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# Het Python Interface

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## INTRODUCTION

The Telescope Control System (Tcs) at the Hobby-Eberly Telescope (Het) consists of a approximately ten control system programs and associated subsystems. There is a built-in messaging interface to allow communications between systems. Control systems act as servers and can also be clients of the other control systems. About half the control systems within Tcs manage hardware associated with pointing and operating the telescope. The Tcs software is written in C++. In order to allow easy program development and scripting capabilities a set of python interfaces have been developed. This documentation describes the Python interface and the application programming interface (API) for the Tcs.

The Python interface to the Tcs Control System at Het consists of the **Tcs Python** modules and the **Hetlib** package. **Hetlib** provides wrappers around some of the routines in the **Tcs Python** modules as well as scripts to assist in the operation of the telescope system. These packages and modules are available to other software developers and provide an easy interface to the Tcs Control Systems.

Note that the **Tcs Python** modules will be migated to the **pytcs** package at some future date which will be soon I hope.

## 1.1 Definition of Terms

### 1.1.1 Control System

A Control System is a standalone program. It may receive *Handler* requests (basically commands) from clients and it may emit events that other programs can receive. The control systems with in the Tcs are the tracker\_server, tcs\_server, pasServer, pfipserver, legacyServer, tcsGui, apcServer, tcs\_monitor, tcs\_log\_relay, and tcsnamed.

### 1.1.2 Subsystem

A subsystem is the name for a part of a *Control System*. For example, the legacyServer controls the dome and shutter as well as collecting the weather information. The dome, shutter, and weather are all subsystems of the legacy *Control System*.

### 1.1.3 Route

A route is a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) that is used by clients to talk to the *Control System*. Requests to a *Control System* are sent to the route URL. The URL is of the form `aaa://xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx:nnnnn` where `aaa` is the protocol (e.g. `tcp` or `udp`), `xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx` is an IP address, and `nnnnn` is a port number. For example, the route to the `tcs_server` is `tcp://192.168.66.31:30300`. All *Control System* within Tcs use the TCP protocol. Routes are available from the `tcsnamed` server.

### 1.1.4 Event-route

An event route is a URL that is used by a *Control System* to emit *Events*. Clients and other *Control System* may listen to these *Events* to obtain state or activity information about the *Control System*. The Event-route's port number is normally one higher than the *Control System Route* port. For example, the *tcs\_server* route is on port 30300 and its event-route is on port 30301. Event-routes are available from the *tcsnamed* server.

### 1.1.5 Handler

A handler is a function within a *Control System* that may be called by a client. A handler is called through the *Route* to the *Control System*. When the handler completes a return value is sent to the client. Some handlers return immediately even though the action may take longer and the client will have to look at *Events* from the *Control System* in order to see when the action might be complete.

### 1.1.6 Events

Events are emitting by a *Control System* via a broadcast on the *Event-route* URL. Clients may subscribe to events from some or all *Control System*. Clients are not able to pick which events from a particular *Control System* they subscribe to. Client must filter events on their end and provide any call back required to handle the event.

## INSTALLATION

### 2.1 Location of the source code

The source code for the **Tcs** system may be obtained from the SVN repository located at the University of Texas at Austin, McDonald Observatory. The machine does not have an anonymous download mechanism and you will need an account on the machine in order to obtain the software. Assuming that you do have an account the command to get the software is

```
svn checkout svn+ssh://<user>@hetdex-pr.as.utexas.edu/repos/het/trunk
```

At the **HET** the main directory for the source code and the operating environment is `/opt/het/hetdex`. The working copy of the source for the **Tcs** python scripting package is usually in `/opt/het/hetdex/src/tcs/trunk/scripting`. The **Hetlib** library can be found in `/opt/het/hetdex/src/tcs/trunk/scripting/hetlib` and the scripts can be found in `/opt/het/hetdex/src/tcs/trunk/scripting/scripts`. Third-party packages are in various sub-directories under `/opt/het/hetdex/src`. Normally these directories are mounted via NFS from gringotts and should be accessible on all our machines.

The binaries are typically installed in `/opt/het/hetdex/bin`; the python packages are typically installed in `/opt/het/hetdex/lib/python2.7/site-packages`; configuration files are typically found in `/opt/het/hetdex/etc/conf`.

### 2.2 Required packages

The **Tcs Python** scripting package requires the **numpy**, **scipy**, **sqlite3**, and **zmq** python packages to support operations. The **Tcs C++** code will require the **zeromq** and **czmq** libraries which can be found at [zeromq.org](http://zeromq.org).

The **Hetlib** python module only requires the **tcssubsystem** package and standard python modules.

The scripts that have been written using **Hetlib** require a number of additional packages that may not come with the standard python installation. The packages currently required are **mysql**, **numpy**, **pyephem**, **matplotlib**, and **six**. Additional packages may be required for future scripts.

### 2.3 Setting up your environment

Because the executable and libraries are not in one of the standard system locations you will need to modify your environment in order to let the operating system know where to find executable, libraries, and configuration files.

Note that we have a local install of Python 2.7. This was done because the Python 2.6 package available by default from Redhat is woefully behind the times.

If you use the bash shell, then you should include the following lines in your `.bashrc` file.:

```
#
# .bashrc setup for HetDex
#
#
# location of third-party and hetdex software executables
#
export HETDEX_DIR=/opt/het/hetdex
#
# location of src tree for Hetdex software source
# (this is only required to build the software)
#
export HET_SRC_ROOT=$HETDEX_DIR/src/tcs/trunk
#
# modify environment variables to gain access to the system
# (this is required to operate the software)
#
export LIBRARY_PATH=$HETDEX_DIR/lib:$HETDEX_DIR/epics/lib/linux-x86_64
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$HETDEX_DIR/lib:$HETDEX_DIR/epics/lib/linux-x86_64:$HETDEX_DIR/plugins/design
export PATH=$HETDEX_DIR/Python-2.7/bin:$HETDEX_DIR/bin:$PATH
export PYTHONPATH=$HETDEX_DIR/lib/python2.7/site-packages:$HETDEX_DIR/lib64/python2.7/site-packages:
```

If you use `csh` or `tcsh`, then include the following in your `.cshrc` file.:

```
#
# .cshrc set up for HetDex
#
#
# location of third-party and hetdex software executables
#
setenv HETDEX_DIR /opt/het/hetdex
#
# location of src tree for Hetdex software source
# (this is only required to build the software)
#
setenv HET_SRC_ROOT $HETDEX_DIR/src/tcs/trunk
#
# for third-party software locations
# (this is required to operate the software)
#
setenv LIBRARY_PATH $HETDEX_DIR/lib:$HETDEX_DIR/epics/lib/linux-x86_64
setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH $HETDEX_DIR/lib:$HETDEX_DIR/epics/lib/linux-x86_64:$HETDEX_DIR/plugins/design
setenv PATH $HETDEX_DIR/Python-2.7/bin:$HETDEX_DIR/bin:$PATH
setenv PYTHONPATH $HETDEX_DIR/lib/python2.7/site-packages:$HETDEX_DIR/lib64/python2.7/site-packages
```



## 2.4 Installing the scripting packages

Both the **Tcs Scripting** package and the **Hetlib** package may be installed with the following commands

```
cd $HET_SRC_ROOT/scripting
make install
```

This will install the package files into `$prefix/lib/python2.7/site-packages` and the scripts in `$prefix/bin`. This is normally done at Het as the user `hetdex`.

### 2.4.1 Installing the Tcs Scripting package only

The **Tcs Scripting** package is mix of python and C++ libraries. The package can be installed with the following commands,

```
cd $HET_SRC_ROOT/scripting
python setup.py install --prefix=$HETDEX_DIR
```

This will install the package files into `$prefix/lib/python2.7/site-packages` and the scripts in `$prefix/bin`. This is normally done at Het as the user `hetdex`.

### 2.4.2 Installing the Hetlib module and scripts only

**Hetlib** is a pure python package and can be installed with the command

```
cd $HET_SRC_ROOT/scripting
python hetlib_setup.py install --prefix=$HETDEX_DIR
```

This will install the module in `$prefix/lib/python2.7/site-packages` and the scripts in `$prefix/bin`. This is normally done at Het as the user `hetdex`.

