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# PYMODBUS LIBRARY EXAMPLES

*What follows is a collection of examples using the pymodbus library in various ways*

## 1.1 Example Library Code

### 1.1.1 Asynchronous Client Example

The asynchronous client functions in the same way as the synchronous client, however, the asynchronous client uses twisted to return deferreds for the response result. Just like the synchronous version, it works against TCP, UDP, serial ASCII, and serial RTU devices.

Below an asynchronous tcp client is demonstrated running against a reference server. If you do not have a device to test with, feel free to run a pymodbus server instance or start the reference tester in the tools directory.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
'''
Pymodbus Asynchronous Client Examples
-----

The following is an example of how to use the asynchronous modbus
client implementation from pymodbus.
'''
#-----#
# import the various server implementations
#-----#
from pymodbus.client.async import ModbusTcpClient as ModbusClient
#from pymodbus.client.async import ModbusUdpClient as ModbusClient
#from pymodbus.client.async import ModbusSerialClient as ModbusClient

#-----#
# configure the client logging
#-----#
import logging
logging.basicConfig()
log = logging.getLogger()
log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)

#-----#
# choose the client you want
#-----#
# make sure to start an implementation to hit against. For this
# you can use an existing device, the reference implementation in the tools
```

```
# directory, or start a pymodbus server.
#-----#
client = ModbusClient('127.0.0.1')

#-----#
# helper method to test deferred callbacks
#-----#
def dassert(deferred, callback):
    def _tester():
        assert(callback())
    deferred.callback(_tester)
    deferred.errback(lambda _: assert(False))

#-----#
# example requests
#-----#
# simply call the methods that you would like to use. An example session
# is displayed below along with some assert checks.
#-----#
rq = client.write_coil(1, True)
rr = client.read_coils(1,1)
dassert(rq, lambda r: r.function_code < 0x80)      # test that we are not an error
dassert(rr, lambda r: r.bits[0] == True)          # test the expected value

rq = client.write_coils(1, [True]*8)
rr = client.read_coils(1,8)
dassert(rq, lambda r: r.function_code < 0x80)      # test that we are not an error
dassert(rr, lambda r: r.bits == [True]*8)         # test the expected value

rq = client.write_coils(1, [False]*8)
rr = client.read_discrete_inputs(1,8)
dassert(rq, lambda r: r.function_code < 0x80)      # test that we are not an error
dassert(rr, lambda r: r.bits == [False]*8)        # test the expected value

rq = client.write_register(1, 10)
rr = client.read_holding_registers(1,1)
dassert(rq, lambda r: r.function_code < 0x80)      # test that we are not an error
dassert(rr, lambda r: r.registers[0] == 10)       # test the expected value

rq = client.write_registers(1, [10]*8)
rr = client.read_input_registers(1,8)
dassert(rq, lambda r: r.function_code < 0x80)      # test that we are not an error
dassert(rr, lambda r: r.registers == [10]*8)     # test the expected value

rq = client.readwrite_registers(1, [20]*8)
rr = client.read_input_registers(1,8)
dassert(rq, lambda r: r.function_code < 0x80)      # test that we are not an error
dassert(rr, lambda r: r.registers == [20]*8)     # test the expected value

#-----#
# close the client
#-----#
client.close()
```

## 1.1.2 Asynchronous Server Example

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
#-----#
# import the various server implementations
#-----#
from pymodbus.server.async import StartTcpServer
from pymodbus.server.async import StartUdpServer
from pymodbus.server.async import StartSerialServer

from pymodbus.datastore import ModbusSequentialDataBlock
from pymodbus.datastore import ModbusSlaveContext, ModbusServerContext

#-----#
# configure the service logging
#-----#
import logging
logging.basicConfig()
log = logging.getLogger()
log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)

#-----#
# initialize your data store
#-----#
store = ModbusSlaveContext(
    di = ModbusSequentialDataBlock(0, [17]*100),
    co = ModbusSequentialDataBlock(0, [17]*100),
    hr = ModbusSequentialDataBlock(0, [17]*100),
    ir = ModbusSequentialDataBlock(0, [17]*100))
context = ModbusServerContext(slaves=store, single=True)

#-----#
# run the server you want
#-----#
StartTcpServer(context)
#StartUdpServer(context)
#StartSerialServer(context, port='/tmp/tty1')
```

## 1.1.3 Custom Message Example

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
'''
Pymodbus Synchronous Client Examples
-----

The following is an example of how to use the synchronous modbus client
implementation from pymodbus.

It should be noted that the client can also be used with
the guard construct that is available in python 2.5 and up::

    with ModbusClient('127.0.0.1') as client:
        result = client.read_coils(1,10)
        print result
'''
#-----#
# import the various server implementations
```

```
#-----#
from pymodbus.pdu import ModbusRequest, ModbusResponse
from pymodbus.client.sync import ModbusTcpClient as ModbusClient

#-----#
# configure the client logging
#-----#
import logging
logging.basicConfig()
log = logging.getLogger()
log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)

#-----#
# create your custom message
#-----#
# The following is simply a read coil request that always reads 16 coils.
# Since the function code is already registered with the decoder factory,
# this will be decoded as a read coil response. If you implement a new
# method that is not currently implemented, you must register the request
# and response with a ClientDecoder factory.
#-----#
class CustomModbusRequest(ModbusRequest):

    function_code = 1

    def __init__(self, address):
        ModbusResponse.__init__(self)
        self.address = address
        self.count = 16

    def encode(self):
        return struct.pack('>HH', self.address, self.count)

    def decode(self, data):
        self.address, self.count = struct.unpack('>HH', data)

    def execute(self, context):
        if not (1 <= self.count <= 0x7d0):
            return self.doException(merror.IllegalValue)
        if not context.validate(self.function_code, self.address, self.count):
            return self.doException(merror.IllegalAddress)
        values = context.getValues(self.function_code, self.address, self.count)
        return CustomModbusResponse(values)

#-----#
# This could also have been defined as
#-----#
from pymodbus.bit_read_message import ReadCoilsRequest

class Read16CoilsRequest(ReadCoilsRequest):

    def __init__(self, address):
        ''' Initializes a new instance

        :param address: The address to start reading from
        '''
        ReadCoilsRequest.__init__(self, address, 16)
```

```

#-----#
# execute the request with your client
#-----#
# using the with context, the client will automatically be connected
# and closed when it leaves the current scope.
#-----#
with ModbusClient('127.0.0.1') as client:
    request = CustomModbusRequest(0)
    result = client.execute(request)
    print result

```

### 1.1.4 Modbus Logging Example

```

#!/usr/bin/env python
'''
Pymodbus Logging Examples
-----
'''
import logging
import logging.handlers as Handlers

#-----#
# This will simply send everything logged to console
#-----#
logging.basicConfig()
log = logging.getLogger()
log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)

#-----#
# This will send the error messages in the specified namespace to a file.
# The available namespaces in pymodbus are as follows:
#-----#
# * pymodbus.*           - The root namespace
# * pymodbus.server.*   - all logging messages involving the modbus server
# * pymodbus.client.*   - all logging messages involving the client
# * pymodbus.protocol.* - all logging messages inside the protocol layer
#-----#
logging.basicConfig()
log = logging.getLogger('pymodbus.server')
log.setLevel(logging.ERROR)

#-----#
# This will send the error messages to the specified handlers:
# * docs.python.org/library/logging.html
#-----#
log = logging.getLogger('pymodbus')
log.setLevel(logging.ERROR)
handlers = [
    Handlers.RotatingFileHandler("logfile", maxBytes=1024*1024),
    Handlers.SMTPHandler("mx.host.com", "pymodbus@host.com", ["support@host.com"], "Pymodbus"),
    Handlers.SysLogHandler(facility="daemon"),
    Handlers.DatagramHandler('localhost', 12345),
]
[log.addHandler(h) for h in handlers]

```

## 1.1.5 Modbus Scraper Example

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
'''
This is a little out of date, give me a second to redo it.
This utility can be used to fully scrape a modbus device
and store its data as a Mobus Context for use with the
simulator.
'''
import pickle
from optparse import OptionParser
from pymodbus.client.sync import ModbusTcpClient

#-----#
# Logging
#-----#
import logging
client_log = logging.getLogger("pymodbus.client")

#-----#
# Helper Classes
#-----#
class ClientException(Exception):
    ''' Exception for configuration error '''

    def __init__(self, string):
        Exception.__init__(self, string)
        self.string = string

    def __str__(self):
        return 'Client Error: %s' % self.string

class ClientScraper(object):
    ''' Exception for configuration error '''

    def __init__(self, host, port, address):
        '''
        Initializes the connection paramaters and requests
        @param host The host to connect to
        @param port The port the server resides on
        @param address The range to read to:from
        '''
        self.client = ModbusTcpClient(host=host, port=port)
        self.requests = range(*[int(j) for j in address.split(':')])

    def process(self, data):
        '''
        Starts the device scrape
        '''
        if (self.client.connect()):
            f = ModbusClientFactory(self.requests)
            self.p = reactor.connectTCP(self.host, self.port, f)

class ContextBuilder(object):
    '''
    This class is used to build our server datastore
    for use with the modbus simulator.
    '''
```

```

def __init__(self, output):
    '''
    Initializes the ContextBuilder and checks data values
    @param file The output file for the server context
    '''
    try:
        self.file = open(output, "w")
    except Exception:
        raise ClientException("Unable to open file [%s]" % output)

def build(self):
    ''' Builds the final output store file '''
    try:
        result = self.makeContext()
        pickle.dump(result, self.file)
        print "Device successfully scraped!"
    except Exception:
        raise ClientException("Invalid data")
    self.file.close()
    reactor.stop()

def makeContext(self):
    ''' Builds the server context based on the passed in data '''
    # ModbusServerContext(d=sd, c=sc, h=sh, i=si)
    return "string"

#-----#
# Main start point
#-----#
def main():
    ''' Server launcher '''
    parser = OptionParser()
    parser.add_option("-o", "--output",
        help="The resulting output file for the scrape",
        dest="file", default="output.store")
    parser.add_option("-p", "--port",
        help="The port to connect to",
        dest="port", default=502)
    parser.add_option("-s", "--server",
        help="The server to scrape",
        dest="host", default="127.0.0.1")
    parser.add_option("-r", "--range",
        help="The address range to scan",
        dest="range", default="0:500")
    parser.add_option("-D", "--debug",
        help="Enable debug tracing",
        action="store_true", dest="debug", default=False)
    (opt, arg) = parser.parse_args()

    # enable debugging information
    if opt.debug:
        try:
            client_log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
            logging.basicConfig()
        except Exception, e:
            print "Logging is not supported on this system"

    # Begin scraping

```

```

try:
    #ctx = ContextBuilder(opt.file)
    s = ClientScraper(opt.host, opt.port, opt.range)
    reactor.callWhenRunning(s.start)
    reactor.run()
except ClientException, err:
    print err
    parser.print_help()

#-----#
# Main jumper
#-----#
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

### 1.1.6 Modbus Simulator Example

```

#!/usr/bin/env python
'''
An example of creating a fully implemented modbus server
with read/write data as well as user configurable base data
'''

import pickle
from optparse import OptionParser
from twisted.internet import reactor

from pymodbus.server.async import StartTcpServer
from pymodbus.datastore import ModbusServerContext, ModbusSlaveContext

#-----#
# Logging
#-----#
import logging
logging.basicConfig()

server_log = logging.getLogger("pymodbus.server")
protocol_log = logging.getLogger("pymodbus.protocol")

#-----#
# Extra Global Functions
#-----#
# These are extra helper functions that don't belong in a class
#-----#
import getpass
def root_test():
    ''' Simple test to see if we are running as root '''
    return True # removed for the time being as it isn't portable
    #return getpass.getuser() == "root"

#-----#
# Helper Classes
#-----#
class ConfigurationException(Exception):
    ''' Exception for configuration error '''

    def __init__(self, string):

```

```

''' Initializes the ConfigurationException instance

:param string: The message to append to the exception
'''
Exception.__init__(self, string)
self.string = string

def __str__(self):
''' Builds a representation of the object

:returns: A string representation of the object
'''
return 'Configuration Error: %s' % self.string

class Configuration:
'''
Class used to parse configuration file and create and modbus
datastore.

The format of the configuration file is actually just a
python pickle, which is a compressed memory dump from
the scraper.
'''

def __init__(self, config):
'''
Tries to load a configuration file, lets the file not
found exception fall through

:param config: The pickled datastore
'''
try:
self.file = open(config, "r")
except Exception:
raise ConfigurationException("File not found %s" % config)

def parse(self):
''' Parses the config file and creates a server context
'''
handle = pickle.load(self.file)
try: # test for existence, or bomb
dsd = handle['di']
csd = handle['ci']
hsd = handle['hr']
isd = handle['ir']
except Exception:
raise ConfigurationException("Invalid Configuration")
slave = ModbusSlaveContext(d=dsd, c=csd, h=hsd, i=isd)
return ModbusServerContext(slaves=slave)

#-----#
# Main start point
#-----#
def main():
''' Server launcher '''
parser = OptionParser()
parser.add_option("-c", "--conf",
help="The configuration file to load",

```

```
        dest="file")
parser.add_option("-D", "--debug",
                 help="Turn on to enable tracing",
                 action="store_true", dest="debug", default=False)
(opt, arg) = parser.parse_args()

# enable debugging information
if opt.debug:
    try:
        server_log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
        protocol_log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
    except Exception, e:
        print "Logging is not supported on this system"

# parse configuration file and run
try:
    conf = Configuration(opt.file)
    StartTcpServer(context=conf.parse())
except ConfigurationException, err:
    print err
    parser.print_help()

#-----#
# Main jumper
#-----#
if __name__ == "__main__":
    if root_test():
        main()
    else: print "This script must be run as root!"
```

### 1.1.7 Synchronous Client Example

It should be noted that each request will block waiting for the result. If asynchronous behaviour is required, please use the asynchronous client implementations. The synchronous client, works against TCP, UDP, serial ASCII, and serial RTU devices.

The synchronous client exposes the most popular methods of the modbus protocol, however, if you want to execute other methods against the device, simple create a request instance and pass it to the execute method.

Below an synchronous tcp client is demonstrated running against a reference server. If you do not have a device to test with, feel free to run a pymodbus server instance or start the reference tester in the tools directory.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
'''
Pymodbus Synchronous Client Examples
-----

The following is an example of how to use the synchronous modbus client
implementation from pymodbus.

It should be noted that the client can also be used with
the guard construct that is available in python 2.5 and up::

    with ModbusClient('127.0.0.1') as client:
        result = client.read_coils(1,10)
        print result
'''
```

```

#-----#
# import the various server implementations
#-----#
from pymodbus.client.sync import ModbusTcpClient as ModbusClient
#from pymodbus.client.sync import ModbusUdpClient as ModbusClient
#from pymodbus.client.sync import ModbusSerialClient as ModbusClient

#-----#
# configure the client logging
#-----#
import logging
logging.basicConfig()
log = logging.getLogger()
log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)

#-----#
# choose the client you want
#-----#
# make sure to start an implementation to hit against. For this
# you can use an existing device, the reference implementation in the tools
# directory, or start a pymodbus server.
#-----#
client = ModbusClient('127.0.0.1')

#-----#
# example requests
#-----#
# simply call the methods that you would like to use. An example session
# is displayed below along with some assert checks.
#-----#
rq = client.write_coil(1, True)
rr = client.read_coils(1,1)
assert(rq.function_code < 0x80)      # test that we are not an error
assert(rr.bits[0] == True)         # test the expected value

rq = client.write_coils(1, [True]*8)
rr = client.read_coils(1,8)
assert(rq.function_code < 0x80)     # test that we are not an error
assert(rr.bits == [True]*8)        # test the expected value

rq = client.write_coils(1, [False]*8)
rr = client.read_discrete_inputs(1,8)
assert(rq.function_code < 0x80)    # test that we are not an error
assert(rr.bits == [False]*8)       # test the expected value

rq = client.write_register(1, 10)
rr = client.read_holding_registers(1,1)
assert(rq.function_code < 0x80)    # test that we are not an error
assert(rr.registers[0] == 10)      # test the expected value

rq = client.write_registers(1, [10]*8)
rr = client.read_input_registers(1,8)
assert(rq.function_code < 0x80)    # test that we are not an error
assert(rr.registers == [10]*8)     # test the expected value

rq = client.readwrite_registers(1, [20]*8)
rr = client.read_input_registers(1,8)
assert(rq.function_code < 0x80)    # test that we are not an error

