VDRP Documentation

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VDRP the Virus Data Reduction Pipeline is a collection of scripts and FORTRAN programs for astrometry, throughput and flux limit calculation.

VDRP currently supports only python 2.7.

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CHAPTER 1

User documentation

1.1 Astrometry routines

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1.3 Fluxlimit routines

1.3.1 Setting up and running the fluxlimit calculations

To calculate the fluxlimit cube of a given night shot call:

```
vdrp_setup_flim night shot
```

This will create a subdirectory tree of the form nightvshot/flim and in there a slurm batch script named flimnightvshot.slurm and the corresponding input files. Running the script as

```
vdrp_setup_flim --commit night shot
```

the slurm script will be sent to the batch system automatically. If needed the default runtime of 06:00:00 can be modified using –runtime on the command line.

1.4 Spectral line extraction routines

Developer documentation

2.1 Contribute to VDRP

2.1.1 How To

The suggested workflow for implementing bug fixes and/or new features is the following:

- Identify or, if necessary, add to our redmine issue tracker one or more issues to tackle. Multiple issues can be addressed together if they belong together. Assign the issues to yourself.
- Create a new branch from the trunk with a name either referring to the topic or the issue to solve. E.g. if you need to add a new executable, tracked by issue #1111 do_something:

```
svn cp ^/trunk ^/branches/do_something_1111\
-m 'create branch to solve issue #1111'
```

• Switch to the branch:

```
svn switch ^/branches/do_something_1111
```

• Implement the required changes and don't forget to track your progress on redmine. If the feature/bug fix requires a large amount of time, we suggest, when possible, to avoid one big commit at the end in favour of smaller commits. In this way, in case of breakages, is easier to traverse the branch history and find the offending code. For each commit you should add an entry in the Changelog file.

If you work on multiple issues on the same branch, close one issue before proceeding to the next. When closing one issue is good habit to add in the description on the redmine the revision that resolves it.

• Every function or class added or modified should be adequately documented as described in *Coding style*.

Documentation is essential both for users and for your fellow developers to understand the scope and signature of functions and classes. If a new module is added, it should be also added to the documentation in the appropriate place. See the existing documentation for examples.

Each executable should be documented and its description should contain enough information and examples to allow users to easily run it.

- Every functionality should be thoroughly tested for python 3.5 or 3.6 in order to ensure that the code behaves as expected and that future modifications will not break existing functionalities. When fixing bugs, add tests to ensure that the bug will not repeat. For more information see *Testing*.
- Once the issue(s) are solved and the branch is ready, merge any pending change **from** the trunk:

```
svn merge ^/trunk
```

While doing the merge, you might be asked to manually resolve one or more conflicts. Once all the conflicts have been solved, commit the changes with a meaningful commit message, e.g.: merge ^/trunk into ^/branches/do_something_1111. Then rerun the test suite to make sure your changes do not break functionalities implemented while you were working on your branch.

• Then contact the maintainer of fplaneserver and ask to merge your branch back to the trunk.

Information about branching and merging can be found in the svn book. For any questions or if you need support do not hesitate to contact the maintainer or the other developers.

2.1.2 Coding style

All the code should be compliant with the official python style guidelines described in **PEP 8**. To help you keep the code in spec, we suggest to install plugins that check the code for you, like Synstastic for vim or flycheck for Emacs.

The code should also be thoroughly documented using the numpy style. See the existing documentation for examples.

2.1.3 Testing

Note: Every part of the code should be tested and should run at least under python 3.5 and possibly 3.6

fplaneserver uses the testing framework provided by the robot framework package. The tests should cover every aspect of a function or method. If exceptions are explicitly raised, this should also tested to ensure that the implementation behaves as expected.

The preferred way to run the tests is using tox, an automatised test help package. If you have installed tox, with e.g. pip install tox, you can run it by typing:

```
tox
```

It will take care of creating virtual environments for every supported version of python, if it exists on the system, install fplaneserver, its dependences and the packages necessary to run the tests and runs py.test

You can run the tests for a specific python version using:

```
python -m robot
```

A code coverage report is also created and can be visualized opening into a browser cover/index.html.

Besides running the tests, the tox command also builds, by default, the documentation and collates the coverage tests from the various python interpreters and can copy then to some directory. To do the latter create, if necessary, the configuration file ~/.config/little_deploy.cfg and add to it a section called fplaneserver with either one or both of the following options:

```
[fplaneserver]
```

```
\# if given the deploys the documentation to the given dir doc = /path/to/dir
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```
# if given the deploys the coverage report to the given dir
cover = /path/to/other/dir

# it's also possible to insert the project name and the type of the document
# to deploy using the {project} and {type_} placeholders. E.g
# cover = /path/to/dir/{project}_{type_}
# will be expanded to /path/to/dir/fplaneserver_cover
```

For more information about the configuration file check little_deploy.

