PLS600 Programmable DC Power Supplies

Scripting Language Manual







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1 **OVERVIEW**

A full-featured scripting language (loosely based on the *BASIC* programming language) is implemented within the PLS600 power supplies. Scripts can be downloaded and uploaded between the power supply and a computer via SCPI commands using either of the USB or Ethernet (LAN) interfaces.

Up to 10 scripts may be stored verbatim in persistent memory within the power supply and recalled. Scripts may be run/halted from either the front panel or via SCPI commands.

When run, scripts are compiled by the power supply's processor. Errors in the script will cause it to not be executed. If there are no errors, the compiled script is executed.

Certain operating parameters (such as the voltage and current setpoints) are accessible directly by a script allowing complex waveform outputs to be synthesized.



2 SCRIPTING LANGUAGE SYNTAX

2.0 Script Naming

Script names may be up to 32 characters in length. However, on the front panel only the first 14 characters are displayed.

2.1 Script Format

Scripts are written as human-readable text. Scripts are composed of an ordered series of lines. The first line of the script is the starting point of the script when it is run.

Each line may contain one statement. A statement is usually a keyword followed by zero or more parameters (which can include other keywords).

Only one operation is allowed per line. Compounding operations is not permitted.

2.2 Whitespace

Whitespace characters (tabs and spaces) may be inserted between each parameter of a statement.

A line can consist of only whitespace. Such a line is ignored by the compiler. Lines that start with the REM keyword are also ignored by the compiler.

2.3 Strings

Strings are comprised of upper-case (A-Z), lower case (a-z), numbers (0-9) and underscore characters. The first character of a string cannot be a number.

2.4 Numbers

Numbers are comprised of numeric characters (0-9), decimals and minus signs. Only one decimal may appear in a number. Only one minus sign may appear in a number and, if present, it must be the first character of a number.

2.5 Labels

Labels are used to identify points of execution in a script. A label must be put on its own line in a script, it cannot have a statement appended to it in the same line. A label is a string followed by a colon character (with no interposing whitespace)



2.6 Keywords

The following keywords are used in the scripting language.

END

FOR

GOSUB

GOTO

IF

LET

NEXT

RETURN

WAIT

TO

STEP

THEN

The lower-case versions of these keywords are also accepted, but mixing of cases is not.

2.7 Variables

A variable is a string that corresponds to a floating-point value in memory. Variables are used in scripts to hold values and make computations.

A variable may not be named with the same string as a keyword.

2.8 Reserved Variables

The following variables are reserved. These variables may be entered into the script as uppercase or lower-case strings (but not a combination of upper and lower case). These reserved variables map to corresponding system properties. Use of these variables is how control over the power supply by the script is realized. The use of these variables is detailed below:

VOLTAGE_SETPOINT – This variable holds the voltage setpoint of the power supply (in Volts). If the output is enabled when this variable is written, the setpoint will immediately influence the output.

CURRENT_SETPOINT – This variable holds the current setpoint of the power supply (in Amperes). If the output is enabled when this variable is written, the setpoint will immediately influence the output.



POWER_SETPOINT – This variable holds the power setpoint of the power supply (in Watts). If the output is enabled when this variable is written, the setpoint will immediately influence the output.

OVER_VOLTAGE_LIMIT – This variable holds the over-voltage limit of the power supply (in Volts). When this variable is written, the limit will immediately be registered for the purpose of protecting the device connected to the output of the power supply.

OVER_CURRENT_LIMIT – This variable holds the over-current limit of the power supply (in Amperes). When this variable is written, the limit will immediately be registered for the purpose of protecting the device connected to the output of the power supply.

OVER_POWER_LIMIT – This variable holds the over-power limit of the power supply (in Watts). When this variable is written, the limit will immediately be registered for the purpose of protecting the device connected to the output of the power supply.

OUTPUT_MODE – This variable can be used to turn the output of the power supply on and off. Writing a 0.0 to the variable will turn the output off. Writing a 1.0 to this variable will turn the output on.

VOLTAGE_MEASURED – This variable is continuously updated by the power supply as the script runs. It reflects the voltage (in Volts) being output by the power supply.

CURRENT_MEASURED – This variable is continuously updated by the power supply as the script runs. It reflects the current (in Amperes) being output by the power supply.

