

Writing an Agent From Scratch

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- Overview of the template's code
- Implementation of the sine oscillator
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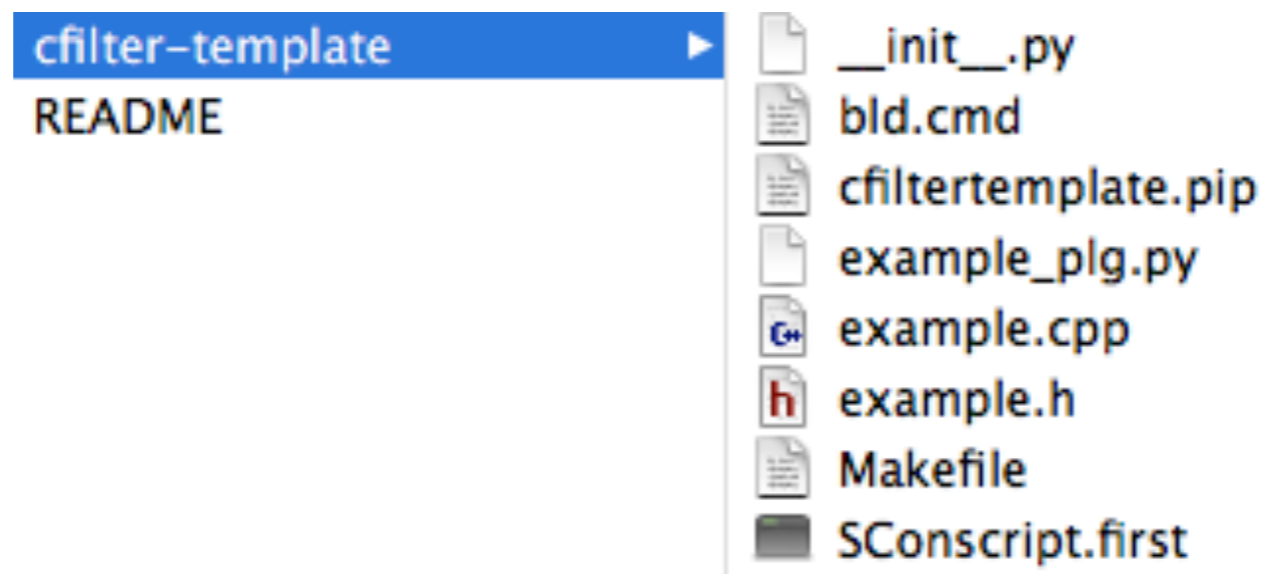
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Get it from GitHub

Inside your work directory type:

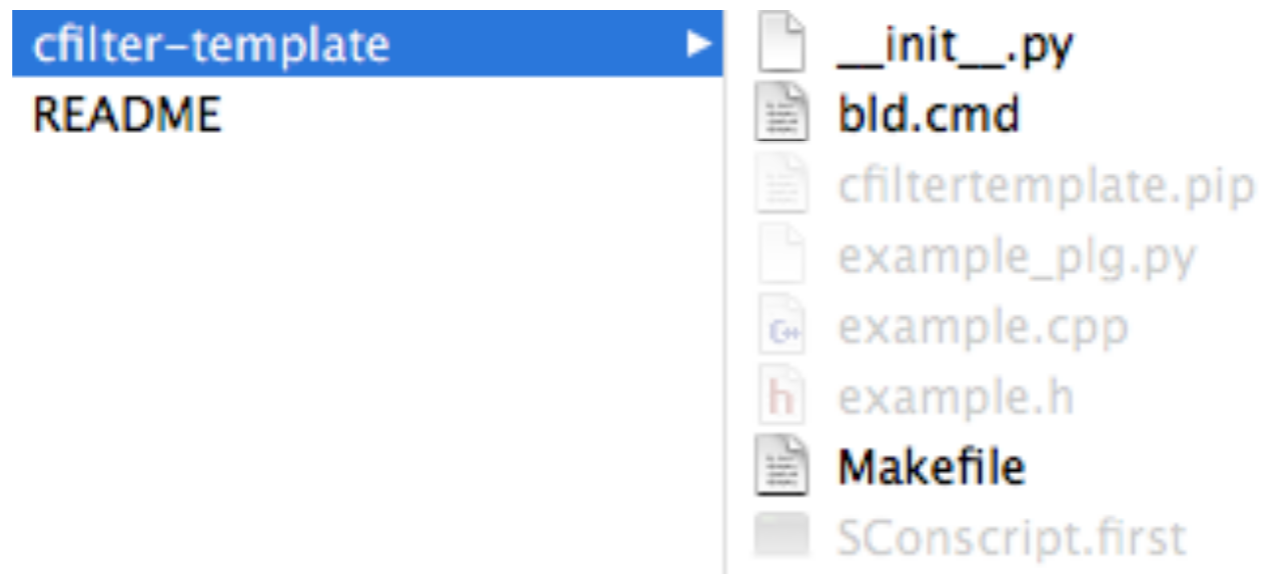
```
git clone git://github.com/Eigenlabs/EigenD-Example.git
```

