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lars is distributed in several formats. The following sections detail installation on a variety of platforms.

1.1 Pre-requisites

Where possible, installation methods will automatically handle all mandatory pre-requisites. However, if your particular installation method does not handle dependency installation, then you will need to install the following Python packages manually:

- `pygeoip`¹ - The pure Python API for MaxMind GeoIP databases
- `ipaddress`² - Google's IPv4 and IPv6 address handling library. This is included as standard in Python 3.3 and above.

1.2 Ubuntu Linux

For Ubuntu Linux, it is simplest to install from the [Waveform PPA](#)³ as follows (this also ensures you are kept up to date as new releases are made):

```
$ sudo add-apt-repository ppa://waveform/ppa
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install python-lars
```

1.3 Other Platforms

If your platform is *not* covered by one of the sections above, lars is available from PyPI and can therefore be installed with the Python `setuptools easy_install` tool:

```
$ easy_install lars
```

¹ <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/pygeoip/>

² <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/ipaddress/>

³ <https://launchpad.net/~waveform/+archive/ppa>

Or the (now deprecated) distribute `pip` tool:

```
$ pip install lars
```

If you do not have either of these tools available, please install the Python `setuptools`⁴ package first.

⁴ <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/setuptools/>

A typical lars script opens some log source, typically a file, and uses the source and target wrappers provided by lars to convert the log entries into some other format (potentially filtering and/or modifying the entries along the way). A trivial script to convert IIS W3C style log entries into a CSV file is shown below:

```
import io
from lars import iis, csv

with io.open('webserver.log', 'r') as infile, \
     io.open('output.csv', 'wb') as outfile:
    with iis.IISSource(infile) as source, csv.CSVTarget(outfile) as target:
        for row in source:
            target.write(row)
```

Going through this section by section we can see the following:

1. The first couple of lines import the necessary modules that we'll need; the standard Python `io`⁵ module for opening files, and the `iis` and `csv`⁶ modules from lars for converting the data.
2. Using `io.open()`⁷ we open the input file (with mode `'r'` for reading) and the output file (with mode `'wb'` for creating a new file and writing (binary mode) to it)
3. We wrap `infile` (the input file) with `IISSource` (page 10) to parse the input file, and `outfile` (the output file) with `CSVTarget` (page 12) to format the output file.
4. Finally, we use a simple loop to iterate over the rows in the source file, and the `write()` (page 12) method to write them to the target.

This is the basic structure of most lars scripts. Most extra lines for filtering and manipulating rows appear within the loop at the end of the file, although sometimes extra module configuration lines are required at the top.

2.1 Filtering rows

The row object declared in the loop has attributes named after the columns of the source (with characters that cannot appear in Python identifiers replaced with underscores). To see the structure of a row you can simply print one and then terminate the loop:

⁵ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/io.html#module-io>

⁶ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/csv.html#module-csv>

⁷ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/io.html#io.open>

```
import io
from lars import iis, csv

with io.open('webserver.log', 'r') as infile, \
     io.open('output.csv', 'wb') as outfile:
    with iis.IISSource(infile) as source, csv.CSVTarget(outfile) as target:
        for row in source:
            print(row)
            break
```

Given the following input file (long lines indented for readability):

```
#Software: Microsoft Internet Information Services 6.0
#Version: 1.0
#Date: 2002-05-24 20:18:01
#Fields: date time c-ip cs-username s-ip s-port cs-method cs-uri-stem
         cs-uri-query sc-status sc-bytes cs-bytes time-taken cs(User-Agent)
         cs(Referrer)
2002-05-24 20:18:01 172.224.24.114 - 206.73.118.24 80 GET /Default.htm -
200 7930 248 31
Mozilla/4.0+(compatible;+MSIE+5.01;+Windows+2000+Server)
http://64.224.24.114/
```

This will produce this output on the command line:

```
Row(date=Date(2002, 5, 24), time=Time(20, 18, 1),
     c_ip=IPv4Address(u'172.224.24.114'), cs_username=None,
     s_ip=IPv4Address(u'206.73.118.24'), s_port=80, cs_method=u'GET',
     cs_uri_stem=Url(scheme='', netloc='', path=u'/Default.htm', params='',
     query_str='', fragment=''), cs_uri_query=None, sc_status=200,
     sc_bytes=7930, cs_bytes=248, time_taken=31.0,
     cs_User_Agent=u'Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.01; Windows 2000
     Server)', cs_Referrer=Url(scheme=u'http', netloc=u'64.224.24.114',
     path=u'/', params='', query_str='', fragment=''))
```

From this one can see that field names like `c-ip` have been converted into `c_ip` (`-` is an illegal character in Python identifiers). Furthermore it is apparent that instead of simple strings being extracted, the data has been converted into a variety of appropriate datatypes (*Date* (page 23) for the date field, *Url* (page 33) for the `cs-uri-stem` field, and so on). This significantly aids in filtering rows based upon sub-attributes of the extracted data.

For example, to filter on the year of the date:

```
if row.date.year == 2002:
    target.write(row)
```

Alternatively, you could filter on whether or not the client IP belongs in a particular network:

```
if row.c_ip in datatypes.network('172.0.0.0/8'):
    target.write(row)
```

Or use Python's *string methods*⁸ to filter on any string:

```
if row.cs_User_Agent.startswith('Mozilla/'):
    target.write(row)
```

Or any combination of the above:

```
if row.date.year == 2002 and 'MSIE' in row.cs_User_Agent:
    target.write(row)
```

⁸ <http://docs.python.org/2/library/stdtypes.html#string-methods>

2.2 Manipulating row content

If you wish to modify the output structure, the simplest method is to declare the row structure you want at the top of the file (using the `row()` (page 35) function) and then construct rows with the new structure in the loop (using the result of the function):

```
import io
from lars import datatypes, iis, csv

NewRow = datatypes.row('date', 'time', 'client', 'url')

with io.open('webserver.log', 'r') as infile, \
     io.open('output.csv', 'wb') as outfile:
    with iis.IISSource(infile) as source, csv.CSVTarget(outfile) as target:
        for row in source:
            new_row = NewRow(row.date, row.time, row.c_ip, row.cs_uri_stem)
            target.write(new_row)
```

There is no need to convert column data back to strings for output; all datatypes produced by lars source adapters have built-in string conversions which all target adapters know to use.

The framework is designed in a modular fashion with a separate module for each log input format, each data output format, a few auxilliary modules for the datatypes exposed by the framework and their functionality. Where possible, standards dictating formats are linked in the API reference.

Each module comes with documentation including examples of usage. The best way to learn the framework is to peruse the API reference and try out the examples, modifying them to suit your purposes.

3.1 lars.apache - Reading Apache Logs

This module provides a wrapper for Apache log files, typically in common or combined format (but technically any Apache format which can be unambiguously parsed with regexes).

The *ApacheSource* (page 7) class is the major element that this module exports; this is the class which wraps a file-like object containing a common, combined, or otherwise Apache formatted log file and yields rows from it as tuples.

3.1.1 Classes

class `lars.apache.ApacheSource` (*source*, *log_format=COMMON*)

Wraps a stream containing a Apache formatted log file.

This wrapper converts a stream containing an Apache log file into an iterable which yields tuples. Each tuple has fieldnames derived from the following mapping of Apache format strings (which occur in the optional *log_format* parameter):

Format String	Field Name
<code>%a</code>	<code>remote_ip</code>
<code>%A</code>	<code>local_ip</code>
<code>%B</code>	<code>size</code>
<code>%b</code>	<code>size</code>
<code>%{Foobar}C</code>	<code>cookie_Foobar (1)</code>
<code>%D</code>	<code>time_taken_ms</code>
<code>%{FOOBAR}e</code>	<code>env_FOOBAR (1)</code>
<code>%f</code>	<code>filename</code>

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Format String	Field Name
%h	remote_host
%H	protocol
%{Foobar}i	req_Foobar (1)
%k	keepalive
%l	ident
%m	method
%{Foobar}n	note_Foobar (1)
%{Foobar}o	resp_Foobar (1)
%p	port
%{canonical}p	port
%{local}p	local_port
%{remote}p	remote_port
%P	pid
%{pid}P	pid
%{tid}P	tid
%{hexid}P	hextid
%q	url_query
%r	request
%R	handler
%s	status
%t	time
%{format}t	time
%T	time_taken
%u	remote_user
%U	url_stem
%v	server_name
%V	canonical_name
%X	connection_status
%I	bytes_received
%O	bytes_sent

Notes:

- (1) Any characters in the field-name which are invalid in a Python identifier are converted to underscore, e.g. %{foo-bar}C becomes "cookie_foo_bar".

Warning: The wrapper will only operate on *log_format* specifications that can be unambiguously parsed with a regular expression. In particular, this means that if a field can contain whitespace it must be surrounded by characters that it cannot legitimately contain (or cannot contain unescaped versions of). Typically double-quotes are used as Apache (from version 2.0.46) escapes double-quotes within %r, %i, and %o. See Apache's [Custom Log Formats](#)⁹ documentation for full details.

Parameters

- **source** – A file-like object containing the source stream
- **format** (*str*¹⁰) – Defaults to *COMMON* (page 9) but can be set to any valid Apache LogFormat string

source

The file-like object that the source reads rows from

⁹ http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.2/mod/mod_log_config.html#formats

¹⁰ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

count

Returns the number of rows successfully read from the source

log_format

The Apache LogFormat string that the class will use to decode rows

close ()

Close the source; attempting to read further rows is not permitted after this method is called.

3.1.2 Data

lars.apache.COMMON

This string contains the Apache LogFormat string for the common log format (sometimes called the CLF). This is the default format for the *ApacheSource* (page 7) class.

lars.apache.COMMON_VHOST

This string contains the Apache LogFormat string for the common log format with an additional virtual-host specification at the beginning of the string. This is a typical configuration used by several distributions of Apache which are configured with virtualhosts by default.

lars.apache.COMBINED

This string contains the Apache LogFormat string for the NCSA combined/extended log format. This is a popular variant that many server administrators use as it combines the *COMMON* (page 9) format with *REFERER* (page 9) and *USER_AGENT* (page 9) formats.

lars.apache.REFERER

This string contains the (rudimentary) referer log format which is typically used in conjunction with the *COMMON* (page 9) format.

lars.apache.USER_AGENT

This string contains the (rudimentary) user-agent log format which is typically used in conjunction with the *COMMON* (page 9) format.