## 2.5 Building the Documentation

The documentation is created through the [Sphinx](#) documentation system. The source files are located in `$HET_SRC_ROOT/scripting/docs`.

You can run `make` to get a list of available target formats. Normally the documentation is built by running `make html latexpdf` in the `./doc` directory. This will build the html pages and the PDF version of the document. The PDF file will be in `./_build/latex/HetPython.pdf` while the HTML files can be found in `./_build/html`. These files may be installed in the directories of your choice.



## TCS PYTHON INTERFACE

The **Tcs Python** Interface modules provide low-level access to the Tcs Control Systems. These are not a pure python modules since there are C++ modules from the Tcs system that are linked into the Python code.

Note that the modules in the **Tcs Python** Interface will be migrated to the **pytcs** package some time soon.

### 3.1 Tcs Python Modules

#### 3.1.1 tcssystem.py

```
class tcssystem.TCSubSystem(name, system_route)
```

The workhorse class TCSubSystem is the only class defined in this file. name should be a unique string that will not conflict with any other named connection on the computer. system\_route is the *Route* URL for the *Control System* you want to connect to. The URL's for a specific *Control System* can be found through the TCSNamed class defined in *TCSNamed.py*.

```
import tcssystem
import os, random
basename = os.path.basename(__file__) + str(random.random()) # a unique name

tracker = tcssystem.TCSubSystem(basename, 'tcp://192.168.66.31:30400')
```

```
classmethod tcssystem.generic_handler_call()
```

The client object returned by will contact the *Control System* and generate class methods for all the *Handler* available in the *Control System*. For example, the tracker *Control System* has a *Handler* named moveRTF which is called with a set of RTF coordinates. Accessing this *Handler* through tcssystem.py is as simple as

```
tracker.moveRTF(x=0.0, y=0.0, z=0.0, theta=0.0, phi=0.0,
               rho=0.0, type='abs', vel='TRK_FAST')
```

The *Handler* description for a *Control System* can be found in the documentation for that specific *Control System*.  
[DEFINE LOCATION]

```
classmethod tcssystem.help(method_name)
```

This client object has a help function which will list the documentation for a single method if the optional parameter handler\_name is given or for all commands if no command is given in the function call.

```
tracker.help(command='moveRTF')
tracker::moveRTF (8182)
```

```
Sends a move command in RTF coordinates. Sends with tmcs_mova_rtf or
tmcs_movr_rtf command depending on the type parameter.
```

Required parameters are:

```
phi<double> -  
rho<double> -  
theta<double> -  
type<string> -  
vel<string> -  
x<double> -  
y<double> -  
z<double> -
```

```
or tracker.help()  
.  
.  
.
```

**classmethod** `tcssubsystem.wait` (*msgid*)

The `wait()` function will wait on a pending command given by *msgid* and blah, blah, blah. [Find out what this does!]

```
tracker.wait(msgid)  
(this does something)
```

### 3.1.2 TCSNamed.py

**class** `TCSNamed.TCSNamed` (*name, named\_route*)

The Tcs interface uses a number of network protocols, addresses, and ports numbers. Rather than making the users remember the URL's for *Route*, *Event-route*, and other configurable variables, the Tcs interface provides a standalone process known as `tcsnamed` that will respond to queries and provide the answers. See the `tcsnamed` documentation [DEFINE LOCATION] for further details

The `TCSNamed.py` interface provides a connection to the `tcsnamed` server and that will do query look ups. Of course, you must know the route to `tcsnamed` prior to calling it. The commonly used `named_route` is defined in the HET Interface package `tcsutils.py`, see *tcsutils.py*

```
import TCSNamed
```

```
named_route = 'tcp://192.168.66.99:30000'
```

```
n = TCSNamed.TCSNamed(named_route)
```

**classmethod** `TCSNamed.lookup` (*key*)

To use the named service the method `lookup` is provided. The key names that can be queried are defined in [DEFINE LOCATION]

```
n.lookup(key='tcs-route') 'tcp://192.168.66.31:30300'
```

### 3.1.3 TCSLog.py

**class** `TCSLog.TCSLog` (*name, logRelayRoute, namedRoute*)

The **Tcs Python** interface does not provide the full capability for python scripts to issue *Events* to other system. However, it does provide a mechanism to issue log *Events* of the type `pytcs.<sysname>.log_[debug|info|warn|error|fatal|alarm]` (where `<sysname>` is your unique name for the connection to the *logrelay-label*:. These *Events* can be monitored by other programs and will

be placed in the nightly database log. See the documentation for *Control System* and related *Events* [DEFINE LOCATION] for further details.

The class `TCSLog` requires a unique name and can take either the `logRelayRoute` or the `namedRoute`. It is not necessary to pass in both the `logRelayRoute` and the `namedRoute`. If the `logRelayRoute` is not give but the `namedRoute` is, then `TCSLog` will do a look up of `logRelayRoute` through `TCSNamed.py`:. If `logRelayRoute` is given, then `TCSLog` uses it directly and does not use the `namedRoute` at all.

**classmethod** `TCSLog.log_` (*fmt*, \*args)

The available methods are:

`TCSLog.log_debug` (*fmt*, \*args)

`TCSLog.log_info` (*fmt*, \*args)

`TCSLog.log_warn` (*fmt*, \*args)

`TCSLog.log_error` (*fmt*, \*args)

`TCSLog.log_fatal` (*fmt*, \*args)

`TCSLog.log_alarm` (*fmt*, \*args)

Where `fmt` and `args` are treated as a python format string and a list of arguments.

As an illustration of the use of this module this code sequence will issue a `log_debug` message

```
import TCSLog

named_route = 'tcp://192.168.66.99:30000'

l = TCSLog.TCSLog( 'my_random_name', namedRoute=named_route )

l.log_debug('This is test number {} of {}'.format( 1, 2))
```

The result as shown by watching the log relay server output with the the *monitor* program is

```
> monitor -v -r

{ "time": "2017-08-08T16:42:41.108",
  "pytcs.my_random_name.log_debug": {
    "file": "<stdin>",
    "line": 1
    "function": "<module>",
    "message": "This is test number 1 of 2",
    "__system": "pytcs",
    "__source": "my_random_name",
    "__key": "log_debug",
    "__data_time": "1502210561.108609033",
    "__wire_time": "1502210561.108689667",
    "__data": "false"
  }
}
```

### 3.1.4 tcsdb.py

**class** `tcsdb.tcsdb` (*dbname*)

*Events* that are generated by the *Control System* and by scripts are recorded in an sqlite3 database. The `tcsdb` module provides an interface to the daily sqlite3 database or databases generated by the `monitor` script.

```
import tcsdb
```

```
d = tcsdb.tcsdb('/opt/het/hetdex/logs/Mon/2017/08/20170802T180005.db')
```

The start/stop times of the database in Unix seconds can be obtained with

```
classmethod tcsdb.start()
```

```
classmethod tcsdb.stop()
```

for example

```
d.start()
1501624142.5000026
d.stop()
1501804799.9950001
```

```
classmethod tcsdb.events()
```

The events method returns a list of all event names seen in the database. Events have the naming convention `system.source.key`. Note that they are not listed in alphabetical order. However, this is a list so you may invoke the `sort()` method if you want alphabetical ordering.

```
from pprint import pprint
```

```
pprint(d.events())
['tcs.tracker.position',
 'tracker.tmcs.status',
 'tcs.root.ra_dec',
 'pfip.VirusMonitor2.status',
 'apc.VEncl2Misc.VEncl2MiscPDU_status',
 'apc.ControlRoom.ControlRoomPDU_status',
 'log-relay.receiver.heartbeat',
 'legacy.receiver.heartbeat',
 'apc.PFIP.PFIPPDU_status',
 'tcs.root.ra_dec',
 ...
]
```

```
classmethod tcsdb.keys('event_name')
```

