

Commanding  
c++ with  
python

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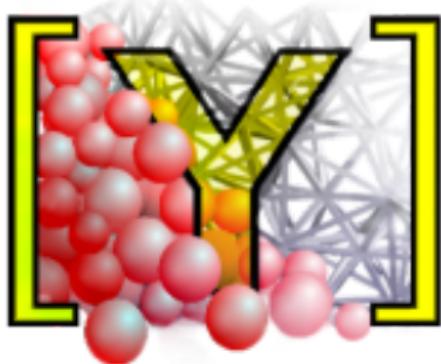
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# History and motivation: tired of clicking?

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- How to make computers do more work for you?
- ☕ Automation.
- 🚧 Load, run for a while, save simulation and quit.
- 🚧 Run preprocessor with some parameters.
- ☠ Parametric study with mouse?

# More about python

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☞ [www.python.org](http://www.python.org)

- Object-oriented scripting (interpreted) language.
- Easy to learn.
- ☞ Huge standard library.
- Excellent ☞ documentation including ☞ tutorial and ☞ books.
- “Easy” to ☞ embed in a c/c++ program.



Syntax note: Python uses brackets [...] for lists, {...} for dictionaries, (...) for tuples; code blocks are marked by indentation.

# Creating simulation in python

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## Basic steps:

- 1 create and place bodies
- 2 create initializers and engines
- 3 set time step
- 4 save/run

# Manipulating c++ objects from python

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Yade root classes: `Body`, `Interaction`,  
`PhysicalAction`, `GeometricalModel`,  
`InteractingGeometry`,  
`PhysicalParameters`, `BoundingVolume`,  
`InteractionPhysics`,  
`InteractionGeometry`, `MetaEngine`,  
`StandAloneEngine`, `EngineUnit`

- Creating an instance of `root` c++ class in python.
- Instance of any derived class.
- Setting/getting basic (“fundamental”) attributes.
- Setting/getting attributes which are themselves Yade classes.

# Omega elements

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## ☞ Omega().

- engines
- initializers
- bodies
- actions
- interactions

## ☞ scripts/simple-scene.py

# Travaux pratiques

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- 1 Create simple simulation
- 2 (intermezzo) defining functions, importing modules
- 3 Create more complex simulation (cylindrical packing)
- 4 Inspect simulation at runtime
- 5 Call python from c++ (PythonPeriodicRunner)
- 6 Complex example: uniaxial tension-compression test

# Thanks for your attention

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