3.1.3 Exceptions

class `lars.apache.ApacheError` (*message*, *line_number=None*, *line=None*)

Base class for *ApacheSource* (page 7) errors.

Exceptions of this class take the optional arguments *line_number* and *line* for specifying the index and content of the line that caused the error respectively. If specified, the `__str__()` method is overridden to include the line number in the error message.

Parameters

- **message** (*str*¹¹) – The error message
- **line_number** (*int*¹²) – The 1-based index of the line that caused the error
- **line** (*str*¹³) – The content of the line that caused the error

exception `lars.apache.ApacheWarning`

Raised when an error is encountered in parsing a log row.

3.1.4 Examples

A typical usage of this class is as follows:

¹¹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

¹² <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

¹³ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

```
import io
from lars import apache, csv

with io.open('/var/log/apache2/access.log', 'rb') as infile:
    with io.open('access.csv', 'wb') as outfile:
        with apache.ApacheSource(infile) as source:
            with csv.CSVTarget(outfile) as target:
                for row in source:
                    target.write(row)
```

3.2 lars.iis - Reading IIS Logs

This module provides a wrapper for W3C extended log files, typically used by the Microsoft IIS web-server.

The *IISSource* (page 10) class is the major element that this module provides; this is the class which wraps a file-like object containing a W3C formatted log file and yields rows from it as tuples.

3.2.1 Classes

class `lars.iis.IISSource` (*source*)

Wraps a stream containing a IIS formatted log file.

This wrapper converts a stream containing a IIS formatted log file into an iterable which yields tuples. Each tuple is a namedtuple instance with the fieldnames of the tuple being the sanitized versions of the field names in the original log file (as specified in the `#Fields` directive).

The directives contained in the file can be obtained from attributes of the wrapper itself (useful in the case that relative timestamps, e.g. with the `#Date` directive, are being used) in which case the attribute will be the lower-cased version of the directive name without the `#` prefix.

Parameters `source` – A file-like object containing the source stream

count

Returns the number of rows successfully read from the source

date

The timestamp specified by the last encountered `#Date` directive (if any), as a *DateTime* (page 19) instance

fields

A sequence of fields names found in the `#Fields` directive in the file header

finish

The timestamp found in the `#End-Date` directive (if any, as a *DateTime* (page 19) instance)

remark

The remarks recorded in the `#Remark` directive (if any)

software

The name of the software which produced the source file as given by the `#Software` directive (if any)

start

The timestamp found in the `#Start-Date` directive (if any), as a *DateTime* (page 19) instance

version

The version of the source file, as given by the `#Version` directive in the header

3.2.2 Exceptions

class `lars.iis.ISError` (*message*, *line_number=None*, *line=None*)

Base class for IISource errors.

Exceptions of this class take the optional arguments `line_number` and `line` for specifying the index and content of the line that caused the error respectively. If specified, the `__str__()` method is overridden to include the line number in the error message.

Parameters

- **message** (*str*¹⁴) – The error message
- **line_number** (*int*¹⁵) – The 1-based index of the line that caused the error
- **line** (*str*¹⁶) – The content of the line that caused the error

exception `lars.iis.IISDirectiveError` (*message*, *line_number=None*, *line=None*)

Raised when an error is encountered in any `#Directive`.

exception `lars.iis.IISFieldsError` (*message*, *line_number=None*, *line=None*)

Raised when an error is encountered in a `#Fields` directive.

exception `lars.iis.IISVersionError` (*message*, *line_number=None*, *line=None*)

Raised for a `#Version` directive with an unknown version is found.

exception `lars.iis.IISWarning`

Raised when an error is encountered in parsing a log row.

3.2.3 Examples

A typical usage of this class is as follows:

```
import io
from lars import iis, csv

with io.open('logs\iis.txt', 'rb') as infile:
    with io.open('iis.csv', 'wb') as outfile:
        with iis.IISSource(infile) as source:
            with csv.CSVTarget(outfile) as target:
                for row in source:
                    target.write(row)
```

3.2.4 Note for maintainers

The draft standard for the [W3C Extended Log File Format](#)¹⁷ is not well written (see the various notes and comments in the code); actual practice deviates from the draft in several areas, and the draft is deficient in describing what is potentially permitted in other areas.

Examples of the format as produced by IIS (the major user of the draft) can be found on [MSDN](#)¹⁸. When maintaining the code below, please refer to both the draft (for information on what *could* be included in W3C log files) as well as the examples (for information on what typically *is* included in W3C log files, even when it outright violates the draft), and bear in mind [Postel's Law](#)¹⁹.

¹⁴ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

¹⁵ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

¹⁶ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

¹⁷ <http://www.w3.org/TR/WD-logfile.html>

¹⁸ <http://bit.ly/2IPjHfz>

¹⁹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robustness_principle

3.3 lars.csv - Writing CSV Files

This module provides a target wrapper for CSV (Comma Separated Values) formatted text files, which are typically used as a generic source format for bulk loading databases.

The `CSVTarget` (page 12) class is the major element that this module provides; it is a standard target class (a context manager with a `write()` (page 12) method that accepts row tuples).

3.3.1 Classes

class `lars.csv.CSVTarget` (*fileobj*, *header=False*, *dialect=CSV_DIALECT*, *encoding='utf-8'*, ***kwargs*)

Wraps a stream to format rows as CSV (Comma Separated Values).

This wrapper provides a simple `write()` (page 12) method which can be used to format row tuples as comma separated values in a variety of common dialects. The dialect defaults to `CSV_DIALECT` (page 12) which produces a typical CSV file compatible with the vast majority of products.

If you desire a different output format you can either specify a different value for the *dialect* parameter, or if you only wish to use a minimal modification of the dialect you can override its attributes with keyword arguments. For example:

```
CSVTarget(outfile, dialect=CSV_DIALECT, lineterminator='\n')
```

The *encoding* parameter controls the character set used in the output. This defaults to UTF-8 which is a sensible default for most modern systems, but is a multi-byte encoding which some legacy systems (notably mainframes) may have troubles with. In this case you can either select a single byte encoding like ISO-8859-1 or even EBCDIC. See [Python standard encodings](#)²⁰ for a full list of supported encodings.

Warning: The file that you wrap with `CSVTarget` (page 12) *must* be opened in binary mode ('wb') partly because the dialect dictates the line terminator that is used, and partly because the class handles its own character encoding.

close()

Closes the CSV output. Further calls to `write()` (page 12) are not permitted after calling this method.

write(row)

Write the specified *row* (a tuple of values) to the wrapped output. All provided rows must have the same number of elements. There is no need to convert elements of the tuple to `str`²¹; this will be handled implicitly.

class `lars.csv.CSV_DIALECT`

This is the default dialect used by the `CSVTarget` (page 12) class which has the following attributes:

Attribute	Value
delimiter	',' (comma)
quotechar	'"' (double-quote)
quoting	<code>QUOTE_MINIMAL</code> (page 13)
lineterminator	'\r\n' (DOS line breaks)
doublequote	True
escapechar	None

This dialect is compatible with Microsoft Excel and the vast majority of other products which accept CSV as an input format. However, please note that some UNIX based database products require UNIX style line

²⁰ <http://docs.python.org/2/library/codecs.html#standard-encodings>

²¹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

endings ('\\n') in which case you may wish to override the *lineterminator* attribute (see *CSVTarget* (page 12) for more information).

class lars.csv.TSV_DIALECT

This is a dialect which produces tab-delimited files, another common data exchange format also supported by Microsoft Excel and numerous database products. This dialect has the following properties:

Attribute	Value
delimiter	'\\t' (tab)
quotechar	'"' (double-quote)
quoting	<i>QUOTE_MINIMAL</i> (page 13)
lineterminator	'\\r\\n' (DOS line breaks)
doublequote	True
escapechar	None

3.3.2 Data

lars.csv.QUOTE_NONE

This value indicates that no values should ever be quoted, even if they contain the delimiter character. In this case, any delimiter characters appearing the data will be preceded by the dialect's *escapechar* which should be set to an appropriate value. If *escapechar* is not set (None) an exception will be raised if any character that require quoting are encountered.

lars.csv.QUOTE_MINIMAL

This is the default quoting mode. In this mode the writer will only quote those values that contain the *delimiter* or *quotechar* characters, or any of the characters in *lineterminator*.

lars.csv.QUOTE_NONNUMERIC

This value tells the writer to quote all numeric (int and float) values.

lars.csv.QUOTE_ALL

This value simply tells the writer to quote all values written.

3.3.3 Examples

A typical example of working with the class is shown below:

```
import io
from lars import apache, csv

with io.open('/var/log/apache2/access.log', 'rb') as infile:
    with io.open('apache.csv', 'wb') as outfile:
        with apache.ApacheSource(infile) as source:
            with csv.CSVTarget(outfile, lineterminator='\\n') as target:
                for row in source:
                    target.write(row)
```

3.4 lars.sql - Direct Database Output

This module provides a target wrapper for SQL-based databases, which can provide a powerful means of analyzing log data.

The *SQLTarget* (page 14) class accepts row objects in its *write()* (page 15) method and automatically generates the required SQL INSERT statements to append records to the specified target table.

The implementation has been tested with SQLite3 (built into Python), and PostgreSQL, but should work with any PEP-249²² (Python DB API 2.0) compatible database cursor. A list of available Python database drives is maintained on the Python wiki DatabaseInterfaces²³ page.

3.4.1 Classes

```
class lars.sql.SQLiteTarget (db_module, connection, table, insert=1, commit=1000,
                             create_table=False, drop_table=False, ignore_drop_errors=True,
                             str_type='VARCHAR(1000)', int_type='INTEGER', fixed_type='DOUBLE',
                             bool_type='SMALLINT', date_type='DATE', time_type='TIME',
                             datetime_type='TIMESTAMP', ip_type='VARCHAR(53)', host_name_type='VARCHAR(255)',
                             path_type='VARCHAR(260)')
```

Wraps a database connection to insert row tuples into an SQL database table.

This wrapper provides a simple `write()` (page 15) method which can be used to insert row tuples into a specified table, which can optionally be created automatically by the wrapper before insertion of the first row. The wrapper must be passed a database connection object that conforms to the Python DB-API (version 2.0) as defined by PEP-249²⁴.

