

`TrameService.OFF_SCREEN = True`

Method detail

`TrameService.clear_plotter()`

Clears the web view in the service.

`TrameService.set_scene()`

Sets the web view scene for the trame service.

`TrameService.run()`

Start the trame web view and the websocket services.

Description

Trame service module.

Description

Provides interfaces.

Description

Provides interfaces.

The types package

Summary

Submodules

<code>edge_plot</code>	Provides the edge type for plotting.
<code>mesh_object_plot</code>	Provides the MeshObjectPlot class.

The `edge_plot.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>EdgePlot</code>	Provides the mapper class for relating PyAnsys object edges with its PyVista actor.
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EdgePlot

class `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.edge_plot.EdgePlot`(*actor*: `pyvista.Actor`,
edge_object:
`beartype.typing.Any`, *parent*:
`beartype.typing.Any = None`)

Provides the mapper class for relating PyAnsys object edges with its PyVista actor.

Parameters

actor

[`Actor`] PyVista actor that represents the edge.

edge_object

[`Edge`] PyAnsys object edge that is represented by the PyVista actor.

parent

[`MeshObjectPlot`, default: `None`] Parent PyAnsys object of the edge.

Overview

Properties

<code>actor</code>	PyVista actor of the object.
<code>edge_object</code>	PyAnsys edge.
<code>parent</code>	Parent PyAnsys object of the edge.
<code>name</code>	Name of the edge.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.edge_plot import EdgePlot
```

Property detail

property `EdgePlot.actor:` `pyvista.Actor`

PyVista actor of the object.

Returns

`Actor`

PyVista actor.

property `EdgePlot.edge_object:` `beartype.typing.Any`

PyAnsys edge.

Returns

`Any`

PyAnsys edge.

property `EdgePlot.parent:` `beartype.typing.Any`

Parent PyAnsys object of the edge.

Returns

`Any`

Parent PyAnsys object.

property `EdgePlot.name:` `str`

Name of the edge.

Returns

`str`

Name of the edge.

Description

Provides the edge type for plotting.

The `mesh_object_plot.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>MeshObjectPlot</code>	Relates a custom object with a mesh, provided by the consumer library.
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MeshObjectPlot

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.mesh_object_plot.MeshObjectPlot(custom_object:
                                                                                    beartype.typing.Any,
                                                                                    mesh:
                                                                                    beartype.typing.Union[pyvista.PolyData,
                                                                                    pyvista.MultiBlock],
                                                                                    actor:
                                                                                    pyvista.Actor
                                                                                    = None,
                                                                                    edges:
                                                                                    beartype.typing.List[ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.mesh_object_plot.Edge]
                                                                                    = None)
```

Relates a custom object with a mesh, provided by the consumer library.

Overview

Properties

<i>mesh</i>	Mesh of the object in PyVista format.
<i>custom_object</i>	Custom object.
<i>actor</i>	PyVista actor of the object in the plotter.
<i>edges</i>	Edges of the object.
<i>name</i>	Name of the object.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.mesh_object_plot import MeshObjectPlot
```

Property detail

```
property MeshObjectPlot.mesh: beartype.typing.Union[pyvista.PolyData,
pyvista.MultiBlock]
```

Mesh of the object in PyVista format.

Returns

```
Union[pv.PolyData, pv.MultiBlock]
```

Mesh of the object.

```
property MeshObjectPlot.custom_object: beartype.typing.Any
```

Custom object.

Returns

```
Any
```

Custom object.

property `MeshObjectPlot.actor`: `pyvista.Actor`

PyVista actor of the object in the plotter.

Returns

`pv.Actor`

PyVista actor of the object.

property `MeshObjectPlot.edges`:

`beartype.typing.List[ansys.tools.visualization_interface.types.edge_plot.EdgePlot]`

Edges of the object.

Returns

`List[EdgePlot]`

Edges of the object.

property `MeshObjectPlot.name`: `str`

Name of the object.

Returns

`str`

Name of the object.

Description

Provides the `MeshObjectPlot` class.

Description

Provides custom types.

The `utils` package

Summary

Submodules

<code>clip_plane</code>	Provides the <code>ClipPlane</code> class.
<code>color</code>	Provides an enum with the color to use for the plotter actors.
<code>logger</code>	Provides the singleton helper class for the logger.

The clip_plane.py module

Summary

Classes

<i>ClipPlane</i>	Provides the clipping plane for clipping meshes in the plotter.
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ClipPlane

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.utils.clip_plane.ClipPlane(normal:
                                                                    beartype.typing.Tuple[float,
                                                                    float, float] = (1, 0, 0),
                                                                    origin:
                                                                    beartype.typing.Tuple[float,
                                                                    float, float] = (0, 0, 0))
```

Provides the clipping plane for clipping meshes in the plotter.