You'll get the following files:



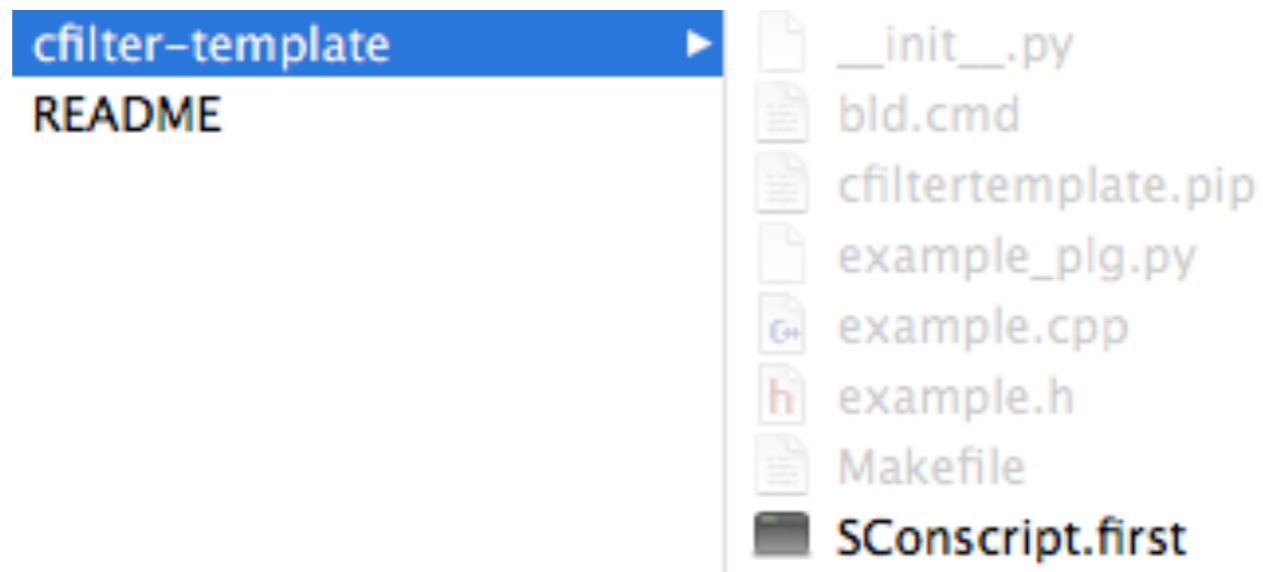
What's in the template?