The `db_module` parameter must be passed the module that defines the database interface (this odd requirement is so that the wrapper can look up the parameter style that the interface uses, and the exceptions that it declares).

The `connection` parameter must be given an active database connection object (presumably belonging to the module passed to `db_module`).

The `table` parameter is the final mandatory parameter which names the table that values are to be inserted into. If the table name requires quoting in the target SQL dialect, you should include such quoting in the `table` value (this class does not try and discern what database engine you are connecting to and thus has no idea about non-standard quoting styles like ``MySQL`` or `[MS-SQL]`).

The `insert` parameter controls how many rows are inserted in a single `INSERT` statement. If this is set to a value greater than 1 (the default), then the `write()` (page 15) method will buffer rows until the count is reached and attempt to insert all rows at once.

New in version 0.2.

Warning: This is a relatively risky option. If an error occurs while inserting one of the rows in a multi-row insert, then normally *all* rows in the buffer will fail to be inserted, but you will not be able to determine (in your script) which row caused the failure, or which rows should be re-attempted.

In other words, only use this if you are certain that failures cannot occur during insertion (e.g. if the target table has no constraints, no primary/unique keys, and no triggers which might signal failure).

The `commit` parameter controls how often a `COMMIT` statement is executed when inserting rows. By default, this is 1000 which is usually sufficient to provide decent performance but may (in certain database engines with fixed size transaction logs) cause errors, in which case you may wish to specify a lower value. This parameter *must* be a multiple of the value of the `insert` parameter (otherwise, the `COMMIT` statement will not be run reliably).

If the `create_table` parameter is set to `True` (it defaults to `False`), when the `write()` (page 15) method is first called, the class will determine column names and types from the row passed in and will attempt to generate and execute a `CREATE TABLE` statement to set up the target table automatically. The database types that are used in the `CREATE TABLE` statement are controlled by other optional parameters and are documented in the table below:

²² <http://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0249/>

²³ <http://wiki.python.org/moin/DatabaseInterfaces>

²⁴ <http://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0249/>

Parameter	Default Value (SQL)
<i>str_type</i>	VARCHAR (1000) - typically used for URL fields.
<i>int_type</i>	INTEGER - used for fields like status and size. If your server is serving large binaries you may wish to use a 64-bit type like BIGINT here instead.
<i>fixed_type</i>	DOUBLE - used for fields like time_taken. Some users may wish to change this an appropriate NUMERIC or DECIMAL specification for precision.
<i>bool_type</i>	TINYINT - used for any boolean values in the input (0 for False, 1 for True)
<i>date_type</i>	DATE
<i>time_type</i>	TIME
<i>date-time_type</i>	TIMESTAMP - MS-SQL users will likely wish to change this to DATETIME or DATETIME2. MySQL users may wish to change this to DATETIME, although TIMESTAMP is technically also supported (albeit with functional differences).
<i>ip_type</i>	VARCHAR (53) - this is sufficient for storing all possible IP address and port combinations up and including an IPv6 v4-mapped address. If you are certain you will only need IPv4 support you may wish to use a length of 21 (with port) or 15 (no port). PostgreSQL users may wish to use the special inet type instead as this is much more efficient but cannot store port information.
<i>host-name_type</i>	VARCHAR (255)
<i>path_type</i>	VARCHAR (260)

If the *drop_table* parameter is set to True (it defaults to False), the wrapper will first attempt to use DROP TABLE to destroy any existing table before attempting CREATE TABLE. If *ignore_drop_errors* is True (which it is by default) then any errors encountered during the drop operation (e.g. if the table does not exist) will be ignored.

commit

The number of rows which the class will attempt to write before performing a COMMIT. It is strongly recommended to set this to a reasonably large number (e.g. 1000) to ensure decent INSERT performance

insert

The number of rows which the class will attempt to insert with each INSERT statement. The *commit* (page 15) parameter must be a multiple of this value.

New in version 0.2.

count

Returns the number of rows successfully written to the database so far

create_table

If True, the class will attempt to create the target table during the first call to the *write()* (page 15) method

drop_table

If True, the class will attempt to unconditionally drop any existing target table during the first call to the *write()* (page 15) method

ignore_drop_errors

If True, and *drop_table* (page 15) is True, any errors encountered during the DROP TABLE operation will be ignored (typically useful when you are not sure the target table exists or not)

table

The name of the target table in the database, including any required escaping or quotation

close()

Close the SQL target. This flushes any remaining rows from the internal buffer and the cursor against the provided connection. Note that it does *not* close the connection (as this instance didn't open the connection).

write (*row*)

Write *row* (a tuple of values) to the table specified in the constructor. If this is the first row written, and *create_table* was set to `True` in the constructor, this operation will also attempt to create the table (optionally dropping any existing table, again depending on constructor values).

```
class lars.sql.OracleTarget (db_module, connection, table, insert=1, commit=1000, create_table=False, drop_table=False, ignore_drop_errors=True, str_type='VARCHAR2(1000)', int_type='NUMBER(10)', fixed_type='NUMBER', bool_type='NUMBER(1)', date_type='DATE', time_type='DATE', datetime_type='DATE', ip_type='VARCHAR2(53)', hostname_type='VARCHAR2(255)', path_type='VARCHAR2(260)')
```

The Oracle database is sufficiently peculiar (particularly in its non-standard syntax for multi-row INSERTs, and odd datatypes) to require its own sub-class of `SQLTarget` (page 14). This sub-class takes all the same parameters as `SQLTarget` (page 14), but customizes them specifically for Oracle, and overrides the SQL generation methods to cope with Oracle's strange syntax.

New in version 0.2.

3.4.2 Exceptions

exception `lars.sql.SQLError` (*message, row=None*)

Base class for all fatal errors generated by classes in the `sql` module.

Exceptions of this class take the optional argument *row* for specifying the row (if any) that was being inserted (or retrieved) when the error occurred. If specified, the `__str__()` method is overridden to include the row in the error message.

Parameters

- **message** (*str*²⁵) – The error message
- **row** – The row being processed when the error occurred

exception `lars.sql.SQLWarning`

Raised when a non-fatal condition occurs while inserting data into a database.

3.4.3 Examples

A typical example of working with the class is shown below:

```
import io
import sqlite3
from lars import apache, sql

connection = sqlite3.connect('apache.db',
                             detect_types=sqlite3.PARSE_DECLTYPES)

with io.open('/var/log/apache2/access.log', 'rb') as infile:
    with io.open('apache.csv', 'wb') as outfile:
        with apache.ApacheSource(infile) as source:
            with sql.SQLTarget(sqlite3, connection, 'log_entries',
                               create_table=True) as target:
                for row in source:
                    target.write(row)
```

²⁵ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

3.5 lars.geoip - GeolIP Database Access

This module provides a common interface to the GeoIP database. Most users will only need to be aware of the `init_database()` function in this module, which is used to initialize the GeoIP database(s). All other functions should be ignored; instead, users should use the `country` (page 26), `region` (page 26), `city` (page 26), and `coords` (page 26) attributes of the `IPv4Address` (page 25) and `IPv6Address` (page 28) classes.

3.5.1 Functions

```
lars.geoip.init_databases(v4_geo_filename=None,          v4_isp_filename=None,
                        v4_org_filename=None,         v6_geo_filename=None,
                        v6_isp_filename=None, v6_org_filename=None, memcache=True)
```

Initializes the global GeoIP database instances in a thread-safe manner.

This function opens GeoIP databases for use by the `IPv4Address` (page 25) and `IPv6Address` (page 28) classes. There are several types of GeoIP databases. The country, region, and city databases are considered “geographical” databases and should be specified for the `v4_geo_filename` and/or `v6_geo_filename` databases (for IPv4 and IPv6 databases respectively). The ISP and organisational databases are treated separately as they contain no geographical information. If you have such databases, specify them as the values of the `v4_isp_filename`, `v6_isp_filename`, `v4_org_filename`, and `v6_org_filename` parameters (all optional).

GeoIP geographical databases are hierarchical: if you open a country database, you will only be able to use country-level lookups. However, city-level databases enable all geographical lookups (country, region, city, and coordinates).

By default, the function caches the entire content of database(s) in memory (on the assumption that just about any modern machine has more than sufficient RAM for this), but this behaviour can be overridden with the `memcache` parameter.

Warning: At the time of writing, the free GeoLite IPv6 city-level database does not work (the authors seem to be using a new database format which the pygeoip API does not yet know). This does not affect the IPv4 city-level database.

Parameters

- **v4_geo_filename** (*str*²⁶) – The filename of the IPv4 geographic database (optional)
- **v4_isp_filename** (*str*²⁷) – The filename of the IPv4 ISP database (optional)
- **v4_org_filename** (*str*²⁸) – The filename of the IPv4 organisation database (optional)
- **v6_geo_filename** (*str*²⁹) – The filename of the IPv6 geographic database (optional)
- **v6_isp_filename** (*str*³⁰) – The filename of the IPv6 ISP database (optional)
- **v6_org_filename** (*str*³¹) – The filename of the IPv6 organisation database (optional)
- **memcache** (*bool*³²) – Set to False if you don’t wish to cache the db in RAM (optional)

²⁶ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

²⁷ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

²⁸ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

²⁹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

³⁰ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

³¹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

³² <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#bool>

`lars.geoip.country_code_by_addr` (*address*)

Returns the country code associated with the specified address, or `None` if the address is not found in the GeoIP geographical database. You should use the `country` (page 26) or `country` (page 29) attributes instead of this function.

If the geographical database for the address type has not been initialized, the function raises a `ValueError`.

Parameters `address` – The address to lookup the country for

Returns `str` The country code associated with the address

`lars.geoip.city_by_addr` (*address*)

Returns the city associated with the address. You should use the `city` (page 26) or `city` (page 29) attributes instead of this function.

Given an address, this function returns the city associated with it. Note: this function will raise an exception if the GeoIP database loaded is above city level.

If the geographical database for the address type has not been initialized, the function raises a `ValueError`.

Parameters `address` – The address to lookup the city for

Returns `str` The city associated with the address, or `None`

`lars.geoip.region_by_addr` (*address*)

Returns the region (e.g. state) associated with the address. You should use the `region` (page 26) or `region` (page 30) attributes instead of this function.