The clipping plane is defined by both normal and origin vectors.

Parameters

normal

[Tuple[float, float, float], default: (1, 0, 0)] Normal of the plane.

origin

[Tuple[float, float, float], default: (0, 0, 0)] Origin point of the plane.

Overview

Properties

<i>normal</i>	Normal of the plane.
<i>origin</i>	Origin of the plane.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.utils.clip_plane import ClipPlane
```

Property detail

property `ClipPlane.normal`: `beartype.typing.Tuple[float, float, float]`

Normal of the plane.

Returns

`Tuple[float, float, float]`

Normal of the plane.

property `ClipPlane.origin`: `beartype.typing.Tuple[float, float, float]`

Origin of the plane.

Returns

`Tuple[float, float, float]`

Origin of the plane.

Description

Provides the `ClipPlane` class.

The `color.py` module

Summary

Enums

<i>Color</i>	Provides an enum with the color to use for the plotter actors.
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Color

class `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.utils.color.Color`

Bases: `enum.Enum`

Provides an enum with the color to use for the plotter actors.

Overview

Attributes

<i>DEFAULT</i>	Default color for the plotter actors.
<i>PICKED</i>	Color for the actors that are currently picked.
<i>EDGE</i>	Default color for the edges.
<i>PICKED_EDGE</i>	Color for the edges that are currently picked.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.utils.color import Color
```

Attribute detail

`Color.DEFAULT = '#D6F7D1'`

Default color for the plotter actors.

`Color.PICKED = '#BB6EEE'`

Color for the actors that are currently picked.

`Color.EDGE = '#000000'`

Default color for the edges.

`Color.PICKED_EDGE = '#9C9C9C'`

Color for the edges that are currently picked.

Description

Provides an enum with the color to use for the plotter actors.

The `logger.py` module

Summary

Classes

<i>SingletonType</i>	Provides the singleton helper class for the logger.
<i>VizLogger</i>	Provides the singleton logger for the visualizer.

Attributes

logger

SingletonType

class `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.utils.logger.SingletonType`

Bases: `type`

Provides the singleton helper class for the logger.

Overview

Special methods

<code>__call__</code>	Call to redirect new instances to the singleton instance.
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Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.utils.logger import SingletonType
```

Method detail

`SingletonType.__call__(*args, **kwargs)`
Call to redirect new instances to the singleton instance.

VizLogger

class `ansys.tools.visualization_interface.utils.logger.VizLogger`(*level: int = logging.ERROR,*
logger_name: str = 'VizLogger')

Bases: `object`

Provides the singleton logger for the visualizer.

Parameters

to_file
[bool, default: `False`] Whether to include the logs in a file.

Overview

Methods

<code>get_logger</code>	Get the logger.
<code>set_level</code>	Set the logger output level.
<code>enable_output</code>	Enable logger output to a given stream.
<code>add_file_handler</code>	Save logs to a file in addition to printing them to the standard output.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.utils.logger import VizLogger
```

Method detail

`VizLogger.get_logger()`

Get the logger.

Returns

Logger

Logger.

`VizLogger.set_level(level: int)`

Set the logger output level.

Parameters

level

[*int*] Output Level of the logger.

`VizLogger.enable_output(stream=None)`

Enable logger output to a given stream.

If a stream is not specified, `sys.stderr` is used.

Parameters

stream: `TextIO`, default: `sys.stderr`

Stream to output the log output to.

`VizLogger.add_file_handler(logs_dir: str = ./.log)`

Save logs to a file in addition to printing them to the standard output.

Parameters

logs_dir

[*str*, default: `./.log`] Directory of the logs.