POWER_MEASURED – This variable is continuously updated by the power supply as the script runs. It reflects the power (in Watts) being output by the power supply.

TIMEBASE – the TIMEBASE variable holds a running count of the number of milliseconds that have elapsed since the script was started.

ANALOG_INPUT_VOLTAGE – This variable is automatically updated by the power supply as the script runs. When in script mode the voltage analog input will be scaled from 0.0V to 10.0V. This variable reflects the voltage being read on the analog input.

ANALOG_INPUT_CURRENT – This variable is automatically updated by the power supply as the script runs. When in script mode the current analog input will be scaled from 0.0V to 10.0V. This variable reflects the voltage being read on the analog input

ANALOG_OUTPUT – Writing a voltage value (from 0.0 to 10.0 Volts) to this variable will cause the same value to be output from the analog output port of the power supply.



NOTE: for those users that are using analog I/O with a 5V range, they will simply need to restrict their script to operate in that range (i.e. treat input voltages above 5V as 5V, never set the analog output above 5V)

NOTE: many of these variables have operating limits that are applied when they are written. For example, attempting to write a value of 500.0 Volts to the voltage setpoint variable will be ignored since none of the PLS600 models support a voltage that high. These limits are applied on a model-by-model basis and match the limits found using the front panel controls of the PLS600 power supply.

2.9 Statement Syntax

The following rules of syntax apply to statements in the script:

REM<any text allowed>

Remark statement: used to enter comments into the script. This statement does not affect script operation.

END

End statement: Used to halt a script. Note: all scripts have an implicit END immediately after the last line of the script.

FOR <variable1> = <constant2 | variable2> TO < constant3 | variable3> STEP <constant4 | variable4>

Loop statement: The first variable after the FOR keyword identifies the loop variable. The variable is initialized to the value in constant2/variable2. Each time the corresponding NEXT statement is reached, the loop variable is compared to constant3/variable3. If they are equal the loop exits and the script continues to execute at the line following the NEXT statement. Otherwise, the value in constant4/variable4 is added to the loop variable and the script continues to execute at the line following the FOR statement.

NEXT < variable>

The NEXT statement must contain the loop variable to a previously encountered FOR statement. If it does not, the NEXT statement is ignored, otherwise refer to the loop statement to see how the NEXT statement is handled.



GOSUB < label>

Subroutines: The script starts to execute at the line following the label declared in this GOSUB statement. The index of the line immediately following the GOSUB statement is pushed onto the return stack.

RETURN

Return from subroutine: The index of the line after the most recently called GOSUB statement is retrieved and the script starts executing from that line. NOTE: if there is no corresponding GOSUB statement then the RETURN statement acts the same as an END statement.

GOTO <label>

Unconditional branch statement: The script starts executing from the line immediately after the specified label.

IF <variable1/constant1> <conditional> <variable2/constant2> THEN <label>

Conditional branch statement: variable1/constant1 is compared to variable2/constant2. The conditional operator can be one of the following:

- == equal to
- != not equal to
- > greater than
- >= greater than or equal to
- < less than
- <= less than or equal to

If the condition specified by the conditional operator is true then the script starts executing from the line immediately after the specified label, otherwise the script continues to execute from the line immediately following the IF statement.

<LET> <variable1> = <variable2/constant2>

Assignment statement (simple). The simple assignment statement places the contents of variable2/constant2 into the memory location for variable1.



<LET> <variable1> = <variable2/constant2> <operator> <variable3/constant3>

Assignment statement with math operation: In this assignment operation variable2/constant2 is operated on by variable3/constant3. The operation can be one of (+ - * /). The result of the operation is then place in variable1.

NOTE: for both the simple assignment and assignment with math operation, the LET keyword is optional. Thus:

LET
$$a = a + 1$$

and

$$a = a + 1$$

are identical from the perspective of the compiler.

WAIT <variable | constant>

The WAIT statement delays processing of the next line of the script for the number of milliseconds held in variable/constant.



3 RUNNING SCRIPTS

3.0 Via SCPI commands

The following SCPI commands have been implemented to allow download, upload, storage, retrieval, running and halting of script. As well the status of the scripting system is accessible via SCPI commands.

SYSTem:SCRIpt:NEW – Takes the new script's name (in quotes) as a parameter and creates a new active script with no lines and with the new given name.