```

```
assert(rr.registers == [20]*8)      # test the expected value

#-----#
# close the client
#-----#
client.close()
```

### 1.1.8 Synchronous Server Example

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
#-----#
# import the various server implementations
#-----#
from pymodbus.server.sync import StartTcpServer
from pymodbus.server.sync import StartUdpServer
from pymodbus.server.sync import StartSerialServer

from pymodbus.datastore import ModbusSequentialDataBlock
from pymodbus.datastore import ModbusSlaveContext, ModbusServerContext

#-----#
# configure the service logging
#-----#
import logging
logging.basicConfig()
log = logging.getLogger()
log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)

#-----#
# initialize your data store
#-----#
store = ModbusSlaveContext(
    di = ModbusSequentialDataBlock(0, [17]*100),
    co = ModbusSequentialDataBlock(0, [17]*100),
    hr = ModbusSequentialDataBlock(0, [17]*100),
    ir = ModbusSequentialDataBlock(0, [17]*100))
context = ModbusServerContext(slaves=store, single=True)

#-----#
# run the server you want
#-----#
StartTcpServer(context)
#StartUdpServer(context)
#StartSerialServer(context, port='/tmp/tty1')
```

### 1.1.9 Synchronous Client Performance Check

Below is a quick example of how to test the performance of a tcp modbus device using the synchronous tcp client. If you do not have a device to test with, feel free to run a pymodbus server instance or start the reference tester in the tools directory.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
'''
Pymodbus Performance Example
-----
```

The following is an quick performance check of the synchronous modbus client.

```
'''
#-----#
# import the necessary modules
#-----#
from pymodbus.client.sync import ModbusTcpClient
from time import time

#-----#
# initialize the test
#-----#
client = ModbusTcpClient('127.0.0.1')
count = 0
start = time()
iterations = 10000

#-----#
# perform the test
#-----#
while count < iterations:
    result = client.read_holding_registers(10, 1, 0).getRegister(0)
    count += 1

#-----#
# check our results
#-----#
stop = time()
print "%d requests/second" % ((1.0 * count) / (stop - start))
```

## 1.2 Example Frontend Code

### 1.2.1 Glade/GTK Frontend Example

#### Main Program

This is an example simulator that is written using the pygtk bindings. Although it currently does not have a frontend for modifying the context values, it does allow one to expose N virtual modbus devices to a network which is useful for testing data center monitoring tools.

**Note:** The virtual networking code will only work on linux

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
#-----#
# System
#-----#
import os
import getpass
import pickle
from threading import Thread

#-----#
# For Gui
#-----#
from twisted.internet import gtk2reactor
```

```

gtk2reactor.install()
import gtk
from gtk import glade

#-----#
# SNMP Simulator
#-----#
from twisted.internet import reactor
from twisted.internet import error as twisted_error
from pymodbus.server.async import ModbusServerFactory
from pymodbus.datastore import ModbusServerContext, ModbusSlaveContext

#-----#
# Logging
#-----#
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)

#-----#
# Application Error
#-----#
class ConfigurationException(Exception):
    ''' Exception for configuration error '''

    def __init__(self, string):
        Exception.__init__(self, string)
        self.string = string

    def __str__(self):
        return 'Configuration Error: %s' % self.string

#-----#
# Extra Global Functions
#-----#
# These are extra helper functions that don't belong in a class
#-----#
def root_test():
    ''' Simple test to see if we are running as root '''
    return getpass.getuser() == "root"

#-----#
# Simulator Class
#-----#
class Simulator(object):
    '''
    Class used to parse configuration file and create and modbus
    datastore.

    The format of the configuration file is actually just a
    python pickle, which is a compressed memory dump from
    the scraper.
    '''

    def __init__(self, config):
        '''
        Tries to load a configuration file, lets the file not
        found exception fall through
        '''

```

```

    @param config The pickled datastore
    '''
    try:
        self.file = open(config, "r")
    except Exception:
        raise ConfigurationException("File not found %s" % config)

def _parse(self):
    ''' Parses the config file and creates a server context '''
    try:
        handle = pickle.load(self.file)
        dsd = handle['di']
        csd = handle['ci']
        hsd = handle['hr']
        isd = handle['ir']
    except KeyError:
        raise ConfigurationException("Invalid Configuration")
    slave = ModbusSlaveContext(d=dsd, c=csd, h=hsd, i=isd)
    return ModbusServerContext(slaves=slave)

def _simulator(self):
    ''' Starts the snmp simulator '''
    ports = [502]+range(20000,25000)
    for port in ports:
        try:
            reactor.listenTCP(port, ModbusServerFactory(self._parse()))
            print 'listening on port', port
            return port
        except twisted_error.CannotListenError:
            pass

def run(self):
    ''' Used to run the simulator '''
    reactor.callWhenRunning(self._simulator)

#-----#
# Network reset thread
#-----#
# This is linux only, maybe I should make a base class that can be filled
# in for linux(debian/redhat)/windows/nix
#-----#
class NetworkReset(Thread):
    '''
    This class is simply a daemon that is spun off at the end of the
    program to call the network restart function (an easy way to
    remove all the virtual interfaces)
    '''
    def __init__(self):
        Thread.__init__(self)
        self.setDaemon(True)

    def run(self):
        ''' Run the network reset '''
        os.system("/etc/init.d/networking restart")

#-----#
# Main Gui Class
#-----#

```

```

# Note, if you are using gtk2 before 2.12, the file_set signal is not
# introduced. To fix this, you need to apply the following patch
#-----#
#Index: simulator.py
#=====
#--- simulator.py      (revision 60)
#+++ simulator.py      (working copy)
@@ -158,7 +161,7 @@
#
#             "on_helpBtn_clicked"      : self.help_clicked,
#             "on_quitBtn_clicked"      : self.close_clicked,
#             "on_startBtn_clicked"     : self.start_clicked,
#-            "on_file_changed"         : self.file_changed,
#+            #"on_file_changed"        : self.file_changed,
#             "on_window_destroy"      : self.close_clicked
#
#         }
#         self.tree.signal_autoconnect(actions)
@@ -235,6 +238,7 @@
#
#             return False
#
#         # check input file
#+        self.file_changed(self.tdevice)
#         if os.path.exists(self.file):
#             self.grey_out()
#             handle = Simulator(config=self.file)
#-----#
class SimulatorApp(object):
    '''
    This class implements the GUI for the flasher application
    '''
    file = "none"
    subnet = 205
    number = 1
    restart = 0

    def __init__(self, xml):
        ''' Sets up the gui, callback, and widget handles '''

#-----#
# Action Handles
#-----#
self.tree = glade.XML(xml)
self.bstart = self.tree.get_widget("startBtn")
self.bhelp = self.tree.get_widget("helpBtn")
self.bclose = self.tree.get_widget("quitBtn")
self.window = self.tree.get_widget("window")
self.tdevice = self.tree.get_widget("fileTxt")
self.tsubnet = self.tree.get_widget("addressTxt")
self.tnumber = self.tree.get_widget("deviceTxt")

#-----#
# Actions
#-----#
actions = {
    "on_helpBtn_clicked" : self.help_clicked,
    "on_quitBtn_clicked" : self.close_clicked,
    "on_startBtn_clicked" : self.start_clicked,
    "on_file_changed" : self.file_changed,
    "on_window_destroy" : self.close_clicked

```

```

    }
    self.tree.signal_autoconnect(actions)
    if not root_test():
        self.error_dialog("This program must be run with root permissions!", True)

#-----#
# Gui helpers
#-----#
# Not callbacks, but used by them
#-----#

def show_buttons(self, state=False, all=0):
    ''' Greys out the buttons '''
    if all:
        self.window.set_sensitive(state)
        self.bstart.set_sensitive(state)
        self.tdevice.set_sensitive(state)
        self.tsubnet.set_sensitive(state)
        self.tnumber.set_sensitive(state)

def destroy_interfaces(self):
    ''' This is used to reset the virtual interfaces '''
    if self.restart:
        n = NetworkReset()
        n.start()

def error_dialog(self, message, quit=False):
    ''' Quick pop-up for error messages '''
    dialog = gtk.MessageDialog(
        parent      = self.window,
        flags       = gtk.DIALOG_DESTROY_WITH_PARENT | gtk.DIALOG_MODAL,
        type        = gtk.MESSAGE_ERROR,
        buttons     = gtk.BUTTONS_CLOSE,
        message_format = message)
    dialog.set_title('Error')
    if quit:
        dialog.connect("response", lambda w, r: gtk.main_quit())
    else:
        dialog.connect("response", lambda w, r: w.destroy())
    dialog.show()

#-----#
# Button Actions
#-----#
# These are all callbacks for the various buttons
#-----#

def start_clicked(self, widget):
    ''' Starts the simulator '''
    start = 1
    base = "172.16"

    # check starting network
    net = self.tsubnet.get_text()
    octets = net.split('.')
    if len(octets) == 4:
        base = "%s.%s" % (octets[0], octets[1])
        net = int(octets[2]) % 255
        start = int(octets[3]) % 255
    else:

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```
        self.error_dialog("Invalid starting address!");
        return False

    # check interface size
    size = int(self.tnumber.get_text())
    if (size >= 1):
        for i in range(start, (size + start)):
            j = i % 255
            cmd = "/sbin/ifconfig eth0:%d %s.%d.%d" % (i, base, net, j)
            os.system(cmd)
            if j == 254: net = net + 1
        self.restart = 1
    else:
        self.error_dialog("Invalid number of devices!");
        return False

    # check input file
    if os.path.exists(self.file):
        self.show_buttons(state=False)
        try:
            handle = Simulator(config=self.file)
            handle.run()
        except ConfigurationException, ex:
            self.error_dialog("Error %s" % ex)
            self.show_buttons(state=True)
    else:
        self.error_dialog("Device to emulate does not exist!");
        return False

def help_clicked(self, widget):
    ''' Quick pop-up for about page '''
    data = gtk.AboutDialog()
    data.set_version("0.1")
    data.set_name(('Modbus Simulator'))
    data.set_authors(["Galen Collins"])
    data.set_comments(('First Select a device to simulate,\n'
        + 'then select the starting subnet of the new devices\n'
        + 'then select the number of device to simulate and click start'))
    data.set_website("http://code.google.com/p/pymodbus/")
    data.connect("response", lambda w,r: w.hide())
    data.run()

def close_clicked(self, widget):
    ''' Callback for close button '''
    self.destroy_interfaces()
    reactor.stop()          # quit twisted

def file_changed(self, widget):
    ''' Callback for the filename change '''
    self.file = widget.get_filename()

#-----#
# Main handle function
#-----#
# This is called when the application is run from a console
# We simply start the gui and start the twisted event loop
#-----#
def main():
```

```

'''
Main control function
This either launches the gui or runs the command line application
'''
debug = True
if debug:
    try:
        log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
        logging.basicConfig()
    except Exception, e:
        print "Logging is not supported on this system"
simulator = SimulatorApp('./simulator.glade')
reactor.run()

#-----#
# Library/Console Test
#-----#
# If this is called from console, we start main
#-----#
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

## Glade Layout File

The following is the glade layout file that is used by this script:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
<!DOCTYPE glade-interface SYSTEM "glade-2.0.dtd">
<!--Generated with glade3 3.4.0 on Thu Nov 20 10:51:52 2008 -->
<glade-interface>
  <widget class="GtkWindow" id="window">
    <property name="visible">True</property>
    <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_BUTTON_PRESS_MASK</property>
    <property name="title" translatable="yes">Modbus Simulator</property>
    <property name="resizable">False</property>
    <property name="window_position">GTK_WIN_POS_CENTER</property>
    <signal name="destroy" handler="on_window_destroy"/>
    <child>
      <widget class="GtkVBox" id="vbox1">
        <property name="width_request">400</property>
        <property name="height_request">200</property>
        <property name="visible">True</property>
        <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_BUTTON_PRESS_MASK</property>
        <child>
          <widget class="GtkHBox" id="hbox1">
            <property name="visible">True</property>
            <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_BUTTON_PRESS_MASK</property>
            <child>
              <widget class="GtkLabel" id="label1">
                <property name="visible">True</property>
                <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_BUTTON_PRESS_MASK</property>
                <property name="label" translatable="yes">Device to Simulate</property>
              </widget>
            </child>
            <child>
              <widget class="GtkHButtonBox" id="hbuttonbox2">
                <property name="visible">True</property>

```

```
<property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_
<child>
  <widget class="GtkFileChooserButton" id="fileTxt">
    <property name="width_request">220</property>
    <property name="visible">True</property>
    <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK |
    <signal name="file_set" handler="on_file_changed"/>
  </widget>
</child>
</widget>
<packing>
  <property name="expand">False</property>
  <property name="fill">False</property>
  <property name="padding">20</property>
  <property name="position">1</property>
</packing>
</child>
</widget>
</child>
<child>
  <widget class="GtkHBox" id="hbox2">
    <property name="visible">True</property>
    <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_BUT
    <child>
      <widget class="GtkLabel" id="label2">
        <property name="visible">True</property>
        <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_
        <property name="label" translatable="yes">Starting Address</property>
      </widget>
    </child>
    <child>
      <widget class="GtkEntry" id="addressTxt">
        <property name="width_request">230</property>
        <property name="visible">True</property>
        <property name="can_focus">True</property>
        <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_
      </widget>
      <packing>
        <property name="expand">False</property>
        <property name="padding">20</property>
        <property name="position">1</property>
      </packing>
    </child>
  </widget>
  <packing>
    <property name="position">1</property>
  </packing>
</child>
<child>
  <widget class="GtkHBox" id="hbox3">
    <property name="visible">True</property>
    <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_BUT
    <child>
      <widget class="GtkLabel" id="label3">
        <property name="visible">True</property>
        <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_
        <property name="label" translatable="yes">Number of Devices</property>
      </widget>
```