Description

Provides the singleton helper class for the logger.

Module detail

`logger.logger`

Description

Provides the Utils package.

The `plotter.py` module

Summary

Classes

<code>Plotter</code>	Base plotting class containing common methods and attributes.
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Plotter

```
class ansys.tools.visualization_interface.plotter.Plotter(backend: an-  

sys.tools.visualization_interface.backends._base.BaseBackend  

= None)
```

Base plotting class containing common methods and attributes.

This class is responsible for plotting objects using the specified backend.

Parameters

backend

[BaseBackend, optional] Plotting backend to use, by default PyVistaBackend.

Overview

Methods

<code>plot</code>	Plots an object using the specified backend.
<code>show</code>	Show the plotted objects.

Import detail

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.plotter import Plotter
```

Method detail

`Plotter.plot(plottable_object: beartype.typing.Any, **plotting_options)`

Plots an object using the specified backend.

Parameters

plottable_object

[Any] Object to plot.

plotting_options

[dict] Additional plotting options.

`Plotter.show(plottable_object: beartype.typing.Any = None, screenshot: str = None, name_filter: bool = None, **plotting_options) → None`

Show the plotted objects.

Parameters

plottable_object

[Any, optional] Object to show, by default None.

screenshot

[str, optional] Path to save a screenshot, by default None.

name_filter

[bool, optional] Flag to filter the object, by default None.

plotting_options

[dict] Additional plotting options the selected backend accepts.

Description

Module for the Plotter class.

3.1.2 Description

Visualization Interface Tool is a Python client library for visualizing the results of Ansys simulations.

3.1.3 Module detail

`visualization_interface.USE_TRAME: bool = False`

`visualization_interface.DOCUMENTATION_BUILD: bool`

Whether the documentation is being built or not.

`visualization_interface.TESTING_MODE: bool`

Whether the library is being built or not, used to avoid showing plots while testing.

`visualization_interface.__version__`

EXAMPLES

This section show how to use the Visualization Interface Tool to perform many different types of operations.

BASIC USAGE EXAMPLES

These examples show how to use the general plotter included in the Visualization Interface Tool.

5.1 Basic usage examples

These examples show how to use the general plotter included in the Visualization Interface Tool.

5.1.1 Use trame as a remote service

This example shows how to launch a trame service and use it as a remote service.

First, we need to launch the trame service. We can do this by running the following code:

```
# import required libraries
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.trame_service import (
    TrameService,
)

# create a trame service, in whatever port is available in your system
ts = TrameService(websocket_port=8765)

# run the service
ts.run()
```

Now, we can send meshes and plotter to the trame service. We can do this by running the following code in a separate terminal:

```
# import required libraries
import time

import pyvista as pv

from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista.trame_remote import (
    send_mesh,
    send_pl,
)

# create an example plotter
plotter = pv.Plotter()
plotter.add_mesh(pv.Cube())
```

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```
# send some example meshes
send_mesh(pv.Sphere())
send_mesh(pv.Sphere(center=(3, 0, 0)))
time.sleep(4)

# if we send a plotter, the previous meshes will be deleted.
send_pl(plotter)
```

Total running time of the script: (0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

5.1.2 Use a clipping plane

This example shows how to use a clipping plane in the Visualization Interface Tool to cut a mesh.

```
import pyvista as pv

from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import ClipPlane, Plotter

mesh = pv.Cylinder()
```