Given an address, this function returns the region associated with it. In the case of the US, this is the state. In the case of other countries it may be a state, county, something GeoIP-specific or simply undefined. Note: this function will raise an exception if the GeoIP database loaded is country-level only.

If the geographical database for the address type has not been initialized, the function raises a `ValueError`.

Parameters `address` – The address to lookup the region for

Returns `str` The region associated with the address, or `None`

`lars.geoip.coords_by_addr` (*address*)

Returns the coordinates (long, lat) associated with the address. You should use the `coords` (page 26) or `coords` (page 26) attributes instead of this function.

Given an address, this function returns a tuple with the attributes longitude and latitude (in that order) representing the (very) approximate coordinates of the address on the globe. Note: this function will raise an exception if the GeoIP database loaded is above city level.

If the geographical database for the address type has not been initialized, the function raises a `ValueError`.

Parameters `address` – The address to locate

Returns `str` The coordinates associated with the address, or `None`

`lars.geoip.isp_by_addr` (*address*)

Returns the ISP that services the address. You should use the `isp` (page 26) or `isp` (page 26) attributes instead of this function.

If the ISP database for the address type has not been initialized, the function raises a `ValueError`.

Parameters `address` – The address to lookup the ISP for

Returns `str` The ISP associated with the address, or `None`

`lars.geoip.org_by_addr` (*address*)

Returns the organisation that owns the address, or the ISP that services the address (in the case that the organisation has opted not to reveal its address). If the organisational database for the address type has not been initialized, the function raises a `ValueError`.

3.5.2 Examples

3.6 lars.datatypes - Web Log Datatypes

This module wraps various Python data-types which are commonly found in log files to provide them with default string coercions and enhanced attributes. Each datatype is given a simple constructor function which accepts a string in a common format (for example, the `date()` (page 34) function which accepts dates in YYYY-MM-DD format), and returns the converted data.

Most of the time you will not need the functions in this module directly, but the attributes of the classes are extremely useful for filtering and transforming log data for output.

3.6.1 Classes

class `lars.datatypes.DateTime`

Represents a timestamp.

This type is returned by the `datetime()` (page 35) function and represents a timestamp (with optional timezone). A `DateTime` (page 19) object is a single object containing all the information from a `Date` (page 23) object and a `Time` (page 32) object. Like a `Date` (page 23) object, `DateTime` (page 19) assumes the current Gregorian calendar extended in both directions; like a time object, `DateTime` (page 19) assumes there are exactly 3600×24 seconds in every day.

Other constructors, all class methods:

classmethod `today()`

Return the current local datetime, with `tzinfo` (page 20) `None`. This is equivalent to `DateTime.fromtimestamp(time.time())`. See also `now()` (page 19), `fromtimestamp()` (page 19).

classmethod `now([tz])`

Return the current local date and time. If optional argument `tz` is `None` or not specified, this is like `today()` (page 19), but, if possible, supplies more precision than can be gotten from going through a `time.time()`³³ timestamp (for example, this may be possible on platforms supplying the `C gettimeofday()` function).

Else `tz` must be an instance of a class `tzinfo` (page 20) subclass, and the current date and time are converted to `tz`'s time zone. In this case the result is equivalent to `tz.fromutc(DateTime.utcnow().replace(tzinfo=tz))`. See also `today()` (page 19), `utcnow()` (page 19).

classmethod `utcnow()`

Return the current UTC date and time, with `tzinfo` (page 20) `None`. This is like `now()` (page 19), but returns the current UTC date and time, as a naive `DateTime` (page 19) object. See also `now()` (page 19).

classmethod `fromtimestamp(timestamp[, tz])`

Return the local date and time corresponding to the POSIX timestamp, such as is returned by `time.time()`³⁴. If optional argument `tz` is `None` or not specified, the timestamp is converted to the platform's local date and time, and the returned `DateTime` (page 19) object is naive.

Else `tz` must be an instance of a class `tzinfo` (page 20) subclass, and the timestamp is converted to `tz`'s time zone. In this case the result is equivalent to `tz.fromutc(DateTime.utcnow().replace(tzinfo=tz).replace(timestamp=timestamp))`.

`fromtimestamp()` (page 19) may raise `ValueError`³⁵, if the timestamp is out of the range of values supported by the platform `C localtime()` or `gmtime()` functions. It's common for this to be restricted to years in 1970 through 2038. Note that on non-POSIX systems that include leap seconds in their notion of a timestamp, leap seconds are ignored by `fromtimestamp()` (page 19),

³³ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/time.html#time.time>

³⁴ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/time.html#time.time>

³⁵ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#ValueError>

and then it's possible to have two timestamps differing by a second that yield identical `DateTime` (page 19) objects. See also `utcfromtimestamp()` (page 20).

classmethod `utcfromtimestamp(timestamp)`

Return the UTC `DateTime` (page 19) corresponding to the POSIX timestamp, with `tzinfo` (page 20) `None`. This may raise `ValueError`³⁶, if the timestamp is out of the range of values supported by the platform C `gmtime()` function. It's common for this to be restricted to years in 1970 through 2038. See also `fromtimestamp()` (page 19).

classmethod `combine(date, time)`

Return a new `DateTime` (page 19) object whose date components are equal to the given `date` (page 34) object's, and whose time components and `tzinfo` (page 20) attributes are equal to the given `Time` (page 32) object's. For any `DateTime` (page 19) object `d`, `d == DateTime.combine(d.date(), d.timetz())`. If `date` is a `DateTime` (page 19) object, its time components and `tzinfo` (page 20) attributes are ignored.

classmethod `strptime(date_string, format)`

Return a `DateTime` (page 19) corresponding to `date_string`, parsed according to `format`. This is equivalent to `DateTime(*(time.strptime(date_string, format)[0:6]))`. `ValueError`³⁷ is raised if the `date_string` and `format` can't be parsed by `time.strptime()`³⁸ or if it returns a value which isn't a time tuple.

Class attributes:

min

The earliest representable `DateTime` (page 19).

max

The latest representable `DateTime` (page 19).

resolution

The smallest possible difference between non-equal `DateTime` (page 19) objects, `timedelta(microseconds=1)`.

Instance attributes (read-only):

year

Between `MINYEAR` and `MAXYEAR` inclusive.

month

Between 1 and 12 inclusive.

day

Between 1 and the number of days in the given month of the given year.

hour

In range(24).

minute

In range(60).

second

In range(60).

microsecond

In range(1000000).

tzinfo

The object passed as the `tzinfo` argument to the `DateTime` (page 19) constructor, or `None` if none was passed.

Supported operations:

³⁶ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#ValueError>

³⁷ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#ValueError>

³⁸ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/time.html#time.strptime>

Operation	Result
<code>datetime2 = datetime1 + timedelta</code>	(1)
<code>datetime2 = datetime1 - timedelta</code>	(2)
<code>timedelta = datetime1 - datetime2</code>	(3)
<code>datetime1 < datetime2</code>	Compares <i>DateTime</i> (page 19) to <i>DateTime</i> (page 19). (4)

- `datetime2` is a duration of `timedelta` removed from `datetime1`, moving forward in time if `timedelta.days > 0`, or backward if `timedelta.days < 0`. The result has the same `tzinfo` (page 20) attribute as the input `datetime`, and `datetime2 - datetime1 == timedelta` after. `OverflowError`³⁹ is raised if `datetime2.year` would be smaller than `MINYEAR` or larger than `MAXYEAR`. Note that no time zone adjustments are done even if the input is an aware object.
- Computes the `datetime2` such that `datetime2 + timedelta == datetime1`. As for addition, the result has the same `tzinfo` (page 20) attribute as the input `datetime`, and no time zone adjustments are done even if the input is aware. This isn't quite equivalent to `datetime1 + (-timedelta)`, because `-timedelta` in isolation can overflow in cases where `datetime1 - timedelta` does not.
- Subtraction of a *DateTime* (page 19) from a *DateTime* (page 19) is defined only if both operands are naive, or if both are aware. If one is aware and the other is naive, `TypeError`⁴⁰ is raised.

If both are naive, or both are aware and have the same `tzinfo` (page 20) attribute, the `tzinfo` (page 20) attributes are ignored, and the result is a `timedelta` object `t` such that `datetime2 + t == datetime1`. No time zone adjustments are done in this case.

If both are aware and have different `tzinfo` (page 20) attributes, `a-b` acts as if `a` and `b` were first converted to naive UTC datetimes first. The result is `(a.replace(tzinfo=None) - a.utcoffset()) - (b.replace(tzinfo=None) - b.utcoffset())` except that the implementation never overflows.

- `datetime1` is considered less than `datetime2` when `datetime1` precedes `datetime2` in time.

If one comparand is naive and the other is aware, `TypeError`⁴¹ is raised. If both comparands are aware, and have the same `tzinfo` (page 20) attribute, the common `tzinfo` (page 20) attribute is ignored and the base datetimes are compared. If both comparands are aware and have different `tzinfo` (page 20) attributes, the comparands are first adjusted by subtracting their UTC offsets (obtained from `self.utcoffset()`).

Note: In order to stop comparison from falling back to the default scheme of comparing object addresses, `datetime` comparison normally raises `TypeError`⁴² if the other comparand isn't also a *DateTime* (page 19) object. However, `NotImplemented` is returned instead if the other comparand has a `timetuple()` attribute. This hook gives other kinds of date objects a chance at implementing mixed-type comparison. If not, when a *DateTime* (page 19) object is compared to an object of a different type, `TypeError`⁴³ is raised unless the comparison is `==` or `!=`. The latter cases return `False` or `True`, respectively.

DateTime (page 19) objects can be used as dictionary keys. In Boolean contexts, all *DateTime* (page 19) objects are considered to be true.