This method will provide a list of the keywords for a specific event given in the argument.

```
pprint(d.keys('tcs.root.ra_dec'))
['__data',
 '__data_time',
 '__key',
 '__pid',
 '__source',
 '__system',
 '__wire_time',
 'az',
 'correction.emp.x',
 'correction.emp.y',
 'correction.sky.x',
 'correction.sky.y',
 'dec',
 'dec_2000',
 'dec_offset',
 'el',
 'hour_angle',
```

```

'itf.phi',
'itf.rho',
'itf.t',
'itf.theta',
'itf.x',
'itf.y',
'itf.z',
'lst',
'offset.focus.w',
'offset.rho',
'offset.sky.x',
'offset.sky.y',
'offset.tiptilt.phi',
'offset.tiptilt.theta',
'parallactic_angle',
'ra',
'ra_2000',
'ra_offset',
'setup',
'zenith_distance']

```

**classmethod** `system.source.key.keyword()`

The actual values of a particular keyword can be found by using the constructed method name based on the event/keyword name. These functions are of the form `system.source.key.keyword()` and they return two lists; the first is a list of the time stamps of the events and the second being the values of the event/keyword for the time stamp. The following example illustrates this. Note that the daily database is quite large and it may take a few minutes for the database to be read.

```

# Note that this can take a few minutes on a slow machine
ra_t, ra = d.tcs.root.ra_dec.ra()
len(ra_t)
418498
len(ra)
418498

pprint(ra_t)
[1501696806.765
 1501696806.968
 1501696807.170
 1501696807.373
 1501696807.575
 ...
]

pprint(ra)
[5.709843
 5.709899
 5.709956
 5.710012
 5.710069
 ...
]

```

It is also possible to return a full event and do the parsing yourself.

```

radec_t, radec = d.tcs.root.ra_dec()
len(radec)
426640

```

```
# Note that there are more ra_dec events than there are ra keys
# shown above. Events may have missing keys and if you do your own
# parsing you need to be aware of this
```

```
pprint(radec)
['__data': 'false',
 '__data_time': 1501696806.765,
 '__key': 'ra_dec',
 '__pid': 57480,
 '__source': 'root',
 '__system': 'tcs',
 '__wire_time': 1501696806.782876,
 'az': 285.551159,
 'correction': {'emp': {'x': 0, 'y': 0}, 'sky': {'x': 0, 'y': 0}},
 'dec': 34.051544,
 'dec_2000': 34.042592,
 'dec_offset': 0,
 'el': 55.079064,
 'hour_angle': 2.125675,
 'itf': {'phi': -0.001449,
         'rho': -0.040128,
         't': 1501696806.765,
         'theta': 0.220831,
         'x': 11.001893,
         'y': -1836.970907,
         'z': -4.965364},
 'lst': 7.835518,
 'offset': {'focus': {'w': -1.95},
            'rho': 0,
            'sky': {'x': 0, 'y': 0},
            'tiptilt': {'phi': 0, 'theta': 0}},
 'parallactic_angle': 262.910534,
 'ra': 5.709843,
 'ra_2000': 5.690575,
 'ra_offset': 0,
 'setup': 'false',
 'zenith_distance': 34.920936},
 {'__data': 'false',
  '__data_time': 1501696806.968,
  '__key': 'ra_dec',
  '__pid': 57480,
  '__source': 'root',
  '__system': 'tcs',
  '__wire_time': 1501696806.9851422,
  'az': 285.551159,
  'correction': {'emp': {'x': 0, 'y': 0}, 'sky': {'x': 0, 'y': 0}},
  'dec': 34.051544,
  'dec_2000': 34.042593,
  'dec_offset': 0,
  'el': 55.079064,
  'hour_angle': 2.125675,
  'itf': {'phi': -0.001449,
          'rho': -0.040128,
          't': 1501696806.968,
          'theta': 0.220831,
          'x': 11.001792,
          'y': -1836.970806,
          'z': -4.965364},
```



```
'lst': 7.835574,  
'offset': {'focus': {'w': -1.95},  
           'rho': 0,  
           'sky': {'x': 0, 'y': 0},  
           'tiptilt': {'phi': 0, 'theta': 0}},  
'parallactic_angle': 262.910534,  
'ra': 5.709899,  
'ra_2000': 5.690631,  
'ra_offset': 0,  
'setup': 'false',  
'zenith_distance': 34.920936},  
...]
```

```
ra = []  
for r in radec:  
    try:  
        r.append(r['ra'])  
    except:  
        pass
```

Keys and events are more fully described in [DEFINE LOCATION]



## HETLIB PYTHON INTERFACE

The module, **hetlib**, defines useful functions and the basic configuration information. The **hetlib** package imports the low level packages *tcssubsystem.py* and provides wrappers for functionality so it is not necessary to explicitly import the low level package. You only need to have the line

```
import hetlib
```

in your file to get the full functionality of these packages.

Constants defined in hetlib:

**hetlib.named\_route**

The default URL for the *Control System* **tcsnamed**, defined as 'tcp://192.168.66.99:30000'

A number of site specific constants are defined:

**hetlib.Latitude\_deg**

The latitude of the Het is 30.681436 degrees

**hetlib.Latitude\_rad**

Defined as `radians(Latitude_deg)`

**hetlib.LongitudeWest\_deg**

The longitude of the het is 104.014742 degrees west

**hetlib.LongitudeWest\_rad**

Defined as `radians(LongitudeWest_deg)`

**hetlib.LongitudeEast\_deg**

Defined as `360.0 - LongitudeWest_deg`

**hetlib.LongitudeEast\_rad**

Defined as `radians(LongitudeEast_deg)`

**hetlib.Altitude\_deg**

The elevation altitude of the Het primary mirror is 55.055223 degrees

**hetlib.Altitude\_rad**

Defined as `radians(Altitude_deg)`

**hetlib.Height\_meters**

The height of the Het telescope center of the primary is 2003.0 meters

**hetlib.Fs\_meters**

The Focal length of the Het primary mirror is 13.37884180 meters

**hetlib.Fs\_millimeters**

Defined as `Fs_meters * 1000.0`

`hetlib.het_P`  
Defined as  $\cos(\text{Altitude\_rad}) * \cos(\text{Latitude\_rad})$  radians

`hetlib.het_Q`  
Defined as  $\sin(\text{Altitude\_rad}) * \sin(\text{Latitude\_rad})$  radians

`hetlib.BetaLimit_deg`  
The angular limit for trajectories is 8.5 degrees

`hetlib.BetaLimit_rad`  
Defined as  $\text{radians}(\text{BetaLimit\_deg})$

## 4.1 Hetlib Python Modules

### 4.1.1 tcsutils.py

`tcsutils` contains the workhorse functions for your python scripts. The principal one for client programs is `start_clients()`.

The `tcsutils` module provides the following constant.

`tcsutils.named_route`  
The default URI for the *tcs\_named-label*, defined as `'tcp://192.168.66.99:30000'`

The following functions are defined:

`tcsutils.start_clients` (*tcs, tracker, legacy, pas, pfip, apc, lrs2, vdas, named, verbose*)

Start one or a number of clients links. The default values for the system names in `'start_client()'` are False. Set them to be true to create a handle (as described in *tcsubsystem.py*. The function returns a dictionary of handles to Control Systems.

```
client_dict = start_clients(tcs=True, virus=True)
tcsClient = client_dict['tcs']
virusClient = client_dict['virus']
```

### 4.1.2 hetutils.py

The `hetutils.py` package provides functions to do calculations specific to the Hobby Eberly Telescope at McDonald Observatory. These functions provide information about telescope pointing as well as tracker information.

`hetutils.Att` (*az\_deg, dec\_deg*)  
Calculate the total possible track time for a give azimuth and declination. Input arguments are in degrees. The function returns the track time in minutes or 0 if no trajectory is available.

`hetutils.BestAzimuth` (*dec\_deg*)  
This function calculates the best azimuth for a given declination. The function returns an azimuth only on the east side. If you want the west azimuth, simply add 180 degrees to the return value. The input declination is in degrees, The return value is the azimuth in degrees or None is the declination is not visible at HET.