- Boilerplate build system and packaging files



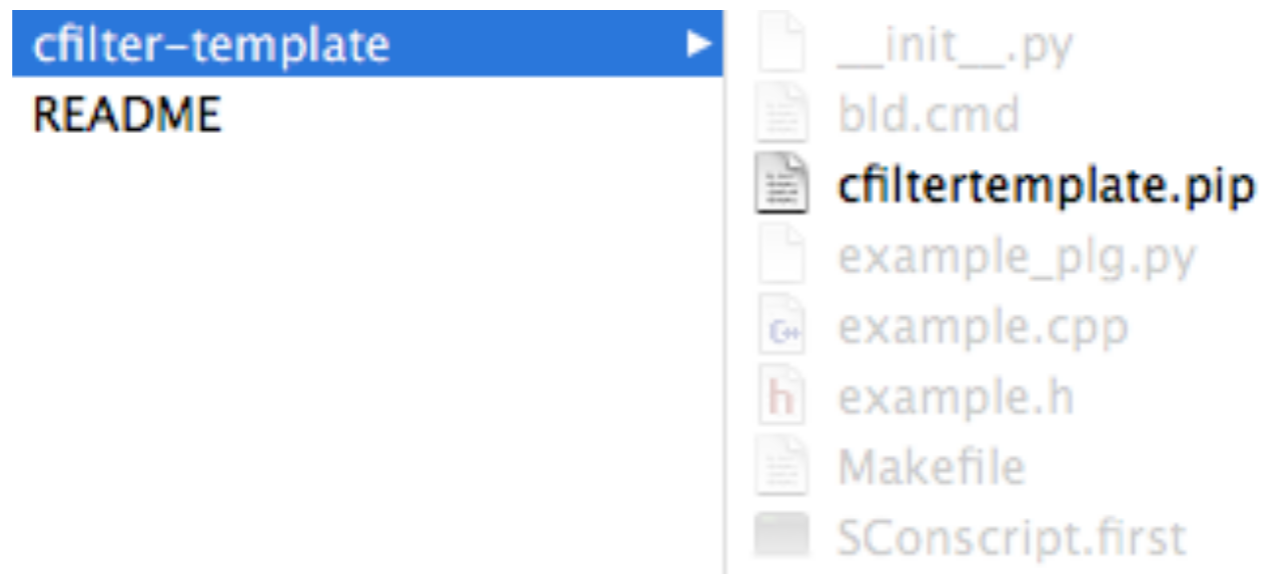
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- Build system configuration



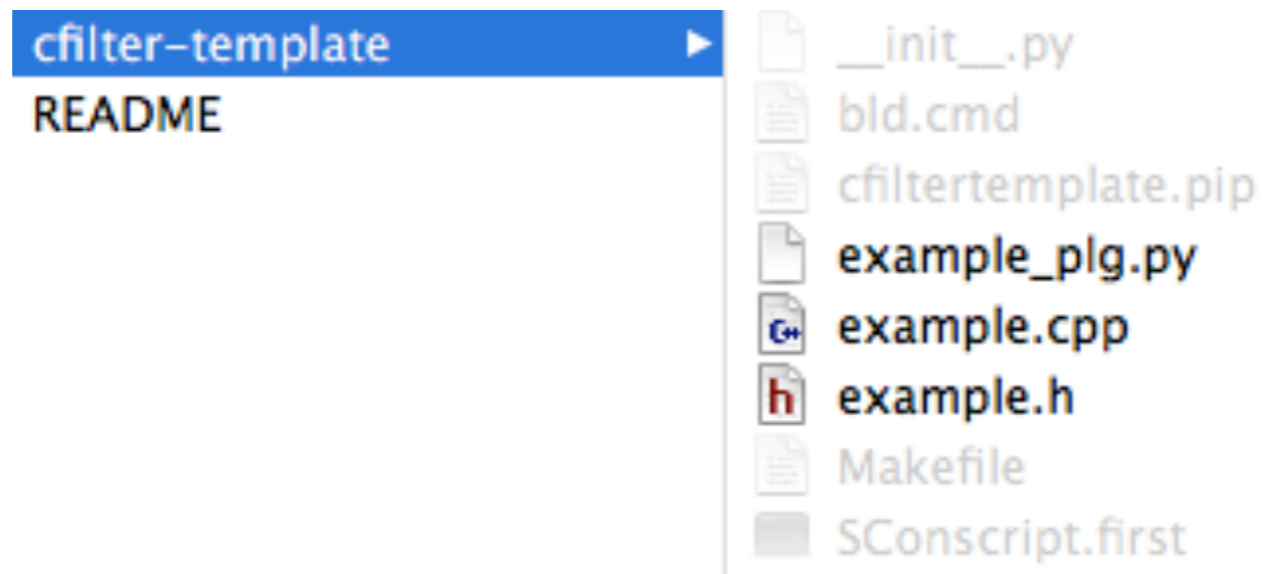
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- Python/C++ bindings declaration



What's in the template?