```

</child>
<child>
  <widget class="GtkSpinButton" id="deviceTxt">
    <property name="width_request">230</property>
    <property name="visible">True</property>
    <property name="can_focus">True</property>
    <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_
    <property name="adjustment">1 0 2000 1 10 0</property>
  </widget>
  <packing>
    <property name="expand">False</property>
    <property name="padding">20</property>
    <property name="position">1</property>
  </packing>
</child>
</widget>
<packing>
  <property name="position">2</property>
</packing>
</child>
<child>
  <widget class="GtkHButtonBox" id="hbuttonbox1">
    <property name="visible">True</property>
    <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_BUT
    <property name="layout_style">GTK_BUTTONBOX_SPREAD</property>
  <child>
    <widget class="GtkButton" id="helpBtn">
      <property name="visible">True</property>
      <property name="can_focus">True</property>
      <property name="receives_default">True</property>
      <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_
      <property name="label" translatable="yes">gtk-help</property>
      <property name="use_stock">True</property>
      <property name="response_id">0</property>
      <signal name="clicked" handler="on_helpBtn_clicked"/>
    </widget>
  </child>
  <child>
    <widget class="GtkButton" id="startBtn">
      <property name="visible">True</property>
      <property name="can_focus">True</property>
      <property name="receives_default">True</property>
      <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_
      <property name="label" translatable="yes">gtk-apply</property>
      <property name="use_stock">True</property>
      <property name="response_id">0</property>
      <signal name="clicked" handler="on_startBtn_clicked"/>
    </widget>
    <packing>
      <property name="position">1</property>
    </packing>
  </child>
  <child>
    <widget class="GtkButton" id="quitBtn">
      <property name="visible">True</property>
      <property name="can_focus">True</property>
      <property name="receives_default">True</property>
      <property name="events">GDK_POINTER_MOTION_MASK | GDK_POINTER_MOTION_HINT_MASK | GDK_

```

```
        <property name="label" translatable="yes">gtk-stop</property>
        <property name="use_stock">True</property>
        <property name="response_id">0</property>
        <signal name="clicked" handler="on_quitBtn_clicked"/>
    </widget>
    <packing>
        <property name="position">2</property>
    </packing>
</child>
</widget>
<packing>
    <property name="position">3</property>
</packing>
</child>
</widget>
</child>
</widget>
</glade-interface>
```

## 1.2.2 TK Frontend Example

### Main Program

This is an example simulator that is written using the native tk toolkit. Although it currently does not have a frontend for modifying the context values, it does allow one to expose N virtual modbus devices to a network which is useful for testing data center monitoring tools.

**Note:** The virtual networking code will only work on linux

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
'''
Note that this is not finished
'''
#-----#
# System
#-----#
import os
import getpass
import pickle
from threading import Thread

#-----#
# For Gui
#-----#
from Tkinter import *
from tkFileDialog import askopenfilename as OpenFilename
from twisted.internet import tksupport
root = Tk()
tksupport.install(root)

#-----#
# SNMP Simulator
#-----#
from twisted.internet import reactor
from twisted.internet import error as twisted_error
from pymodbus.server.async import ModbusServerFactory
from pymodbus.datastore import ModbusServerContext, ModbusSlaveContext
```

```

#-----#
# Logging
#-----#
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)

#-----#
# Application Error
#-----#
class ConfigurationException(Exception):
    ''' Exception for configuration error '''
    pass

#-----#
# Extra Global Functions
#-----#
# These are extra helper functions that don't belong in a class
#-----#
def root_test():
    ''' Simple test to see if we are running as root '''
    return getpass.getuser() == "root"

#-----#
# Simulator Class
#-----#
class Simulator(object):
    '''
    Class used to parse configuration file and create and modbus
    datastore.

    The format of the configuration file is actually just a
    python pickle, which is a compressed memory dump from
    the scraper.
    '''

    def __init__(self, config):
        '''
        Tries to load a configuration file, lets the file not
        found exception fall through

        @param config The pickled datastore
        '''
        try:
            self.file = open(config, "r")
        except Exception:
            raise ConfigurationException("File not found %s" % config)

    def _parse(self):
        ''' Parses the config file and creates a server context '''
        try:
            handle = pickle.load(self.file)
            dsd = handle['di']
            csd = handle['ci']
            hsd = handle['hr']
            isd = handle['ir']
        except KeyError:
            raise ConfigurationException("Invalid Configuration")
        slave = ModbusSlaveContext(d=dsd, c=csd, h=hsd, i=isd)

```

```

        return ModbusServerContext(slaves=slave)

def _simulator(self):
    ''' Starts the snmp simulator '''
    ports = [502]+range(20000,25000)
    for port in ports:
        try:
            reactor.listenTCP(port, ModbusServerFactory(self._parse()))
            log.info('listening on port %d' % port)
            return port
        except twisted_error.CannotListenError:
            pass

def run(self):
    ''' Used to run the simulator '''
    reactor.callWhenRunning(self._simulator)

#-----#
# Network reset thread
#-----#
# This is linux only, maybe I should make a base class that can be filled
# in for linux(debian/redhat)/windows/nix
#-----#
class NetworkReset(Thread):
    '''
    This class is simply a daemon that is spun off at the end of the
    program to call the network restart function (an easy way to
    remove all the virtual interfaces)
    '''
    def __init__(self):
        Thread.__init__(self)
        self.setDaemon(True)

    def run(self):
        ''' Run the network reset '''
        os.system("/etc/init.d/networking restart")

#-----#
# Main Gui Class
#-----#
class SimulatorFrame(Frame):
    '''
    This class implements the GUI for the flasher application
    '''
    subnet = 205
    number = 1
    restart = 0

    def __init__(self, master, font):
        ''' Sets up the gui, callback, and widget handles '''
        Frame.__init__(self, master)
        self._widgets = []

#-----#
# Initialize Buttons Handles
#-----#
        frame = Frame(self)
        frame.pack(side=BOTTOM, pady=5)

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button = Button(frame, text="Apply", command=self.start_clicked, font=font)
button.pack(side=LEFT, padx=15)
self._widgets.append(button)

button = Button(frame, text="Help", command=self.help_clicked, font=font)
button.pack(side=LEFT, padx=15)
self._widgets.append(button)

button = Button(frame, text="Close", command=self.close_clicked, font=font)
button.pack(side=LEFT, padx=15)
#self._widgets.append(button) # we don't want to grey this out

#-----#
# Initialize Input Fields
#-----#

frame = Frame(self)
frame.pack(side=TOP, padx=10, pady=5)

self.tsubnet_value = StringVar()
label = Label(frame, text="Starting Address", font=font)
label.grid(row=0, column=0, pady=10)
entry = Entry(frame, textvariable=self.tsubnet_value, font=font)
entry.grid(row=0, column=1, pady=10)
self._widgets.append(entry)

self.tdevice_value = StringVar()
label = Label(frame, text="Device to Simulate", font=font)
label.grid(row=1, column=0, pady=10)
entry = Entry(frame, textvariable=self.tdevice_value, font=font)
entry.grid(row=1, column=1, pady=10)
self._widgets.append(entry)

image = PhotoImage(file='fileopen.gif')
button = Button(frame, image=image, command=self.file_clicked)
button.image = image
button.grid(row=1, column=2, pady=10)
self._widgets.append(button)

self.tnumber_value = StringVar()
label = Label(frame, text="Number of Devices", font=font)
label.grid(row=2, column=0, pady=10)
entry = Entry(frame, textvariable=self.tnumber_value, font=font)
entry.grid(row=2, column=1, pady=10)
self._widgets.append(entry)

#if not root_test():
#    self.error_dialog("This program must be run with root permissions!", True)

#-----#
# Gui helpers
#-----#
# Not callbacks, but used by them
#-----#

def show_buttons(self, state=False):
    ''' Greys out the buttons '''
    state = 'active' if state else 'disabled'
    for widget in self._widgets:
        widget.configure(state=state)

```

```
def destroy_interfaces(self):
    ''' This is used to reset the virtual interfaces '''
    if self.restart:
        n = NetworkReset()
        n.start()

def error_dialog(self, message, quit=False):
    ''' Quick pop-up for error messages '''
    dialog = gtk.MessageDialog(
        parent      = self.window,
        flags       = gtk.DIALOG_DESTROY_WITH_PARENT | gtk.DIALOG_MODAL,
        type        = gtk.MESSAGE_ERROR,
        buttons     = gtk.BUTTONS_CLOSE,
        message_format = message)
    dialog.set_title('Error')
    if quit:
        dialog.connect("response", lambda w, r: gtk.main_quit())
    else: dialog.connect("response", lambda w, r: w.destroy())
    dialog.show()

#-----#
# Button Actions
#-----#
# These are all callbacks for the various buttons
#-----#

def start_clicked(self):
    ''' Starts the simulator '''
    start = 1
    base = "172.16"

    # check starting network
    net = self.tsubnet_value.get()
    octets = net.split('.')
    if len(octets) == 4:
        base = "%s.%s" % (octets[0], octets[1])
        net = int(octets[2]) % 255
        start = int(octets[3]) % 255
    else:
        self.error_dialog("Invalid starting address!");
        return False

    # check interface size
    size = int(self.tnumber_value.get())
    if (size >= 1):
        for i in range(start, (size + start)):
            j = i % 255
            cmd = "/sbin/ifconfig eth0:%d %s.%d.%d" % (i, base, net, j)
            os.system(cmd)
            if j == 254: net = net + 1
        self.restart = 1
    else:
        self.error_dialog("Invalid number of devices!");
        return False

    # check input file
    filename = self.tdevice_value.get()
    if os.path.exists(filename):
        self.show_buttons(state=False)
```

```

        try:
            handle = Simulator(config=filename)
            handle.run()
        except ConfigurationException, ex:
            self.error_dialog("Error %s" % ex)
            self.show_buttons(state=True)
    else:
        self.error_dialog("Device to emulate does not exist!");
        return False

def help_clicked(self):
    ''' Quick pop-up for about page '''
    data = gtk.AboutDialog()
    data.set_version("0.1")
    data.set_name(('Modbus Simulator'))
    data.set_authors(["Galen Collins"])
    data.set_comments(('First Select a device to simulate,\n'
        + 'then select the starting subnet of the new devices\n'
        + 'then select the number of device to simulate and click start'))
    data.set_website("http://code.google.com/p/pymodbus/")
    data.connect("response", lambda w,r: w.hide())
    data.run()

def close_clicked(self):
    ''' Callback for close button '''
    #self.destroy_interfaces()
    reactor.stop()

def file_clicked(self):
    ''' Callback for the filename change '''
    file = OpenFilename()
    self.tdevice_value.set(file)

class SimulatorApp(object):
    ''' The main wx application handle for our simulator
    '''

    def __init__(self, master):
        '''
        Called by wxWindows to initialize our application

        :param master: The master window to connect to
        '''
        font = ('Helvetica', 12, 'normal')
        frame = SimulatorFrame(master, font)
        frame.pack()

#-----#
# Main handle function
#-----#
# This is called when the application is run from a console
# We simply start the gui and start the twisted event loop
#-----#
def main():
    '''
    Main control function
    This either launches the gui or runs the command line application
    '''

```

```

debug = True
if debug:
    try:
        log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
        logging.basicConfig()
    except Exception, e:
        print "Logging is not supported on this system"
simulator = SimulatorApp(root)
root.title("Modbus Simulator")
reactor.run()

#-----#
# Library/Console Test
#-----#
# If this is called from console, we start main
#-----#
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

### 1.2.3 WX Frontend Example

#### Main Program

This is an example simulator that is written using the python wx bindings. Although it currently does not have a frontend for modifying the context values, it does allow one to expose N virtual modbus devices to a network which is useful for testing data center monitoring tools.

**Note:** The virtual networking code will only work on linux

```

#!/usr/bin/env python
'''
Note that this is not finished
'''
#-----#
# System
#-----#
import os
import getpass
import pickle
from threading import Thread

#-----#
# For Gui
#-----#
import wx
from twisted.internet import wxreactor
wxreactor.install()

#-----#
# SNMP Simulator
#-----#
from twisted.internet import reactor
from twisted.internet import error as twisted_error
from pymodbus.server.async import ModbusServerFactory
from pymodbus.datastore import ModbusServerContext, ModbusSlaveContext

#-----#

```

```

# Logging
#-----#
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)

#-----#
# Application Error
#-----#
class ConfigurationException(Exception):
    ''' Exception for configuration error '''
    pass

#-----#
# Extra Global Functions
#-----#
# These are extra helper functions that don't belong in a class
#-----#
def root_test():
    ''' Simple test to see if we are running as root '''
    return getpass.getuser() == "root"

#-----#
# Simulator Class
#-----#
class Simulator(object):
    '''
    Class used to parse configuration file and create and modbus
    datastore.