`hetutils.Ho` (*azimuth\_deg*)  
Calculate the telecentric hour angle for a given azimuth. Negative values are east hour angles. The input azimuth is in degrees. Returns the hour angle in degrees.

`hetutils.Pa` (*azimuth\_deg*)  
Calculate the zero-crossing parallactic angle as a function of azimuth. The input azimuth is in degrees. Returns the parallactic angle in degrees.

`hetutils.Tde` (*azimuth\_deg*)

Calculate the telecentric declination as a function of azimuth. The input azimuth is in degrees. Returns the declination in degrees or None if the input is not between  $0 \leq az < 360.0$

`hetutils.clipToCircle_deg` (*x*)

Return the value ( $dX \bmod 360$ ). This has the result of clipping the value between  $0 \leq dR < 360.0$ .

Inputs *dX* - the value you want clipped

Outputs none

Return ( $dX \bmod 360$ )

`hetutils.clipToCircle_rad` (*x*)

Return the value ( $dX \bmod 2PI$ ). This has the result of clipping the value between  $0 \leq dR < 2PI$ .

Inputs *dX* - the value you want clipped

Outputs none

Return ( $dX \bmod 2PI$ )

`hetutils.degrees_to_hours` (*deg*)

Convert decimal degrees to decimal hours.

`hetutils.hours_to_degrees` (*hr*)

Convert decimal hours to decimal degrees.

`hetutils.hours_to_radians` (*hr*)

Convert decimal hours to decimal radians.

`hetutils.modulo` (*x, y*)

A general purpose modulo ( $x \bmod y$ ) function.

Definition of 'mod'  $x \bmod y = x - y * \text{floor}(x/y)$  for  $y \neq 0$   $x \bmod 0 = x$

if  $0 < y$  then  $0 \leq (x \bmod y) < y$  if  $0 > y$  then  $0 \geq (x \bmod y) > y$

`hetutils.radians_to_hours` (*rad*)

Convert decimal radians to decimal hours.

A number of constants are defined in `hetutils` and are duplicated in `hetlib`. Their use from `hetutils` is deprecated and they will be removed from `hetutils` at a future date.

`Latitude_deg = 30.681436`

`Latitude_rad = radians(Latitude_deg)`

`LongitudeWest_deg = 104.014742`

`LongitudeWest_rad = radians(LongitudeWest_deg)`

`LongitudeEast_deg = 360.0 - LongitudeWest_deg`

`LongitudeEast_rad = radians(LongitudeEast_deg)`

`Altitude_deg = 55.055223`

`Altitude_rad = radians(Altitude_deg)`

`Height_meters = 2003.0`

`Fs_meters = 13.37884180`

`Fs_millimeters = Fs_meters * 1000.0`

`het_P = cos(Altitude_rad) * cos(Latitude_rad) # radians`

```
het_Q = sin(Altitude_rad) * sin(Latitude_rad) # radians
# limit on the total angular travel of the tracker
BetaLimit_deg = 8.5
BetaLimit_rad = radians(BetaLimit_deg)
```

### 4.1.3 hetTime.py

Useful (or not) tools for dealing with Het time in its different formations.

Some definitions:

**unix time – the number of seconds since the epoch. The epoch is** defined as 00:00:00 UTC, January 1, 1970. This number may be a floating point value with fractional seconds.

**index time – The tracker’s definition of the time of day. Index time**

is reset to 0.0 at 1800 UT hours or 12 noon CST (1300 CDT). There is no information contained here that might indicate which day this index time occurred on. This number may be a floating point value.

0000 hours UT == 00000 secs UT == 0600 hours index == 21600 seconds index

0600 hours UT == 21600 secs UT == 1200 hours index == 43200 seconds index

1200 hours UT == 43200 secs UT == 1800 hours index == 64800 seconds index

1800 hours UT == 64800 secs UT == 2400 hours index == 86400 seconds index (0000)

0. 2400 hours UT == 86400 secs UT == 0600 hours index == 21600 seconds index

**ISO time – an ISO-8601 string of the format YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.mmmmmm, where YYYY is** the four digit year, MM is the two digit month (starts at 01), DD is the two digit day (starts at 01), hh is the two digit hour, mm is the two digit minute, ss is the two digit second, and mmmmmm is the fractional part of the second.

**datetime – a python datetime.datetime() object. This is the intermediate** object through which the time conversion routines work. It is also a value which Python can work with. See the documentation for the datetime package within Python.

Note that the timezone information in the datetime.datetime() object is explicitly set to None and the assumption is that all times are UT. This may change in the future if we need to compare local time with HET times. In this case the timezone will be explicitly set to UTC.

Future Plans.

Convert to object hetTime(), subclass of datetime, which takes an index time, unix time, datetime object or ISO string at instantiation. added functions hetTime.indexTime(), hetTime.unixTime(), hetTime.ISOtime() to return time in different format. ISOtime and unixTime contain year/mon/day information but index time does not. Use the current year/mon/day unless there is a specified year/mon/day at instantiation.

e.g. hetTime(index|unix|iso, year=now.year, mon=now.mon, day=now.day)

The following functions are defined:

hetTime.DT\_To\_ISO(dt)

Convert a datetime.datetime() object to a ISO time string.

input: datetime object

output: ISO-8601 format string

`hetTime.DT_To_Index(dt)`

Convert `datetime.datetime()` to an index time.

input: `datetime.datetime()`

output: float

Note that we lose the date information from the `datetime()` object.

`hetTime.DT_To_Unix(dt)`

Convert a `datetime.datetime()` object to a Unix time value.

input: `datetime.datetime()`

output: Unix time value

`hetTime.ISO_To_DT(isoStr)`

Convert an ISO-8601 time string to a `datetime.datetime()` object.

input: ISO-8601 time string

output: `datetime` object

`hetTime.ISO_To_Index(isoStr)`

Convert a ISO string to an Index time.

input: ISO-8601 format string

output: Index time

Note that we lose the date information from the ISO string.

`hetTime.ISO_To_Unix(isoStr)`

Convert an ISO time string to a Unix time value.

input: ISO-8601 format string

output: Unix time value

`hetTime.Index_To_DT(ind)`

Convert an Index time into a `datetime.datetime()` object.

input: Index time

output: `datetime.datetime()`

Note that Index time has no date information

`hetTime.Index_To_ISO(iditime)`

Convert an Index time to a ISO time string.

input: Index time

output: ISO-8601 format string

Note that Index time has no date information

`hetTime.Index_To_Unix(iditime)`

Convert an Index time to a Unix time value

input: Index time

output: Unix time value

Note that Index time has no date information

`hetTime.Unix_To_DT(utime)`

Convert a Unix time value to a `datetime.datetime` object. This function duplicates `datetime.fromtimestamp()` and is included only for consistence with the other time functions.

input: Unix time value

output: `datetime.datetime()`

`hetTime.Unix_To_ISO(utime)`

Convert a Unix time value to an ISO time string.

input: Unix time value

output: ISO-8601 format string

`hetTime.Unix_To_Index(utime)`

Convert a Unix time value to an Index time.

input: `datetime` object

output: ISO-8601 format string

Note that we lose the date information from the Unix time value.