- The agent Python/C++ implementation



Let's build it!

- The build system is shipped with EigenD as of version 2.0.35-experimental
- Copy the tools directory into the project

For Mac:

```
cp -R /usr/pi/release-2.0.35-experimental/tools tools
```

For Windows:

```
md tools
```

```
xcopy /e "c:\Program Files (x86)\Eigenlabs\release-2.0.35-experimental\tools" tools
```

- Type `make` or `bld.cmd`

See it run

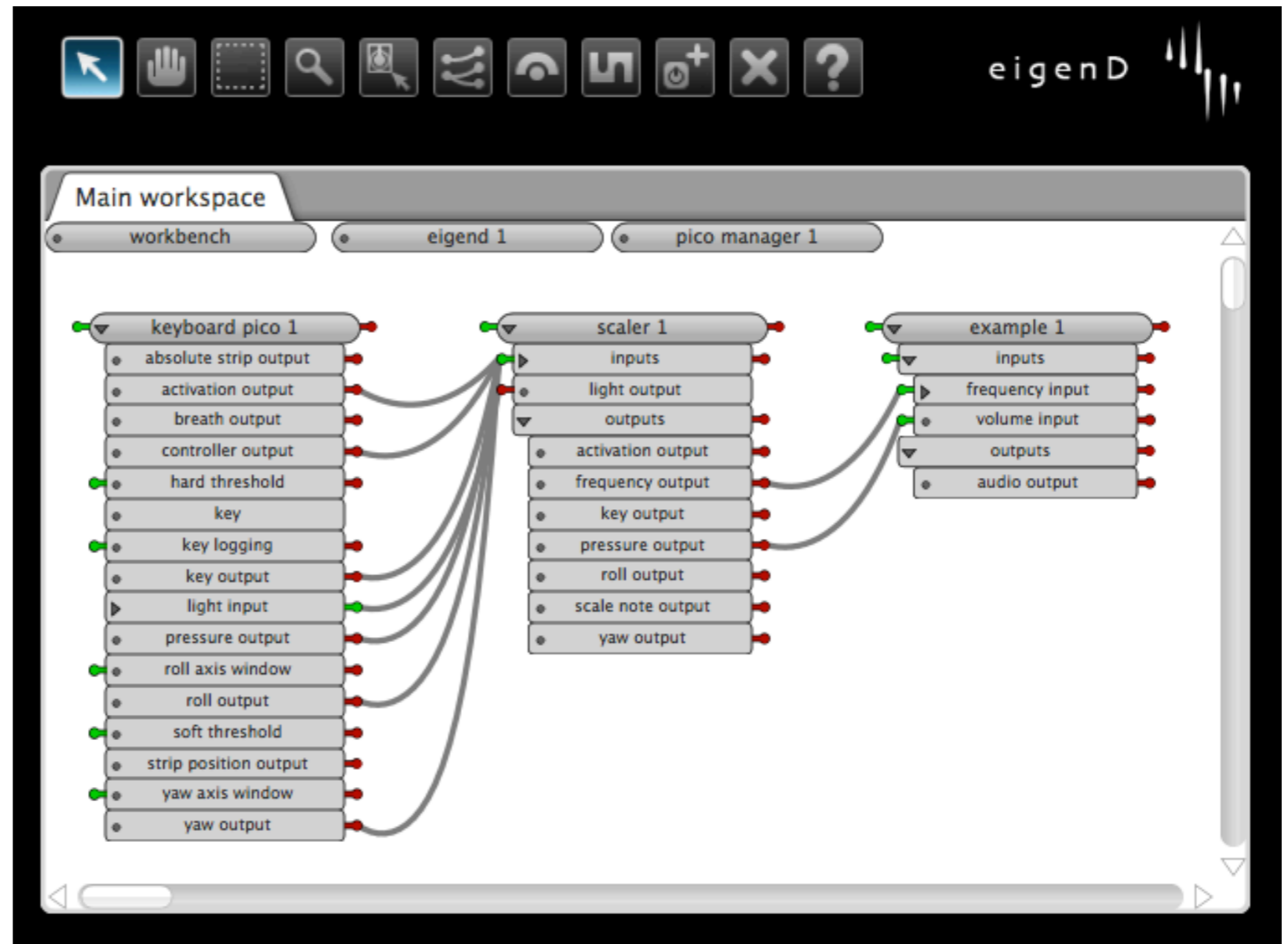
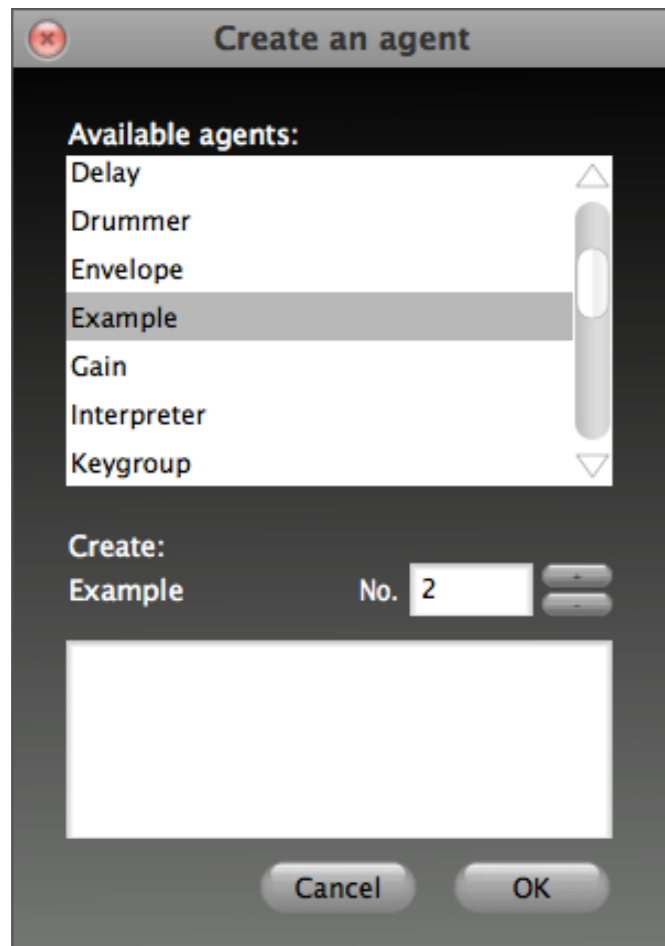
- Allow EigenD to see the plugin path of your project by adding `<path_to>/cfilter-template/tmp/plugins` to either:

`/Users/<you>/Library/Eigenlabs/Global/paths.txt`

`C:\Users\<you>\My Documents\Eigenlabs\Global\paths.txt`

- Run EigenD and Workbench
- Create a new instance of your agent

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from . import example_version as version

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                             names='example', ordinal=ordinal)

    # code goes here

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```

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self[1] = atom.Atom(names='outputs')
```

```
self[1][1] = bundles.Output(1, True, names='audio output')
```

```
self.output = bundles.Splitter(self.domain, self[1][1])
```

```
self.example = cfiltertemplate_native.example(self.output.cookie(),  
self.domain)
```

```
self.input = bundles.VectorInput(self.example.cookie(),  
self.domain, signals=(1, 2))
```

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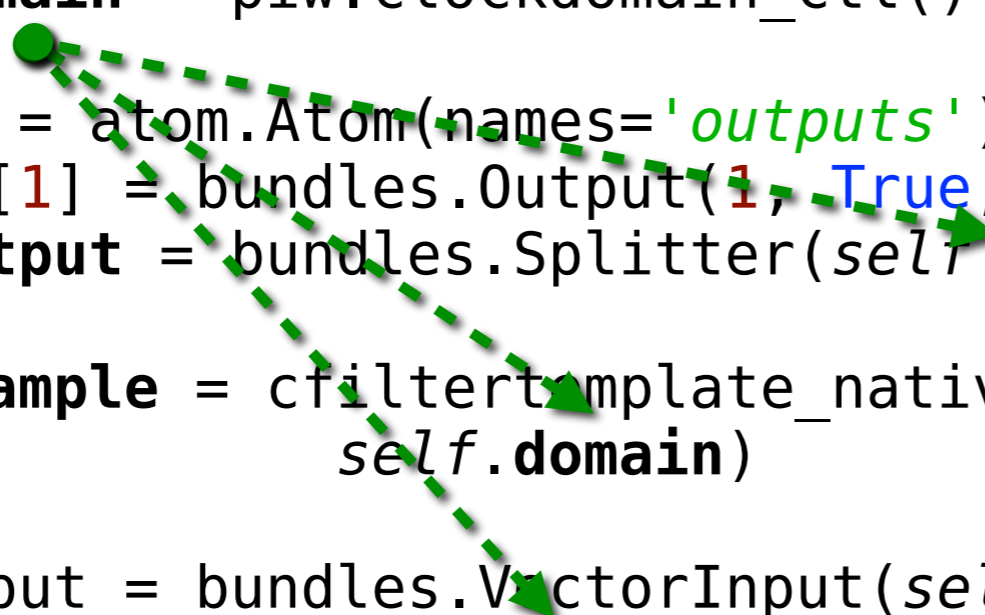
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- Create the input atoms for the specified signal numbers
- Specify their name, domain and policy

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self.input = bundles.VectorInput(self.example.cookie(),  
                                self.domain, signals=(1, 2))
```

```
self[2] = atom.Atom(names='inputs')  
self[2][1] = atom.Atom(domain=domain.BoundedFloat(0, 1),  
                       names="volume input",  
                       policy=self.input  
                           .local_policy(1, policy.IsoStreamPolicy(1, 0, 0)))
```

```
self[2][2] = atom.Atom(domain=domain.BoundedFloat(0, 96000, rest=440),  
                       names="frequency input",  
                       policy=self.input.merge_policy(2, False))
```


The C++ declaration

```
#include <piw/piw_bundle.h>
#include <piw/piw_clock.h>

namespace cfiltertemplate
{
    class example_t
    {
        public:
            example_t(const piw::cookie_t &output,
                    piw::clockdomain_ctl_t *domain);
            ~example_t();
            piw::cookie_t cookie();

            class impl_t;
        private:
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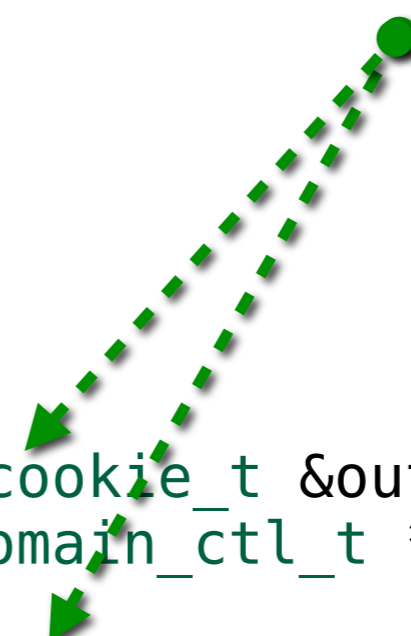
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the cookies that tie into
the Python wrapper



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the implementation is delegated to a forward declaration of a private impl_t class instance that lives in the agent's definition

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- Import types and expose the relevant API

```
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#include "example.h"
>>>

from piw[piw/piw.pip] import clockdomain_ctl, cookie

class example[cfiltertemplate::example_t]
{
    example(const cookie &, clockdomain_ctl *)
    cookie cookie()
}
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just the API that's
useful in Python

What is a CFilter?

