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# **Watson - Http**

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Work with HTTP Request/Response objects, sessions, and more.



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## **Installation**

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```
pip install watson-http
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### Testing

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Watson can be tested with py.test. Simply activate your virtualenv and run `python setup.py test`.



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## **Contributing**

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If you would like to contribute to Watson, please feel free to issue a pull request via Github with the associated tests for your code. Your name will be added to the AUTHORS file under contributors.



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## 5.1 Usage

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**Tip:** watson-http also works particularly well with watson-form

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### 5.1.1 Creating a Request

Requests can be instantiated directly from the class, or be created based on environ variables.

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**Note:** Instantiating from the class itself will not populate the Request object with the relevant data from the current server request.

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#### From the environ

```
from watson.http import messages

def application(environ, start_response):
    request = messages.create_request_from_environ(environ)
    print(request.method)
```

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**Tip:** watson-http also enables you to deal with other HTTP verbs that may not be accessible by a regular browser. Simply posting HTTP\_REQUEST\_METHOD and setting it to a valid HTTP verb will convert that request to the specific verb.

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#### From watson.http.messages.Request

```
from watson.http import messages

def application(environ, start_response):
    request = messages.Request('get', get={'get_var': 'somevalue'})
    print(request.method) # get
    print(request.get('get_var')) # somevalue
```

## Dealing with Sessions

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**Tip:** You can access many things from the Request, and most work similar to a regular `dict`. These include: headers, server, cookies, get, post, files, url and sessions.

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Earlier, we created a request with the `create_request_from_environ` method. By default, all requests will be created with the `watson.http.sessions.File` backend for managing sessions. This however can be changed to a different backend by adding the `session_class` argument to the `create_request_from_environ` call. `session_class` must inherit from `watson.http.sessions.abc.StorageMixin`. If the class requires any additional configuration (the `http.sessions.file.Storage` class allows you to set the directory sessions are stored in), then you can also pass a dict of options via `session_options`.

```
from watson.http import messages

def application(environ, start_response):
    request = messages.create_request_from_environ(environ, session_class=YOUR_SESSION_CLASS, session_options={})
```

### 5.1.2 Creating a Response

While you can simply return a list from a WSGI application, you still need to also call the `start_response` method. While this maybe sufficient for smaller applications, anything larger requires a more robust approach. A standard WSGI callable may look like below:

```
def application(environ, start_response):
    start_response('200 OK', [('Content-Type', 'text/html')])
    return [b'Hello World']
```

With watson-http this code turns into...

```
from watson.http import messages

def application(environ, start_response):
    response = messages.Response(200, body='Hello World!')
    return response(start_response)
```

The response body by default is interpreted as utf-8, however this can be modified by accessing the response headers.

```
response = messages.Response(200)
response.headers.add('Content-Type', 'text/html; charset=ENCODING')
```

### 5.1.3 Putting it all together

An example app that outputs get variables may look like:

```
from watson.http import messages

def application(environ, start_response):
    request = messages.create_request_from_environ(environ)

    response = messages.Response(200, body='Hello {name}!'.format(request.get('name', 'World')))
    return response(start_response)
```

When you navigate to / you will be presented with 'Hello World!', however if you navigate to /?name=Simon, you will be presented with 'Hello Simon!'

## 5.2 Reference Library

### 5.2.1 watson.http

```
1 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
2 __version__ = '1.1.1'
3
4 STATUS_CODES = {
5     100: 'Continue',
6     101: 'Switching Protocols',
7     102: 'Processing',
8     200: 'OK',
9     201: 'Created',
10    202: 'Accepted',
11    203: 'Non-Authoritative Information',
12    204: 'No Content',
13    205: 'Reset Content',
14    206: 'Partial Content',
15    207: 'Multi-Status',
16    208: 'Already Reported',
17    226: 'IM Used',
18    300: 'Multiple Choices',
19    301: 'Moved Permanently',
20    302: 'Found',
21    303: 'See Other',
22    304: 'Not Modified',
23    305: 'Use Proxy',
24    306: 'Switch Proxy',
25    307: 'Temporary Redirect',
26    308: 'Permanent Redirect',
27    400: 'Bad Request',
28    401: 'Unauthorized',
29    402: 'Payment Required',
30    403: 'Forbidden',
31    404: 'Not Found',
32    405: 'Method Not Allowed',
33    406: 'Not Acceptable',
34    407: 'Proxy Authentication Required',
35    408: 'Request Timeout',
36    409: 'Conflict',
37    410: 'Gone',
38    411: 'Length Required',
39    412: 'Precondition Failed',
40    413: 'Request Entity Too Large',
41    414: 'Request-URI Too Long',
42    415: 'Unsupported Media Type',
43    416: 'Requested Range Not Satisfiable',
44    417: 'Exception Failed',
45    418: "I'm a teapot",
46    420: 'Enhance Your Calm',
47    422: 'Unprocessable Entity',
48    423: 'Locked',
49    424: 'Method Failure',
50    425: 'Unordered Collection',
51    426: 'Upgrade Required',
52    428: 'Precondition Required',
53    429: 'Too Many Requests',
```