Instance methods:

³⁹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#OverflowError>

⁴⁰ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#TypeError>

⁴¹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#TypeError>

⁴² <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#TypeError>

⁴³ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#TypeError>

date ()

Return *date* (page 34) object with same year, month and day.

time ()

Return *Time* (page 32) object with same hour, minute, second and microsecond. *tzinfo* (page 20) is *None*. See also method *timetz ()* (page 22).

timetz ()

Return *Time* (page 32) object with same hour, minute, second, microsecond, and *tzinfo* attributes. See also method *time ()* (page 35).

replace ([year[, month[, day[, hour[, minute[, second[, microsecond[, tzinfo]]]]]]]])

Return a *DateTime* with the same attributes, except for those attributes given new values by whichever keyword arguments are specified. Note that *tzinfo=None* can be specified to create a naive *DateTime* from an aware *DateTime* with no conversion of date and time data.

astimezone (tz)

Return a *DateTime* (page 19) object with new *tzinfo* (page 20) attribute *tz*, adjusting the date and time data so the result is the same UTC time as *self*, but in *tz*'s local time.

tz must be an instance of a *tzinfo* (page 20) subclass, and its *utcoffset ()* (page 22) and *dst ()* (page 22) methods must not return *None*. *self* must be aware (*self.tzinfo* must not be *None*, and *self.utcoffset ()* must not return *None*).

If *self.tzinfo* is *tz*, *self.astimezone (tz)* is equal to *self*: no adjustment of date or time data is performed. Else the result is local time in time zone *tz*, representing the same UTC time as *self*: after *astz = dt.astimezone (tz)*, *astz - astz.utcoffset ()* will usually have the same date and time data as *dt - dt.utcoffset ()*. The discussion of class *tzinfo* (page 20) explains the cases at Daylight Saving Time transition boundaries where this cannot be achieved (an issue only if *tz* models both standard and daylight time).

If you merely want to attach a time zone object *tz* to a *DateTime dt* without adjustment of date and time data, use *dt.replace (tzinfo=tz)*. If you merely want to remove the time zone object from an aware *DateTime dt* without conversion of date and time data, use *dt.replace (tzinfo=None)*.

Note that the default *tzinfo.fromutc ()* method can be overridden in a *tzinfo* (page 20) subclass to affect the result returned by *astimezone ()* (page 22). Ignoring error cases, *astimezone ()* (page 22) acts like:

```
def astimezone(self, tz):
    if self.tzinfo is tz:
        return self
    # Convert self to UTC, and attach the new time zone object.
    utc = (self - self.utcoffset()).replace(tzinfo=tz)
    # Convert from UTC to tz's local time.
    return tz.fromutc(utc)
```

utcoffset ()

If *tzinfo* (page 20) is *None*, returns *None*, else returns *self.tzinfo.utcoffset (self)*, and raises an exception if the latter doesn't return *None*, or a *timedelta* object representing a whole number of minutes with magnitude less than one day.

dst ()

If *tzinfo* (page 20) is *None*, returns *None*, else returns *self.tzinfo.dst (self)*, and raises an exception if the latter doesn't return *None*, or a *timedelta* object representing a whole number of minutes with magnitude less than one day.

tzname ()

If *tzinfo* (page 20) is *None*, returns *None*, else returns *self.tzinfo.tzname (self)*, raises an exception if the latter doesn't return *None* or a string object,

weekday ()

Return the day of the week as an integer, where Monday is 0 and Sunday is 6. The same as *self.date ().weekday ()*. See also *isoweekday ()* (page 22).

isoweekday()

Return the day of the week as an integer, where Monday is 1 and Sunday is 7. The same as `self.date().isoweekday()`. See also `weekday()` (page 22), `isocalendar()` (page 23).

isocalendar()

Return a 3-tuple, (ISO year, ISO week number, ISO weekday). The same as `self.date().isocalendar()`.

isoformat([sep])

Return a string representing the date and time in ISO 8601 format, YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.mmmmmm or, if `microsecond` (page 20) is 0, YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS

If `utcoffset()` (page 22) does not return `None`, a 6-character string is appended, giving the UTC offset in (signed) hours and minutes: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.mmmmmm+HH:MM or, if `microsecond` (page 20) is 0 YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS+HH:MM

The optional argument `sep` (default 'T') is a one-character separator, placed between the date and time portions of the result. For example,

```
>>> from datetime import tzinfo, timedelta, datetime
>>> class TZ(tzinfo):
...     def utcoffset(self, dt): return timedelta(minutes=-399)
...
>>> datetime(2002, 12, 25, tzinfo=TZ()).isoformat(' ')
'2002-12-25 00:00:00-06:39'
```

class lars.datatypes.Date

Represents a date.

This type is returned by the `date()` (page 34) function and represents a date. A `Date` (page 23) object represents a date (year, month and day) in an idealized calendar, the current Gregorian calendar indefinitely extended in both directions. January 1 of year 1 is called day number 1, January 2 of year 1 is called day number 2, and so on. This matches the definition of the “proleptic Gregorian” calendar in Dershowitz and Reingold’s book *Calendrical Calculations*, where it’s the base calendar for all computations. See the book for algorithms for converting between proleptic Gregorian ordinals and many other calendar systems.

Other constructors, all class methods:

classmethod today()

Return the current local date. This is equivalent to `date.fromtimestamp(time.time())`.

classmethod fromtimestamp(timestamp)

Return the local date corresponding to the POSIX timestamp, such as is returned by `time.time()`⁴⁴. This may raise `ValueError`⁴⁵, if the timestamp is out of the range of values supported by the platform `C localtime()` function. It’s common for this to be restricted to years from 1970 through 2038. Note that on non-POSIX systems that include leap seconds in their notion of a timestamp, leap seconds are ignored by `fromtimestamp()` (page 23).

Class attributes:

min

The earliest representable date, `date(MINYEAR, 1, 1)`.

max

The latest representable date, `date(MAXYEAR, 12, 31)`.

resolution

The smallest possible difference between non-equal date objects, `timedelta(days=1)`.

Instance attributes (read-only):

year

Between `MINYEAR` and `MAXYEAR` inclusive.

⁴⁴ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/time.html#time.time>

⁴⁵ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#ValueError>

month

Between 1 and 12 inclusive.

day

Between 1 and the number of days in the given month of the given year.

Supported operations:

Operation	Result
<code>date2 = date1 + timedelta</code>	<code>date2</code> is <code>timedelta.days</code> days removed from <code>date1</code> . (1)
<code>date2 = date1 - timedelta</code>	Computes <code>date2</code> such that <code>date2 + timedelta == date1</code> . (2)
<code>timedelta = date1 - date2</code>	(3)
<code>date1 < date2</code>	<code>date1</code> is considered less than <code>date2</code> when <code>date1</code> precedes <code>date2</code> in time. (4)

Notes:

1. `date2` is moved forward in time if `timedelta.days > 0`, or backward if `timedelta.days < 0`. Afterward `date2 - date1 == timedelta.days`. `timedelta.seconds` and `timedelta.microseconds` are ignored. `OverflowError`⁴⁶ is raised if `date2.year` would be smaller than `MINYEAR` or larger than `MAXYEAR`.
2. This isn't quite equivalent to `date1 + (-timedelta)`, because `-timedelta` isolation can overflow in cases where `date1 - timedelta` does not. `timedelta.seconds` and `timedelta.microseconds` are ignored.
3. This is exact, and cannot overflow. `timedelta.seconds` and `timedelta.microseconds` are 0, and `date2 + timedelta == date1` after.
4. In other words, `date1 < date2` if and only if `date1.toordinal() < date2.toordinal()`. In order to stop comparison from falling back to the default scheme of comparing object addresses, date comparison normally raises `TypeError`⁴⁷ if the other comparand isn't also a `date` (page 34) object. However, `NotImplemented` is returned instead if the other comparand has a `timetuple()` attribute. This hook gives other kinds of date objects a chance at implementing mixed-type comparison. If not, when a `date` (page 34) object is compared to an object of a different type, `TypeError`⁴⁸ is raised unless the comparison is `==` or `!=`. The latter cases return `False` or `True`, respectively.

Dates can be used as dictionary keys. In Boolean contexts, all `date` (page 34) objects are considered to be true.

Instance methods:

replace (*year, month, day*)

Return a date with the same value, except for those parameters given new values by whichever keyword arguments are specified. For example, if `d == Date(2002, 12, 31)`, then `d.replace(day=26) == Date(2002, 12, 26)`.

weekday ()

Return the day of the week as an integer, where Monday is 0 and Sunday is 6. For example, `Date(2002, 12, 4).weekday() == 2`, a Wednesday. See also `isoweekday()` (page 24).

isoweekday ()

Return the day of the week as an integer, where Monday is 1 and Sunday is 7. For example, `Date(2002, 12, 4).isoweekday() == 3`, a Wednesday. See also `weekday()` (page 24), `isocalendar()` (page 24).

⁴⁶ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#OverflowError>

⁴⁷ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#TypeError>

⁴⁸ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#TypeError>

isocalendar ()

Return a 3-tuple, (ISO year, ISO week number, ISO weekday).

The ISO calendar is a widely used variant of the Gregorian calendar. See <http://www.phys.uu.nl/~vgent/calendar/isocalendar.htm> for a good explanation.

The ISO year consists of 52 or 53 full weeks, and where a week starts on a Monday and ends on a Sunday. The first week of an ISO year is the first (Gregorian) calendar week of a year containing a Thursday. This is called week number 1, and the ISO year of that Thursday is the same as its Gregorian year.

For example, 2004 begins on a Thursday, so the first week of ISO year 2004 begins on Monday, 29 Dec 2003 and ends on Sunday, 4 Jan 2004, so that `Date(2003, 12, 29).isocalendar() == (2004, 1, 1)` and `Date(2004, 1, 4).isocalendar() == (2004, 1, 7)`.

isoformat ()

Return a string representing the date in ISO 8601 format, 'YYYY-MM-DD'. For example, `Date(2002, 12, 4).isoformat() == '2002-12-04'`.

strftime (format)

Return a string representing the date, controlled by an explicit format string. Format codes referring to hours, minutes or seconds will see 0 values.

class lars.datatypes.Hostname (s)

Represents an Internet hostname and provides attributes for DNS resolution.

This type is returned by the `hostname ()` (page 35) function and represents a DNS hostname. The `address` (page 34) property allows resolution of the hostname to an IP address.

Parameters `hostname (str49)` – The hostname to parse

address

Attempts to resolve the hostname into an IPv4 or IPv6 address (returning an `IPv4Address` (page 25) or `IPv6Address` (page 28) object respectively). The result of the DNS query (including negative lookups is cached, so repeated queries for the same hostname should be extremely fast.

class lars.datatypes.IPv4Address (address)

Represents an IPv4 address.

This type is returned by the `address ()` (page 34) function and represents an IPv4 address and provides various attributes and comparison operators relevant to such addresses.