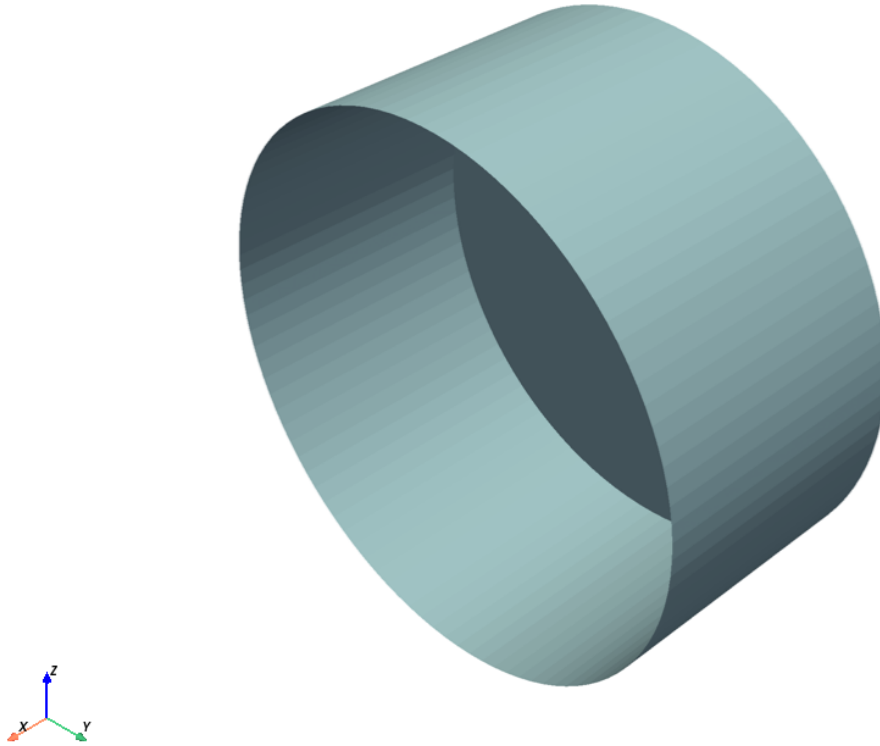
Create a plotter and clip the mesh

```
pl = Plotter()

# Create a clipping plane
clipping_plane = ClipPlane(normal=(1, 0, 0), origin=(0, 0, 0))

# Add the mesh to the plotter with the clipping plane
pl.plot(mesh, clipping_plane=clipping_plane)
pl.show()
```

Static Scene



Interactive Scene

Total running time of the script: (0 minutes 0.847 seconds)

5.1.3 Use the `MeshObjectPlot` class

The Visualization Interface Tool provides the `MeshObject` helper class to relate a custom object with its mesh. With a custom object, you can take advantage of the full potential of the Visualization Interface Tool.

This example shows how to use the `MeshObjectPlot` class to plot your custom objects.

Relate CustomObject class with a PyVista mesh

```
import pyvista as pv

# Note that the ``CustomObject`` class must have a way to get the mesh
# and a name or ID.

class CustomObject:
    def __init__(self):
        self.name = "CustomObject"
        self.mesh = pv.Cube()

    def get_mesh(self):
        return self.mesh

    def name(self):
        return self.name

# Create a custom object
custom_object = CustomObject()
```

Create a MeshObjectPlot instance

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import MeshObjectPlot

# Create an instance

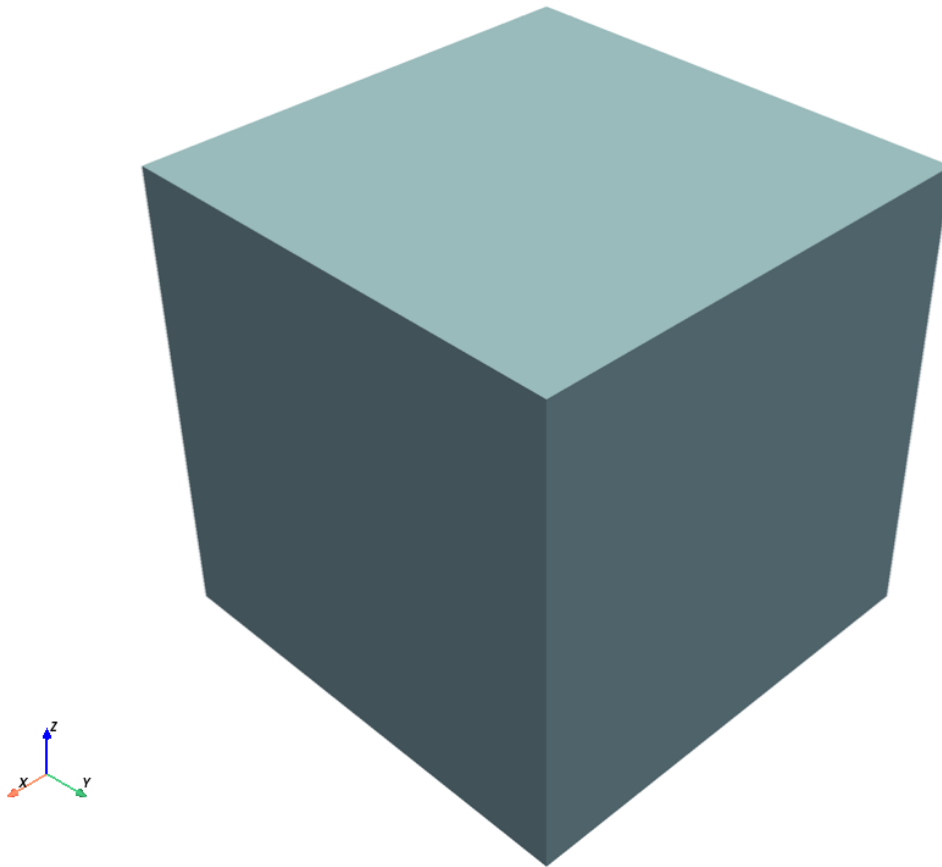
mesh_object = MeshObjectPlot(custom_object, custom_object.get_mesh())
```

Plot the MeshObjectPlot instance

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter

pl = Plotter()
pl.plot(mesh_object)
pl.show()
```

