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**PACSWG**

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## INSTALLATION

Install using pip:

```
$ pip install pacswg
```

Upgrading:

```
pip install pacswg --upgrade
```

For installation in development mode:

```
git clone https://github.com/nimamahmoudi/pacswg
cd pacswg
# have docker installed before this line, it generates the README.rst file
source .travis/build.sh
pip install -e .
```



**USAGE**

The following example shows how we can use this module with any library for making the requests:

```
import requests
import time
import pacswg
import pandas as pd

site_url = 'https://nima-dev.com/'

# the worker function should return a dict with each item having a single value
# return any value you want to keep track of in the dictionary
def worker_func():
    client_start_time = time.time() # current timestamp
    resp = requests.get(site_url)
    client_end_time = time.time() # current timestamp
    resp_len = len(resp.content)
    resp_millis = resp.elapsed.microseconds / 1000
    return {
        'resp_len': resp_len,
        'resp_millis': resp_millis,
        'client_start_time': client_start_time,
        'client_end_time': client_end_time,
    }

# Test the worker function
print(worker_func())

# Create the PACS Workload Generator
wg = pacswg.WorkloadGenerator(worker_func=worker_func, delay_func=lambda x: 1/x,
                              rps=3, worker_thread_count=100)

wg.start_workers()
wg.prepare_test()

timer = pacswg.TimerClass()

# reset the timer
timer.tic()
while timer.toc() < 10:
    wg.fire_wait()
wg.stop_workers()

# Get the results from the workers
res = wg.get_stats()
```

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```
print('Number of requests:', len(res))
df_res = pd.DataFrame(data=res)

# print the pandas dataframe
print(df_res.head())
```

Which results in the following output:

```
{'resp_len': 53020, 'resp_millis': 122.752, 'client_start_time': 1579129304.3390362,
↪ 'client_end_time': 1579129304.4707813}
```

Number of requests: 30

	resp_len	resp_millis	client_start_time	client_end_time
0	53020	119.270	1.579129e+09	1.579129e+09
1	53020	125.307	1.579129e+09	1.579129e+09
2	53020	120.665	1.579129e+09	1.579129e+09
3	53020	141.177	1.579129e+09	1.579129e+09
4	53020	132.713	1.579129e+09	1.579129e+09



## API REFERENCE

### 3.1 Workload Generator

**class** `wg.WorkerThread` (*parent*, *sleep\_time=2*)

This constructor should always be called with keyword arguments. Arguments are:

*group* should be `None`; reserved for future extension when a `ThreadGroup` class is implemented.

*target* is the callable object to be invoked by the `run()` method. Defaults to `None`, meaning nothing is called.

*name* is the thread name. By default, a unique name is constructed of the form “Thread-N” where N is a small decimal number.

*args* is the argument tuple for the target invocation. Defaults to `()`.

*kwargs* is a dictionary of keyword arguments for the target invocation. Defaults to `{}`.

If a subclass overrides the constructor, it must make sure to invoke the base class constructor (`Thread.__init__()`) before doing anything else to the thread.

**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.

**class** `wg.WorkloadGenerator` (*worker\_func*, *rps=0.16666666666666666*, *delay\_func=None*,  
*worker\_thread\_count=10*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)

`WorkloadGenerator` is the class responsible for generating the desired workload using the delay function provided, to achieve the target requests per second.

**Returns** an instance of the `WorkloadGenerator` class

**Return type** object

`__init__` for `WorkloadGenerator` class.

**Parameters**

- **worker\_func** (*function*) – the worker function that will be called by the worker threads, it shouldn’t have any arguments and should return a dict.
- **rps** (*float*, *optional*) – desired requests per second to be achieved by the workload generator, defaults to 10/60
- **delay\_func** (*function*, *optional*) – the function that generates a draw from inter-arrival time given *rps* as an argument, defaults to exponential distribution

- **worker\_thread\_count** (*int*, *optional*) – number of worker threads, defaults to 10

**fire()**

fire causes one of the worker threads to call worker\_func once

**fire\_wait()**

fire\_wait fires a request, generates an inter-arrival delay using delay\_finc, then waits for that amount of time.

**get\_stats()**

get\_stats gathers the values generated by calling the workload function throughout the test.

**Returns** stats

**Return type** array of dicts

**prepare\_test()**

prepare\_test resets the timer that will be used to time the requests.

**reset\_stats()**

reset\_stats resets the info gathered from worker threads.

**Returns** success

**Return type** boolean

**set\_rps** (*new\_rps*)

set\_rps sets the number of requests per second that will be made by the workers.

**Parameters** **new\_rps** (*float*) – the new rps

**Returns** success

**Return type** boolean

**start\_workers()**

start\_workers starts up the worker pool

**stop\_workers()**

stop\_workers stops all workers and waits until the threads are all shut down.

**Returns** success

**Return type** boolean

**wg.get\_random\_wait\_time** (*rps*)

get\_random\_wait\_time generates random exponential inter-arrival times corresponding to Poisson process.

**Parameters** **rps** (*float*) – rps or requests per second is the target number of requests per second

**Returns** a draw from the resulting exponential distribution for inter-arrival time

**Return type** float

## 3.2 Timer

**class** `timer.TimerClass`

TimerClass is an object that can help with timing different components of the execution.

**Returns** TimerClass object

**Return type** object

**tic()**

tic resets the starting time fo the timer. toc() will get seconds past since calling tic().

**toc()**

**toc** calculates the number of seconds passed since tic() has been called, or object has been created, whichever is more recent.

**Returns** elapsed time since time reference

**Return type** float

**toc\_print()**

toc\_print prints the value returned by toc\_str

**Returns** number of seconds elapsed with 2 digits of precision.

**Return type** string

**toc\_str()**

toc\_str returns the time elapsed in string with 2 digits of precision. This is for user printing mainly.

**Returns** number of seconds elapsed with 2 digits of precision.

**Return type** string

`timer.get_time_in_secs(s)`

get\_time\_in\_secs converts the string given to seconds, e.g. 1h is converted to 3600.

**Parameters** *s* (*string*) – input string of the format “Nu” where N is a number and u is a unit (s/m/h/d/w).

**Returns** Number of seconds

**Return type** float



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