For example, to test whether an address belongs to particular network you can use the `in` operator with the result of the `network ()` (page 35) function:

```
address('192.168.0.64') in network('192.168.0.0/16')
```

The `hostname` (page 35) attribute will perform reverse DNS resolution to determine a hostname associated with the address (if any). The result of the query (including negative lookups) is cached so subsequent queries of the same address should be extremely rapid.

If the `lars.geoip` (page 17) module has been initialized with a database, the GeoIP-related attributes `country` (page 26), `region` (page 26), `city` (page 26), and `coords` (page 26) will return the country, region, city and a (longitude, latitude) tuple respectively.

compressed

Returns the shorthand version of the IP address as a string (this is the default string conversion).

exploded

Returns the longhand version of the IP address as a string.

is_link_local

Returns True if the address is reserved for link-local. See [RFC 3927⁵⁰](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3927) for details.

⁴⁹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

⁵⁰ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3927>

is_loopback

Returns True if the address is a loopback address. See [RFC 3330](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3330)⁵¹ for details.

is_multicast

Returns True if the address is reserved for multicast use. See [RFC 3171](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3171)⁵² for details.

is_private

Returns True if this address is allocated for private networks. See [RFC 1918](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1918)⁵³ for details.

is_reserved

Returns True if the address is otherwise IETF reserved.

is_unspecified

Returns True if the address is unspecified. See [RFC 5735](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5735) [3](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5735#section-3)⁵⁴ for details.

packed

Returns the binary representation of this address.

city

If `init_databases()` (page 17) has been called with a city-level GeoIP database, returns the city of the address.

coords

If `init_databases()` (page 17) has been called with a city-level GeoIP database, returns a (longitude, latitude) tuple describing the approximate location of the address.

country

If `init_databases()` (page 17) has been called to initialize a GeoIP database, returns the country of the address.

hostname

Performs a reverse DNS lookup to attempt to determine a hostname for the address. Lookups (including negative lookups) are cached so that repeated lookups are extremely quick. Returns a `Hostname` (page 25) object if the lookup is successful, or `None`.

isp

If `init_databases()` (page 17) has been called with an ISP level database, returns the ISP that provides connectivity for the address.

org

If `init_databases()` (page 17) has been called with an organisation level database, returns the name of the organisation the address belongs to.

region

If `init_databases()` (page 17) has been called with a region-level (or lower) GeoIP database, returns the region of the address.

class `lars.datatypes.IPv4Network` (*address*, *strict=True*)

This type is returned by the `network()` (page 35) function. This class represents and manipulates 32-bit IPv4 networks.

Attributes: [examples for `IPv4Network('192.0.2.0/27')`]

- `network_address`: `IPv4Address('192.0.2.0')`
- `hostmask`: `IPv4Address('0.0.0.31')`
- `broadcast_address`: `IPv4Address('192.0.2.32')`
- `netmask`: `IPv4Address('255.255.255.224')`
- `prefixlen`: 27

⁵¹ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3330>

⁵² <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3171>

⁵³ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1918>

⁵⁴ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5735#section-3>

address_exclude (*other*)

Remove an address from a larger block.

For example:

```
addr1 = network('192.0.2.0/28')
addr2 = network('192.0.2.1/32')
addr1.address_exclude(addr2) = [
    IPv4Network('192.0.2.0/32'), IPv4Network('192.0.2.2/31'),
    IPv4Network('192.0.2.4/30'), IPv4Network('192.0.2.8/29'),
]
```

Parameters *other* – An IPv4Network object of the same type.

Returns An iterator of the IPv4Network objects which is self minus other.

compare_networks (*other*)

Compare two IP objects.

This is only concerned about the comparison of the integer representation of the network addresses. This means that the host bits aren't considered at all in this method. If you want to compare host bits, you can easily enough do a `HostA._ip < HostB._ip`.

Parameters *other* – An IP object.

Returns -1, 0, or 1 for less than, equal to or greater than respectively.

hosts ()

Generate iterator over usable hosts in a network.

This is like `__iter__()` except it doesn't return the network or broadcast addresses.

overlaps (*other*)

Tells if self is partly contained in *other*.

subnets (*prefixlen_diff=1, new_prefix=None*)

The subnets which join to make the current subnet.

In the case that self contains only one IP (self._prefixlen == 32 for IPv4 or self._prefixlen == 128 for IPv6), yield an iterator with just ourself.

Parameters

- **prefixlen_diff** (*int*⁵⁵) – An integer, the amount the prefix length should be increased by. This should not be set if *new_prefix* is also set.
- **new_prefix** (*int*⁵⁶) – The desired new prefix length. This must be a larger number (smaller prefix) than the existing prefix. This should not be set if *prefixlen_diff* is also set.

Returns An iterator of IPv(4|6) objects.

supernet (*prefixlen_diff=1, new_prefix=None*)

The supernet containing the current network.

Parameters

- **prefixlen_diff** (*int*⁵⁷) – An integer, the amount the prefix length of the network should be decreased by. For example, given a /24 network and a *prefixlen_diff* of 3, a supernet with a /21 netmask is returned.

⁵⁵ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

⁵⁶ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

⁵⁷ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

- **new_prefix** (*int*⁵⁸) – The desired new prefix length. This must be a smaller number (larger prefix) than the existing prefix. This should not be set if *prefixlen_diff* is also set.

Returns An IPv4Network object.

is_link_local

Returns True if the address is reserved for link-local. See RFC 4291⁵⁹ for details.

is_loopback

Returns True if the address is a loopback address. See RFC 2373 2.5.3⁶⁰ for details.

is_multicast

Returns True if the address is reserved for multicast use. See RFC 2373 2.7⁶¹ for details.

is_private

Returns True if this address is allocated for private networks. See RFC 4193⁶² for details.

is_reserved

Returns True if the address is otherwise IETF reserved.

is_unspecified

Returns True if the address is unspecified. See RFC 2373 2.5.2⁶³ for details.

class `lars.datatypes.IPv4Port` (*address*)

Represents an IPv4 address and port number.

This type is returned by the `address()` (page 34) function and represents an IPv4 address and port number. Other than this, all properties of the base `IPv4Address` (page 25) class are equivalent.

port

An integer representing the network port for a connection

class `lars.datatypes.IPv6Address` (*address*)

Represents an IPv6 address.

This type is returned by the `address()` (page 34) function and represents an IPv6 address and provides various attributes and comparison operators relevant to such addresses.

For example, to test whether an address belongs to particular network you can use the `in` operator with the result of the `network()` (page 35) function:

```
address(':::1') in network(':::/16')
```

The `hostname` (page 35) attribute will perform reverse DNS resolution to determine a hostname associated with the address (if any). The result of the query (including negative lookups) is cached so subsequent queries of the same address should be extremely rapid.

If the `lars.geoip` (page 17) module has been initialized with a database, the GeoIP-related attributes `country` (page 29), `region` (page 30), `city` (page 29), and `coords` (page 29) will return the country, region, city and a (longitude, latitude) tuple respectively.

compressed

Returns the shorthand version of the IP address as a string (this is the default string conversion).

exploded

Returns the longhand version of the IP address as a string.

ipv4_mapped

Returns the IPv4 mapped address if the IPv6 address is a v4 mapped address, or `None` otherwise.

⁵⁸ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

⁵⁹ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4291>

⁶⁰ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.5.3>

⁶¹ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.7>

⁶² <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4193>

⁶³ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.5.2>

is_link_local

Returns True if the address is reserved for link-local. See [RFC 4291](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4291)⁶⁴ for details.

is_loopback

Returns True if the address is a loopback address. See [RFC 2373 2.5.3](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.5.3)⁶⁵ for details.

is_multicast

Returns True if the address is reserved for multicast use. See [RFC 2373 2.7](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.7)⁶⁶ for details.

is_private

Returns True if this address is allocated for private networks. See [RFC 4193](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4193)⁶⁷ for details.

is_reserved

Returns True if the address is otherwise IETF reserved.

is_site_local

Returns True if the address is reserved for site-local.

Note that the site-local address space has been deprecated by [RFC 3879](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3879)⁶⁸. Use *is_private* (page 29) to test if this address is in the space of unique local addresses as defined by [RFC 4193](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4193)⁶⁹. See [RFC 3513 2.5.6](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3513#section-2.5.6)⁷⁰ for details.

is_unspecified

Returns True if the address is unspecified. See [RFC 2373 2.5.2](http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.5.2)⁷¹ for details.

packed

Returns the binary representation of this address.

sixtofour

Returns the IPv4 6to4 embedded address if present, or None if the address doesn't appear to contain a 6to4 embedded address.

teredo

Returns a (*server*, *client*) tuple of embedded Teredo IPs, or None if the address doesn't appear to be a Teredo address (doesn't start with 2001::/32).

city

If *init_databases()* (page 17) has been called with a city-level GeoIP IPv6 database, returns the city of the address.

coords

If *init_databases()* (page 17) has been called with a city-level GeoIP IPv6 database, returns a (longitude, latitude) tuple describing the approximate location of the address.

country

If *init_databases()* (page 17) has been called to initialize a GeoIP IPv6 database, returns the country of the address.

hostname

Performs a reverse DNS lookup to attempt to determine a hostname for the address. Lookups (including negative lookups) are cached so that repeated lookups are extremely quick. Returns a *Hostname* (page 25) object if the lookup is successful, or None.

isp

If *init_databases()* (page 17) has been called with an ISP level IPv6 database, returns the ISP that provides connectivity for the address.

⁶⁴ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4291>

⁶⁵ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.5.3>

⁶⁶ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.7>

⁶⁷ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4193>

⁶⁸ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3879>

⁶⁹ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4193>

⁷⁰ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3513#section-2.5.6>

⁷¹ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.5.2>

org

If `init_databases()` (page 17) has been called with an IPv6 organisation level database, returns the name of the organisation the address belongs to.

region

If `init_databases()` (page 17) has been called with a region-level (or lower) GeoIP IPv6 database, returns the region of the address.

class `lars.datatypes.IPv6Network` (*address, strict=True*)

This type is returned by the `network()` (page 35) function. This class represents and manipulates 128-bit IPv6 networks.

address_exclude (*other*)

Remove an address from a larger block.