    The format of the configuration file is actually just a
    python pickle, which is a compressed memory dump from
    the scraper.
    '''

    def __init__(self, config):
        '''
        Tries to load a configuration file, lets the file not
        found exception fall through

        @param config The pickled datastore
        '''
        try:
            self.file = open(config, "r")
        except Exception:
            raise ConfigurationException("File not found %s" % config)

    def _parse(self):
        ''' Parses the config file and creates a server context '''
        try:
            handle = pickle.load(self.file)
            dsd = handle['di']
            csd = handle['ci']
            hsd = handle['hr']
            isd = handle['ir']
        except KeyError:
            raise ConfigurationException("Invalid Configuration")
        slave = ModbusSlaveContext(d=dsd, c=csd, h=hsd, i=isd)
        return ModbusServerContext(slaves=slave)

```

```

def _simulator(self):
    ''' Starts the snmp simulator '''
    ports = [502]+range(20000,25000)
    for port in ports:
        try:
            reactor.listenTCP(port, ModbusServerFactory(self._parse()))
            print 'listening on port', port
            return port
        except twisted_error.CannotListenError:
            pass

def run(self):
    ''' Used to run the simulator '''
    reactor.callWhenRunning(self._simulator)

#-----#
# Network reset thread
#-----#
# This is linux only, maybe I should make a base class that can be filled
# in for linux(debian/redhat)/windows/nix
#-----#
class NetworkReset(Thread):
    '''
    This class is simply a daemon that is spun off at the end of the
    program to call the network restart function (an easy way to
    remove all the virtual interfaces)
    '''
    def __init__(self):
        ''' Initializes a new instance of the network reset thread '''
        Thread.__init__(self)
        self.setDaemon(True)

    def run(self):
        ''' Run the network reset '''
        os.system("/etc/init.d/networking restart")

#-----#
# Main Gui Class
#-----#
class SimulatorFrame(wx.Frame):
    '''
    This class implements the GUI for the flasher application
    '''
    subnet = 205
    number = 1
    restart = 0

    def __init__(self, parent, id, title):
        '''
        Sets up the gui, callback, and widget handles
        '''
        wx.Frame.__init__(self, parent, id, title)
        wx.EVT_CLOSE(self, self.close_clicked)

#-----#
# Add button row
#-----#
panel = wx.Panel(self, -1)

```

```

box = wx.BoxSizer(wx.HORIZONTAL)
box.Add(wx.Button(panel, 1, 'Apply'), 1)
box.Add(wx.Button(panel, 2, 'Help'), 1)
box.Add(wx.Button(panel, 3, 'Close'), 1)
panel.SetSizer(box)

#-----#
# Add input boxes
#-----#
self.tdevice = self.tree.get_widget("fileTxt")
self.tsubnet = self.tree.get_widget("addressTxt")
self.tnumber = self.tree.get_widget("deviceTxt")

#-----#
# Tie callbacks
#-----#
self.Bind(wx.EVT_BUTTON, self.start_clicked, id=1)
self.Bind(wx.EVT_BUTTON, self.help_clicked, id=2)
self.Bind(wx.EVT_BUTTON, self.close_clicked, id=3)

#if not root_test():
#    self.error_dialog("This program must be run with root permissions!", True)

#-----#
# Gui helpers
#-----#
# Not callbacks, but used by them
#-----#
def show_buttons(self, state=False, all=0):
    ''' Greys out the buttons '''
    if all:
        self.window.set_sensitive(state)
        self.bstart.set_sensitive(state)
        self.tdevice.set_sensitive(state)
        self.tsubnet.set_sensitive(state)
        self.tnumber.set_sensitive(state)

def destroy_interfaces(self):
    ''' This is used to reset the virtual interfaces '''
    if self.restart:
        n = NetworkReset()
        n.start()

def error_dialog(self, message, quit=False):
    ''' Quick pop-up for error messages '''
    log.debug("error event called")
    dialog = wx.MessageDialog(self, message, 'Error',
                              wx.OK | wx.ICON_ERROR)
    dialog.ShowModal()
    if quit: self.Destroy()
    dialog.Destroy()

#-----#
# Button Actions
#-----#
# These are all callbacks for the various buttons
#-----#
def start_clicked(self, widget):

```

```
''' Starts the simulator '''
start = 1
base = "172.16"

# check starting network
net = self.tsubnet.get_text()
octets = net.split('.')
if len(octets) == 4:
    base = "%s.%s" % (octets[0], octets[1])
    net = int(octets[2]) % 255
    start = int(octets[3]) % 255
else:
    self.error_dialog("Invalid starting address!");
    return False

# check interface size
size = int(self.tnumber.get_text())
if (size >= 1):
    for i in range(start, (size + start)):
        j = i % 255
        cmd = "/sbin/ifconfig eth0:%d %s.%d.%d" % (i, base, net, j)
        os.system(cmd)
        if j == 254: net = net + 1
    self.restart = 1
else:
    self.error_dialog("Invalid number of devices!");
    return False

# check input file
if os.path.exists(self.file):
    self.show_buttons(state=False)
    try:
        handle = Simulator(config=self.file)
        handle.run()
    except ConfigurationException, ex:
        self.error_dialog("Error %s" % ex)
        self.show_buttons(state=True)
else:
    self.error_dialog("Device to emulate does not exist!");
    return False

def help_clicked(self, widget):
    ''' Quick pop-up for about page '''
    data = gtk.AboutDialog()
    data.set_version("0.1")
    data.set_name(('Modbus Simulator'))
    data.set_authors(["Galen Collins"])
    data.set_comments(('First Select a device to simulate,\n'
        + 'then select the starting subnet of the new devices\n'
        + 'then select the number of device to simulate and click start'))
    data.set_website("http://code.google.com/p/pymodbus/")
    data.connect("response", lambda w,r: w.hide())
    data.run()

def close_clicked(self, event):
    ''' Callback for close button '''
    log.debug("close event called")
    reactor.stop()
```

```

def file_changed(self, event):
    ''' Callback for the filename change '''
    self.file = widget.get_filename()

class SimulatorApp(wx.App):
    ''' The main wx application handle for our simulator
    '''

    def OnInit(self):
        ''' Called by wxWindows to initialize our application

        :returns: Always True
        '''
        log.debug("application initialize event called")
        reactor.registerWxApp(self)
        frame = SimulatorFrame(None, -1, "Pymodbus Simulator")
        frame.CenterOnScreen()
        frame.Show(True)
        self.SetTopWindow(frame)
        return True

#-----#
# Main handle function
#-----#
# This is called when the application is run from a console
# We simply start the gui and start the twisted event loop
#-----#
def main():
    '''
    Main control function
    This either launches the gui or runs the command line application
    '''
    debug = True
    if debug:
        try:
            log.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
            logging.basicConfig()
        except Exception, e:
            print "Logging is not supported on this system"
    simulator = SimulatorApp(0)
    reactor.run()

#-----#
# Library/Console Test
#-----#
# If this is called from console, we start main
#-----#
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

## 1.2.4 Web Frontend Example

```

'''
Pymodbus Web Frontend
=====

```

*This is a simple web frontend using bottle as the web framework.  
This can be hosted using any wsgi adapter.*

```
'''
from bottle import route, request, Bottle
from bottle import jinja2_template as template
from pymodbus.device import ModbusAccessControl
from pymodbus.device import ModbusControlBlock

#-----#
# REST API
#-----#
class Response(object):
    '''
    A collection of common responses for the frontend api
    '''
    successful = { 'status' : 200 }
    failure     = { 'status' : 500 }

class ModbusApiWebApp(object):
    '''
    This is the web REST api interace into the pymodbus
    service. It can be consumed by any utility that can
    make web requests (javascript).
    '''
    _namespace = '/api/v1'

    def __init__(self, server):
        ''' Initialize a new instance of the ModbusApi

        :param server: The current server instance
        '''
        self._server = server

#-----#
# Device API
#-----#
def get_device(self):
    return {
        'mode'           : self._server.control.Mode,
        'delimiter'     : self._server.control.Delimiter,
        'listen-only'   : self._server.control.ListenOnly,
        'identity'      : self._server.control.Identity.summary(),
        'counters'      : dict(self._server.control.Counter),
        'diagnostic'    : self._server.control.getDiagnosticRegister(),
    }

def get_device_identity(self):
    return {
        'identity' : dict(self._server.control.Identity)
    }

def get_device_events(self):
    return {
        'events' : self._server.control.Events
    }

def delete_device_events(self):
    self._server.control.clearEvents()
```

```

        return Response.successful

def get_device_host(self):
    return {
        'hosts' : list(self._server.access)
    }

def post_device_host(self):
    value = request.forms.get('host')
    if value:
        self._server.access.add(value)
    return Response.successful

def delete_device_host(self):
    value = request.forms.get('host')
    if value:
        self._server.access.remove(value)
    return Response.successful

def post_device_delimiter(self):
    value = request.forms.get('delimiter')
    if value:
        self._server.control.Delimiter = value
    return Response.successful

def post_device_mode(self):
    value = request.forms.get('mode')
    if value:
        self._server.control.Mode = value
    return Response.successful

def post_device_reset(self):
    self._server.control.reset()
    return Response.successful

#-----#
# Datastore API
#-----#

#-----#
# Configurations
#-----#
def register_routes(application, register):
    ''' A helper method to register the routes of an application
    based on convention.

    :param application: The application instance to register
    :param register: The bottle instance to register the application with
    '''
    from bottle import route

    methods = dir(application)
    methods = filter(lambda n: not n.startswith('_'), methods)
    for method in methods:
        pieces = method.split('_')
        verb, path = pieces[0], pieces[1:]
        path.insert(0, application._namespace)
        path = '/'.join(path)

```

```
    func = getattr(application, method)
    register.route(path, method=verb, name=method)(func)

def build_application(server):
    ''' Helper method to create and initialize a bottle application

    :param server: The modbus server to pull instance data from
    :returns: An initialized bottle application
    '''
    api = ModbusApiWebApp(server)
    register = Bottle()
    register_routes(api, register)
    return register

#-----#
# Start Methods
#-----#

def RunModbusFrontend(server, port=503):
    ''' Helper method to host bottle in twisted

    :param server: The modbus server to pull instance data from
    :param port: The port to host the service on
    '''
    from bottle import TwistedServer, run
    application = build_application(server)
    run(app=application, server=TwistedServer, port=port)

def RunDebugModbusFrontend(server, port=503):
    ''' Helper method to start the bottle server

    :param server: The modbus server to pull instance data from
    :param port: The port to host the service on
    '''
    from bottle import run

    application = build_application(server)
    run(app=application, port=port)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    from pymodbus.server.async import ModbusServerFactory

    RunDebugModbusFrontend(ModbusServerFactory)
```

# PYMODBUS LIBRARY API DOCUMENTATION

*The following are the API documentation strings taken from the sourcecode*

## 2.1 bit\_read\_message — Bit Read Modbus Messages

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### 2.1.1 API Documentation

#### Bit Reading Request/Response messages

**class** pymodbus.bit\_read\_message.**ReadBitsRequestBase** (*address, count, \*\*kwargs*)

Base class for Messages Requesting bit values

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes a request pdu

**Parameters** *data* – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes a request pdu

**Returns** The encoded pdu

**class** pymodbus.bit\_read\_message.**ReadBitsResponseBase** (*values, \*\*kwargs*)

Base class for Messages responding to bit-reading values

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes response pdu

**Parameters** *data* – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes response pdu

**Returns** The encoded packet message

**getBit** (*address*)

Helper function to get the specified bit's value

**Parameters** **address** – The bit to query

**Returns** The value of the requested bit

**resetBit** (*address*)

Helper function to set the specified bit to 0

**Parameters** **address** – The bit to reset

**setBit** (*address, value=1*)

Helper function to set the specified bit

**Parameters**

- **address** – The bit to set
- **value** – The value to set the bit to

**class** pymodbus.bit\_read\_message.**ReadCoilsRequest** (*address=None, count=None, \*\*kwargs*)

This function code is used to read from 1 to 2000(0x7d0) contiguous status of coils in a remote device. The Request PDU specifies the starting address, ie the address of the first coil specified, and the number of coils. In the PDU Coils are addressed starting at zero. Therefore coils numbered 1-16 are addressed as 0-15.

**execute** (*context*)

Run a read coils request against a datastore

Before running the request, we make sure that the request is in the max valid range (0x001-0x7d0). Next we make sure that the request is valid against the current datastore.

**Parameters** **context** – The datastore to request from

**Returns** The initializes response message, exception message otherwise

**class** pymodbus.bit\_read\_message.**ReadCoilsResponse** (*values=None, \*\*kwargs*)

The coils in the response message are packed as one coil per bit of the data field. Status is indicated as 1= ON and 0= OFF. The LSB of the first data byte contains the output addressed in the query. The other coils follow toward the high order end of this byte, and from low order to high order in subsequent bytes.

If the returned output quantity is not a multiple of eight, the remaining bits in the final data byte will be padded with zeros (toward the high order end of the byte). The Byte Count field specifies the quantity of complete bytes of data.

**class** pymodbus.bit\_read\_message.**ReadDiscreteInputsRequest** (*address=None, count=None, \*\*kwargs*)

This function code is used to read from 1 to 2000(0x7d0) contiguous status of discrete inputs in a remote device. The Request PDU specifies the starting address, ie the address of the first input specified, and the number of inputs. In the PDU Discrete Inputs are addressed starting at zero. Therefore Discrete inputs numbered 1-16 are addressed as 0-15.

**execute** (*context*)

Run a read discrete input request against a datastore

Before running the request, we make sure that the request is in the max valid range (0x001-0x7d0). Next we make sure that the request is valid against the current datastore.

**Parameters context** – The datastore to request from

**Returns** The initialized response message, exception message otherwise

**class** pymodbus.bit\_read\_message.**ReadDiscreteInputsResponse** (*values=None, \*\*kwargs*)

The discrete inputs in the response message are packed as one input per bit of the data field. Status is indicated as 1= ON; 0= OFF. The LSB of the first data byte contains the input addressed in the query. The other inputs follow toward the high order end of this byte, and from low order to high order in subsequent bytes.

If the returned input quantity is not a multiple of eight, the remaining bits in the final data byte will be padded with zeros (toward the high order end of the byte). The Byte Count field specifies the quantity of complete bytes of data.

## 2.2 bit\_write\_message — Bit Write Modbus Messages

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### 2.2.1 API Documentation

#### Bit Writing Request/Response

TODO write mask request/response

**class** pymodbus.bit\_write\_message.**WriteSingleCoilRequest** (*address=None, value=None, \*\*kwargs*)

This function code is used to write a single output to either ON or OFF in a remote device.

The requested ON/OFF state is specified by a constant in the request data field. A value of FF 00 hex requests the output to be ON. A value of 00 00 requests it to be OFF. All other values are illegal and will not affect the output.

The Request PDU specifies the address of the coil to be forced. Coils are addressed starting at zero. Therefore coil numbered 1 is addressed as 0. The requested ON/OFF state is specified by a constant in the Coil Value field. A value of 0XFF00 requests the coil to be ON. A value of 0X0000 requests the coil to be off. All other values are illegal and will not affect the coil.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes a write coil request

**Parameters data** – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes write coil request

**Returns** The byte encoded message

**execute** (*context*)

Run a write coil request against a datastore

**Parameters context** – The datastore to request from

**Returns** The populated response or exception message

**class** pymodbus.bit\_write\_message.**WriteSingleCoilResponse** (*address=None, value=None, \*\*kwargs*)

The normal response is an echo of the request, returned after the coil state has been written.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes a write coil response

**Parameters** **data** – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes write coil response

**Returns** The byte encoded message

**class** pymodbus.bit\_write\_message.**WriteMultipleCoilsRequest** (*address=None, values=None, \*\*kwargs*)

“This function code is used to force each coil in a sequence of coils to either ON or OFF in a remote device. The Request PDU specifies the coil references to be forced. Coils are addressed starting at zero. Therefore coil numbered 1 is addressed as 0.

The requested ON/OFF states are specified by contents of the request data field. A logical ‘1’ in a bit position of the field requests the corresponding output to be ON. A logical ‘0’ requests it to be OFF.”