Static Scene



Interactive Scene

Total running time of the script: (0 minutes 0.457 seconds)

5.1.4 Use the plotter

This example shows how to add one or more meshes to the plotter.

Add a mesh to the plotter

This code shows how to add a single mesh to the plotter.

```
import pyvista as pv

from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter

mesh = pv.Cube()

# Create a plotter
```

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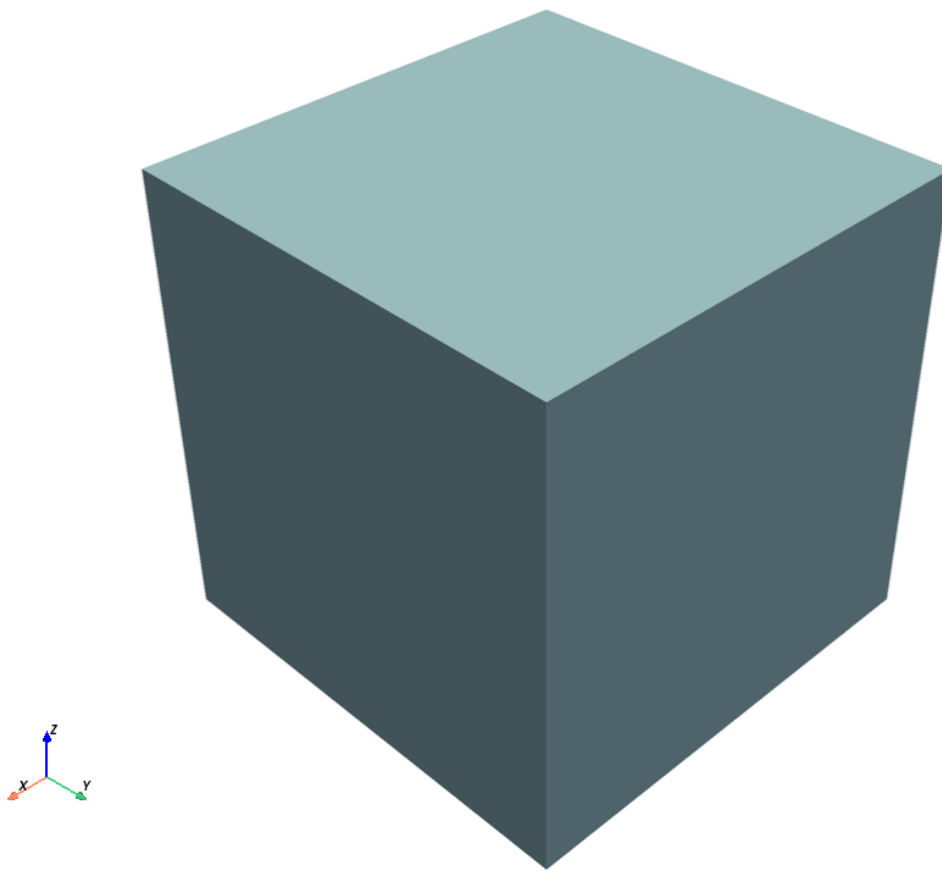
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```
pl = Plotter()

# Add the mesh to the plotter
pl.plot(mesh)

# Show the plotter
pl.show()
```

Static Scene



Interactive Scene

Getting a screenshot

Now we will check how to get a screenshot from our plotter.

