# python-wordpress-xmlrpc Documentation

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Python library to interface with a WordPress blog's XML-RPC API.

An implementation of the standard WordPress API methods is provided, but the library is designed for easy integration with custom XML-RPC API methods provided by plugins.

A set of *classes* are provided that wrap the standard WordPress data types (e.g., Blog, Post, User). The provided *method implementations* return these objects when possible.

**Note:** In Wordpress 3.5+, the XML-RPC API is enabled by default and cannot be disabled. In Wordpress 0.70-3.42, the XML-RPC API is disabled by default. To enable it, go to Settings->Writing->Remote Publishing and check the box for XML-RPC.

**Warning:** python-wordpress-xmlrpc 2.0+ is not fully backwards-compatible with 1.x versions of the library.

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# CHAPTER 1

**Getting Started** 

#### **Overview**

#### Installation

- 1. Verify you meet the following requirements:
  - WordPress 3.4+ **OR** WordPress 3.0-3.3 with the XML-RPC Modernization Plugin.
  - Python 2.6+ **OR** Python 3.x
- 2. Install from PyPI using easy\_install python-wordpress-xmlrpc or pip install python-wordpress-xmlrpc.

#### **Quick Start**

Create an instance of the Client class with the URL of the WordPress XML-RPC endpoint and user credentials. Then pass an XmlrpcMethod object into its call method to execute the remote call and return the result.

```
>>> from wordpress_xmlrpc import Client, WordPressPost
>>> from wordpress_xmlrpc.methods.posts import GetPosts, NewPost
>>> from wordpress_xmlrpc.methods.users import GetUserInfo

>>> wp = Client('http://mysite.wordpress.com/xmlrpc.php', 'username', 'password')
>>> wp.call(GetPosts())
[<WordPressPost: hello-world (id=1)>]

>>> wp.call(GetUserInfo())
<WordPressUser: max>

>>> post = WordPressPost()
>>> post.title = 'My new title'
>>> post.content = 'This is the body of my new post.'
>>> post.terms_names = {
```

```
>>> 'post_tag': ['test', 'firstpost'],
>>> 'category': ['Introductions', 'Tests']
>>> }
>>> wp.call(NewPost(post))
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```

Notice that properties of WordPress objects are accessed directly, and not through the definition attribute defined in the source code.

When a WordPress object is used as a method parameter, its struct parameter is automatically extracted for consumption by XML-RPC. However, if you use an object in a list or other embedded data structure used as a parameter, be sure to use obj.struct or else WordPress will not receive data in the format it expects.

#### **Custom XML-RPC Methods**

To interface with a non-standard XML-RPC method (such as one added by a plugin), you must simply extend wordpress\_xmlrpc.XmlrpcMethod or one of its subclasses (AnonymousMethod or AuthenticatedMethod).

The XmlrpcMethod class provides a number of properties which you can override to modify the behavior of the method call.

Sample class to call a custom method added by a ficticious plugin:

```
from wordpress_xmlrpc import AuthenticatedMethod

class MyCustomMethod(AuthenticatedMethod):
    method_name = 'custom.MyMethod'
    method_args = ('arg1', 'arg2')
```

See Custom XML-RPC Methods for more details.

# **Examples**

#### **Working with Posts**

python-wordpress-xmlrpc supports all registered WordPress post types.

Behind the scenes in WordPress, all post types are based on a single "post" database table, and all of the functionality is exposed through the posts methods in the XML-RPC API.

For consistency, the same approach is adopted by python-wordpress-xmlrpc.

**Note:** Posts will be sent as drafts by default. If you want to publish a post, set *post.post\_status = 'publish'*.

#### **Normal Posts**

First, let's see how to retrieve normal WordPress posts:

```
from wordpress_xmlrpc import Client
from wordpress_xmlrpc.methods import posts
```

```
client = Client(...)
posts = client.call(posts.GetPosts())
# posts == [WordPressPost, WordPressPost, ...]
```

And here's how to create and edit a new post:

```
from wordpress_xmlrpc import WordPressPost

post = WordPressPost()
post.title = 'My post'
post.content = 'This is a wonderful blog post about XML-RPC.'
post.id = client.call(posts.NewPost(post))

# whoops, I forgot to publish it!
post.post_status = 'publish'
client.call(posts.EditPost(post.id, post))
```

#### **Pages**

Out of the box, WordPress supports a post type called "page" for static non-blog pages on a WordPress site. Let's see how to do the same actions for pages:

Note two important differences:

- 1. The filter parameter's post\_type option is used to limit the query to objects of the desired post type.
- 2. The constructor was passd a results\_class keyword argument that told it what class to use to interpret the response values.

And here's how to create and edit a page:

```
page = WordPressPage()
page.title = 'About Me'
page.content = 'I am an aspiring WordPress and Python developer.'
page.post_status = 'publish'
page.id = client.call(posts.NewPost(page))