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes a write coils request

**Parameters** **data** – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes write coils request

**Returns** The byte encoded message

**execute** (*context*)

Run a write coils request against a datastore

**Parameters** **context** – The datastore to request from

**Returns** The populated response or exception message

**class** pymodbus.bit\_write\_message.**WriteMultipleCoilsResponse** (*address=None, count=None, \*\*kwargs*)

The normal response returns the function code, starting address, and quantity of coils forced.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes a write coils response

**Parameters** **data** – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes write coils response

**Returns** The byte encoded message

## 2.3 client.common — Twisted Async Modbus Client

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### 2.3.1 API Documentation

**class** pymodbus.client.common.**ModbusClientMixin**

This is a modbus client mixin that provides additional factory methods for all the current modbus methods. This can be used instead of the normal pattern of:

```
# instead of this
client = ModbusClient(...)
request = ReadCoilsRequest(1,10)
response = client.execute(request)

# now like this
client = ModbusClient(...)
response = client.read_coils(1, 10)
```

**read\_coils** (*address, count=1, unit=0*)

#### Parameters

- **address** – The starting address to read from
- **count** – The number of coils to read
- **unit** – The slave unit this request is targeting

**Returns** A deferred response handle

**read\_discrete\_inputs** (*address, count=1, unit=0*)

#### Parameters

- **address** – The starting address to read from
- **count** – The number of discretes to read
- **unit** – The slave unit this request is targeting

**Returns** A deferred response handle

**read\_holding\_registers** (*address, count=1, unit=0*)

#### Parameters

- **address** – The starting address to read from
- **count** – The number of registers to read
- **unit** – The slave unit this request is targeting

**Returns** A deferred response handle

**read\_input\_registers** (*address, count=1, unit=0*)

#### Parameters

- **address** – The starting address to read from
- **count** – The number of registers to read

- **unit** – The slave unit this request is targeting

**Returns** A deferred response handle

**readwrite\_registers** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**Parameters** **unit** – The slave unit this request is targeting

**Returns** A deferred response handle

**write\_coil** (*address, value, unit=0*)

**Parameters**

- **address** – The starting address to write to
- **value** – The value to write to the specified address
- **unit** – The slave unit this request is targeting

**Returns** A deferred response handle

**write\_coils** (*address, values, unit=0*)

**Parameters**

- **address** – The starting address to write to
- **values** – The values to write to the specified address
- **unit** – The slave unit this request is targeting

**Returns** A deferred response handle

**write\_register** (*address, value, unit=0*)

**Parameters**

- **address** – The starting address to write to
- **value** – The value to write to the specified address
- **unit** – The slave unit this request is targeting

**Returns** A deferred response handle

**write\_registers** (*address, values, unit=0*)

**Parameters**

- **address** – The starting address to write to
- **values** – The values to write to the specified address
- **unit** – The slave unit this request is targeting

**Returns** A deferred response handle

## 2.4 `client.sync` — Twisted Synchronous Modbus Client

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## 2.4.1 API Documentation

**class** `pymodbus.client.sync.ModbusTransactionManager` (*client*)

This is a simply pull producer that feeds requests to the modbus client

**execute** (*request*)

Starts the producer to send the next request to `consumer.write(Frame(request))`

**class** `pymodbus.client.sync.BaseModbusClient` (*framer*)

Interface for a modbus synchronous client. Defined here are all the methods for performing the related request methods. Derived classes simply need to implement the transport methods and set the correct framer.

**close** ()

Closes the underlying socket connection

**connect** ()

Connect to the modbus remote host

**Returns** True if connection succeeded, False otherwise

**execute** (*request=None*)

**Parameters** **request** – The request to process

**Returns** The result of the request execution

**class** `pymodbus.client.sync.ModbusTcpClient` (*host='127.0.0.1', port=502*)

Implementation of a modbus tcp client

**close** ()

Closes the underlying socket connection

**connect** ()

Connect to the modbus tcp server

**Returns** True if connection succeeded, False otherwise

**class** `pymodbus.client.sync.ModbusUdpClient` (*host='127.0.0.1', port=502*)

Implementation of a modbus udp client

**close** ()

Closes the underlying socket connection

**connect** ()

Connect to the modbus tcp server

**Returns** True if connection succeeded, False otherwise

**class** `pymodbus.client.sync.ModbusSerialClient` (*method='ascii', \*\*kwargs*)

Implementation of a modbus udp client

**close** ()

Closes the underlying socket connection

**connect** ()

Connect to the modbus tcp server

**Returns** True if connection succeeded, False otherwise

## 2.5 `client.async` — Twisted Async Modbus Client

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### 2.5.1 API Documentation

#### Implementation of a Modbus Client Using Twisted

Example Run:

```
from pymodbus.client.async import ModbusClientFactory
from pymodbus.bit_read_message import ReadCoilsRequest

def clientTest():
    requests = [ ReadCoilsRequest(0,99) ]
    p = reactor.connectTCP("localhost", 502, ModbusClientFactory(requests))

if __name__ == "__main__":
    reactor.callLater(1, clientTest)
    reactor.run()
```

**class** `pymodbus.client.async.ModbusClientProtocol` (*framer=None*)

This represents the base modbus client protocol. All the application layer code is deferred to a higher level wrapper.

**connectionLost** (*reason*)

Called upon a client disconnect

**Parameters** *reason* – The reason for the disconnect

**connectionMade** ()

Called upon a successful client connection.

**dataReceived** (*data*)

Get response, check for valid message, decode result

**Parameters** *data* – The data returned from the server

**execute** (*request*)

Starts the producer to send the next request to `consumer.write(Frame(request))`

**class** `pymodbus.client.async.ModbusClientFactory`

Simple client protocol factory

**protocol**

alias of `ModbusClientProtocol`

## 2.6 constants — Modbus Default Values

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## 2.6.1 API Documentation

### Constants For Modbus Server/Client

This is the single location for storing default values for the servers and clients.

**class** `pymodbus.constants.Defaults`

A collection of modbus default values

**Port**

The default modbus tcp server port (502)

**Retries**

The default number of times a client should retry the given request before failing (3)

**Timeout**

The default amount of time a client should wait for a request to be processed (3 seconds)

**Reconnects**

The default number of times a client should attempt to reconnect before deciding the server is down (0)

**TransactionId**

The starting transaction identifier number (0)

**ProtocolId**

The modbus protocol id. Currently this is set to 0 in all but proprietary implementations.

**UnitId**

The modbus slave address. Currently this is set to 0x00 which means this request should be broadcast to all the slave devices (really means that all the devices should respond).

**Baudrate**

The speed at which the data is transmitted over the serial line. This defaults to 19200.

**Parity**

The type of checksum to use to verify data integrity. This can be one of the following:

- (E)ven - 1 0 1 0 | P(0)
- (O)dd - 1 0 1 0 | P(1)
- (N)one - 1 0 1 0 | no parity

This defaults to (N)one.

**Bytesize**

The number of bits in a byte of serial data. This can be one of 5, 6, 7, or 8. This defaults to 8.

**Stopbits**

The number of bits sent after each character in a message to indicate the end of the byte. This defaults to 1.

**class** `pymodbus.constants.ModbusStatus`

These represent various status codes in the modbus protocol.

**Waiting**

This indicates that a modbus device is currently waiting for a given request to finish some running task.

**Ready**

This indicates that a modbus device is currently free to perform the next request task.

**On**

This indicates that the given modbus entity is on

**Off**

This indicates that the given modbus entity is off

**SlaveOn**

This indicates that the given modbus slave is running

**SlaveOff**

This indicates that the given modbus slave is not running

## 2.7 Server Datastores and Contexts

*The following are the API documentation strings taken from the sourcecode*

### 2.7.1 store — Datastore for Modbus Server Context

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#### API Documentation

##### Modbus Server Datastore

For each server, you will create a ModbusServerContext and pass in the default address space for each data access. The class will create and manage the data.

Further modification of said data accesses should be performed with [get,set][access]Values(address, count)

##### Datastore Implementation

There are two ways that the server datastore can be implemented. The first is a complete range from 'address' start to 'count' number of indecies. This can be thought of as a straight array:

```
data = range(1, 1 + count)
[1, 2, 3, ..., count]
```

The other way that the datastore can be implemented (and how many devices implement it) is a associate-array:

```
data = {1:'1', 3:'3', ..., count:'count'}
[1, 3, ..., count]
```

The difference between the two is that the latter will allow arbitrary gaps in its datastore while the former will not. This is seen quite commonly in some modbus implementations. What follows is a clear example from the field:

Say a company makes two devices to monitor power usage on a rack. One works with three-phase and the other with a single phase. The company will dictate a modbus data mapping such that registers:

```
n:      phase 1 power
n+1:    phase 2 power
n+2:    phase 3 power
```

Using this, layout, the first device will implement n, n+1, and n+2, however, the second device may set the latter two values to 0 or will simply not implmented the registers thus causing a single read or a range read to fail.

I have both methods implemented, and leave it up to the user to change based on their preference.

**class** pymodbus.datastore.store.**BaseModbusDataBlock**  
Base class for a modbus datastore

**Derived classes must create the following fields:** @address The starting address point @default\_value The default value of the datastore @values The actual datastore values

**Derived classes must implemented the following methods:** validate(self, address, count=1) getValues(self, address, count=1) setValues(self, address, values)

**default** (*count*, *value=False*)  
Used to initialize a store to one value

#### Parameters

- **count** – The number of fields to set
- **value** – The default value to set to the fields

**getValues** (*address*, *count=1*)  
Returns the requested values from the datastore

#### Parameters

- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to retrieve

**Returns** The requested values from a:a+c

**reset** ()  
Resets the datastore to the initialized default value

**setValues** (*address*, *values*)  
Returns the requested values from the datastore

#### Parameters

- **address** – The starting address
- **values** – The values to store

**validate** (*address*, *count=1*)  
Checks to see if the request is in range

#### Parameters

- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to test for

**Returns** True if the request in within range, False otherwise

**class** pymodbus.datastore.store.**ModbusSequentialDataBlock** (*address*, *values*)  
Creates a sequential modbus datastore

**getValues** (*address*, *count=1*)  
Returns the requested values of the datastore

#### Parameters

- **address** – The starting address

- **count** – The number of values to retrieve

**Returns** The requested values from a:a+c

**setValues** (*address, values*)

Sets the requested values of the datastore

**Parameters**

- **address** – The starting address
- **values** – The new values to be set

**validate** (*address, count=1*)

Checks to see if the request is in range

**Parameters**

- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to test for

**Returns** True if the request in within range, False otherwise

**class** pymodbus.datastore.store.**ModbusSparseDataBlock** (*values*)

Creates a sparse modbus datastore

**getValues** (*address, count=1*)

Returns the requested values of the datastore

**Parameters**

- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to retrieve

**Returns** The requested values from a:a+c

**setValues** (*address, values*)

Sets the requested values of the datastore

**Parameters**

- **address** – The starting address
- **values** – The new values to be set

**validate** (*address, count=1*)

Checks to see if the request is in range

**Parameters**

- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to test for

**Returns** True if the request in within range, False otherwise

## 2.7.2 context — Modbus Server Contexts

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### API Documentation

**class** pymodbus.datastore.context.**ModbusSlaveContext** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

This creates a modbus data model with each data access stored in its own personal block

**getValues** (fx, address, count=1)

Validates the request to make sure it is in range

#### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to retrieve

**Returns** The requested values from a:a+c

**reset** ()

Resets all the datastores to their default values

**setValues** (fx, address, values)

Sets the datastore with the supplied values

#### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **values** – The new values to be set

**validate** (fx, address, count=1)

Validates the request to make sure it is in range

#### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to test

**Returns** True if the request in within range, False otherwise

**class** pymodbus.datastore.context.**ModbusServerContext** (slaves=None, single=True)

This represents a master collection of slave contexts. If single is set to true, it will be treated as a single context so every unit-id returns the same context. If single is set to false, it will be interpreted as a collection of slave contexts.

### 2.7.3 remote — Remote Slave Context

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#### API Documentation

**class** pymodbus.datastore.remote.**RemoteSlaveContext** (*client*)

TODO This creates a modbus data model that connects to a remote device (depending on the client used)

**getValues** (*fx, address, count=1*)

Validates the request to make sure it is in range

#### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to retrieve

**Returns** The requested values from a:a+c

**reset** ()

Resets all the datastores to their default values

**setValues** (*fx, address, values*)

Sets the datastore with the supplied values

#### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **values** – The new values to be set

**validate** (*fx, address, count=1*)

Validates the request to make sure it is in range

#### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to test

**Returns** True if the request in within range, False otherwise

### 2.7.4 database — Database Slave Context

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## API Documentation

**class** pymodbus.datastore.database.**DatabaseSlaveContext** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)  
 This creates a modbus data model with each data access stored in its own personal block

**getValues** (fx, address, count=1)  
 Validates the request to make sure it is in range

### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to retrieve

**Returns** The requested values from a:a+c

**reset** ()  
 Resets all the datastores to their default values

**setValues** (fx, address, values)  
 Sets the datastore with the supplied values

### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **values** – The new values to be set

**validate** (fx, address, count=1)  
 Validates the request to make sure it is in range

### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to test

**Returns** True if the request is within range, False otherwise

## 2.7.5 modredis — Redis Slave Context

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## API Documentation

**class** pymodbus.datastore.modredis.**RedisSlaveContext** (\*\*kwargs)  
 This is a modbus slave context using redis as a backing store.

**getValues** (fx, address, count=1)  
 Validates the request to make sure it is in range

### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to retrieve

**Returns** The requested values from a:a+c

**reset** ()

Resets all the datastores to their default values

**setValues** (*fx, address, values*)

Sets the datastore with the supplied values

#### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **values** – The new values to be set

**validate** (*fx, address, count=1*)

Validates the request to make sure it is in range

#### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to test

**Returns** True if the request is within range, False otherwise

## 2.8 diag\_message — Diagnostic Modbus Messages

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### 2.8.1 API Documentation

#### Diagnostic Record Read/Write

These need to be tied into a the current server context or linked to the appropriate data

**class** pymodbus.diag\_message.**DiagnosticStatusRequest**

This is a base class for all of the diagnostic request functions

**decode** (*data*)

Base decoder for a diagnostic request

**Parameters** **data** – The data to decode into the function code

**encode** ()

Base encoder for a diagnostic response we encode the data set in self.message

**Returns** The encoded packet

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.DiagnosticStatusResponse`

This is a base class for all of the diagnostic response functions

It works by performing all of the encoding and decoding of variable data and lets the higher classes define what extra data to append and how to execute a request

**decode** (*data*)

Base decoder for a diagnostic response

**Parameters** *data* – The data to decode into the function code

**encode** ()

Base encoder for a diagnostic response we encode the data set in self.message

**Returns** The encoded packet

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.DiagnosticStatusSimpleRequest` (*data=0*)

A large majority of the diagnostic functions are simple status request functions. They work by sending 0x0000 as data and their function code and they are returned 2 bytes of data.

If a function inherits this, they only need to implement the execute method

**execute** (*\*args*)

Base function to raise if not implemented

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.DiagnosticStatusSimpleResponse` (*data*)

A large majority of the diagnostic functions are simple status request functions. They work by sending 0x0000 as data and their function code and they are returned 2 bytes of data.

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnQueryDataRequest` (*message=0*)

The data passed in the request data field is to be returned (looped back) in the response. The entire response message should be identical to the request.

**execute** (*\*args*)

Executes the loopback request (builds the response)

**Returns** The populated loopback response message

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnQueryDataResponse` (*message=0*)

The data passed in the request data field is to be returned (looped back) in the response. The entire response message should be identical to the request.

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.RestartCommunicationsOptionRequest` (*toggle=False*)

The remote device serial line port must be initialized and restarted, and all of its communications event counters are cleared. If the port is currently in Listen Only Mode, no response is returned. This function is the only one that brings the port out of Listen Only Mode. If the port is not currently in Listen Only Mode, a normal response is returned. This occurs before the restart is executed.

