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#!/usr/bin/env python
# goto_satellite.py
# position the telescope to point to the anticipated satellite passing spot
# for a given time and locations
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import os
import serial
import time
from LX200gps import *
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from ephem_helper import *
from ephem_mathematics import *
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#satellite for 27 July [RA, DEC]
# calculated with sat_find and checked manually with CalSky
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iridium15 = ["21:44:12", "52:44:26"]
iridium15_t = "22:25:59"
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#load destination
destination = iridium15
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location_down = ["22:45:25.01", "-02:16:25.02"]
SCOPE_ON = 1
twrite = 2.0
WIN = 1
threshold = 0.0005

if(WIN):
    #check this number in the device manager AFTER you plug the usb2serial cable
    #the correct port num is the reported number-1...
    port = 6    #COM4->3 COM7->6
    print "running windows - serial com with port ", port , "\n"
else:
    port = "/dev/ttyUSB0"
    print "we are on LINUX with: ", port
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if(SCOPE_ON):
    serialobject = start_telescope(port)
    time.sleep(twrite)
    [RA,DEC] = get_telescope_position(serialobject)
    print "start RA:", RA, "start DEC:", DEC
    #set the slew rate (fastest)
    serialobject.write("#:RS#")

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#move to the destination
move_telescope_to_location_p(serialobject, destination)
[RA,DEC] = get_telescope_position(serialobject)
print "current RA:", RA, "current DEC:", DEC

#new: check the difference between desired and achieved goal
currentposition = RA,DEC
val = close_enough(destination, currentposition, threshold)
if(val == 0):
    print "correcting..."
    move_telescope_to_location_p(serialobject, destination)
    [RA,DEC] = get_telescope_position(serialobject)
    print "end RA:", RA, "end DEC:", DEC
else:
    print "no correction required."

finished = stop_telescope(serialobject)

raw_input("hit a key to end...")
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