SYSTem:SCRIpt:LINE – Takes one line of a script (in quotes) as a parameter and appends it to the active script.

SYSTem:SCRIpt:LINE? – Takes no parameters and returns the next line from the active script (in quotes).

SYSTem:SCRIpt:LOAD – Takes a number from 0 to 9 as a parameter and loads the script specified by the number from persistent memory into the active script RAM.

SYSTem:SCRIpt:STORe – Takes a number from 0 to 9 as a parameter and stores the active script into persistent memory at the location specified by the number.

SYSTem:SCRIpt:RUN – Takes no parameters and, if in script mode and idle, will cause the active script to be compiled and run (if no script errors occur).

SYSTem:SCRIpt:HALT – Takes no parameters and halts any script that is running.

SYSTem:SCRIpt:STATe? – this command will return "IDLE" if the script system is not performing any tasks, "RUN" if the script system is running a script, and "BUSY" if the script system is loading/storing a script from/to persistent memory.

Below is an example of the command stream used to download the EXAMPLE 1 script and store it into the power supply's persistent memory. The < and > characters are not part of the actual stream, but are used to indicate the direction of data flow. A > character indicates a SCPI command from the computer to the power supply and a< character indicates a SCPI response from the power supply to the computer.

```
>*IDN?
<XP Power,PLS605020,031218030002,1.01.0741/1.01.1664
>SYSTEM:PROMPT ON
<
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:NEW "EXAMPLE 1"
<
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE</pre>
```



```
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "rem EXAMPLE 1 - Sawtooth waveform "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE " "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "rem (optional) setup "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "voltage_setpoint = 0 "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "current_setpoint = 40 "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "output_mode = 1 "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE " "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "rem loop label used to create infinite loop "
<
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "loop: "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
```



```
>SYST:SCRI:LINE " "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "rem use FOR/NEXT loop to create ramp "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "for i=0 to 25 step 0.01 "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "let voltage_setpoint = i "
<
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "wait 1 "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "next i "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE " "
<
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "rem jump back to create next ramp "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:LINE "goto loop "
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:STOR 0
```



<
>SYST:SCRI:STAT?
<IDLE</pre>

The following SCPI command stream illustrates loading the script from memory location 0, running it, then halting it.

>SYST:SCRI:LOAD 0 <
>SYSTEM:MODE SCRI <
>SYST:SCRI:STAT? <IDLE
>SYST:SCRI:RUN <
>SYST:SCRI:STAT? <RUN

>SYST:SCRI:HALT

3.1 Via the front panel

Scripts cannot be entered via the front panel, however they can be loaded from non-volatile memory and executed via the front panel.

To run a script, enter the setup menu mode selection menu:

SYSTEM SETUP MODE

Then select SCRIPT mode:

MODE SCRIPT

When the script mode is selected, the user is prompted to select one of the ten scripts stored in memory (presuming the user has downloaded scripts and stored them in memory):

SCRIPT 4 EXAMPLE 5

When the setup menu is exited, and the system is in SCRIPT mode, the selected script can be run and halted via the output on/off button.



4 EXAMPLES

4.0 EXAMPLE 1: Sawtooth wave

The following script outputs a continuous 0 to 25V sawtooth waveform:

```
rem EXAMPLE 1 - Sawtooth waveform

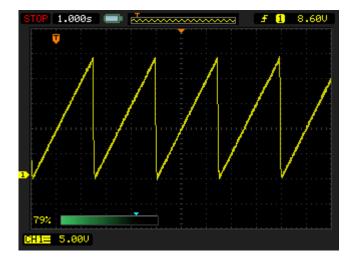
rem (optional) setup
voltage_setpoint = 0
current_setpoint = 40
output_mode = 1

rem loop label used to create infinite loop loop:

rem use FOR/NEXT loop to create ramp for i=0 to 25 step 0.01
let voltage_setpoint = i
wait 1
next i

rem jump back to create next ramp goto loop
```

Below is a screen shot of the output of the PLS6005040 power supply running the script:





4.1 EXAMPLE 2: Analog output triangle wave

The following script outputs a continuous 0 to 10V triangle waveform from the analog output port of the power supply:

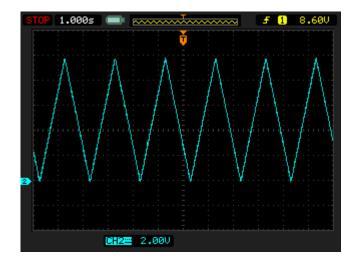
```
rem EXAMPLE 2 - Triangle wave on analog output (0.1V steps)
loop:

rem ramp up
analog_output = 0
for i=0 to 100 step 1
analog_output = analog_output + 0.1
wait 10
next i

rem ramp down
analog_output = 10.0
for i=0 to 100 step 1
analog_output = analog_output - 0.1
wait 10
next i

goto loop
```

Below is a screen shot of the output of the PLS6005040 power supply running the script:





4.2 **EXAMPLE 3: Timer triggered output**

The following script illustrate that long delays are possible when running scripts:

```
rem EXAMPLE 3 - Timer triggered output

rem (optional) setup
voltage_setpoint = 25
current_setpoint = 20
power_setpoint = 100
output_mode = 0

rem output will turn on 123.456 seconds after start of script
wait 123456
output_mode = 1

rem NOTE: output does NOT turn off when script ends
end
```

NOTE: the 32-bit millisecond clock can implement delays up to 1193 days with a single WAIT statement. Realistically, while reasonably accurate, the 1 millisecond timer cannot be expected to keep accurate time over large numbers of hours and cannot be used as a substitute for a real-time clock.



4.3 EXAMPLE 4: Analog input triggered output

The following script illustrates the use of an analog input port to control the output mode (ON or OFF) of the power supply:

```
rem EXAMPLE 4 - Analog input triggered output
rem (optional) setup
voltage_setpoint = 30
current_setpoint = 10
power_setpoint = 400
output_mode = 0
rem output will turn on when the (voltage) analog input
rem exceeds 2.5V and off when it falls below 1.5V
if analog_input_voltage > 2.5 then turn_on
if analog_input_voltage < 1.5 then turn_off
wait 1
goto loop
turn_on:
output_mode = 1
wait 1
goto loop
turn_off:
output_mode = 0
wait 1
goto loop
```



4.4 EXAMPLE 5: Arbitrary waveform

The following is an example of an arbitrary waveform generated with a script:

```
rem EXAMPLE 5 - Arbitrary waveform
rem initial conditions
voltage_setpoint = 12
current_setpoint = 40
power_setpoint = 1500
output_mode = 1
wait 500
rem step through peices of waveform
gosub step1
gosub step2
gosub step3
gosub step4
end
rem step 1 - drop to 3V and hold for 250ms then ramp to 6V over 50\text{ms}
step1:
voltage_setpoint = 3
wait 250
for i=3 to 6 step 0.06
voltage_setpoint = i
wait 1
next i
return
rem step 2 - output 5 cycles of 4V to 8V sinusoid with frequency of 5Hz
step2:
gosub step2b
gosub step2b
gosub step2b
gosub step2b
gosub step2b
return
rem step 2b - output one cycle
step2b:
voltage_setpoint = 6
wait 1
voltage_setpoint = 6.062821518
voltage_setpoint = 6.125581039
wait 1
voltage_setpoint = 6.188216627
voltage_setpoint = 6.250666467
wait 1
```



voltage_setpoint = 6.31286893 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.374762629 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.436286483 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.497379774 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.557982212 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.618033989 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.67747584 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.736249105 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.794295781 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.851558583 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.907980999 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.963507348 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.018082832 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.07165359 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.124166756 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.175570505 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.225814107 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.274847979 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.322623731 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.369094212 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.414213562 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.457937255 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.500222139 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.541026486 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.580310025 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.618033989 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.654161149 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.688655851



wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.721484054 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.75261336 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.782013048 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.809654105 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.835509251 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.859552972 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.881761538 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.902113033 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.920587371 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.937166322 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.951833524 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.964574501 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.975376681 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.984229403 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.991123929 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.996053457 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.999013121 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 8 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.999013121 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.996053457 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.991123929 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.984229403 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.975376681 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.964574501 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.951833524 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.937166322 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.920587371 wait 1



voltage_setpoint = 7.902113033 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.881761538 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.859552972 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.835509251 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.809654105 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.782013048 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.75261336 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.721484054 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.688655851 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.654161149 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.618033989 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.580310025 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.541026486 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.500222139 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.457937255 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.414213562 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.369094212 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.322623731 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.274847979 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.225814107 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.175570505 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.124166756 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.07165359 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 7.018082832 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.963507348 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.907980999 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.851558583 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.794295781



wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.736249105 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.67747584 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.618033989 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.557982212 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.497379774 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.436286483 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.374762629 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.31286893 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.250666467 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.188216627 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.125581039 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6.062821518 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 6 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.937178482 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.874418961 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.811783373 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.749333533 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.68713107 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.625237371 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.563713517 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.502620226 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.442017788 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.381966011 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.32252416 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.263750895 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.205704219 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.148441417 wait 1



voltage_setpoint = 5.092019001 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.036492652 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.981917168 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.92834641 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.875833244 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.824429495 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.774185893 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.725152021 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.677376269 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.630905788 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.585786438 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.542062745 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.499777861 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.458973514 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.419689975 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.381966011 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.345838851 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.311344149 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.278515946 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.24738664 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.217986952 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.190345895 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.164490749 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.140447028 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.118238462 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.097886967 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.079412629 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.062833678



wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.048166476 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.035425499 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.024623319 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.015770597 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.008876071 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.003946543 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.000986879 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.000986879 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.003946543 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.008876071 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.015770597 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.024623319 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.035425499 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.048166476 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.062833678 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.079412629 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.097886967 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.118238462 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.140447028 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.164490749 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.190345895 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.217986952 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.24738664 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.278515946 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.311344149 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.345838851 wait 1

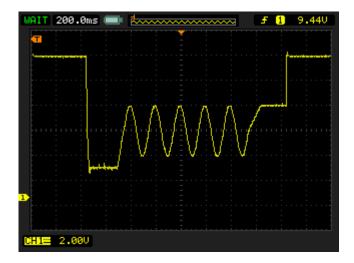


voltage_setpoint = 4.381966011 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.419689975 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.458973514 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.499777861 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.542062745 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.585786438 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.630905788 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.677376269 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.725152021 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.774185893 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.824429495 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.875833244 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.92834641 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 4.981917168 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.036492652 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.092019001 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.148441417 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.205704219 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.263750895 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.32252416 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.381966011 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.442017788 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.502620226 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.563713517 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.625237371 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.68713107 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.749333533 wait 1 voltage_setpoint = 5.811783373



```
wait 1
voltage_setpoint = 5.874418961
wait 1
voltage_setpoint = 5.937178482
wait 1
return
rem step 3 - ramp 6V to 8V over 100ms and hold for 200ms
step3:
for i = 6 to 8 step 0.02
voltage_setpoint = i
wait 1
next i
wait 200
return
rem step 4 - return to initial condition
step4:
voltage_setpoint = 12
return
```

Below is a screen shot of the output of the PLS6005040 power supply running the script:





5 LIMITATIONS

The following limitations apply to scripts that are to be run on the PLS600 power supplies:

- a) The total size of the script text (including its name) must be 32768 characters or less. This limit includes the space added for a null-terminator appended to the end of each line of the script as it is downloaded.
- b) The total number of elements in the compiled script must be less than 500. Note: each line of a script is compiled into one element except for lines using the keywords FOR, IF, and LET (when using a math operator), which are compiled into two elements.
 Remark statements and blank lines do not get compiled (i.e. no element is generated).
- c) Scripts are executed using a 1 millisecond timer. Up to 10 elements are executed per millisecond. If a WAIT statement is encountered, the execution for that millisecond stops.
- d) Script lines must be less than 256 characters in length.
- e) Up to 100 variables may be defined (not including reserved variables).
- f) Variable names may not exceed 32 characters in length.
- g) Up to 100 labels may be declared.
- h) Label names may not exceed 32 characters in length.
- i) Nested subroutines may be called up to a depth of 10.
- j) Latency between the analog inputs and outputs and the corresponding script reserved variables can be up to 3 milliseconds.
- k) Variables are implemented as 32-bit floating-point numbers. It is the user's responsibility to be cognizant of the accuracy limitations of floating point variables and to code their scripts accordingly.



6 STATUS AND ERRORS

When a script is downloaded it is not checked for errors until it is compiled. A script is compiled each time an attempt is made to run the script. If any errors are found during compilation, the following message is displayed briefly on the front panel:

SCRIPT ERROR

It is the user's responsibility to review the script to determine the cause of the error.

