



# Tutorial Read Me

## Pitot Tube simulation using PyFluent- ReadMe

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## 1. Overview

Pitot tube is a simple measuring tool that uses static and total pressure to obtain velocity values of an airplane. The following simulation example is a tutorial on how to setup a pitot tube simulation by the help of PyAnsys tool. In this you will know how the simulation can be setup and learn the different API necessary to setup other similar Ansys simulations using the pythonic interface.

## 2. Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this tutorial

1. Understand the physics of Pivot tube.
2. Understand the API used to setup a simulation using PyAnsys (in this case PyFluent).
3. Have an awareness of basic concepts of simulation, CFD, and scripting

## 3. Student Knowledge Prerequisites

This PyFluent tutorial is scripted assuming that students have a basic knowledge of Ansys Fluent software and knowledge of basic scripting in python.

## 4. PyAnsys and Scripting with Ansys

This resource utilizes the open source PyFluent library, developed by Ansys as part of the PyAnsys initiative to allow Ansys simulation tools to be controlled programmatically through Python. This allows the power of simulation and visualization to be presented to students in a simpler interface for introductory courses, such as here where a simulation can be run, and velocity and pressure fields plotted, from inside an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) – without needing to display the Ansys Fluent®, fluid simulation software, user interface (though this has been presented as an option if desired).

## 5. System/Library Requirements

In order to run, the following software and libraries must be installed on the computer. (The version numbers listed below in brackets are those which were used to create this resource; while it may run successfully with other versions, this has not been tested.)

1. Ansys Fluent software (release 2024 R2)
2. Python 3.11.4
3. PyFluent libraries:
  - a. `ansys.fluent.core` (version 0.24.2)
  - b. `ansys.fluent.visualization` (version 0.12.0)
4. These additional Python libraries:
  - a. `trame` (version 3.6.3)

If you are unfamiliar with installing Python packages, guidance can be found on the Python website or elsewhere online.

## 6. First Time Setup

- The Python scripts could be run using any of the IDEs like Visual Studio Code, Jupyter Notebook, or Spyder. Please make sure environment has access to the versions of the libraries and python as mentioned in the previous sections.
- The zip file contains a readme file, the python script and a mesh file. Please make sure that the python script and the mesh file are in the same folder before you attempt to run the case using the IDE.
- Please also read through the texts available before running the code to understand the steps. This is important so that if you have older versions installed you can change the scripts accordingly.

## 7. Python Support

Documentation for PyFluent– and other PyAnsys libraries – can be found on the [Ansys Developer Portal](#), along with examples, support articles and a user community.

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