**execute** (*\*args*)

Clear event log and restart

**Returns** The initialized response message

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.RestartCommunicationsOptionResponse` (*toggle=False*)

The remote device serial line port must be initialized and restarted, and all of its communications event counters are cleared. If the port is currently in Listen Only Mode, no response is returned. This function is the only one

that brings the port out of Listen Only Mode. If the port is not currently in Listen Only Mode, a normal response is returned. This occurs before the restart is executed.

**class** pymodbus.diag\_message.**ReturnDiagnosticRegisterRequest** (*data=0*)  
The contents of the remote device's 16-bit diagnostic register are returned in the response

**execute** (*\*args*)  
Execute the diagnostic request on the given device

**Returns** The initialized response message

**class** pymodbus.diag\_message.**ReturnDiagnosticRegisterResponse** (*data*)  
The contents of the remote device's 16-bit diagnostic register are returned in the response

**class** pymodbus.diag\_message.**ChangeAsciiInputDelimiterRequest** (*data=0*)  
The character 'CHAR' passed in the request data field becomes the end of message delimiter for future messages (replacing the default LF character). This function is useful in cases of a Line Feed is not required at the end of ASCII messages.

**execute** (*\*args*)  
Execute the diagnostic request on the given device

**Returns** The initialized response message

**class** pymodbus.diag\_message.**ChangeAsciiInputDelimiterResponse** (*data*)  
The character 'CHAR' passed in the request data field becomes the end of message delimiter for future messages (replacing the default LF character). This function is useful in cases of a Line Feed is not required at the end of ASCII messages.

**class** pymodbus.diag\_message.**ForceListenOnlyModeRequest** (*data=0*)  
Forces the addressed remote device to its Listen Only Mode for MODBUS communications. This isolates it from the other devices on the network, allowing them to continue communicating without interruption from the addressed remote device. No response is returned.

**execute** (*\*args*)  
Execute the diagnostic request on the given device

**Returns** The initialized response message

**class** pymodbus.diag\_message.**ForceListenOnlyModeResponse**  
Forces the addressed remote device to its Listen Only Mode for MODBUS communications. This isolates it from the other devices on the network, allowing them to continue communicating without interruption from the addressed remote device. No response is returned.

This does not send a response

**class** pymodbus.diag\_message.**ClearCountersRequest** (*data=0*)  
The goal is to clear I<sup>2</sup>C counters and the diagnostic register. Also, counters are cleared upon power-up

**execute** (*\*args*)  
Execute the diagnostic request on the given device

**Returns** The initialized response message

**class** pymodbus.diag\_message.**ClearCountersResponse** (*data*)  
The goal is to clear I<sup>2</sup>C counters and the diagnostic register. Also, counters are cleared upon power-up

- 
- class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnBusMessageCountRequest` (*data=0*)  
 The response data field returns the quantity of messages that the remote device has detected on the communications systems since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up
- execute** (*\*args*)  
 Execute the diagnostic request on the given device
- Returns** The initialized response message
- class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnBusMessageCountResponse` (*data*)  
 The response data field returns the quantity of messages that the remote device has detected on the communications systems since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up
- class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnBusCommunicationErrorCountRequest` (*data=0*)  
 The response data field returns the quantity of CRC errors encountered by the remote device since its last restart, clear counter operation, or power-up
- execute** (*\*args*)  
 Execute the diagnostic request on the given device
- Returns** The initialized response message
- class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnBusCommunicationErrorCountResponse` (*data*)  
 The response data field returns the quantity of CRC errors encountered by the remote device since its last restart, clear counter operation, or power-up
- class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnBusExceptionErrorCountRequest` (*data=0*)  
 The response data field returns the quantity of modbus exception responses returned by the remote device since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up
- execute** (*\*args*)  
 Execute the diagnostic request on the given device
- Returns** The initialized response message
- class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnBusExceptionErrorCountResponse` (*data*)  
 The response data field returns the quantity of modbus exception responses returned by the remote device since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up
- class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveMessageCountRequest` (*data=0*)  
 The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device, or broadcast, that the remote device has processed since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up
- execute** (*\*args*)  
 Execute the diagnostic request on the given device
- Returns** The initialized response message
- class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveMessageCountResponse` (*data*)  
 The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device, or broadcast, that the remote device has processed since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up
- class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveNoResponseCountRequest` (*data=0*)  
 The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device, or broadcast, that the remote device has processed since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up
- execute** (*\*args*)  
 Execute the diagnostic request on the given device

**Returns** The initialized response message

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveNoReponseCountResponse` (*data*)

The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device, or broadcast, that the remote device has processed since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveNAKCountRequest` (*data=0*)

The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device for which it returned a Negative Acknowledge (NAK) exception response, since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up. Exception responses are described and listed in section 7 .

**execute** (*\*args*)

Execute the diagnostic request on the given device

**Returns** The initialized response message

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveNAKCountResponse` (*data*)

The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device for which it returned a Negative Acknowledge (NAK) exception response, since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up. Exception responses are described and listed in section 7 .

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveBusyCountRequest` (*data=0*)

The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device for which it returned a Slave Device Busy exception response, since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up.

**execute** (*\*args*)

Execute the diagnostic request on the given device

**Returns** The initialized response message

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveBusyCountResponse` (*data*)

The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device for which it returned a Slave Device Busy exception response, since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up.

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveBusCharacterOverrunCountRequest` (*data=0*)

The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device that it could not handle due to a character overrun condition, since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up. A character overrun is caused by data characters arriving at the port faster than they can be stored, or by the loss of a character due to a hardware malfunction.

**execute** (*\*args*)

Execute the diagnostic request on the given device

**Returns** The initialized response message

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ReturnSlaveBusCharacterOverrunCountResponse` (*data*)

The response data field returns the quantity of messages addressed to the remote device that it could not handle due to a character overrun condition, since its last restart, clear counters operation, or power-up. A character overrun is caused by data characters arriving at the port faster than they can be stored, or by the loss of a character due to a hardware malfunction.

**class** `pymodbus.diag_message.ClearOverrunCountRequest` (*data=0*)

Clears the overrun error counter and reset the error flag

An error flag should be cleared, but nothing else in the specification mentions is, so it is ignored.

**execute** (*\*args*)

Execute the diagnostic request on the given device

**Returns** The initialized response message

```
class pymodbus.diag_message.ClearOverrunCountResponse (data)
    Clears the overrun error counter and reset the error flag
```

## 2.9 device — Modbus Device Representation

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### 2.9.1 API Documentation

#### Modbus Device Controller

These are the device management handlers. They should be maintained in the server context and the various methods should be inserted in the correct locations.

```
class pymodbus.device.ModbusAccessControl
```

This is a simple implementation of a Network Management System table. Its purpose is to control access to the server (if it is used). We assume that if an entry is in the table, it is allowed accesses to resources. However, if the host does not appear in the table (all unknown hosts) its connection will simply be closed.

Since it is a singleton, only one version can possible exist and all instances pull from here.

```
add (host)
    Add allowed host(s) from the NMS table
```

**Parameters** *host* – The host to add

```
check (host)
    Check if a host is allowed to access resources
```

**Parameters** *host* – The host to check

```
remove (host)
    Remove allowed host(s) from the NMS table
```

**Parameters** *host* – The host to remove

```
class pymodbus.device.ModbusDeviceIdentification (info=None)
```

This is used to supply the device identification for the readDeviceIdentification function

For more information read section 6.21 of the modbus application protocol.

```
summary ()
    Return a summary of the main items
```

**Returns** An dictionary of the main items

```
update (input)
    Update the values of this identity using another identify as the value
```

**Parameters** *input* – The value to copy values from

**class** pymodbus.device.**ModbusControlBlock**

This is a global singleton that controls all system information

All activity should be logged here and all diagnostic requests should come from here.

**addEvent** (*event*)

Adds a new event to the event log

**Parameters** *event* – A new event to add to the log

**clearEvents** ()

Clears the current list of events

**getDiagnostic** (*bit*)

This gets the value in the diagnostic register

**Parameters** *bit* – The bit to get

**Returns** The current value of the requested bit

**getDiagnosticRegister** ()

This gets the entire diagnostic register

**Returns** The diagnostic register collection

**getEvents** ()

Returns an encoded collection of the event log.

**Returns** The encoded events packet

**reset** ()

This clears all of the system counters and the diagnostic register

**setDiagnostic** (*mapping*)

This sets the value in the diagnostic register

**Parameters** *mapping* – Dictionary of key:value pairs to set

## 2.10 factory — Request/Response Decoders

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### 2.10.1 API Documentation

#### Modbus Request/Response Decoder Factories

**class** pymodbus.factory.**ServerDecoder**

Request Message Factory (Server)

To add more implemented functions, simply add them to the list

**decode** (*message*)

Wrapper to decode a request packet

**Parameters** `message` – The raw modbus request packet

**Returns** The decoded modbus message or None if error

**f**

alias of `ReadWriteMultipleRegistersRequest`

**lookupPduClass** (*function\_code*)

Use *function\_code* to determine the class of the PDU.

**Parameters** `function_code` – The function code specified in a frame.

**Returns** The class of the PDU that has a matching *function\_code*.

**class** `pymodbus.factory.ClientDecoder`

Response Message Factory (Client)

To add more implemented functions, simply add them to the list

**decode** (*message*)

Wrapper to decode a response packet

**Parameters** `message` – The raw packet to decode

**Returns** The decoded modbus message or None if error

**f**

alias of `ReadWriteMultipleRegistersResponse`

**lookupPduClass** (*function\_code*)

Use *function\_code* to determine the class of the PDU.

**Parameters** `function_code` – The function code specified in a frame.

**Returns** The class of the PDU that has a matching *function\_code*.

## 2.11 interfaces — System Interfaces

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### 2.11.1 API Documentation

#### Pymodbus Interfaces

A collection of base classes that are used throughout the pymodbus library.

**class** `pymodbus.interfaces.Singleton`

Singleton base class <http://mail.python.org/pipermail/python-list/2007-July/450681.html>

**class** `pymodbus.interfaces.IModbusDecoder`

Modbus Decoder Base Class

This interface must be implemented by a modbus message decoder factory. These factories are responsible for abstracting away converting a raw packet into a request / response message object.

**decode** (*message*)

Wrapper to decode a given packet

**Parameters** **message** – The raw modbus request packet

**Returns** The decoded modbus message or None if error

**lookupPduClass** (*function\_code*)

Use *function\_code* to determine the class of the PDU.

**Parameters** **function\_code** – The function code specified in a frame.

**Returns** The class of the PDU that has a matching *function\_code*.

**class** pymodbus.interfaces.**IModbusFramer**

A framer strategy interface. The idea is that we abstract away all the detail about how to detect if a current message frame exists, decoding it, sending it, etc so that we can plug in a new Framer object (tcp, rtu, ascii).

**addToFrame** (*message*)

Add the next message to the frame buffer

This should be used before the decoding while loop to add the received data to the buffer handle.

**Parameters** **message** – The most recent packet

**advanceFrame** ()

Skip over the current framed message This allows us to skip over the current message after we have processed it or determined that it contains an error. It also has to reset the current frame header handle

**buildPacket** (*message*)

Creates a ready to send modbus packet

The raw packet is built off of a fully populated modbus request / response message.

**Parameters** **message** – The request/response to send

**Returns** The built packet

**checkFrame** ()

Check and decode the next frame

**Returns** True if we successful, False otherwise

**getFrame** ()

Get the next frame from the buffer

**Returns** The frame data or ''

**isFrameReady** ()

Check if we should continue decode logic

This is meant to be used in a while loop in the decoding phase to let the decoder know that there is still data in the buffer.

**Returns** True if ready, False otherwise

**populateResult** (*result*)

Populates the modbus result with current frame header

We basically copy the data back over from the current header to the result header. This may not be needed for serial messages.

**Parameters** **result** – The response packet

**processIncomingPacket** (*data, callback*)

The new packet processing pattern

This takes in a new request packet, adds it to the current packet stream, and performs framing on it. That is, checks for complete messages, and once found, will process all that exist. This handles the case when we read N + 1 or 1 / N messages at a time instead of 1.

The processed and decoded messages are pushed to the callback function to process and send.

**Parameters**

- **data** – The new packet data
- **callback** – The function to send results to

**class** pymodbus.interfaces.**IModbusSlaveContext**

Interface for a modbus slave data context

**Derived classes must implemented the following methods:** reset(self) validate(self, fx, address, count=1) getValues(self, fx, address, count=1) setValues(self, fx, address, values)

**decode** (*fx*)

Converts the function code to the datastore to

**Parameters** **fx** – The function we are working with

**Returns** one of [d(iscretes),i(inputs),h(oliding),c(oils)]

**getValues** (*fx, address, count=1*)

Validates the request to make sure it is in range

**Parameters**

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to retrieve

**Returns** The requested values from a:a+c

**reset** ()

Resets all the datastores to their default values

**setValues** (*fx, address, values*)

Sets the datastore with the supplied values

**Parameters**

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address

- **values** – The new values to be set

**validate** (*fx, address, count=1*)

Validates the request to make sure it is in range

#### Parameters

- **fx** – The function we are working with
- **address** – The starting address
- **count** – The number of values to test

**Returns** True if the request in within range, False otherwise

## 2.12 exceptions — Exceptions Used in PyModbus

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### 2.12.1 API Documentation

#### PyModbus Exceptions

Custom exceptions to be used in the Modbus code.

**class** pymodbus.exceptions.**ModbusException** (*string*)  
Base modbus exception

**class** pymodbus.exceptions.**ModbusIOException** (*string=''*)  
Error resulting from data i/o

**class** pymodbus.exceptions.**ParameterException** (*string=''*)  
Error resulting from invalid paramater

**class** pymodbus.exceptions.**NotImplementedException** (*string=''*)  
Error resulting from not implemented function

## 2.13 other\_message — Other Modbus Messages

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### 2.13.1 API Documentation

Diagnostic record read/write

Currently not all implemented

**class** pymodbus.other\_message.**ReadExceptionStatusRequest**

This function code is used to read the contents of eight Exception Status outputs in a remote device. The function provides a simple method for accessing this information, because the Exception Output references are known (no output reference is needed in the function).

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes data part of the message.

**Parameters** *data* – The incoming data

**encode** ()

Encodes the message

**execute** ()

Run a read exception status request against the store

**Returns** The populated response

**class** `pymodbus.other_message.ReadExceptionStatusResponse` (*status*)

The normal response contains the status of the eight Exception Status outputs. The outputs are packed into one data byte, with one bit per output. The status of the lowest output reference is contained in the least significant bit of the byte. The contents of the eight Exception Status outputs are device specific.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes a the response

**Parameters** *data* – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the response

**Returns** The byte encoded message

**class** `pymodbus.other_message.GetCommEventCounterRequest`

This function code is used to get a status word and an event count from the remote device's communication event counter.

By fetching the current count before and after a series of messages, a client can determine whether the messages were handled normally by the remote device.

The device's event counter is incremented once for each successful message completion. It is not incremented for exception responses, poll commands, or fetch event counter commands.

The event counter can be reset by means of the Diagnostics function (code 08), with a subfunction of Restart Communications Option (code 00 01) or Clear Counters and Diagnostic Register (code 00 0A).

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes data part of the message.

