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**L-Py**

## **User Documentation**

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## Installing Lpy

### Dependencies

L-Py core is a C++ library but based on the Python language. The communication between both language is made using `Boost.Python`. The `PlantGL` library is used for the 3D modelling. The `Qt` library and its python wrappers `PyQt` (build with `SIP`) are used to create the visual interface. `PyOpenGL` is used to display and edit the materials.

To compile and install it from sources, the project requires `scons` and `setuptools` and their `openalea` extension `OpenAlea.SconsX` and `OpenAlea.Deploy`.

To test it, the `nosetests` conventions is used.

All these projects have to be correctly installed before compiling L-Py.

Additionally, the `Cython` module that make it possible to translate python code into C code is automatically integrated to the project if detected. You can install it if you want to test this extension.

### Installing binaries

You can download binaries of this project via the `OpenAlea Installer` after loggin on the `Inria Gforge`.

### Installing from sources

You should first install all dependencies. You should then retrieve the sources from <https://github.com/openalea/lpy>. Then in a shell, go in the project home directory and simply type

```
$ scons
to compile. You can use option -j numproc if you have several processors. Then type
```

```
$ python setup.py install
to install it into you python system.
```

To run test,

```
$ cd test/
$ nosetests
```

To launch the visual editor, on windows you can click on `[Start]/Programs/OpenAlea/Lpy`. On linux, just type

```
$ lpy
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