2.1.4 Documentation

To build the documentation you need the additional dependences described in pydep. They can be installed by hand or during fplaneserver installation by executing one of the following commands on a local copy:

```
pip install /path/to/fplaneserver[doc]
pip install /path/to/fplaneserver[livedoc]
```

The first install sphinx, the alabaster theme and the numpydoc extension; the second also installs sphinx-autobuild.

To build the documentation in html format go to the doc directory and run:

```
make html
```

The output is saved in _doc/build/html. For the full list of available targets type make help.

If you are updating the documentation and want avoid the edit-compile-browser refresh cycle, and you have installed sphinx-autobuild, type:

```
make livehtml
```

then visit http://127.0.0.1:8000. The html documentation is automatically rebuilt after every change of the source and the browser reloaded.

Please make sure that every module in fplaneserver is present in the Code documentation.

2.2 Code documentation

- 2.2.1 astrometry Astrometry routines
- 2.2.2 calc fluxlim Fluxlimit calculation routines
- 2.2.3 cltools Commandine tools
- 2.2.4 cofes vis Visualization routines
- 2.2.5 containers Container structures
- 2.2.6 daophot Daophot helper routines
- 2.2.7 extraction Spectrum extraction routines
- 2.2.8 file_tools File access routines

Checks if a night/shot specific throughput file exists.

If true, return the filename, otherise the filename for an average throughput file.

Parameters

```
path [str] Path to the throughput filesshotname [str] Name of the shot
```

- 2.2.9 fit_radec RA/DEC fitting routines
- 2.2.10 fplane_client FPlane retrieval routines
- 2.2.11 jobsplitter Jobsplitter slurm setup tool

```
vdrp.jobsplitter.create_job_file(fname, commands, n_nodes, jobs_per_file, jobs_per_node, args)
```

```
vdrp.jobsplitter.getDefaults()
```

Get the defaults for the argument parser. Separating this out from the get_arguments routine allows us to use different defaults when using the jobsplitter from within a differen script.

```
vdrp.jobsplitter.get_arguments(parser)
```

Add command line arguments for the jobsplitter, this function can be called from another tool, adding job splitter support.

Parameters

```
parser [argparse.ArgumentParser]
vdrp.jobsplitter.main(args)
vdrp.jobsplitter.n_needed(njobs, limit)
vdrp.jobsplitter.parse_args(argv)
     Command line parser
          Parameters
              argv [list of strings] list to parsed
          Returns
              namespace: Parsed arguments
vdrp.jobsplitter.run()
2.2.12 mphelpers - MPHelpers - Parallel processing routines
class vdrp.mphelpers.MPPool(jobnum, num_proc)
     Pool of threads consuming tasks from a queue
     add_task (func, *args, **kargs)
          Add a task to the queue
     wait_completion()
          Wait for completion of all the tasks in the queue
class vdrp.mphelpers.MPWorker(name, tasks)
     Bases: multiprocessing.process.Process
     Thread executing tasks from a given tasks queue
     run()
          Method to be run in sub-process; can be overridden in sub-class
class vdrp.mphelpers.ThreadPool(num_threads)
     Pool of threads consuming tasks from a queue
     add_task (func, *args, **kargs)
          Add a task to the queue
     wait completion()
          Wait for completion of all the tasks in the queue
class vdrp.mphelpers.ThreadShutDownException
class vdrp.mphelpers.ThreadWorker(name, tasks)
     Bases: threading. Thread
     Thread executing tasks from a given tasks queue
     run()
          Method representing the thread's activity.
          You may override this method in a subclass. The standard run() method invokes the callable object passed
          to the object's constructor as the target argument, if any, with sequential and keyword arguments taken
          from the args and kwargs arguments, respectively.
vdrp.mphelpers.mp_run (func, args, rargv, parser)
vdrp.mphelpers.shutdownThread()
```

```
2.2.13 mplog - Mplog - Parallel process logging
```

2.2.14 photometry - Throughput measurement routines

```
2.2.15 programs - FORTRAN program interfaces
```

2.2.16 setup_fluxlim - Fluxlimit setup routines

2.2.17 star extraction - Stellar Extraction routines

2.2.18 utils - VDRP utility routines

2.2.19 vdrp_helpers - VDRP helper routines

```
class vdrp.vdrp_helpers.VdrpInfo(*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: collections.OrderedDict
    classmethod read(dir, filename='vdrp_info.pickle')
    save(dir, filename='vdrp_info.pickle')
vdrp.vdrp_helpers.read_data(filename)
vdrp.vdrp_helpers.run_command(cmd, input=None, wdir=None)
    Run and fortran command sending the optional input string on stdin.
```

Parameters

cmd [str] The command to be run, must be full path to executable
input [str, optional] Input to be sent to the command through stdin.
vdrp_helpers.save_data(d, filename)

2.2.20 vdrprunner - VDRP batch runner

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About

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