The commands available are shown in the following matrix

| From/To | DT            | ISO            | Index           | Unix            |
|---------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| DT      |               | DT_To_ISO()    | DT_To_Index()   | DT_To_Unix()    |
| ISO     | ISO_To_DT()   |                | ISO_To_Index()  | ISO_To_Unix()   |
| Index   | Index_To_DT() | Index_To_ISO() |                 | Index_To_Unix() |
| Unix    | Unix_To_DT()  | Unix_To_ISO()  | Unix_To_Index() |                 |

#### 4.1.4 Points.py

This file contains the list `Points` which consists of of 97 dictionary defining points in ITF coordinates that lie on the focal sphere. The dictionarys are defined as

```
Points = [
{'Index': 1,
 'X': 790.877147,
 'Y': 1812.127196,
 'Z': 146.930811,
 'Theta': 7.799501970,
 'Phi': 3.421093209,
 'Rho': 0.000000000,
 'Beta': 8.500000000},
...
...
...
{'Index': 97,
 'X': -790.877147,
 'Y': -1812.127196,
 'Z': 146.930811,
 'Theta': -7.799501970,
 'Phi': -3.421093209,
 'Rho': 0.000000000,
 'Beta': 8.500000000},
]
```

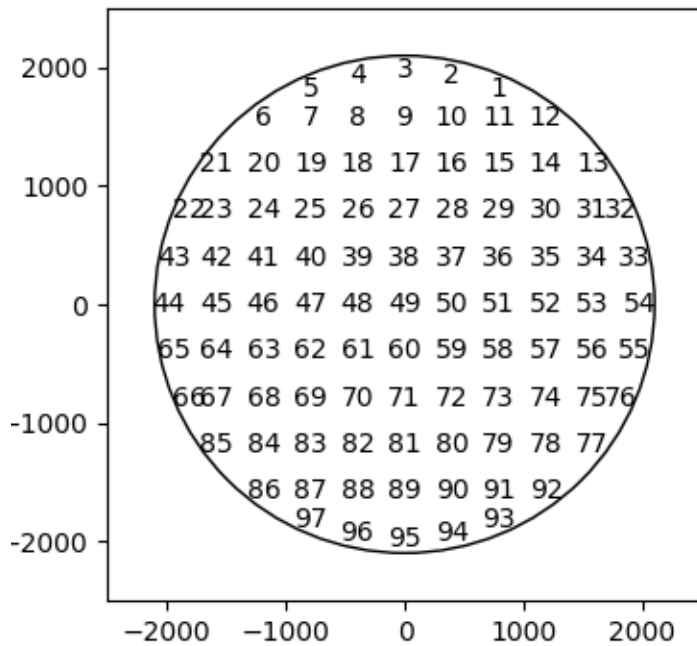
The parameters X, Y, and Z are given in millimeter while Theta, Phi, Rho, and Beta are given in units of degrees



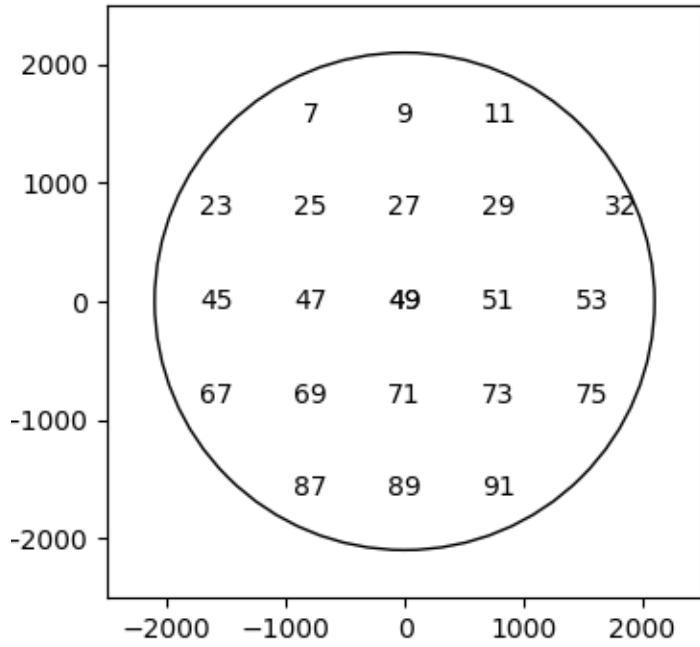
These points are primarily used in the program mountTest (DEFINE LINK HERE) but can be used anywhere. The points were calculated using a tracker sphere of ????? mm.

There are a number of pre-defined lists of points given in the dictionary knownLists. The dictionary contains keys of the form 'List\_97' and the value of such a key is a list of the form [1,2,3,4,5,..95,96,97]. Note that the number given in the list is one more than the entry value in Points.

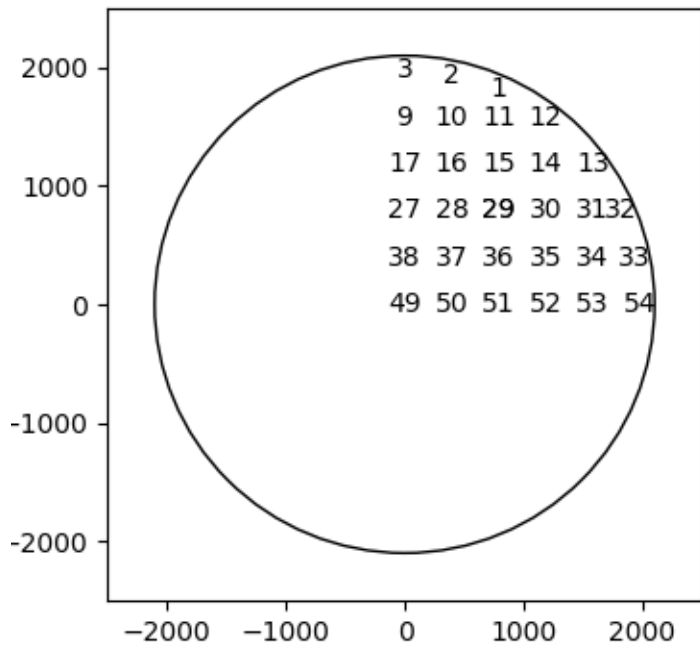
'List\_97' is the array of all points,



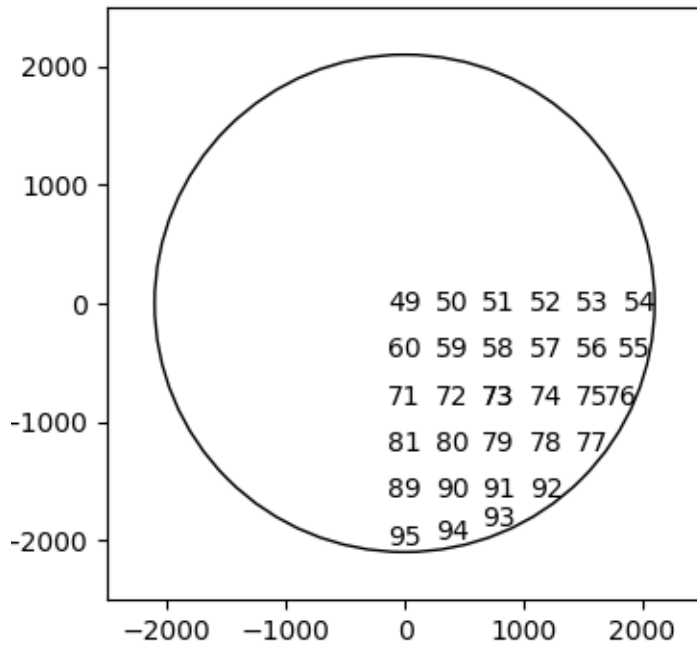
'List\_21' is the sparse 21 point array,



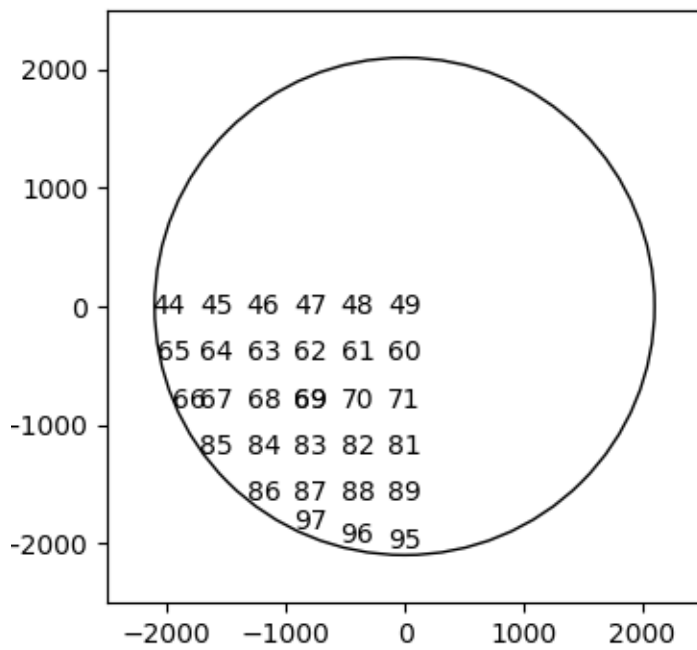
'List\_Q1' is the array of all points in the upper right quadrant,