```
import pyvista as pv

from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter
```

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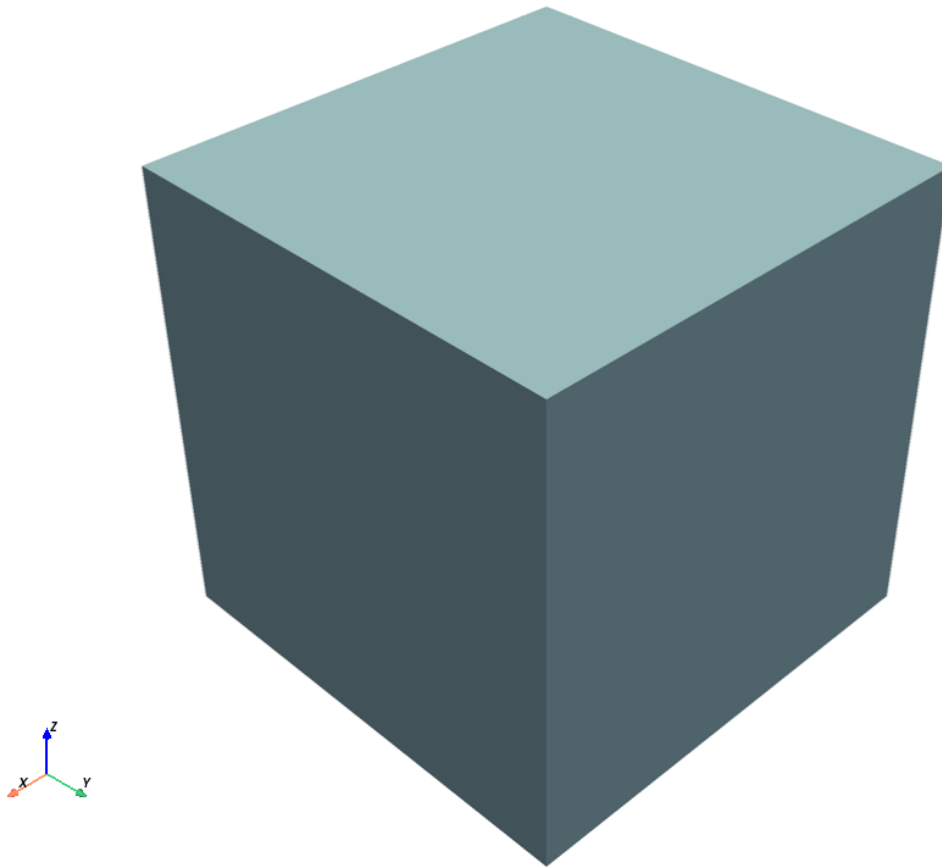
```
mesh = pv.Cube()

# Create a plotter
pl = Plotter()

# Add the mesh to the plotter
pl.plot(mesh)

# Show the plotter
pl.show(screenshot="screenshot.png")
```

Static Scene



Interactive Scene

Add a list of meshes

This code shows how to add a list of meshes to the plotter.

