FearCond
A Whisker client

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Foreword

WARNING
Whisker is a system designed for research purposes only, and should never be used to control medical apparatus or other devices that could endanger human life.

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1 FearCond

1.1 About FearCond

Purpose

Fear conditioning (shock US).

Software requirements

Requires Whisker v2.0 or greater.

Data storage

Text-based output to disk.

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1.2 Required devices

The program requires to claim devices in groups named box0, box1, box2... with device names as follows:

- CSLIGHT // output
- HOUSELIGHT // output
- CLICKER // output
- TONE // output
- SHOCK // dangerous output

Please ensure that these devices are available and listed in the device definition file in use by the server.
1.3 Using the task

When you run the task, you will see the following warning. Read and acknowledge it:

The main screen looks as follows:

You must connect to a Whisker server, claim an operant chamber (box), and set up the parameters for your task. Once that's done, the traffic lights will turn amber. When you are ready, press Start to begin the task.
1.4 Parameters

The parameters dialogue box looks like this:
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