
PyREM Documentation

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Example PyREM Scripts

1.1 Example 1

1.1.1 Bash version

```
#!/bin/bash
#
# A simple shell script to run iperf between two machines.

HOST1='alpha'
HOST2='bravo'

ssh $HOST1 "iperf -s &"

sleep 1

ssh $HOST2 "iperf -c $HOST1"

ssh $HOST1 "pkill -u $USER iperf"
```

1.1.2 PyREM version

```
"""
A simple PyREM script to run iperf between two machines.
"""

import time
from pyrem.host import RemoteHost

# Declare two hosts.
HOST1 = RemoteHost('alpha')
HOST2 = RemoteHost('bravo')

# Create tasks to be run on the hosts.
server = HOST1.run(['iperf -s'], quiet=True)
client = HOST2.run(['iperf -c alpha'])

# Start the server task.
server.start()
```

```
# Wait for servers to be ready.
time.sleep(1)

# Run the client task.
client.start(wait=True)

# Clean up.
server.stop()
```

1.2 Example 2

1.2.1 Bash version

```
#!/bin/bash
#
# A shell script to run iperf between multiple machines.

SERVER_HOSTS=('alpha' 'bravo' 'charlie')

# Start the servers.
for host in ${SERVER_HOSTS[@]}
do
    ssh ${host}.cs.washington.edu "iperf -s > /dev/null 2>&1 &"
done

sleep 1

# Run the clients one by one.
for host in ${SERVER_HOSTS[@]}
do
    iperf -c ${host}.cs.washington.edu
done

# Cleanup all the servers.
for host in ${SERVER_HOSTS[@]}
do
    ssh ${host}.cs.washington.edu "pkill -u $USER iperf"
done
```

1.2.2 PyREM version

```
'''
A PyREM script to run iperf between multiple machines.
'''

import time
from pyrem.host import RemoteHost, LocalHost
from pyrem.task import Parallel, Sequential

# Declare the hosts.
SERVER_HOSTS = [RemoteHost(name + '.cs.washington.edu') for name in
               ['alpha', 'bravo', 'charlie']]
CLIENT_HOST = LocalHost()
```

```

# Create tasks to be run on the hosts.
servers = Parallel([host.run(['iperf -s']), quiet=True)
                  for host in SERVER_HOSTS])
client = Sequential([CLIENT_HOST.run(['iperf', '-c', host.hostname])
                  for host in SERVER_HOSTS])

# Start all the servers in parallel.
servers.start()

# Wait for servers to be ready.
time.sleep(1)

# Run the client task.
client.start(wait=True)

# Clean up.
servers.stop()

```

1.3 Example 3

1.3.1 Bash version

```

#!/bin/bash
#
# A shell script to get ping times between multiple machines.

hosts=('alpha' 'bravo' 'charlie' 'delta')
n_hosts=${#hosts[@]}

declare -A pings

for ((i=0; i<$n_hosts; i++))
do
    for ((j=0; j<$n_hosts; j++))
    do
        cmd="ssh ${hosts[$i]} ping -q -c 3 ${hosts[$j]} | grep rtt | awk -F/ '{print \$5}'"
        pings[$i,$j]=${cmd}
    done
done

# Add your favorite method for waiting on remote processes here.

for ((i=0; i<$n_hosts; i++))
do
    echo -n -e "\t${hosts[$i]}"
done
echo ""

for ((i=0; i<$n_hosts; i++))
do
    echo -n -e "${hosts[$i]}"
    for ((j=0; j<$n_hosts; j++))
    do
        echo -n -e "\t${pings[$i,$j]}"
    done

```

```
echo ""
done
```

1.3.2 PyREM version

```
"""
A PyREM script to get ping times between multiple machines.

"""

import re
import time

from pyrem.host import RemoteHost
from graphviz import Digraph

# Declare the hosts.
HOSTNAMES = ['alpha', 'bravo', 'charlie', 'delta']
HOSTS = [RemoteHost(name) for name in HOSTNAMES]

# Create tasks to be run on the hosts.
tests = [src.run(['ping -c 10', dst.hostname], return_output=True)
         for src in HOSTS
         for dst in HOSTS]

# Start all the tests in parallel.
for t in tests:
    t.start()

pings = {host:{} for host in HOSTNAMES}

# Process the ping times.
for t in tests:
    t.wait()
    output = t.return_values['stdout']
    src = t.host
    dst = re.search('PING (.+?) [. ]', output).group(1)
    rtt = re.search('rtt (.+?) = (.+?)/(.+?)/', output).group(3)

    pings[src][dst] = rtt

# Pretty print.
for host in HOSTNAMES:
    print '\t', host,
    for src in HOSTNAMES:
        print '\n', src,
        for dst in HOSTNAMES:
            print '\t', pings[src][dst],
            raw_input("\nPress [ENTER] to continue...\n")

f = Digraph()
for src in HOSTNAMES:
    for dst in HOSTNAMES:
        if src == dst:
            continue
        f.edge(src, dst, label=pings[src][dst])
```

```
f.view()
```

PyREM package

2.1 pyrem.task module

task.py: Contains the main unit of execution in PyREM, the task.

```
class pyrem.task.Task
    Bases: object
```

Abstract class, the main unit of execution in PyREM.

If you would like to define your own type of Task, you should at least implement the `_start`, `_wait`, `_stop`, and `_reset` methods.

Every task that gets started will be stopped on Python exit, as long as that exit can be caught by the `atexit` module (e.g. pressing *Ctrl+C* will be caught, but sending *SIGKILL* will not be caught).

```
return_values
    dict
```

Subclasses of Task should store all of their results in this field and document what the possible return values are.

```
start(wait=False)
    Start a task.
```

This function depends on the underlying implementation of `_start`, which any subclass of Task should implement.