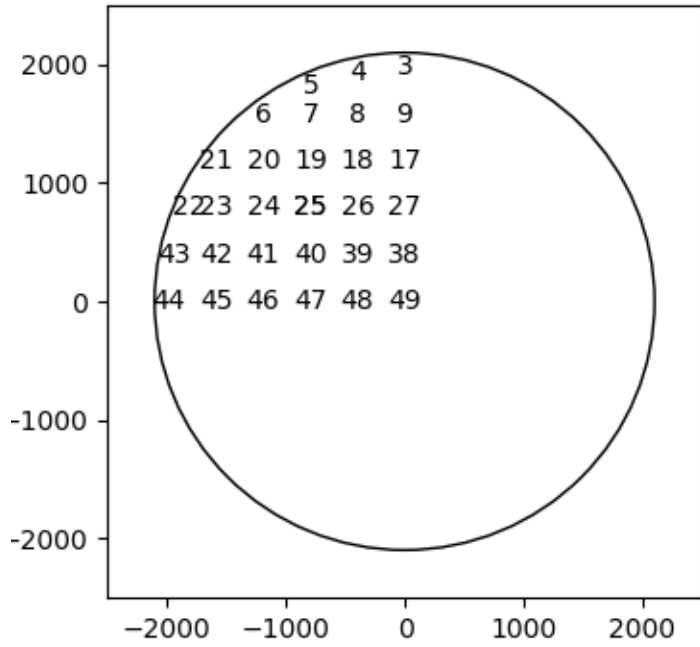
'List\_Q2' is the array of all points in the lower right quadrant,



'List\_Q3' is the array of all points in the lower left quadrant,



'List\_Q4' is the array of all points in the upper right quadrant,



## USING THE SCRIPTS

The scripts that I have written are in pure python. They are used to do various things with the *Control System* and clients. Since they read the `tcsutils.py` files you don't need to know the URL's for the *Routes\_def-label* and *Event\_Routes\_def-label*. All scripts should be located in `/opt/het/hetdex/bin`. These scripts utilize the python interface described in Chapter 3 *Hetlib Python Interface*.

### 5.1 User Scripts

#### 5.1.1 chksys

This bash shell script searches the system process table and prints the lines associated with the control systems to the standard output. At this time it is a shell script with no command line flags. There is no general way to search for control systems so this script simply searches by name. If you create a new control system, then you will have to modify this script.

#### 5.1.2 getposition

**Usage:** `getposition [options]`

Get the position of the tracker and print all the coordinates, ITF, RTF, and TSF

**Options:**

`-h, --help` show this help message and exit

**Example:**

```
$ getposition
{'__ack': u'false',
 u'__async': u'false',
 u'__data': u'false',
 u'__data_time': u'1502812057.453914950',
 u'__done': u'true',
 u'__effective_id': 262987,
 u'__error': u'false',
 u'__handler': u'tracker_position',
 u'__origin': u'tcsutils.pyc0.530180389939_tcs107451.htcs.107451.0327b23c6->tcp://192.168.66.31:30300',
 u'__original_id': 2,
 u'__pid': 121862,
 u'__wire_time': u'1502812057.453915299',
 u'itf.phi': 0.047562,
 u'itf.rho': -0.039519,
```

```
u'itf.theta': 0.235037,  
u'itf.x': 1824.1775,  
u'itf.y': -1837.147486,  
u'itf.z': -2.73196,  
u'rtf.phi': 0,  
u'rtf.rho': -0.039519,  
u'rtf.theta': 3e-06,  
u'rtf.x': 1799.1873,  
u'rtf.y': -1799.4097,  
u'rtf.z': -3e-05,  
u'time': u'1502812057.265000000',  
u'trajectory': u'false',  
u'tsf.h1': -0.0001,  
u'tsf.h2': 0,  
u'tsf.h3': 0,  
u'tsf.h4': 0,  
u'tsf.h5': 0.0001,  
u'tsf.h6': -0.0001,  
u'tsf.lx': 1799.1878,  
u'tsf.rho': -0.0395,  
u'tsf.ux': 1799.1868,  
u'tsf.y': -1799.4097}
```

### 5.1.3 getSpectTemperatures

**Usage:** getSpectTemperatures [options]

Get the spectrograph hardware status.

**Options:**

```
-h, --help            show this help message and exit  
-v, --version        show program's version number and exit  
-o FILE, --output FILE  
                        append output to FILE  
-l, --lrs2, --ldas   get LRS2 temperatures  
-V, --virus, --vdas  get Virus temperatures  
-s sort_flag, --sort sort_flag  
                        sort_flag must be one of ['IFU', 'SSA', 'SID', 'CID',  
                        'MUX', 'IFU', 'HIGHCCD', 'LOWCCD', 'HIGHCRYO',  
                        'LOWCRYO'] (default IFUSLOT)  
-p print_options, --print print_options  
                        print_options, must one or more of ['ALL', 'TEMPS',  
                        'CCDTEMPS', 'CRYOTEMPS', 'CRYOPRESS', 'HEATER',  
                        'TROUBLE'] (default TEMPS)  
--no-update          do not ask for a hardware update, just use the last  
                        value  
--no-header          Don't print the header string  
--print-commands     print the set_ccd_temp() commands
```

**Example:**

```
$ getSpectTemperatures -Vl -s SID  
2017-08-15T19:07:13      Cryo   Left  Right   Left  Right   Left  Right  
      IFU SSA SID CID MUX    Temp  SetPt  SetPt   Temp  Temp   Volts Volts  
1   093 157 008 040 007  -180.0  -105.0 -105.0  -105.0 -105.0  0.848 0.644  
2   106 136 012 103 005  -173.6  -105.0 -105.0  -105.0 -105.0  0.941 0.749  
3   103 152 013 061 007  -179.9  -110.0 -105.0  -110.0 -105.0  0.822 0.754
```

```

4 104 153 016 055 007 -178.7 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 0.801 0.782
5 086 135 017 026 005 -174.3 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 0.677 1.138
6 095 158 020 065 007 -177.2 -100.0 -105.0 -100.0 -105.0 0.613 0.653
7 083 137 024 030 005 -179.2 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 0.983 0.901
8 076 154 025 056 007 -175.7 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 0.785 0.814
9 085 122 027 090 004 -170.9 -100.0 -105.0 -100.0 -105.0 0.956 0.569
10 094 155 032 098 007 -175.9 -90.0 -100.0 -77.3 -100.0 0.000 0.603
11 073 151 037 059 006 -179.8 -110.0 -105.0 -110.0 -105.0 0.606 0.791
12 096 134 038 062 005 -184.6 -100.0 -110.0 -100.0 -110.0 0.722 0.760
13 084 133 041 041 003 -179.1 -105.0 -105.0 -105.0 -105.0 0.984 1.154
14 075 132 047 052 005 -181.2 -100.0 -105.0 -100.0 -105.0 0.724 0.766
15 105 138 051 080 005 -172.1 -95.0 -100.0 -95.0 -100.0 0.842 0.522
16 044 238 202 038 002 -177.2 -105.0 -105.0 -105.0 -105.0 1.320 1.675
17 045 248 305 078 001 -173.2 -105.0 -105.0 -105.0 -105.0 1.251 1.174
18 074 131 307 105 005 -174.2 -100.0 -100.0 -100.0 -100.0 0.874 0.622
19 066 121 502 100 000 -200.6 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 1.050 1.190
20 056 111 503 069 000 -182.7 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 -110.0 0.536 1.183

```

### 5.1.4 getUptime

**Usage:** getUptime [options]

Show the server uptime in decimal days, decimal hours, decimal minutes, decimal seconds, or days, hours, minutes, seconds as ddd:hh:mm:ss.

