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# **apachelogs**

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## PARSING

**class** `apachelogs.LogParser` (*format*, *encoding*='iso-8859-1', *errors*=None)

A class for parsing Apache access log entries in a given log format. Instantiate with a log format string, and then use the `parse()` and/or `parse_lines()` methods to parse log entries in that format.

**Parameters**

- **format** (*str*) – an Apache log format
- **encoding** (*str*) – The encoding to use for decoding certain strings in log entries (see *Supported Directives*); defaults to 'iso-8859-1'. Set to 'bytes' to cause the strings to be returned as `bytes` values instead of `str`.
- **errors** (*str*) – the error handling scheme to use when decoding; defaults to 'strict'

**Raises**

- *InvalidDirectiveError* – if an invalid directive occurs in format
- *UnknownDirectiveError* – if an unknown directive occurs in format

**parse** (*entry*)

Parse an access log entry according to the log format and return a *LogEntry* object.

**Parameters** **entry** (*str*) – an access log entry to parse

**Return type** *LogEntry*

**Raises** *InvalidEntryError* – if *entry* does not match the log format

**parse\_lines** (*entries*, *ignore\_invalid*=False)

Parse the elements in an iterable of access log entries (e.g., an open text file handle) and return a generator of *LogEntry*s. If *ignore\_invalid* is `True`, any entries that do not match the log format will be silently discarded; otherwise, such an entry will cause an *InvalidEntryError* to be raised.

**Parameters**

- **entries** – an iterable of `str`
- **ignore\_invalid** (*bool*) – whether to silently discard entries that do not match the log format

**Return type** *LogEntry* generator

**Raises** *InvalidEntryError* – if an element of *entries* does not match the log format and *ignore\_invalid* is `False`

**class** `apachelogs.LogEntry`

A parsed Apache access log entry. The value associated with each directive in the log format is stored as an attribute on the *LogEntry* object; for example, if the log format contains a `%s` directive, the *LogEntry* for a

parsed entry will have a `status` attribute containing the status value from the entry as an `int`. See *Supported Directives* for the attribute names & types of each directive supported by this library.

If the log format contains two or more directives that are stored in the same attribute (e.g., `%D` and `%{us}T`), the given attribute will contain the first non-`None` directive value.

The values of date & time directives are stored in a `request_time_fields:` `dict` attribute. If this `dict` contains enough information to assemble a complete (possibly naïve) `datetime.datetime`, then the *LogEntry* will have a `request_time` attribute equal to that `datetime.datetime`.

**entry = None**

The original logfile entry with trailing newlines removed

**format = None**

The entry's log format string

`apachelogs.parse` (*format*, *entry*, *encoding*='iso-8859-1', *errors*=None)

A convenience function for parsing a single logfile entry without having to directly create a *LogParser* object.

*encoding* and *errors* have the same meaning as for *LogParser*.

`apachelogs.parse_lines` (*format*, *entries*, *encoding*='iso-8859-1', *errors*=None, *ignore\_invalid*=False)

A convenience function for parsing an iterable of logfile entries without having to directly create a *LogParser* object.

*encoding* and *errors* have the same meaning as for *LogParser*. *ignore\_invalid* has the same meaning as for *LogParser.parse\_lines()*.



## UTILITIES

`apachelogs.parse_apache_timestamp(s)`

Parse an Apache timestamp into a `datetime.datetime` object. The month name in the timestamp is expected to be an abbreviated English name regardless of the current locale.

```
>>> parse_apache_timestamp('[01/Nov/2017:07:28:29 +0000]')
datetime.datetime(2017, 11, 1, 7, 28, 29, tzinfo=datetime.timezone.utc)
```

**Parameters** `s` (*str*) – a string of the form DD/Mon/YYYY:HH:MM:SS +HHMM (optionally enclosed in square brackets)

**Returns** an aware `datetime.datetime`

**Raises** `ValueError` – if `s` is not in the expected format

## 2.1 Log Format Constants

The following standard log formats are available as string constants in this package so that you don't have to keep typing out the full log format strings:

`apachelogs.COMBINED = '%h %l %u %t "%r" %>s %b "%{Referer}i" "%{User-agent}i"'`  
NCSA extended/combined log format

`apachelogs.COMBINED_DEBIAN = '%h %l %u %t "%r" %>s %O "%{Referer}i" "%{User-agent}i"'`  
Like `COMBINED`, but with `%O` (total bytes sent including headers) in place of `%b` (size of response excluding headers)

`apachelogs.COMMON = '%h %l %u %t "%r" %>s %b'`  
Common log format (CLF)