- Does all the event handling
- Processing is clocked, you'll get ticking
- Convenient data input and output
- Pass-through unprocessed signals
- Can't synthesize or drop events

C++ implementation

- Declare and define the private impl_t class

```
namespace cfiltertemplate
{
    struct example_t::impl_t: piw::cfilterctl_t, piw::cfilter_t
    {
        impl_t(const piw::cookie_t &output,
              piw::clockdomain_ctl_t *domain) :
            cfilter_t(this, output, domain) {}

        piw::cfilterfunc_t *cfilterctl_create(const piw::data_t &path)
        { return new example_func_t(); }

        unsigned long long cfilterctl_thru() { return 0; }
        unsigned long long cfilterctl_inputs() { return SIG2(1,2); }
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extends the cfilter_t class and implements
cfilterctl_t to provide the required config
and behavior

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              piw::clockdomain_ctl_t *domain) :    configure the masks of signals
                                                  that are passed through, used
                                                  as input and sent as output
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              piw::clockdomain_ctl_t *domain) :    create a new functor every
                                                  time a new wire connection
                                                  is made
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{
    example_func_t() {}

    bool cfilterfunc_start(piw::cfilterenv_t *env, const piw::data_nb_t &id)
    {
        // event start logic
        return true;
    }

    bool cfilterfunc_process(piw::cfilterenv_t *env, unsigned long long from,
                            unsigned long long to, unsigned long samplerate, unsigned buffersize)
    {
        // process the signal values here
        return true;
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the cfilter env instance provides various data input and output methods

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called when an event is started,
the event id is passed in

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    }
};
```

true means a successful event start,
false will stop the processing of this event

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    bool cfilterfunc_start(piw::cfilterenv_t *env, const piw::data_nb_t &id)
    {
        // event start logic
        return true;
    }
    // called every time the clock ticks
    // read, process and output data here

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        return false;
    }
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true means the processing was successful,
false stops further processing of the event

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                            unsigned long long to, unsigned long samplerate, unsigned buffersize)
    {
        // process the signal values here
        return true;
    }

    // called when the event ends
    bool cfilterfunc_end(piw::cfilterenv_t *env, unsigned long long to)
    {
        // event end logic
        return false;
    }
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true indicates the event should linger,
false stops the event for real

Data API of `cfilterenv_t`

- Get next input value for one or all signals

```
bool cfilterenv_next(unsigned &signal, piw::data_nb_t &value, unsigned long long t);  
bool cfilterenv_nextsig(unsigned signal, piw::data_nb_t &value, unsigned long long t);
```

- Get the more recent input value for signal

```
bool cfilterenv_latest(unsigned signal, piw::data_nb_t &value, unsigned long long t);
```

- Reset but not consume internal signal iterator

```
void cfilterenv_reset(unsigned signal, unsigned long long t);
```

- Enqueue output data for current event

```
void cfilterenv_output(unsigned output_signal, const piw::data_nb_t &data);
```

Data processing example

```
bool cfilterfunc_process(...)
{
    float *buffer_out, *scalar;
    piw::data_nb_t audio_out = piw::makenorm_nb(to, buffersize, &buffer_out, &scalar);
    memset(buffer_out, 0, buffersize*sizeof(float));
    *scalar = 0;

    unsigned signal;
    piw::data_nb_t value;
    while(env->cfilterenv_next(signal, value, to))
    {
        switch(signal)
        {
            case 1: // do stuff with signal 1
                break;
            case 2: // do stuff with signal 2
                break;
        }
    }
    // some more processing

    env->cfilterenv_output(1, audio_out); // output signal 1

    return true;
}
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EigenD code

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Use the build system

- Go to the project directory and type:

For Mac:

```
make mpkg
```

For Windows:

```
bld.cmd target-mpkg
```

- You'll get a single installer file for your agent
- Anyone can now double click, install and use your agent

The installer is in tmp/pkg

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▼ cfilter-template	--	Folder
__init__.py	714 bytes	Python Source
bld.cmd	75 bytes	SimpleText Format
cfiltertemplate.pip	196 bytes	SimpleText Format
example_plg.py	2 KB	Python Source
example.cpp	3 KB	C++ Source
example.h	1 KB	C Header Source
Makefile	42 bytes	SimpleText Format
SConscript.first	1 KB	SimpleText Format
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▶ app	--	Folder
▶ obj	--	Folder
▼ pkg	--	Folder
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