For example:

```
addr1 = network('192.0.2.0/28')
addr2 = network('192.0.2.1/32')
addr1.address_exclude(addr2) = [
    IPv4Network('192.0.2.0/32'), IPv4Network('192.0.2.2/31'),
    IPv4Network('192.0.2.4/30'), IPv4Network('192.0.2.8/29'),
]
```

Parameters *other* – An IPv4Network object of the same type.

Returns An iterator of the IPv4Network objects which is self minus other.

compare_networks (*other*)

Compare two IP objects.

This is only concerned about the comparison of the integer representation of the network addresses. This means that the host bits aren't considered at all in this method. If you want to compare host bits, you can easily enough do a `HostA._ip < HostB._ip`.

Parameters *other* – An IP object.

Returns -1, 0, or 1 for less than, equal to or greater than respectively.

hosts ()

Generate iterator over usable hosts in a network.

This is like `__iter__()` except it doesn't return the network or broadcast addresses.

overlaps (*other*)

Tells if self is partly contained in *other*.

subnets (*prefixlen_diff=1, new_prefix=None*)

The subnets which join to make the current subnet.

In the case that self contains only one IP (`self._prefixlen == 32` for IPv4 or `self._prefixlen == 128` for IPv6), yield an iterator with just ourself.

Parameters

- **prefixlen_diff** (*int*⁷²) – An integer, the amount the prefix length should be increased by. This should not be set if *new_prefix* is also set.
- **new_prefix** (*int*⁷³) – The desired new prefix length. This must be a larger number (smaller prefix) than the existing prefix. This should not be set if *prefixlen_diff* is also set.

Returns An iterator of IPv(4|6) objects.

⁷² <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

⁷³ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

supernet (*prefixlen_diff=1, new_prefix=None*)
The supernet containing the current network.

Parameters

- **prefixlen_diff** (*int*⁷⁴) – An integer, the amount the prefix length of the network should be decreased by. For example, given a /24 network and a *prefixlen_diff* of 3, a supernet with a /21 netmask is returned.
- **new_prefix** (*int*⁷⁵) – The desired new prefix length. This must be a smaller number (larger prefix) than the existing prefix. This should not be set if *prefixlen_diff* is also set.

Returns An IPv4Network object.

is_link_local

Returns True if the address is reserved for link-local. See RFC 4291⁷⁶ for details.

is_loopback

Returns True if the address is a loopback address. See RFC 2373 2.5.3⁷⁷ for details.

is_multicast

Returns True if the address is reserved for multicast use. See RFC 2373 2.7⁷⁸ for details.

is_private

Returns True if this address is allocated for private networks. See RFC 4193⁷⁹ for details.

is_reserved

Returns True if the address is otherwise IETF reserved.

is_unspecified

Returns True if the address is unspecified. See RFC 2373 2.5.2⁸⁰ for details.

class `lars.datatypes.IPv6Port` (*address*)

Represents an IPv6 address and port number.

This type is returned by the `address()` (page 34) function and represents an IPv6 address and port number. The string representation of an IPv6 address with port necessarily wraps the address portion in square brackets as otherwise the port number will make the address ambiguous. Other than this, all properties of the base `IPv6Address` (page 28) class are equivalent.

port

An integer representing the network port for a connection

class `lars.datatypes.Path`

Represents a path.

This type is returned by the `path()` (page 35) function and represents a path in POSIX format (forward slash separators and no drive portion). It is used to represent the path portion of URLs and provides attributes for extracting parts of the path there-in.

The original path can be obtained as a string by asking for the string conversion of this class, like so:

```
p = datatypes.path('/foo/bar/baz.ext')
assert p.dirname == '/foo/bar'
assert p.basename == 'baz.ext'
assert str(p) == '/foo/bar/baz.ext'
```

dirname

A string containing all of the path except the basename at the end

⁷⁴ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

⁷⁵ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

⁷⁶ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4291>

⁷⁷ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.5.3>

⁷⁸ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.7>

⁷⁹ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4193>

⁸⁰ <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2373#section-2.5.2>

basename

A string containing the basename (filename and extension) at the end of the path

ext

A string containing the filename's extension (including the leading dot)

join (*paths)

Joins this path with the specified parts, returning a new *Path* (page 31) object.

Parameters *paths – The parts to append to this path

Returns A new *Path* (page 31) object representing the extended path

basename_no_ext

Returns a string containing basename with the extension removed (including the final dot separator).

dirs

Returns a sequence of the directories making up *dirname* (page 31)

isabs

Returns True if the path is absolute (*dirname* begins with one or more forward slashes).

class lars.datatypes.**Time**

Represents a time.

This type is returned by the *time* () (page 35) function and represents a time. A time object represents a (local) time of day, independent of any particular day, and subject to adjustment via a *tzinfo* (page 32) object.

Class attributes:

min

The earliest representable *Time* (page 32), *time*(0, 0, 0, 0).

max

The latest representable *Time* (page 32), *time*(23, 59, 59, 999999).

resolution

The smallest possible difference between non-equal *Time* (page 32) objects, *timedelta*(microseconds=1), although note that arithmetic on *Time* (page 32) objects is not supported.

Instance attributes (read-only):

hour

In range(24).

minute

In range(60).

second

In range(60).

microsecond

In range(1000000).

tzinfo

The object passed as the *tzinfo* argument to the *Time* (page 32) constructor, or None if none was passed.

Supported operations:

- comparison of *Time* (page 32) to *Time* (page 32), where *a* is considered less than *b* when *a* precedes *b* in time. If one comparand is naive and the other is aware, *TypeError*⁸¹ is raised. If both comparands are aware, and have the same *tzinfo* (page 32) attribute, the common *tzinfo* (page 32) attribute is ignored and the base times are compared. If both comparands are aware and have different *tzinfo* (page 32) attributes, the comparands are first adjusted by subtracting their UTC offsets (obtained from

⁸¹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#TypeError>

`self.utcoffset()`). In order to stop mixed-type comparisons from falling back to the default comparison by object address, when a *Time* (page 32) object is compared to an object of a different type, `TypeError`⁸² is raised unless the comparison is `==` or `!=`. The latter cases return `False` or `True`, respectively.

- hash, use as dict key
- efficient pickling
- in Boolean contexts, a *Time* (page 32) object is considered to be true if and only if, after converting it to minutes and subtracting `utcoffset()` (page 33) (or 0 if that's `None`), the result is non-zero.

Instance methods:

replace (`[hour[, minute[, second[, microsecond[, tzinfo]]]]`)

Return a *Time* (page 32) with the same value, except for those attributes given new values by whichever keyword arguments are specified. Note that `tzinfo=None` can be specified to create a naive *Time* (page 32) from an aware *Time* (page 32), without conversion of the time data.

isoformat ()

Return a string representing the time in ISO 8601 format, `HH:MM:SS.mmmmmm` or, if `self.microsecond` is 0, `HH:MM:SS`. If `utcoffset()` (page 33) does not return `None`, a 6-character string is appended, giving the UTC offset in (signed) hours and minutes: `HH:MM:SS.mmmmmm+HH:MM` or, if `self.microsecond` is 0, `HH:MM:SS+HH:MM`

strftime (`format`)

Return a string representing the time, controlled by an explicit format string.

utcoffset ()

If `tzinfo` (page 32) is `None`, returns `None`, else returns `self.tzinfo.utcoffset(None)`, and raises an exception if the latter doesn't return `None` or a `timedelta` object representing a whole number of minutes with magnitude less than one day.

dst ()

If `tzinfo` (page 32) is `None`, returns `None`, else returns `self.tzinfo.dst(None)`, and raises an exception if the latter doesn't return `None`, or a `timedelta` object representing a whole number of minutes with magnitude less than one day.

tzname ()

If `tzinfo` (page 32) is `None`, returns `None`, else returns `self.tzinfo.tzname(None)`, or raises an exception if the latter doesn't return `None` or a string object.

class `lars.datatypes.Url`

Represents a URL.

This type is returned by the `url()` (page 36) function and represents the parts of the URL. You can obtain the original URL as a string by requesting the string conversion of this class, for example:

```
>>> u = datatypes.url('http://foo/bar/baz')
>>> print u.scheme
http
>>> print u.hostname
foo
>>> print str(u)
http://foo/bar/baz
```

scheme

The scheme of the URL, before the first :

netloc

The “network location” of the URL, comprising the hostname and port (separated by a colon), and historically the username and password (prefixed to the hostname and separated with an ampersand)

⁸² <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/exceptions.html#TypeError>

path_str

The path of the URL from the first slash after the network location

path

The path of the URL, parsed into a tuple which splits out the directory, filename, and extension:

```
>>> u = datatypes.url('foo/bar/baz.html')
>>> u.path
Path(dirname='foo/bar', basename='baz.html', ext='.html')
>>> u.path.isabs
False
```

params

The parameters of the URL

query_str

The query string of the URL from the first question-mark in the path

query

The query string, parsed into a mapping of keys to lists of values. For example:

```
>>> u = datatypes.url('foo/bar?a=1&a=2&b=3&c=')
>>> print u.query
{'a': ['1', '2'], 'c': [], 'b': ['3']}
>>> print 'a' in u.query
True
```

fragment

The fragment of the URL from the last hash-mark to the end of the URL

Additionally, the following attributes can be used to separate out the various parts of the *netloc* (page 33) attribute:

username

The username (historical, rare to see this used on the modern web)

password

The password (historical, almost unheard of on the modern web as it's extremely insecure to include credentials in the URL)

hostname

The hostname from the network location. This attribute returns a *Hostname* (page 25) object which can be used to resolve the hostname into an IP address if required.

port

The optional network port

geturl ()

Return the URL as a string string.

3.6.2 Functions

`lars.datatypes.address (s)`

Returns an *IPv4Address* (page 25), *IPv6Address* (page 28), *IPv4Port* (page 28), or *IPv6Port* (page 31) instance for the given string.

Parameters *s* (*str*⁸³) – The string containing the IP address to parse

Returns An *IPv4Address* (page 25), *IPv4Port* (page 28), *IPv6Address* (page 28), or *IPv6Port* (page 31) instance

`lars.datatypes.date (s, format='%Y-%m-%d')`

Returns a *Date* (page 23) object for the given string.

⁸³ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

Parameters

- **s** (*str*⁸⁴) – The string containing the date to parse
- **format** (*str*⁸⁵) – Optional string containing the date format to parse

Returns A *Date* (page 23) object representing the date

`lars.datatypes.datetime(s, format='%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')`

Returns a *DateTime* (page 19) object for the given string.