`apachelogs.COMMON_DEBIAN = '%h %l %u %t "%r" %>s %O'`  
Like `COMMON`, but with `%O` (total bytes sent including headers) in place of `%b` (size of response excluding headers)

`apachelogs.VHOST_COMBINED = '%v:%p %h %l %u %t "%r" %>s %O "%{Referer}i" "%{User-Agent}i"'`  
`COMBINED_DEBIAN` with virtual host & port prepended

`apachelogs.VHOST_COMMON = '%v %h %l %u %t "%r" %>s %b'`  
`COMMON` with virtual host prepended



## EXCEPTIONS

**exception** `apachelogs.Error`

Bases: `Exception`

The base class for all custom exceptions raised by `apachelogs`

**exception** `apachelogs.InvalidDirectiveError`

Bases: `apachelogs.errors.Error`, `ValueError`

Raised by the `LogParser` constructor when given a log format containing an invalid or malformed directive

**format** = `None`

The log format string containing the invalid directive

**pos** = `None`

The position in the log format string at which the invalid directive occurs

**exception** `apachelogs.InvalidEntryError`

Bases: `apachelogs.errors.Error`, `ValueError`

Raised when attempting to parse a log entry that does not match the given log format

**entry** = `None`

The invalid log entry

**format** = `None`

The log format string the entry failed to match against

**exception** `apachelogs.UnknownDirectiveError`

Bases: `apachelogs.errors.Error`, `ValueError`

Raised by the `LogParser` constructor when given a log format containing an unknown or unsupported directive

**directive** = `None`

The unknown or unsupported directive



## SUPPORTED DIRECTIVES

The following table lists the log format directives supported by this library along with the names & types of the attributes at which their parsed values are stored on a *LogEntry*. The attribute names for the directives are based off of the names used internally by the Apache source code.

A directive with the < modifier (e.g., %<s) will be stored at `entry.original_attribute_name`, and a directive with the > modifier will be stored at `entry.final_attribute_name`

A type of `str` marked with an asterisk (\*) means that the directive's values are decoded according to the encoding option to *LogParser*.

Any directive may evaluate to `None` when it is modified by a set of status codes (e.g., %400, 501T or %!200T).

See the [Apache documentation](#) for information on the meaning of each directive.

Directive	<i>LogEntry</i> Attribute	Type
%%	N/A	N/A
%a	<code>entry.remote_address</code>	<code>str</code>
%{c}a	<code>entry.remote_client_address</code>	<code>str</code>
%A	<code>entry.local_address</code>	<code>str</code>
%b	<code>entry.bytes_sent</code>	<code>int</code> or <code>None</code>
%B	<code>entry.bytes_sent</code>	<code>int</code>
%{name}C	<code>entry.cookies[name]</code>	<code>str*</code> or <code>None</code>
%D	<code>entry.request_duration_microseconds</code>	<code>int</code>
%{name}e	<code>entry.env_vars[name]</code>	<code>str*</code> or <code>None</code>
%f	<code>entry.request_file</code>	<code>str*</code>
%h	<code>entry.remote_host</code>	<code>str*</code>
%H	<code>entry.request_protocol</code>	<code>str*</code> or <code>None</code>
%{name}i	<code>entry.headers_in[name]</code>	<code>str*</code> or <code>None</code>
%I	<code>entry.bytes_in</code>	<code>int</code>
%k	<code>entry.requests_on_connection</code>	<code>int</code>
%l	<code>entry.remote_logname</code>	<code>str*</code> or <code>None</code>
%m	<code>entry.request_method</code>	<code>str*</code> or <code>None</code>
%{name}n	<code>entry.notes[name]</code>	<code>str*</code> or <code>None</code>
%{name}o	<code>entry.headers_out[name]</code>	<code>str*</code> or <code>None</code>
%O	<code>entry.bytes_out</code>	<code>int</code>
%p	<code>entry.server_port</code>	<code>int</code>
%{canonical}p	<code>entry.server_port</code>	<code>int</code>
%{local}p	<code>entry.local_port</code>	<code>int</code>
%{remote}p	<code>entry.remote_port</code>	<code>int</code>
%P	<code>entry.pid</code>	<code>int</code>
%{pid}P	<code>entry.pid</code>	<code>int</code>