**Parameters** *data* – The incoming data

**encode** ()

Encodes the message

**execute** ()

Run a read exception status request against the store

**Returns** The populated response

**class** `pymodbus.other_message.GetCommEventCounterResponse` (*count*)

The normal response contains a two-byte status word, and a two-byte event count. The status word will be all

ones (FF FF hex) if a previously-issued program command is still being processed by the remote device (a busy condition exists). Otherwise, the status word will be all zeros.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes a the response

**Parameters** *data* – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the response

**Returns** The byte encoded message

**class** pymodbus.other\_message.**ReportSlaveIdRequest**

This function code is used to read the description of the type, the current status, and other information specific to a remote device.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes data part of the message.

**Parameters** *data* – The incoming data

**encode** ()

Encodes the message

**execute** ()

Run a read exception status request against the store

**Returns** The populated response

**class** pymodbus.other\_message.**ReportSlaveIdResponse** (*identifier, status=True*)

The format of a normal response is shown in the following example. The data contents are specific to each type of device.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes a the response

Since the identifier is device dependent, we just return the raw value that a user can decode to whatever it should be.

**Parameters** *data* – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the response

**Returns** The byte encoded message

## 2.14 file\_message — File Modbus Messages

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## 2.14.1 API Documentation

### File Record Read/Write Messages

Currently none of these messages are implemented

**class** `pymodbus.file_message.ReadFifoQueueRequest` (*address*)

This function code allows to read the contents of a First-In-First-Out (FIFO) queue of register in a remote device. The function returns a count of the registers in the queue, followed by the queued data. Up to 32 registers can be read: the count, plus up to 31 queued data registers.

The queue count register is returned first, followed by the queued data registers. The function reads the queue contents, but does not clear them.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes the incoming request

**Parameters** *data* – The data to decode into the address

**encode** ()

Encodes the request packet

**Returns** The byte encoded packet

**execute** (*context*)

Run a read exception status request against the store

**Parameters** *context* – The datastore to request from

**Returns** The populated response

**class** `pymodbus.file_message.ReadFifoQueueResponse` (*values*)

In a normal response, the byte count shows the quantity of bytes to follow, including the queue count bytes and value register bytes (but not including the error check field). The queue count is the quantity of data registers in the queue (not including the count register).

If the queue count exceeds 31, an exception response is returned with an error code of 03 (Illegal Data Value).

**classmethod** `calculateRtuFrameSize` (*buffer*)

Calculates the size of a response containing a FIFO queue.

**Parameters** *buffer* – A buffer containing the data that have been received.

**Returns** The number of bytes in the response.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes a the response

**Parameters** *data* – The packet data to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the response

**Returns** The byte encoded message

## 2.15 events — Events Used in PyModbus

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### 2.15.1 API Documentation

#### Modbus Remote Events

An event byte returned by the Get Communications Event Log function can be any one of four types. The type is defined by bit 7 (the high-order bit) in each byte. It may be further defined by bit 6.

**class** pymodbus.events.ModbusEvent

**decode** (*event*)

Decodes the event message to its status bits

**Parameters** *event* – The event to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the status bits to an event message

**Returns** The encoded event message

**class** pymodbus.events.RemoteReceiveEvent (*\*\*kwargs*)

Remote device MODBUS Receive Event

The remote device stores this type of event byte when a query message is received. It is stored before the remote device processes the message. This event is defined by bit 7 set to logic '1'. The other bits will be set to a logic '1' if the corresponding condition is TRUE. The bit layout is:

Bit	Contents
0	Not Used
2	Not Used
3	Not Used
4	Character Overrun
5	Currently in Listen Only Mode
6	Broadcast Receive
7	1

**decode** (*event*)

Decodes the event message to its status bits

**Parameters** *event* – The event to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the status bits to an event message

**Returns** The encoded event message

**class** pymodbus.events.**RemoteSendEvent** (\*\*kwargs)  
Remote device MODBUS Send Event

The remote device stores this type of event byte when it finishes processing a request message. It is stored if the remote device returned a normal or exception response, or no response.

This event is defined by bit 7 set to a logic '0', with bit 6 set to a '1'. The other bits will be set to a logic '1' if the corresponding condition is TRUE. The bit layout is:

```

Bit Contents
-----
0  Read Exception Sent (Exception Codes 1-3)
1  Slave Abort Exception Sent (Exception Code 4)
2  Slave Busy Exception Sent (Exception Codes 5-6)
3  Slave Program NAK Exception Sent (Exception Code 7)
4  Write Timeout Error Occurred
5  Currently in Listen Only Mode
6  1
7  0

```

**decode** (event)  
Decodes the event message to its status bits

**Parameters** event – The event to decode

**encode** ()  
Encodes the status bits to an event message

**Returns** The encoded event message

**class** pymodbus.events.**EnteredListenModeEvent**  
Remote device Entered Listen Only Mode

The remote device stores this type of event byte when it enters the Listen Only Mode. The event is defined by a content of 04 hex.

**decode** (event)  
Decodes the event message to its status bits

**Parameters** event – The event to decode

**encode** ()  
Encodes the status bits to an event message

**Returns** The encoded event message

**class** pymodbus.events.**CommunicationRestartEvent**  
Remote device Initiated Communication Restart

The remote device stores this type of event byte when its communications port is restarted. The remote device can be restarted by the Diagnostics function (code 08), with sub-function Restart Communications Option (code 00 01).

That function also places the remote device into a 'Continue on Error' or 'Stop on Error' mode. If the remote device is placed into 'Continue on Error' mode, the event byte is added to the existing event log. If the remote device is placed into 'Stop on Error' mode, the byte is added to the log and the rest of the log is cleared to zeros.

The event is defined by a content of zero.

**decode** (*event*)

Decodes the event message to its status bits

**Parameters** *event* – The event to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the status bits to an event message

**Returns** The encoded event message

## 2.16 pdu — Base Structures

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### 2.16.1 API Documentation

Contains base classes for modbus request/response/error packets

**class** `pymodbus.pdu.ModbusPDU` (\*\**kwargs*)

Base class for all Modbus messages

**transaction\_id**

This value is used to uniquely identify a request response pair. It can be implemented as a simple counter

**protocol\_id**

This is a constant set at 0 to indicate Modbus. It is put here for ease of expansion.

**unit\_id**

This is used to route the request to the correct child. In the TCP modbus, it is used for routing (or not used at all. However, for the serial versions, it is used to specify which child to perform the requests against. The value 0x00 represents the broadcast address (also 0xff).

**check**

This is used for LRC/CRC in the serial modbus protocols

**classmethod** `calculateRtuFrameSize` (*buffer*)

Calculates the size of a PDU.

**Parameters** *buffer* – A buffer containing the data that have been received.

**Returns** The number of bytes in the PDU.

**decode** (*data*)

Decodes data part of the message.

**Parameters** *data* – is a string object

**Raises** A not implemented exception

**encode** ()

Encodes the message

**Raises** A not implemented exception

---

```

class pymodbus.pdu.ModbusRequest (**kwargs)
    Base class for a modbus request PDU

    doException (exception)
        Builds an error response based on the function

        Parameters exception – The exception to return
        Raises An exception response

class pymodbus.pdu.ModbusResponse (**kwargs)
    Base class for a modbus response PDU

    should_respond
        A flag that indicates if this response returns a result back to the client issuing the request

    _rtu_frame_size
        Indicates the size of the modbus rtu response used for calculating how much to read.

class pymodbus.pdu.ModbusExceptions
    An enumeration of the valid modbus exceptions

class pymodbus.pdu.ExceptionResponse (function_code, exception_code=None, **kwargs)
    Base class for a modbus exception PDU

    decode (data)
        Decodes a modbus exception response

        Parameters data – The packet data to decode

    encode ()
        Encodes a modbus exception response

        Returns The encoded exception packet

class pymodbus.pdu.IllegalFunctionRequest (function_code, **kwargs)
    Defines the Modbus slave exception type ‘Illegal Function’ This exception code is returned if the slave:
        - does not implement the function code **or**
        - is not in a state that allows it to process the function

    decode (data)
        This is here so this failure will run correctly

        Parameters data – Not used

    execute (context)
        Builds an illegal function request error response

        Parameters context – The current context for the message
        Returns The error response packet

```

## 2.17 pymodbus — Pymodbus Library

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## 2.17.1 Pymodbus: Modbus Protocol Implementation

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## 2.18 register\_read\_message — Register Read Messages

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### 2.18.1 API Documentation

#### Register Reading Request/Response

**class** pymodbus.register\_read\_message.**ReadRegistersRequestBase** (*address*, *count*,  
*\*\*kwargs*)

Base class for reading a modbus register

**decode** (*data*)

Decode a register request packet

**Parameters** *data* – The request to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the request packet

**Returns** The encoded packet

**class** pymodbus.register\_read\_message.**ReadRegistersResponseBase** (*values*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Base class for responding to a modbus register read

**decode** (*data*)

Decode a register response packet

**Parameters** *data* – The request to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the response packet

**Returns** The encoded packet

**getRegister** (*index*)

Get the requested register

**Parameters** *index* – The indexed register to retrieve

**Returns** The request register

```
class pymodbus.register_read_message.ReadHoldingRegistersRequest (address=None,
                                                                count=None,
                                                                **kwargs)
```

This function code is used to read the contents of a contiguous block of holding registers in a remote device. The Request PDU specifies the starting register address and the number of registers. In the PDU Registers are addressed starting at zero. Therefore registers numbered 1-16 are addressed as 0-15.

**execute** (*context*)

Run a read holding request against a datastore

**Parameters** *context* – The datastore to request from

**Returns** An initialized response, exception message otherwise

```
class pymodbus.register_read_message.ReadHoldingRegistersResponse (values=None,
                                                                **kwargs)
```

This function code is used to read the contents of a contiguous block of holding registers in a remote device. The Request PDU specifies the starting register address and the number of registers. In the PDU Registers are addressed starting at zero. Therefore registers numbered 1-16 are addressed as 0-15.

```
class pymodbus.register_read_message.ReadInputRegistersRequest (address=None,
                                                                count=None,
                                                                **kwargs)
```

This function code is used to read from 1 to approx. 125 contiguous input registers in a remote device. The Request PDU specifies the starting register address and the number of registers. In the PDU Registers are addressed starting at zero. Therefore input registers numbered 1-16 are addressed as 0-15.

**execute** (*context*)

Run a read input request against a datastore

**Parameters** *context* – The datastore to request from

**Returns** An initialized response, exception message otherwise

```
class pymodbus.register_read_message.ReadInputRegistersResponse (values=None,
                                                                **kwargs)
```

This function code is used to read from 1 to approx. 125 contiguous input registers in a remote device. The Request PDU specifies the starting register address and the number of registers. In the PDU Registers are addressed starting at zero. Therefore input registers numbered 1-16 are addressed as 0-15.

```
class pymodbus.register_read_message.ReadWriteMultipleRegistersRequest (read_address,
                                                                read_count,
                                                                write_address,
                                                                write_registers,
                                                                **kwargs)
```

This function code performs a combination of one read operation and one write operation in a single MODBUS transaction. The write operation is performed before the read.

Holding registers are addressed starting at zero. Therefore holding registers 1-16 are addressed in the PDU as 0-15.

The request specifies the starting address and number of holding registers to be read as well as the starting address, number of holding registers, and the data to be written. The byte count specifies the number of bytes to follow in the write data field.”

**decode** (*data*)

Decode the register request packet

**Parameters** *data* – The request to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the request packet

**Returns** The encoded packet

**execute** (*context*)

Run a write single register request against a datastore

**Parameters context** – The datastore to request from

**Returns** An initialized response, exception message otherwise

**class** pymodbus.register\_read\_message.**ReadWriteMultipleRegistersResponse** (*values=None, \*\*kwargs*)

The normal response contains the data from the group of registers that were read. The byte count field specifies the quantity of bytes to follow in the read data field.

**decode** (*data*)

Decode the register response packet

**Parameters data** – The response to decode

**encode** ()

Encodes the response packet

**Returns** The encoded packet

## 2.19 register\_write\_message — Register Write Messages

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### 2.19.1 API Documentation

#### Register Writing Request/Response Messages

**class** pymodbus.register\_write\_message.**WriteSingleRegisterRequest** (*address=None, value=None, \*\*kwargs*)

This function code is used to write a single holding register in a remote device.

The Request PDU specifies the address of the register to be written. Registers are addressed starting at zero. Therefore register numbered 1 is addressed as 0.

**decode** (*data*)

Decode a write single register packet request

**Parameters data** – The request to decode

**encode** ()

Encode a write single register packet request

**Returns** The encoded packet

**execute** (*context*)

Run a write single register request against a datastore

**Parameters context** – The datastore to request from

**Returns** An initialized response, exception message otherwise

```
class pymodbus.register_write_message.WriteSingleRegisterResponse (address=None,
                                                                    value=None,
                                                                    **kwargs)
```

The normal response is an echo of the request, returned after the register contents have been written.

**decode** (*data*)

Decode a write single register packet request

**Parameters data** – The request to decode

**encode** ()

Encode a write single register packet request

**Returns** The encoded packet

```
class pymodbus.register_write_message.WriteMultipleRegistersRequest (address=None,
                                                                        val-
                                                                        ues=None,
                                                                        **kwargs)
```

This function code is used to write a block of contiguous registers (1 to approx. 120 registers) in a remote device.

The requested written values are specified in the request data field. Data is packed as two bytes per register.

**decode** (*data*)

Decode a write single register packet request

**Parameters data** – The request to decode

**encode** ()

Encode a write single register packet request

**Returns** The encoded packet

**execute** (*context*)

Run a write single register request against a datastore

**Parameters context** – The datastore to request from

**Returns** An initialized response, exception message otherwise

```
class pymodbus.register_write_message.WriteMultipleRegistersResponse (address=None,
                                                                        count=None,
                                                                        **kwargs)
```

“The normal response returns the function code, starting address, and quantity of registers written.

**decode** (*data*)

Decode a write single register packet request

**Parameters data** – The request to decode

**encode** ()

Encode a write single register packet request

**Returns** The encoded packet

## 2.20 `server.sync` — Twisted Synchronous Modbus Server

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### 2.20.1 API Documentation

#### Implementation of a Threaded Modbus Server

**class** `pymodbus.server.sync.ModbusRequestHandler` (*request, client\_address, server*)

Implements the modbus server protocol

This uses the `socketserver.BaseRequestHandler` to implement the client handler.

**decode** (*message*)

Decodes a request packet

**Parameters** *message* – The raw modbus request packet

**Returns** The decoded modbus message or `None` if error

**execute** (*request*)

The callback to call with the resulting message

**Parameters** *request* – The decoded request message

**finish** ()

Callback for when a client disconnects

**handle** ()

Callback when we receive any data

**send** (*message*)

Send a request (string) to the network

**Parameters** *message* – The unencoded modbus response

**setup** ()

Callback for when a client connects

**class** `pymodbus.server.sync.ModbusTcpServer` (*context, framer=None, identity=None*)

A modbus threaded tcp socket server

We inherit and overload the socket server so that we can control the client threads as well as have a single server context instance.