Parameters

- **s** (*str*⁸⁶) – The string containing the timestamp to parse
- **format** (*str*⁸⁷) – Optional string containing the datetime format to parse

Returns A *DateTime* (page 19) object representing the timestamp

`lars.datatypes.hostname(s)`

Returns a *Hostname* (page 25), *IPv4Address* (page 25), or *IPv6Address* (page 28) object for the given string depending on whether it represents an IP address or a hostname.

Parameters **s** (*str*⁸⁸) – The string containing the hostname to parse

Returns A *Hostname* (page 25), *IPv4Address* (page 25), or *IPv6Address* (page 28) instance

`lars.datatypes.network(s)`

Returns an *IPv4Network* (page 26) or *IPv6Network* (page 30) instance for the given string.

Parameters **s** (*str*⁸⁹) – The string containing the IP network to parse

Returns An *IPv4Network* (page 26) or *IPv6Network* (page 30) instance

`lars.datatypes.path(s)`

Returns a *Path* (page 31) object for the given string.

Parameters **s** (*str*⁹⁰) – The string containing the path to parse

Returns A *Path* (page 31) object representing the path

`lars.datatypes.row(*args)`

Returns a new tuple sub-class type containing the specified fields. For example:

```
NewRow = row('foo', 'bar', 'baz')
a_row = NewRow(1, 2, 3)
print(a_row.foo)
```

Parameters ***args** – The set of fields to include in the row definition.

Returns A tuple sub-class with the specified fields.

`lars.datatypes.time(s, format='%H:%M:%S')`

Returns a *Time* (page 32) object for the given string.

Parameters

- **s** (*str*⁹¹) – The string containing the time to parse
- **format** (*str*⁹²) – Optional string containing the time format to parse

⁸⁴ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

⁸⁵ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

⁸⁶ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

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⁹¹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

⁹² <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

Returns A *Time* (page 32) object representing the time

`lars.datatypes.url(s)`

Returns a *Url* (page 33) object for the given string.

Parameters *s* (*str*⁹³) – The string containing the URL to parse

Returns A *Url* (page 33) tuple representing the URL

3.7 lars.progress - Rendering Progress

This module provides a wrapper that outputs simple progress meters to the command line based on source file positions, or an arbitrary counter. The *ProgressMeter* (page 36) class is the major element that this module provides.

3.7.1 Classes

```
class lars.progress.ProgressMeter (fileobj=None, value=0, total=None, max_wait=0.1,  
                                     stream=sys.stderr, mode='w', style=BarStyle,  
                                     hide_on_finish=True)
```

This class provides a simple means of rendering a progress meter at the command line. It can be driven either with a file object (in which case the current position of the file is used) or with an arbitrary value (which your code must provide). In the case of a file-object, the file must be seekable (so that the class can determine the overall length of the file). If *fileobj* is not specified, then *total* must be specified.

The class is intended to be used as a context manager. Upon entry it will render an initial progress meter, and will update it at reasonable intervals (dictated by the *max_wait* parameter) in response to calls to the *update()* (page 36) method. When you leave the context, the progress meter will be automatically erased if *hide_on_finish* is True (which it is by default).

Within the context, the *hide()* (page 36) and *show()* (page 36) methods can be used to temporarily hide and show the progress meter (in order to display some status text, for example).

Parameters

- **fileobj** (*file*) – A file-like object from which to determine progress
- **value** (*int*⁹⁴) – An arbitrary value from which to determine progress
- **total** (*int*⁹⁵) – In the case that *value* is set, this must be set to the maximum value that *value* will take
- **max_wait** (*float*⁹⁶) – The minimum length of time that must elapse before a screen update is permitted
- **stream** (*file*) – The stream object that output should be written to, defaults to *stderr*
- **style** – A reference to a class which will be used to render the progress meter, defaults to *BarStyle* (page 37)
- **hide_on_finish** (*bool*⁹⁷) – If True (the default), the progress meter will be erased when the context exits

hide()

Hide the progress bar from the console (or whatever the output stream is connected to).

show()

Show the progress bar on the console (or whatever the output stream is connected to).

⁹³ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

⁹⁴ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

⁹⁵ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#int>

⁹⁶ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#float>

⁹⁷ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/functions.html#bool>

update (*value=None*)

Update the progress bar to position *value* (which must be less than the *total* value passed to the constructor).

class `lars.progress.SpinnerStyle` (*meter*)

A `ProgressMeter` (page 36) style that renders a simple spinning line.

class `lars.progress.PercentageStyle` (*meter*)

A `ProgressMeter` (page 36) style that renders a simple percentage counter.

class `lars.progress.EllipsisStyle` (*meter*)

A `ProgressMeter` (page 36) style that renders an looping series of dots.

class `lars.progress.BarStyle` (*meter*)

A `ProgressMeter` (page 36) style that renders a full progress bar and percentage.

class `lars.progress.HashStyle` (*meter*)

A `ProgressMeter` (page 36) style for those that remember FTP's hash command!

3.7.2 Examples

The most basic usage of this class is as follows:

```
import io
from lars import iis, csv, progress

with io.open('logs\iis.txt', 'rb') as infile, \
     io.open('iis.csv', 'wb') as outfile, \
     progress.ProgressMeter(infile) as meter, \
     iis.IISSource(infile) as source, \
     csv.CSVTarget(outfile) as target:
    for row in source:
        target.write(row)
        meter.update()
```

Note that you do not need to worry about the detrimental performance effects of calling `update()` (page 36) too often; the class ensures that repeated calls are ignored until `max_wait` seconds have elapsed since the last update.

Alternatively, if you wish to update according to, say, the number of files to process you could use something like the following example (which also demonstrates temporarily hiding the progress meter in order to show the current filename):

```
import os
import io
from lars import iis, csv, progress
from pathlib import Path

files = list(Path('.').iterdir())
with progress.ProgressMeter(total=len(files),
                             style=progress.BarStyle) as meter:
    for file_num, file_name in enumerate(files):
        meter.hide()
        print "Processing %s" % file_name
        meter.show()
        with file_name.open('rb') as infile, \
             file_name.with_suffix('.csv').open('wb') as outfile, \
             iis.IISSource(infile) as source, \
             csv.CSVTarget(outfile) as target:
            for row in source:
                target.write(row)
        meter.update(file_num)
```

3.8 lars.dns - DNS Resolution

This module provides a couple of trivial DNS resolution functions, enhanced with LRU caches. Most users should never need to access these functions directly. Instead, use the `address` (page 25) and `hostname` (page 26) properties of relevant objects.

3.8.1 Functions

`lars.dns.from_address` (*address*)

Reverse resolve an address to a hostname.

Given a string containing an IPv4 or IPv6 address, this functions returns a hostname associated with the address, using an LRU cache to speed up repeat queries. If the address does not reverse, the function returns the original address.

Parameters `address` (*str*⁹⁸) – The address to resolve to a hostname

Returns The resolved hostname

`lars.dns.to_address` (*hostname*, *family*=<*AddressFamily.AF_UNSPEC*: 0>, *socket-type*=<*SocketKind.SOCK_STREAM*: 1>)

Resolve a hostname to an address, preferring IPv4 addresses.

Given a string containing a DNS hostname, this function resolves the hostname to an address, using an LRU cache to speed up repeat queries. The function prefers IPv4 addresses, but will return IPv6 addresses if no IPv4 addresses are present in the result from `getaddrinfo`. If the hostname does not resolve, the function returns `None` rather than raise an exception (this is preferable as it provides a negative lookup cache).

Parameters `hostname` (*str*⁹⁹) – The hostname to resolve to an address

Returns The resolved address

3.9 lars.cache - Cache Decorators

This module provides a backport of the Python 3.3 LRU caching decorator. Users should never need to access this module directly; its contents are solely present to ensure DNS lookups can be cached under a Python 2.7 environment.

Source adapted from [Raymond Hettinger's recipe](#)¹⁰⁰ licensed under the [MIT license](#)¹⁰¹.

3.9.1 Functions

`lars.cache.lru_cache` (*maxsize*=100, *typed*=False)

Least-recently-used cache decorator.

If *maxsize* is set to `None`, the LRU features are disabled and the cache can grow without bound.

If *typed* is `True`, arguments of different types will be cached separately. For example, `f(3.0)` and `f(3)` will be treated as distinct calls with distinct results.

Arguments to the cached function must be hashable.

View the cache statistics named tuple (hits, misses, maxsize, currsize) with `f.cache_info()`. Clear the cache and statistics with `f.cache_clear()`. Access the underlying function with `f.__wrapped__`.

⁹⁸ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

⁹⁹ <https://docs.python.org/3.5/library/stdtypes.html#str>

¹⁰⁰ <http://code.activestate.com/recipes/578078-py26-and-py30-backport-of-python-33s-lru-cache/>

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3.10 lars.exc - Base Exceptions

Defines base exception and warnings types for the package.

3.10.1 Exceptions

exception `lars.exc.LarsError`

Base class for all errors generated by the lars package. This exists purely for ease of filtering / catching all such errors.

exception `lars.exc.LarsWarning`

Base class for all warnings generated by the lars package. This exists purely for ease of filtering / catching all such warnings.

4.1 Release 1.0 (2017-01-04)

- Permit NULL values in first row when creating SQL tables (but warn as this is not encouraged)
- Permit sources and targets to be used outside of context handlers (makes experimentation in the REPL a bit nicer)
- Don't warn when request is NULL in Apache log sources (in certain configurations this is common when stringent timeouts are set)
- Fixed incorrect generation of Oracle multi-row INSERT statements
- Fixed operation of SQL target when row doesn't cover complete set of target table rows

4.2 Release 0.3 (2014-09-07)

- Implemented Python 3 compatibility (specifically 3.2 or above) and added debian packaging for Python 3 and docs

4.3 Release 0.2 (2013-07-28)

- Added ISP and organisation lookups to geoip module
- Added multi-row insertion support to the sql module
- Added Oracle specific target in the sql module
- Fixed the setup.py script (missing MANIFEST.in meant utils.py was excluded which setup.py relies upon)
- Fixed test coverage for the progress module

4.4 Release 0.1 (2013-06-09)

- Initial release

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