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Directive	<i>LogEntry</i> Attribute	Type
%{tid}P	entry.tid	int
%q	entry.request_query	str*
%r	entry.request_line	str* or None
%R	entry.handler	str*
%s	entry.status	int or None
%S	entry.bytes_combined	int
%t	entry.request_time_fields["timestamp"]	aware datetime.datetime
%{sec}t	entry.request_time_fields["epoch"]	int
%{msec}t	entry.request_time_fields["milliePOCH"]	int
%{usec}t	entry.request_time_fields["microepoch"]	int
%{msec_frac}t	entry.request_time_fields["msec_frac"]	int
%{usec_frac}t	entry.request_time_fields["usec_frac"]	int
%{strftime_format}t	entry.request_time_fields (See below)	(See below)
%T	entry.request_duration_seconds	int
%{ms}T	entry.request_duration_milliseconds	int
%{us}T	entry.request_duration_microseconds	int
%{s}T	entry.request_duration_seconds	int
%u	entry.remote_user	str* or None
%U	entry.request_uri	str* or None
%v	entry.virtual_host	str*
%V	entry.server_name	str*
%X	entry.connection_status	str
%^FB	entry.ttfb	int or None
%{name}^ti	entry.trailers_in[name]	str* or None
%{name}^to	entry.trailers_out[name]	str* or None

## 4.1 Supported strftime Directives

The following table lists the `strftime` directives supported for use in the parameter of a `%{*}t` directive along with the keys & types at which they are stored in the `dict` `entry.request_time_fields`. See any C documentation for information on the meaning of each directive.

A `%{*}t` directive with the `begin:` modifier (e.g., `%{begin:%Y-%m-%d}t`) will have its subdirectives stored in `entry.begin_request_time_fields` (in turn used to set `entry.begin_request_time`), and likewise for the `end:` modifier.

Directive	request_time_fields key	Type
%%	N/A	N/A
%a	"abbrev_wday"	str
%A	"full_wday"	str
%b	"abbrev_mon"	str
%B	"full_mon"	str
%C	"century"	int
%d	"mday"	int
%D	"date"	datetime.date
%e	"mday"	int
%F	"date"	datetime.date
%g	"abbrev_week_year"	int

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Directive	request_time_fields key	Type
%G	"week_year"	int
%h	"abbrev_mon"	str
%H	"hour"	int
%I	"hour12"	int
%j	"yday"	int
%m	"mon"	int
%M	"min"	int
%n	N/A	N/A
%p	"am_pm"	str
%R	"hour_min"	datetime.time
%s	"epoch"	int
%S	"sec"	int
%t	N/A	N/A
%T	"time"	datetime.time
%u	"iso_wday"	int
%U	"sunday_weeknum"	int
%V	"iso_weeknum"	int
%w	"wday"	int
%W	"monday_weeknum"	int
%y	"abbrev_year"	int
%Y	"year"	int
%z	"timezone"	datetime.timezone or None
%Z	"tzname"	str

*apachelogs* parses Apache access log files. Pass it a *log format string* and get back a parser for logfile entries in that format. *apachelogs* even takes care of decoding escape sequences and converting things like timestamps, integers, and bare hyphens to *datetime* values, *ints*, and *Nones*.





## INSTALLATION

apachelogs requires Python 3.5 or higher. Just use `pip` for Python 3 (You have pip, right?) to install apachelogs and its dependencies:

```
python3 -m pip install apachelogs
```



## EXAMPLES

Parse a single log entry:

```
>>> from apachelogs import LogParser
>>> parser = LogParser("%h %l %u %t \"%r\" %>s %b \"%{Referer}i\" \"%{User-agent}i\"")
>>> # The above log format is also available as the constant `apachelogs.COMBINED`.
>>> entry = parser.parse('209.126.136.4 - - [01/Nov/2017:07:28:29 +0000] "GET / HTTP/
↳ 1.1" 301 521 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36_
↳ (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/57.0.2987.133 Safari/537.36"\n')
>>> entry.remote_host
'209.126.136.4'
>>> entry.request_time
datetime.datetime(2017, 11, 1, 7, 28, 29, tzinfo=datetime.timezone.utc)
>>> entry.request_line
'GET / HTTP/1.1'
>>> entry.final_status
301
>>> entry.bytes_sent
521
>>> entry.headers_in["Referer"] is None
True
>>> entry.headers_in["User-agent"]
'Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)_
↳ Chrome/57.0.2987.133 Safari/537.36'
```

Parse a file full of log entries:

```
>>> with open('/var/log/apache2/access.log') as fp:
...     for entry in parser.parse_lines(fp):
...         print(str(entry.request_time), entry.request_line)
...
2019-01-01 12:34:56-05:00 GET / HTTP/1.1
2019-01-01 12:34:57-05:00 GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
2019-01-01 12:34:57-05:00 GET /styles.css HTTP/1.1
# etc.
```



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