**Options:**

```

-h, --help          show this help message and exit
-v, --version       show program's version number and exit
--verbose          print useful(?) information (does nothing at this time)
--pretty-print {dd,dh,dm,ds,dhms} pretty print the output (default dhms)
-A, --all          uptime for all the systems,
-a, --apc          uptime for the apc system,
-L, --legacy       uptime for the legacy system,
-l, --lrs2         uptime for the lrs2 system,
-n, --named        uptime for the named server,
-p, --pas          uptime for the pas server,
-P, --pfip         uptime for the pfip server,
-t, --tracker      uptime for the tracker server,
-T, --tcs          uptime for the tcs server,
-V, --virus        uptime for the virus system

```

**Example:**

```

$ getUptime -V
virus uptime: 003:21:54:25 ddd:hh:mm:ss

```

```

$ getUptime -V -l
virus uptime: 003:21:54:25 ddd:hh:mm:ss
lrs2 uptime: 003:21:04:57 ddd:hh:mm:ss

```

```

$ getUptime -T --pretty-print dd
tcs uptime: 2.894 days

```

### 5.1.5 hetime

**Usage:** hetime [options] [time]

Convert between various notions of time at HET. 'time' may be either index time, an ISO-8601 string, or unixtime. The return values are the input time converted to all three formats. If no time is given on the command line, use the current time.

### Options:

```
--version  show program's version number and exit
-h, --help  show this help message and exit
```

### Example:

```
# Index time
$ hetttime 77145
77145.0 55545.0 1970-01-01T15:25:45

# ISO time string
$ hetttime 2017-08-15T15:25:45
77145.0 1502810745.0 2017-08-15T15:25:45

# Unix time
$ hetttime 1502810745.0
77145.0 1502810745.0 2017-08-15T15:25:45
```

## 5.1.6 monitor

### Usage: monitor [options]

Monitor one or several processes within Tcs.

### Options:

```
--version          show program's version number and exit
-h, --help         show this help message and exit
-t, --tracker      catch the tracker server output.
-T, --tcs          catch the tcs server output.
-p, --pas          catch the pas server output.
-P, --pfip         catcj the pfip server output.
-l, --logger       catch the log server output
-L, --legacy       catch the legacy system output.
-g, --gui          catch the gui system output.
-v, --verbose      Send output to stdout as well as the output file.
-o FILE, --output=FILE
                   Send output to FILE (default
                   ./data/Mon/yyyymmddThhmmss_mon.log)
--system-filter=SYSTEM_FILTER
                   Specify filters on the system..
--source-filter=SOURCE_FILTER
                   Specify filters on the source
--key-filter=KEY_FILTER
                   Specify filters on the key.
```

### Description:

The monitor program has the almost the same flags as startsys. I usually start it separately from the other systems. You can specify the filters us usual but you should probably quote the string values. This is a python programs so the command line parser is slightly different from the C++ version in the control systems.

### Example:



A typical usage would be `monitor -t -T -L -p -o 20141119a_mon.txt` which will listen to the `tracker_server`, `tcs_server`, `legacyServer`, and `pasServer` event routes and place the output in `20141119a_mon.txt`. Not all the available flags in the `tcs_monitor` are available in the python version. So if you want to specify alternate routes or configure files you will need to use `tcs_monitor` directly.

### 5.1.7 moveITF

**Usage:** `moveITF [options] left|right|home|zero| x y z rho theta phi`

Move to the requested ITF position. The position may be one of the pre-defined positions or six ITF coordinates. The default velocity is track. If both track and slew speeds are set on the command line, then the script will exit since it does not know what you want. Verbose mode will print useful information about what is happening. Quiet mode will print nothing at all, not even errors. The default is to not print the useful information but to print error messages.

`left == (-1800, -1800, 0, 0, 0, 0)`

`right = (+1800, -1800, 0, 0, 0, 0)`

`home = (0, -1800, 0, 0, 0, 0)`

`zero = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)`

#### Options:

```
-h, --help      show this help message and exit
-t, --track     move at tracker speed
-s, --slew     move at slew speed (default)
-S, --slow     move at slow speed (default Fast)
-v, --verbose  display more useful (or not) information about progress
-q, --quiet    do not print any information
```

### 5.1.8 moveRTF

**Usage:** `moveRTF [options] left|right|home|zero| x y z rho theta phi`

Move to the requested RTF position. The position may be one of the pre-defined positions or six RTF coordinates. The default velocity is track. If both track and slew speeds are set on the command line, then the script will exit since it does not know what you want. Verbose mode will print useful information about what is happening. Quiet mode will print nothing at all, not even errors. The default is to not print the useful information but to print error messages.

`left == (-1800, -1800, 0, 0, 0, 0)`

`right = (+1800, -1800, 0, 0, 0, 0)`

`home = (0, -1800, 0, 0, 0, 0)`

`zero = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)`

#### Options:

```
-h, --help      show this help message and exit
-t, --track     move at tracker speed
-s, --slew     move at slew speed (default)
-S, --slow     move at slow speed (default Fast)
-v, --verbose  display more useful (or not) information about progress
-q, --quiet    do not print any information
```

### 5.1.9 moveTSF

**Usage:** moveTSF [options] left|right|home|zero|lx y rho h1 h2 h3 h4 h5 h6

Move to the requested TSF position. The position may be one of the pre-defined positions or ten TSF coordinates. The default velocity is track. If both track and slew speeds are set on the command line, then the script will exit since it does not know what you want. Verbose mode will print useful information about what is happening. Quiet mode will print nothing at all, not even errors. The default is to not print the useful information but to print error messages.

left == (-1800, -1800, -1800, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

right = (+1800, +1800, -1800, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

home = (0, 0, -1800, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

zero = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

**Options:**

```
-h, --help      show this help message and exit
-t, --track     move at tracker speed
-s, --slew      move at slew speed (default)
-S, --slow      move at slow speed (default Fast)
-v, --verbose   display more useful (or not) information about progress
-q, --quiet     do not print any information
```

### 5.1.10 startsys

This has been replaced by init scripts run by the `service` command. The command is deprecated.

The `startsys` command will start the various control systems depending on the command line flags. These controls systems are started with the standard command line flags defined in `tcsconfig.py` and the default configuration file in `/opt/het/hetdex/etc/conf`. If the `-v` flag is also given then the standard output of the control systems is sent to the screen; otherwise the output is sent to `/dev/null`. The script finishes by sleeping within a while loop. This allows the user to interrupt the script and thereby kill all the control system there were started. (This works mostly.)

**Usage:** startsys [options]

Set up and start processes involved in the Tcs system.

**Options:**

```
--version      show program's version number and exit
-h, --help     show this help message and exit
-x, --no-tmcs  no TMCS hardware available, use simulator if starting
               tracker.
-t, --tracker  start the tracker server.
-T, --tcs     start the tcs server.
-p, --pas     start the pas server.
-P, --pfip    start the pfip server.
-l, --logger   turn on logging and start the log server
-L, --legacy  start the legacy system.
-m, --monitor start the monitor system.
-g, --gui     start the gui system.
--plot        start the plotters
-v, --verbose Send output to stdout.
--tap         Turn on message tapping for all systems
--disable-mount-model
```

```

--valgrind=FILE      Turn off TCS mount model.
                    Enable valgrind for a particular system. The log file
                    is written to <system>-valgrind.log in the current
                    directory.

```

### 5.1.11 syscmd

**Usage:** syscmd option command

Send a synchronous command to a particular control system

If no command is specified, then the help() command is executed. This results in a list of available handlers for the control system. To find out specific information about a particular command, use the extended form of the help command. For example, to find out the detail of the Tcs go\_next() command use

```
syscmd -T "help(command='go_next')"
```

The return value of syscmd is the return value of the command.

**Options:**

```

--version          show program's version number and exit
-h, --help        show this help message and exit
-t, --tracker     send a command to the tracker server (default help())
-T, --tcs        send a command to the tcs server (default help()).
-p, --pas        send a command to the pas server (default help())
-P, --pfip       send a command to the pfip server (default help()).
-L, --legacy     send a command to the legacy system (default help()).
-g, --gui        send a command to the gui system (default help()).
-v, --verbose    Send output to stdout.

