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# **iolink**

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IO-Link is a standardized point-to-point connection down at the edge layer of the factory automation pyramid.

The **iolink** Python package allows access to IO-Link devices from within Python, by providing a common abstraction layer to different IO-Link adapters.

Note that for now, only the iqLink® device is supported and only under Windows.

The following example prints the product name of a connected device, by reading out the standard ISDU parameter 0x12.

```
import iolink

# create a port instance
with iolink.get_port(interface='iqLink') as port:
    # change state of the connected device to "Operate"
    port.change_device_state_to('Operate')
    # read standard ISDU
    isdu_0x12_data = port.read_device_isdu(0x12, 0)
    # convert the received bytes object that's supposed
    # to be an ASCII string to a standard Python 3 string
    # and print the result
    print(f'Product Name: {isdu_0x12_data.decode("utf8")}')
```



## INSTALLATION

### 1.1 How to install iolink itself

Install **iolink** from PyPI using `pip`:

```
$ python -m pip install iolink
```

This makes sure that the `pip` you are using belongs to your Python distribution. But you may also do it with:

```
$ pip install iolink
```

### 1.2 Dependencies that are required

#### 1.2.1 When using an iqLink®

- Download the iqDLL (iqcomm.dll) from the [IQ2 website](#).
- Make the iqDLL available to `iolink` by copying the iqcomm.dll file:
  - to the same directory where your main Python file resides, or by
  - copying the file to a known location in your system and adding this directory to the `PATH` environment variable.





## API DOCUMENTATION

`iolink.get_port` (*interface*)

Factory of specific instances of the abstract Port class.

**Parameters** `interface` (*str*) – ID of your IO-Link master device - currently only *iqLink* is supported.

**class** `iolink.port.PortABC`

Abstract base class that represents one Masters IO-Link port.

**abstract** `change_device_state_to` (*target\_state: str*)

Sends a request to the device to change the state.

**Parameters** `target_state` (*str*) – allowed strings are ‘Inactive’, ‘PreOperate’ or ‘Operate’.

**abstract** `get_device_pd_input_and_status` () → Tuple[bytes, int]

Gets the input process data from a device and the state information.

**abstract** `power_off` ()

Switches off the IO-Link power line of the port.

**abstract** `power_on` ()

Switches on the IO-Link power line of the port.

**abstract** `read_device_isdu` (*index: int, subindex: int*)

Reads content of a parameter from the device.

**abstract** `set_device_pd_output` (*data: bytes*)

Sets the output process data for a device.

**abstract** `write_device_isdu` (*index: int, subindex: int, data*)

Writes content of a parameter from the device.

Make sure the size of the data matches the size of the devices parameter.



## TRADEMARKS

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