Parameters `wait` (`bool`) – Whether or not to wait on the task to finish before returning from this function. Default `False`.

Raises `RuntimeError` – If the task has already been started without a subsequent call to `reset()`.

```
wait()
    Wait on a task to finish and stop it when it has finished.
```

Raises `RuntimeError` – If the task hasn't been started or has already been stopped.

Returns The `return_values` of the task.

```
stop()
    Stop a task immediately.
```

Raises `RuntimeError` – If the task hasn't been started or has already been stopped.

reset()

Reset a task.

Allows a task to be started again, clears the `return_values`.

Raises `RuntimeError` – If the task has not been stopped.

class `pyrem.task.SubprocessTask`(*command*, *quiet=False*, *return_output=False*, *shell=False*, *require_success=False*)

Bases: `pyrem.task.Task`

A task to run a command as a subprocess on the local host.

This process will be killed when this task is stopped. The return code of the process will be stored in `return_values['retcode']`.

Parameters

- **command** (*list of str*) – The command to execute. Each command-line argument and flag should be a separate element in the command list unless `shell = True`.
- **quiet** (*bool*) – If *True*, the output of this command is not printed. Default *False*.
- **return_output** (*bool*) – If *True*, the output of this command will be saved in `return_values['stdout']` and `return_values['stderr']` when the subprocess is allowed to finish (i.e. when it is waited on instead of being stopped). Default *False*.
`quiet` and `return_output` shouldn't both be true.
- **shell** (*bool*) – If *True*, allocate a shell to execute the process. See: `subprocess.Popen`. Default *False*.
- **require_success** (*bool*) – If *True* and if this task is waited on instead of being stopped, raises a `RuntimeError` if the subprocess has a return code other than 0. Default *False*.

class `pyrem.task.RemoteTask`(*host*, *command*, *quiet=False*, *return_output=False*, *kill_remote=True*)

Bases: `pyrem.task.SubprocessTask`

A task to run a command on a remote host over ssh.

Any processes started on the remote host will be killed when this task is stopped (unless `kill_remote=False` is specified).

`return_values['retcode']` will contain the return code of the ssh command, which should currently be ignored.

host

str

The name of the host the task will run on.

Parameters

- **host** (*str*) – The host to run on.
- **command** (*list of str*) – The command to execute.
- **quiet** (*bool*) – See `SubprocessTask`.
- **return_output** (*bool*) – See `SubprocessTask`.
- **kill_remote** (*bool*) – If *True*, all processes started on the remote server will be killed when this task is stopped.

```
class pyrem.task.Parallel(tasks)
    Bases: pyrem.task.Task
```

A task that executes several given tasks in parallel.

Currently does not capture the return_values of the underlying tasks, this will be fixed in the future.

Parameters **tasks** (list of Task) – Tasks to execute.

```
class pyrem.task.Sequential(tasks)
    Bases: pyrem.task.Task
```

A tasks that executes several given tasks in sequence.

Currently does not capture the return_values of the underlying tasks, this will be fixed in the future.

Parameters **tasks** (list of Task) – Tasks to execute.

2.2 pyrem.host module

host.py: Contains classes for managing remote hosts.

The Host object is a simple wrapper around various sorts of Tasks.

```
class pyrem.host.Host(hostname)
```

Bases: object

Abstract class, an object representing some host.

hostname

str

The name of the host.

run(command, **kwargs)

Build a task to run the command on a remote host.

Parameters

- **command** (list of str) – The command to execute.
- ****kwargs** – Keyword args to be passed to the underlying Task’s init method.

Returns The resulting task.

Return type pyrem.task.Task

```
class pyrem.host.RemoteHost(hostname)
```

Bases: pyrem.host.Host

A remote host.

Parameters **hostname** (*str*) – The hostname of the remote host.

run(command, **kwargs)

Run a command on the remote host.

This is just a wrapper around RemoteTask(self.hostname, ...)

send_file(file_name, remote_destination=None, **kwargs)

Send a file to a remote host with rsync.

Parameters

- **file_name** (*str*) – The relative location of the file on the local host.

- **remote_destination** (*str*) – The destination for the file on the remote host. If *None*, will be assumed to be the same as **file_name**. Default *None*.
- ****kwargs** – Passed to SubprocessTask’s init method.

Returns The resulting task.

Return type pyrem.task.SubprocessTask

get_file (*file_name*, *local_destination*=*None*, ****kwargs**)

Get a file from a remote host with rsync.

Parameters

- **file_name** (*str*) – The relative location of the file on the remote host.
- **local_destination** (*str*) – The destination for the file on the local host. If *None*, will be assumed to be the same as **file_name**. Default *None*.
- ****kwargs** – Passed to SubprocessTask’s init method.

Returns The resulting task.

Return type pyrem.task.SubprocessTask

class pyrem.host.LocalHost

Bases: *pyrem.host.Host*

The local host.

run (*command*, ****kwargs**)

move_file (*file_name*, *destination*, ****kwargs**)

Move a file on the local host.

Parameters

- **file_name** (*str*) – The relative location of the file.
- **destination** (*str*) – The relative destination of the file.
- ****kwargs** – Passed to SubprocessTask’s init method.

Returns The resulting task.

Return type pyrem.task.SubprocessTask

2.3 pyrem.utils module

utils.py: Contains useful utilities to be used in other modules.

pyrem.utils.synchronized (*func*)

Function decorator to make function synchronized on *self._lock*.

If the first argument to the function (hopefully *self*) does not have a *_lock* attribute, then this decorator does nothing.

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