```
import pyvista as pv

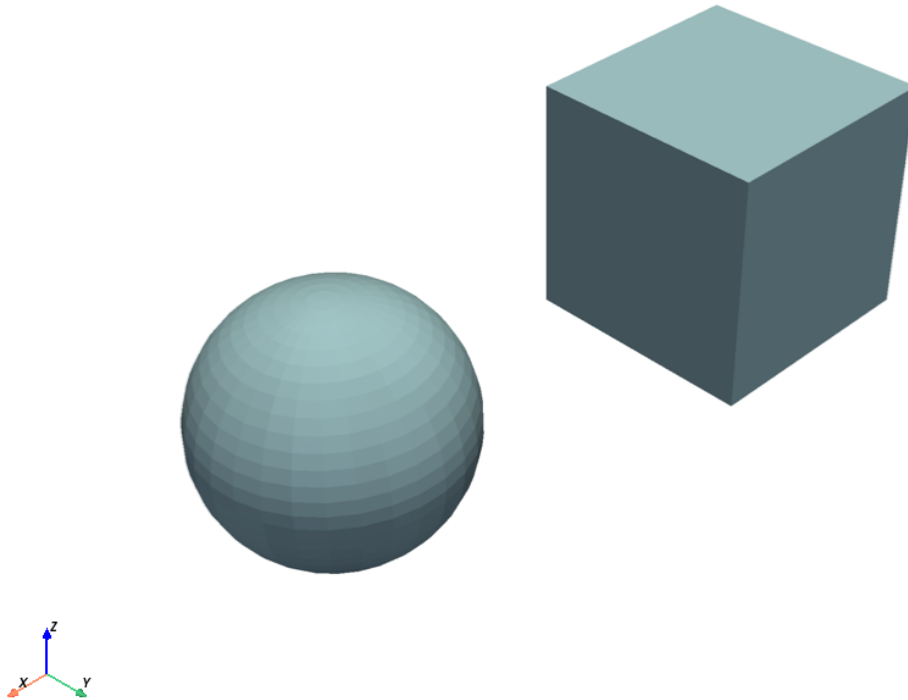
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter

mesh1 = pv.Cube()
mesh2 = pv.Sphere(center=(2, 0, 0))
mesh_list = [mesh1, mesh2]
# Create a plotter
pl = Plotter()

# Add a list of meshes to the plotter
pl.plot(mesh_list)

# Show the plotter
pl.show()
```

Static Scene



Interactive Scene

Total running time of the script: (0 minutes 1.053 seconds)

5.1.5 Activate the picker

This example shows how to activate the picker, which is the tool that you use to select an object in the plotter and get its name.

Relate CustomObject class with a PyVista mesh

```
import pyvista as pv

# Note that the ``CustomObject`` class must have a way to get the mesh
# and a name or ID.

class CustomObject:
    def __init__(self):
        self.name = "CustomObject"
```

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```
self.mesh = pv.Cube(center=(1, 1, 0))

def get_mesh(self):
    return self.mesh

def name(self):
    return self.name

# Create a custom object
custom_cube = CustomObject()
custom_cube.name = "CustomCube"
custom_sphere = CustomObject()
custom_sphere.mesh = pv.Sphere(center=(0, 0, 5))
custom_sphere.name = "CustomSphere"
```

Create two MeshObjectPlot instances

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import MeshObjectPlot

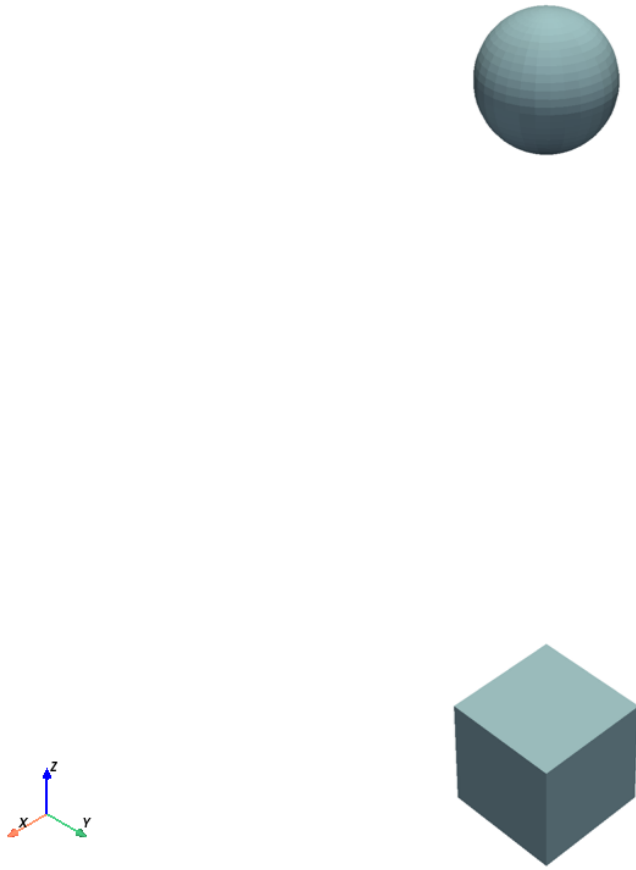
# Create an instance
mesh_object_cube = MeshObjectPlot(custom_cube, custom_cube.get_mesh())
mesh_object_sphere = MeshObjectPlot(custom_sphere, custom_sphere.get_mesh())
```

Activate the picking capabilities

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista import PyVistaBackend

pv_backend = PyVistaBackend(allow_picking=True, plot_picked_names=True)
pl = Plotter(backend=pv_backend)
pl.plot(mesh_object_cube)
pl.plot(mesh_object_sphere)
pl.show()
```