```

**Examples:**

```

$ syscmd -l 'get_heater_voltage()'
{u'__ack': u'false',
u'__async': u'false',
u'__data': u'false',
u'__data_time': u'1502813354.967412900',
u'__done': u'true',
u'__effective_id': 6574,
u'__error': u'false',
u'__handler': u'get_heater_voltage',
u'__origin': u'tcsutils.pyc0.0929679765573_lrs2108337.htcs.108337.0327b23c6->tcp://192.168.66.15:3130',
u'__original_id': 2,
u'__pid': 29135,
u'__wire_time': u'1502813354.967414133',
u'lrs2.mux.000.spec.502.cnt1.100.ccd.left.15609.voltage': 1.046802,
u'lrs2.mux.000.spec.502.cnt1.100.ccd.right.15612.voltage': 1.185606,
u'lrs2.mux.000.spec.503.cnt1.069.ccd.left.21162.voltage': 0.53953,
u'lrs2.mux.000.spec.503.cnt1.069.ccd.right.21090.voltage': 1.18294}

```

### 5.1.12 tap

**Usage:** tap [options]

Send the tap command to control systems.

### Options:

```
--version      show program's version number and exit
-h, --help    show this help message and exit
-t, --tracker tap the tracker server.
-T, --tcs     tap the tcs server.
-p, --pas     tap the pas server.
-P, --pfip   tap the pfip server.
-L, --legacy  tap the legacy system.
-g, --gui     tap the gui system.
-v, --verbose Send output to stdout.
```

### 5.1.13 trajectory

**Usage:** trajectory [options] [- - ra\_hr dec\_deg]

Set up and start a trajectory

### Options:

```
--version      show program's version number and exit
-h, --help    show this help message and exit
```

Object trajectories:

```
-s SATELLITE_NAME, --satellite=SATELLITE_NAME
                        generate a trajectory from a satellite..
-S FILE, --sat-data=FILE
                        use FILE instead of /opt/het/hetdex/etc/point/geo.txt
                        for satellite information.
-f FILE, --file=FILE
                        generate a trajectory from FILE.
-e FILE, --ephemeris=FILE
                        generate a trajectory from the ephemeris file FILE.
```

Engineering trajectories:

```
-c, --current      generate a trajectory for lst at the current azimuth
-F, --Full         generate a full trajectory (must specify azimuth)
-l, --lst          a trajectory at az=180.0 and Ra=LST (starts from
                  center of tracker)
--lst-east        a trajectory at az=65.0 and Ra=LST (starts from center
                  of tracker)
--lst-west        a trajectory at az=295.0 and Ra=LST (starts from
                  center of tracker)
```

Global options:

```
-a AZIMUTH, --azimuth=AZIMUTH
                        [cur|current|best|nnn.nnn] generate a trajectory with
                        selected azimuth (default best).
-E EQUINOX, --equinox=EQUINOX
                        use EQUINOX instead of 2000.0.
-w, --west         generate a trajectory in the west (default east).
--use-struct       move the structure if necessary. legacyServer must be
                  running.
--use-dome         move the dome if necessary. legacyServer must be
                  running.
-v, --verbose      be noisy about our actions.
```

### Description:

trajectory will generate and run a trajectory with in the Tcs. If requested, it will move the structure as well. This is a single step process. It is not like to old Tcs where we would load a trajectory first, then tell the system when to go later. Both the load and gonext steps are performed with this command. If a trajectory is currently running, this command will return an error message.

### Example:

There are a couple of ways that I use trajectory. The first way is just the usual track, where the structure moves to the calculated azimuth

```
trajectory -v --use-struct -- <ra> <dec> #where <ra> <dec> are in decimal degrees.
```

The other way is to use the current structure azimuth

```
trajectory -v -a current -- <ra> <dec>
```

or you can ignore the structure all together and specify an azimuth yourself

```
trajectory -v -a <az> -- <ra> <dec> # if you do not specify the --use-struct flag, the structure will not move.
```

If you get an error message that the azimuth and direction don't agree, then try using the `-west` flag. This message should only occur on tracks in the north or the south.

## 5.1.14 vnctrk

This is a simple shell script that excutes `vnviewer` with the proper geometry and connects to the tracker engineering computer. This allows the operator to remotely view the Control Desk interface.

## 5.1.15 rdesktrk

This is a simple shell script that excutes `rdesktop` with the proper geometry and connects to the tracker engineering computer. This allows the operator to remotely view the Control Desk interface.

## 5.2 Test Scripts

### 5.2.1 mountTest

**Usage:** mountTest [options]

Run part or all of a 97 point test

#### Options:

```
-h, --help           show this help message and exit
-l LIST, --list=LIST run the "97", "21", "Q1" through "Q4" point list, or
                    some other defined list (default "97")
-o OUTPUT_FILE, --output-file=OUTPUT_FILE
                    use the file OUTPUT_FILE for the results (default is
                    "./data/mountTest_out.csv").
```

### 5.2.2 dmipoints

**Usage:** dmipoints [options]

Run part or all of a 97 point test collecting DMI and TTC data. See *Points.py* for more information about the available points.

### Options:

```
--version          show program's version number and exit
-h, --help         show this help message and exit
-l LIST, --list=LIST run the "97", "21", "Q1" through "Q4" point list, or
                  some other defined list (default "97")
-v, --verbose      monitor all systems on stderr
-g, --gui          start gui so operator can monitor
```

## 5.2.3 dmittc

**Usage:** dmittc.py [options] azimuth

This script runs a full trajectory at the given azimuth and collects DMI and TTC data. These data are collected in the log `/opt/het/hetdex/logs/data/Mon/dmittcs/dmittc_YYYYMMDDThhmmss_az.mon`

### Options:

```
-h, --help          show this help message and exit
-v, --verbose       monitor all systems on stderr
-V, --version       print version information
-g, --gui           start gui so operator can monitor
-t, --test          use the test values in the monitor output
-n, --no-struct     do not use the structure (default - use structure)
--closeTT          close the Tip/Tilt control loop
--closeDMI         close the DMI control loop
```

## 5.3 Admin Scripts

### 5.3.1 get\_geo

A shell script that retrieves the geo-synchronous satellite orbital elements from <http://celestrak.com/NORAD/elements/geo.txt>. The script is run daily at 23:00 hours on the machine `htcs` from the `hetdex` user's crontab file. The file resides in `/opt/het/hetdex/etc/point/data/geo.txt`.

### 5.3.2 get\_ser7

A shell script that retrieves the Earth Orientation Bulletin from the U.S. Naval Observatory at <ftp://maia.usno.navy.mil/ser7/ser7.dat>. The script is run weekly on Thursdays at 23:00 hours on the machine `htcs` from the `hetdex` user's crontab file. The file resides in `/opt/het/hetdex/etc/ser7.dat`.

### 5.3.3 tcs\_query

Query a database for a specific event type

```
$/tcs_query -help
```

This is a utility for generating a csv-formatted text file by querying a TCS database containing events identified by: `<system>.<source>.<key>`

**The key to extract is specified by:** `-key=<system>.<source>.<key>`

**For example, to extract the key identified by system=pfip, source='acq\_shutter', key='status', use**  
`-key='pfip.acq_shutter.status'`

The entries listed in the output file will be the attributes for the specified key(s), ordered by time. If no key parameter is provided, the output from the utility will be a list of the unique keys contained in the database file.

The file output will be sent to stdout, unless the `-outfile` parameter is provided with a file name. When a specific key is requested using the `-key` option, the output file generated will contain values for all the attributes of that event key, ordered by time.

**The name of the output file is specified using the option:** `-outfile=<filename>`

The output file name is defaulted to stdout The name of the database file to search is specified with the option:

`-dbfile=<filename>`

The meta-data attributes are, by default, included in the output. If you wish to reduce data redundancy and query time, specify a list of meta attributes to include, e.g.:

`-meta='__data_time_string,__pid'`

**By default, the data delimiter in the output file is <tab>. If you wish to specify a different delimiter, use:**

`-delim='<char>'`

Names of the attributes will be listed at the beginning of the output file, if the `-attrs` option is used.





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