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54     431: 'Request Header Fields Too Large',
55     444: 'No Response',
56     449: 'Retry With',
57     450: 'Blocked by Windows Parental Controls',
58     451: 'Unavailable For Legal Reasons',
59     494: 'Request Header Too Large',
60     495: 'Cert Error',
61     496: 'No Cert',
62     497: 'HTTP to HTTPS',
63     499: 'Client Closed Request',
64     500: 'Internal Server Error',
65     501: 'Not Implemented',
66     502: 'Bad Gateway',
67     503: 'Service Unavailable',
68     504: 'Gateway Timeout',
69     505: 'HTTP Version Not Supported',
70     506: 'Variant Also Negotiates',
71     507: 'Insufficient Storage',
72     508: 'Loop Detected',
73     509: 'Bandwidth Limit Exceeded',
74     510: 'Not Extended',
75     511: 'Network Authentication Required',
76     598: 'Network read timeout error',
77     599: 'Network connect timeout error'
78 }
79
80 REQUEST_METHODS = ('OPTIONS',
81                     'GET',
82                     'HEAD',
83                     'POST',
84                     'PUT',
85                     'DELETE',
86                     'TRACE',
87                     'CONNECT')
88
89 MIME_TYPES = {
90     'txt': ('text/plain',),
91     'html': ('text/html', 'application/xhtml+xml'),
92     'css': ('text/css',),
93     'js': ('text/javascript', 'application/javascript'),
94     'json': ('application/json',),
95     'xml': ('text/xml', 'application/xml')
96 }
```

## 5.2.2 watson.http.cookies

```
class watson.http.cookies.CookieDict(input=None)
A dictionary containing cookies.
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A basic extension of the SimpleCookie class from the standard library, but designed to work better with wsgi.

Example:

```
cd = CookieDict()
cookie = cd.add('my_cookie', 'some value')
print(cookie) # my_cookie=some value
print(cd['my_cookie']) # my_cookie=some value
```

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**add**(*name*, *value*='', *expires*=0, *path*='/', *domain*=None, *secure*=False, *httponly*=False, *comment*=None)  
Convenience method to add cookies to the dict.

#### Parameters

- **name** – the name of the cookie
- **value** – the value of the cookie
- **expires** – the expiration date for the cookie in seconds
- **path** – the path in which the cookie is valid
- **domain** – the domain in which the cookie is valid
- **secure** – only send cookies over https
- **httponly** – only send over http requests, not accessible via JavaScript
- **comment** – the associated comment with the cookie

**Returns** The morsel that was added to the CookieDict

**delete**(*name*)  
Expire a cookie the next time it is sent to the browser.

**Parameters** **name** – the name of the cookie

**expire**()  
Expire all the cookies in the dictionary.

**merge**(*cookie\_dict*)  
Merges an existing cookie dict into another cookie dict.

watson.http.cookies.**cookies\_from\_environ**(*environ*)  
Converts a HTTP\_COOKIE from an environ dict into a CookieDict.

### 5.2.3 watson.http.headers

**class** watson.http.headers.**HeaderCollection**(*environ*=None)  
Retrieves header related variables from an environ.

Allows the use of non-capitalized names.

Example:

```
headers = HeaderCollection.from_environ(environ)
print(headers.get('Content-Type'))
```

**\_\_init\_\_**(*environ*=None)  
**add**(*field*, *value*, *replace*=False, *\*\*options*)  
Add a header to the collection.

#### Parameters

- **field** (*string*) – The field name
- **value** (*mixed*) – The value of the field
- **replace** (*boolean*) – Whether or not to replace an existing field
- **options** (*kwargs*) – Any additional options for the header

Example:

```
headers = ...
headers.add('Content-Type', 'text/html', charset='utf-8')
```

**classmethod from\_environ(environ)**

Instantiate the collection from an existing environ.

**get(field, option=None, default=None)**

Retrieve an individual header or it's option.

Example:

```
# Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
headers = HeaderCollection()
headers.add('Content-Type', 'text/html', charset='utf-8')
option = headers.get('Content-Type', 'charset') # utf-8
```

**Parameters**

- **field** – the header field
- **option** – the option to retrieve from the field
- **default** – the default value if the option does not exist

**Returns** The default value or the value from the option

**get\_option(field, option=None, default=None)**

Retrieve an individual header or it's option.

Example:

```
# Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
headers = HeaderCollection()
headers.add('Content-Type', 'text/html', charset='utf-8')
option = headers.get('Content-Type', 'charset') # utf-8
```

**Parameters**

- **field** – the header field
- **option** – the option to retrieve from the field
- **default** – the default value if the option does not exist

**Returns** The default value or the value from the option

**items()**

Returns tuple pairs of environ vars and their values.

**set(field, value, \*\*options)**

Add a header to the collection.

Any existing headers with the same name will be removed.

**Parameters**

- **field** (*string*) – The field name
- **value** (*mixed*) – The value of the field
- **options** (*kwargs*) – Any additional options for the header

Example:

```
headers = ...
headers.add('Content-Type', 'text/html', charset='utf-8')

class watson.http.headers.ServerCollection(environ=None)
    Retrieves server related variables from an environ.

    Example:

        server = ServerCollection(environ)
        print(server['SCRIPT_NAME'])

        __init__(environ=None)
        items()
            Returns tuple pairs of environ vars and their values.

watson.http.headers.convert_to_http_field(field)
    Convert a field from Title-Case to HTTP_UPPER_CASE.

watson.http.headers.convert_to_wsgi(field)
    Convert a field name from UPPER_CASE to Title-Case.

watson.http.headers.fix_http_headers(environ, remove=False)
    Add HTTP_ to the relevant headers that its not included with.
```

## 5.2.4 watson.http.messages

## 5.2.5 watson.http.sessions.abc

## 5.2.6 watson.http.sessions.file

## 5.2.7 watson.http.sessions.memcache

## 5.2.8 watson.http.sessions.memory

## 5.2.9 watson.http.uri

```
class watson.http.uri.Url(url)
    An object based representation of a Url.

    __init__(url)
        Initialize the url object.

        Create a new Url object from either a well formed url string, a dict of key/values, or a ParseResult.

    Parameters url (mixed) – The value to generate the url from.
```

### **subdomain**

Returns the subdomain for the URL. With thanks: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1189128/regex-to-extract-subdomain-from-url>

## 5.2.10 watson.http.wsgi



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