Static Scene



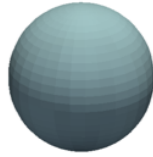
Interactive Scene

Activate the hover capabilities

```
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface import Plotter
from ansys.tools.visualization_interface.backends.pyvista import PyVistaBackend

pv_backend = PyVistaBackend(allow_hovering=True)
pl = Plotter(backend=pv_backend)
pl.plot(mesh_object_cube)
pl.plot(mesh_object_sphere)
pl.show()
```

Static Scene



Interactive Scene

Total running time of the script: (0 minutes 0.485 seconds)

CONTRIBUTE

Overall guidance on contributing to a PyAnsys library appears in the [Contributing](#) topic in the *PyAnsys developer's guide*. Ensure that you are thoroughly familiar with this guide before attempting to contribute to the Visualization Interface Tool.

The following contribution information is specific to the Visualization Interface Tool.

6.1 Install in developer mode

Installing the Visualization Interface Tool in developer mode allows you to modify and enhance the source.

To clone and install the latest Visualization Interface Tool release in development mode, run these commands:

```
git clone https://github.com/ansys/ansys-tools-visualization-interface
cd ansys-tools-visualization-interface
python -m pip install --upgrade pip
pip install -e .
```

6.2 Run tests

The Visualization Interface Tool uses [pytest](#) for testing.

1. Prior to running tests, you must run this command to install test dependencies:

```
pip install -e .[tests]
```

2. To then run the tests, navigate to the root directory of the repository and run this command:

```
pytest
```

6.3 Adhere to code style

The Visualization Interface Tool follows the PEP8 standard as outlined in [PEP 8](#) in the *PyAnsys developer's guide* and implements style checking using [pre-commit](#).

To ensure your code meets minimum code styling standards, run these commands:

```
pip install pre-commit
pre-commit run --all-files
```

You can also install this as a pre-commit hook by running this command:

```
pre-commit install
```

This way, it's not possible for you to push code that fails the style checks:

```
$ pre-commit install
$ git commit -am "added my cool feature"
black.....Passed
blacken-docs.....Passed
isort.....Passed
flake8.....Passed
docformatter.....Passed
codespell.....Passed
pydocstyle.....Passed
check for merge conflicts.....Passed
debug statements (python).....Passed
check yaml.....Passed
trim trailing whitespace.....Passed
Add License Headers.....Passed
Validate GitHub Workflows.....Passed
```

6.4 Build the documentation

You can build the Visualization Interface Tool documentation locally.

1. Prior to building the documentation, you must run this command to install documentation dependencies:

```
pip install -e .[doc]
```

2. To then build the documentation, navigate to the docs directory and run this command:

```
# On Linux or macOS
make html

# On Windows
./make.bat html
```

The documentation is built in the docs/_build/html directory.

You can clean the documentation build by running this command:

```
# On Linux or macOS  
make clean  
  
# On Windows  
./make.bat clean
```

6.5 Post issues

Use the [Visualization Interface Tool Issues](#) page to report bugs and request new features. When possible, use the issue templates provided. If your issue does not fit into one of these templates, click the link for opening a blank issue.

If you have general questions about the PyAnsys ecosystem, email pyansys.core@ansys.com. If your question is specific to the Visualization Interface Tool, ask your question in an issue as described in the previous paragraph.

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