**process\_request** (*request, client*)

Callback for connecting a new client thread

**Parameters**

- **request** – The request to handle
- **client** – The address of the client

**server\_close()**

Callback for stopping the running server

**class** pymodbus.server.sync.**ModbusUdpServer** (*context, framer=None, identity=None*)  
A modbus threaded udp socket server

We inherit and overload the socket server so that we can control the client threads as well as have a single server context instance.

**process\_request** (*request, client*)

Callback for connecting a new client thread

#### Parameters

- **request** – The request to handle
- **client** – The address of the client

**server\_close()**

Callback for stopping the running server

**class** pymodbus.server.sync.**ModbusSerialServer** (*context, framer=None, identity=None, \*\*kwargs*)

A modbus threaded udp socket server

We inherit and overload the socket server so that we can control the client threads as well as have a single server context instance.

**serve\_forever()**

Callback for connecting a new client thread

#### Parameters

- **request** – The request to handle
- **client** – The address of the client

**server\_close()**

Callback for stopping the running server

**pymodbus.server.sync.StartTcpServer** (*context=None, identity=None*)

A factory to start and run a tcp modbus server

#### Parameters

- **context** – The ModbusServerContext datastore
- **identity** – An optional identify structure

**pymodbus.server.sync.StartUdpServer** (*context=None, identity=None*)

A factory to start and run a udp modbus server

#### Parameters

- **context** – The ModbusServerContext datastore
- **identity** – An optional identify structure

`pymodbus.server.sync.StartSerialServer` (*context=None, identity=None, \*\*kwargs*)  
A factory to start and run a udp modbus server

**Parameters**

- **context** – The ModbusServerContext datastore
- **identity** – An optional identify structure

## 2.21 `server.async` — Twisted Asynchronous Modbus Server

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### 2.21.1 API Documentation

#### Implementation of a Twisted Modbus Server

**class** `pymodbus.server.async.ModbusTcpProtocol`  
Implements a modbus server in twisted

**connectionLost** (*reason*)  
Callback for when a client disconnects

**Parameters** *reason* – The client’s reason for disconnecting

**connectionMade** ()  
Callback for when a client connects

Note, since the protocol factory cannot be accessed from the protocol `__init__`, the client connection made is essentially our `__init__` method.

**dataReceived** (*data*)  
Callback when we receive any data

**Parameters** *data* – The data sent by the client

**class** `pymodbus.server.async.ModbusUdpProtocol` (*store, framer=None, identity=None*)  
Implements a modbus udp server in twisted

**datagramReceived** (*data, addr*)  
Callback when we receive any data

**Parameters** *data* – The data sent by the client

**class** `pymodbus.server.async.ModbusServerFactory` (*store, framer=None, identity=None*)  
Builder class for a modbus server

This also holds the server datastore so that it is persisted between connections

**protocol**  
alias of `ModbusTcpProtocol`

`pymodbus.server.async.StartTcpServer` (*context, identity=None*)  
Helper method to start the Modbus Async TCP server

**Parameters**

- **context** – The server data context
- **identify** – The server identity to use (default empty)

`pymodbus.server.async.StartUdpServer` (*context*, *identity=None*)

Helper method to start the Modbus Async Udp server

**Parameters**

- **context** – The server data context
- **identify** – The server identity to use (default empty)

`pymodbus.server.async.StartSerialServer` (*context*, *identity=None*, *framer=<class 'pymodbus.transaction.ModbusAsciiFramer'>*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Helper method to start the Modbus Async Serial server :param context: The server data context :param identify: The server identity to use (default empty) :param framer: The framer to use (default ModbusAsciiFramer)

## 2.22 transaction — Transaction Controllers for Pymodbus

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### 2.22.1 API Documentation

Collection of transaction based abstractions

**class** `pymodbus.transaction.ModbusSocketFramer` (*decoder*)

Modbus Socket Frame controller

Before each modbus TCP message is an MBAP header which is used as a message frame. It allows us to easily separate messages as follows:

```
[          MBAP Header          ] [ Function Code ] [ Data ]
[ tid ][ pid ][ length ][ uid ]
  2b   2b   2b         1b           1b         Nb
```

```
while len(message) > 0:
    tid, pid, length, uid = struct.unpack(">HHHB", message)
    request = message[0:7 + length - 1]
    message = [7 + length - 1:]
```

```
* length = uid + function code + data
* The -1 is to account for the uid byte
```

**addToFrame** (*message*)

Adds new packet data to the current frame buffer

**Parameters** *message* – The most recent packet

**advanceFrame** ()

Skip over the current framed message This allows us to skip over the current message after we have processed it or determined that it contains an error. It also has to reset the current frame header handle

**buildPacket** (*message*)

Creates a ready to send modbus packet

**Parameters** **message** – The populated request/response to send

**checkFrame** ()

Check and decode the next frame Return true if we were successful

**getFrame** ()

Return the next frame from the buffered data

**Returns** The next full frame buffer

**isFrameReady** ()

Check if we should continue decode logic This is meant to be used in a while loop in the decoding phase to let the decoder factory know that there is still data in the buffer.

**Returns** True if ready, False otherwise

**populateResult** (*result*)

Populates the modbus result with the transport specific header information (pid, tid, uid, checksum, etc)

**Parameters** **result** – The response packet

**processIncomingPacket** (*data, callback*)

The new packet processing pattern

This takes in a new request packet, adds it to the current packet stream, and performs framing on it. That is, checks for complete messages, and once found, will process all that exist. This handles the case when we read N + 1 or 1 / N messages at a time instead of 1.

The processed and decoded messages are pushed to the callback function to process and send.

**Parameters**

- **data** – The new packet data
- **callback** – The function to send results to

**class** pymodbus.transaction.**ModbusRtuFramer** (*decoder*)

Modbus RTU Frame controller:

[ Start Wait ]	[ Address ]	[ Function Code ]	[ Data ]	[ CRC ]	[ End Wait ]
3.5 chars	1b	1b	Nb	2b	3.5 chars

Wait refers to the amount of time required to transmit at least x many characters. In this case it is 3.5 characters. Also, if we receive a wait of 1.5 characters at any point, we must trigger an error message. Also, it appears as though this message is little endian. The logic is simplified as the following:

```
block-on-read:
    read until 3.5 delay
    check for errors
    decode
```

The following table is a listing of the baud wait times for the specified baud rates:

Baud	1.5c (18 bits)	3.5c (38 bits)
1200	13333.3 us	31666.7 us
4800	3333.3 us	7916.7 us
9600	1666.7 us	3958.3 us
19200	833.3 us	1979.2 us
38400	416.7 us	989.6 us

1 Byte = start + 8 bits + parity + stop = 11 bits  
 (1/Baud) (bits) = delay seconds

**addToFrame** (*message*)

This should be used before the decoding while loop to add the received data to the buffer handle.

**Parameters** *message* – The most recent packet

**advanceFrame** ()

Skip over the current framed message This allows us to skip over the current message after we have processed it or determined that it contains an error. It also has to reset the current frame header handle

**buildPacket** (*message*)

Creates a ready to send modbus packet

**Parameters** *message* – The populated request/response to send

**checkFrame** ()

Check if the next frame is available. Return True if we were successful.

**getFrame** ()

Get the next frame from the buffer

**Returns** The frame data or ''

**isFrameReady** ()

Check if we should continue decode logic This is meant to be used in a while loop in the decoding phase to let the decoder know that there is still data in the buffer.

**Returns** True if ready, False otherwise

**populateHeader** ()

Try to set the headers *uid*, *len* and *crc*.

This method examines *self.\_\_buffer* and writes meta information into *self.\_\_header*. It calculates only the values for headers that are not already in the dictionary.

Beware that this method will raise an IndexError if *self.\_\_buffer* is not yet long enough.

**populateResult** (*result*)

Populates the modbus result header

The serial packets do not have any header information that is copied.

**Parameters** *result* – The response packet

**processIncomingPacket** (*data*, *callback*)

The new packet processing pattern

This takes in a new request packet, adds it to the current packet stream, and performs framing on it. That is, checks for complete messages, and once found, will process all that exist. This handles the case when we read  $N + 1$  or  $1 / N$  messages at a time instead of 1.

The processed and decoded messages are pushed to the callback function to process and send.

### Parameters

- **data** – The new packet data
- **callback** – The function to send results to

**class** pymodbus.transaction.**ModbusAsciiFramer** (*decoder*)

Modbus ASCII Frame Controller:

```
[ Start ][Address ][ Function ][ Data ][ LRC ][ End ]
  1c      2c        2c         Nc    2c     2c
```

- \* data can be 0 - 2x252 chars
- \* end is '\r\n' (Carriage return line feed), however the line feed character can be changed via a special command
- \* start is ':'

This framer is used for serial transmission. Unlike the RTU protocol, the data in this framer is transferred in plain text ascii.

**addToFrame** (*message*)

Add the next message to the frame buffer This should be used before the decoding while loop to add the received data to the buffer handle.

**Parameters** *message* – The most recent packet

**advanceFrame** ()

Skip over the current framed message This allows us to skip over the current message after we have processed it or determined that it contains an error. It also has to reset the current frame header handle

**buildPacket** (*message*)

Creates a ready to send modbus packet Built off of a modbus request/response

**Parameters** *message* – The request/response to send

**Returns** The encoded packet

**checkFrame** ()

Check and decode the next frame

**Returns** True if we successful, False otherwise

**getFrame** ()

Get the next frame from the buffer

**Returns** The frame data or ''

**isFrameReady** ()

Check if we should continue decode logic This is meant to be used in a while loop in the decoding phase to let the decoder know that there is still data in the buffer.

**Returns** True if ready, False otherwise

**populateResult** (*result*)

Populates the modbus result header

The serial packets do not have any header information that is copied.

**Parameters** **result** – The response packet

**processIncomingPacket** (*data, callback*)

The new packet processing pattern

This takes in a new request packet, adds it to the current packet stream, and performs framing on it. That is, checks for complete messages, and once found, will process all that exist. This handles the case when we read  $N + 1$  or  $1 / N$  messages at a time instead of 1.

The processed and decoded messages are pushed to the callback function to process and send.

**Parameters**

- **data** – The new packet data
- **callback** – The function to send results to

**class** pymodbus.transaction.**ModbusBinaryFramer** (*decoder*)

Modbus Binary Frame Controller:

```
[ Start ][Address ][ Function ][ Data ][ CRC ][ End ]
  1b      1b      1b         Nb    2b     1b
```

\* data can be 0 - 2x252 chars

\* end is '}'

\* start is '{'

The idea here is that we implement the RTU protocol, however, instead of using timing for message delimiting, we use start and end of message characters (in this case { and }). Basically, this is a binary framer.

The only case we have to watch out for is when a message contains the { or } characters. If we encounter these characters, we simply duplicate them. Hopefully we will not encounter those characters that often and will save a little bit of bandwidth without a real-time system.

Protocol defined by jamod.sourceforge.net.

**addToFrame** (*message*)

Add the next message to the frame buffer This should be used before the decoding while loop to add the received data to the buffer handle.

**Parameters** **message** – The most recent packet

**advanceFrame** ()

Skip over the current framed message This allows us to skip over the current message after we have processed it or determined that it contains an error. It also has to reset the current frame header handle

**buildPacket** (*message*)

Creates a ready to send modbus packet

**Parameters** **message** – The request/response to send

**Returns** The encoded packet

**checkFrame** ()

Check and decode the next frame

**Returns** True if we are successful, False otherwise

**getFrame ()**

Get the next frame from the buffer

**Returns** The frame data or ''

**isFrameReady ()**

Check if we should continue decode logic This is meant to be used in a while loop in the decoding phase to let the decoder know that there is still data in the buffer.

**Returns** True if ready, False otherwise

**populateResult (result)**

Populates the modbus result header

The serial packets do not have any header information that is copied.

**Parameters result** – The response packet

**processIncomingPacket (data, callback)**

The new packet processing pattern

This takes in a new request packet, adds it to the current packet stream, and performs framing on it. That is, checks for complete messages, and once found, will process all that exist. This handles the case when we read N + 1 or 1 / N messages at a time instead of 1.

The processed and decoded messages are pushed to the callback function to process and send.

**Parameters**

- **data** – The new packet data
- **callback** – The function to send results to

## 2.23 utilities — Extra Modbus Helpers

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### 2.23.1 API Documentation

#### Modbus Utilities

A collection of utilities for packing data, unpacking data computing checksums, and decode checksums.

`pymodbus.utilities.default (value)`

Given a python object, return the default value of that object.

**Parameters value** – The value to get the default of

**Returns** The default value

`pymodbus.utilities.dict_property` (*store, index*)

Helper to create class properties from a dictionary. Basically this allows you to remove a lot of possible boilerplate code.

**Parameters**

- **store** – The store store to pull from
- **index** – The index into the store to close over

**Returns** An initialized property set

`pymodbus.utilities.pack_bitstring` (*bits*)

Creates a string out of an array of bits

**Parameters** **bits** – A bit array

example:

```
bits = [False, True, False, True]
result = pack_bitstring(bits)
```

`pymodbus.utilities.unpack_bitstring` (*string*)

Creates bit array out of a string

**Parameters** **string** – The modbus data packet to decode

example:

```
bytes = 'bytes to decode'
result = unpack_bitstring(bytes)
```

`pymodbus.utilities.__generate_crc16_table` ()

Generates a crc16 lookup table

**Note:** This will only be generated once

`pymodbus.utilities.computeCRC` (*data*)

Computes a crc16 on the passed in string. For modbus, this is only used on the binary serial protocols (in this case RTU).

The difference between modbus's crc16 and a normal crc16 is that modbus starts the crc value out at 0xffff.

**Parameters** **data** – The data to create a crc16 of

**Returns** The calculated CRC

`pymodbus.utilities.checkCRC` (*data, check*)

Checks if the data matches the passed in CRC

**Parameters**

- **data** – The data to create a crc16 of
- **check** – The CRC to validate

**Returns** True if matched, False otherwise

`pymodbus.utilities.computeLRC(data)`

Used to compute the longitudinal redundancy check against a string. This is only used on the serial ASCII modbus protocol. A full description of this implementation can be found in appendix B of the serial line modbus description.

**Parameters** **data** – The data to apply a lrc to

**Returns** The calculated LRC

`pymodbus.utilities.checkLRC(data, check)`

Checks if the passed in data matches the LRC

**Parameters**

- **data** – The data to calculate
- **check** – The LRC to validate

**Returns** True if matched, False otherwise

`pymodbus.utilities.rtuFrameSize(buffer, byte_count_pos)`

Calculates the size of the frame based on the byte count.

**Parameters**

- **buffer** – The buffer containing the frame.
- **byte\_count\_pos** – The index of the byte count in the buffer.

**Returns** The size of the frame.

The structure of frames with a byte count field is always the same:

- first, there are some header fields
- then the byte count field
- then as many data bytes as indicated by the byte count,
- finally the CRC (two bytes).

To calculate the frame size, it is therefore sufficient to extract the contents of the byte count field, add the position of this field, and finally increment the sum by three (one byte for the byte count field, two for the CRC).

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