# no longer aspiring
page.content = 'I am a WordPress and Python developer.'
client.call(posts.EditPost(page.id, page))
```

#### **Custom Post Types**

While the pages example used its own results\_class, that was a unique situation because pages are special in WordPress and have fields directly in the posts table.

Most custom post types instead use post custom fields to store their additional information, and custom fields are already exposed on *WordPressPost*.

For this example, let's assume that your plugin or theme has added an acme\_product custom post type to Word-Press:

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```
# first, let's find some products
products = client.call(posts.GetPosts({'post type': 'acme product', 'number': 100}))
# calculate the average price of these 100 widgets
sum = 0
for product in products:
        # note: product is a WordPressPost object
        for custom_field in product.custom_fields:
                if custom_field['key'] == 'price':
                        sum = sum + custom_field['value']
                        break
average = sum / len(products)
# now let's create a new product
widget = WordPressPost()
widget.post_type = 'acme_product'
widget.title = 'Widget'
widget.content = 'This is the widget's description.'
widget.custom_fields = []
widget.custom_fields.append({
       'key': 'price',
       'value': 2
})
widget.id = client.call(posts.NewPost(widget))
```

#### **Advanced Querying**

By default, wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts.GetPosts returns 10 posts in reverse-chronological order (based on their publish date). However, using the filter parameter, posts can be queried in other ways.

#### **Result Paging**

If you want to iterate through all posts in a WordPress blog, a server-friendly technique is to use result paging using the number and offset options:

```
# get pages in batches of 20
offset = 0
increment = 20
while True:
    posts = client.call(posts.GetPosts({'number': increment, 'offset': offset}))
    if len(posts) == 0:
        break # no more posts returned
    for post in posts:
        do_something(post)
    offset = offset + increment
```

#### **Ordering**

If you don't want posts sorted by post\_date, then you can use orderby and order options to change that behavior.

For example, in sync scenarios you might want to look for posts by modification date instead of publish date:

```
recently_modified = client.call(posts.GetPosts({'orderby': 'post_modified', 'number':_ →100}))
```

Or if you want your ACME products sorted alphabetically:

#### **Post Status**

Another common scenario is that you only want published posts:

```
published_posts = client.call(posts.GetPosts({'post_status': 'publish'}))
```

Or only draft posts:

```
draft_posts = client.call(posts.GetPosts({'post_status': 'draft'}))
```

You can find the set of valid post\_status by using the wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts. GetPostStatusList method.

#### **Working with Taxonomies**

Taxonomies in WordPress are a means of classifying content. Out of the box, WordPress has two primary taxonomies, categories (category) and tags (post\_tag). Plugins and themes can specify additional custom taxonomies.

#### **Taxonomies**

To retrieve a list of taxonomies for a WordPress blog, use wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.taxonomies. GetTaxonomies:

```
from wordpress_xmlrpc import Client
from wordpress_xmlrpc.methods import taxonomies

client = Client(...)
taxes = client.call(taxonomies.GetTaxonomies())
# taxes == [WordPressTaxonomy, WordPressTaxonomy, ...]
```

An individual taxonomy can be retrieved by name:

```
category_tax = client.call(taxonomies.GetTaxonomy('category'))
```

**Note:** Taxonomies can only be created and modified within WordPress using hooks in plugins or themes. The XML-RPC API permits only reading of taxonomy metadata.

#### **Terms**

Terms are the individual entries in a taxonomy.

For example, to retrieve all blog categories:

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```
categories = client.call(taxonomies.GetTerms('category'))
```

And to create a new tag:

```
from wordpress_xmlrpc import WordPressTerm

tag = WordPressTerm()
tag.taxonomy = 'post_tag'
tag.name = 'My New Tag'
tag.id = client.call(taxonomies.NewTerm(tag))
```

Or to create a child category:

```
parent_cat = client.call(taxonomies.GetTerm('category', 3))

child_cat = WordPressTerm()
child_cat.taxonomy = 'category'
child_cat.parent = parent_cat.id
child_cat.name = 'My Child Category'
child_cat.id = client.call(taxonomies.NewTerm(child_cat))
```

#### **Terms and Posts**

Terms are of little use on their own, they must actually be assigned to posts.

If you already have WordPressTerm objects, use terms property of WordPressPost:

```
tags = client.call(taxonomies.GetTerms('post_tag', {...}))

post = WordPressPost()
post.title = 'Post with Tags'
post.content = '...'
post.terms = tags
post.id = client.call(posts.NewPost(post))
```

If you want to add a category to an existing post:

```
category = client.call(taxonomies.GetTerm('category', 3))
post = client.call(posts.GetPost(5))

post.terms.append(category)
client.call(posts.EditPost(post.id, post))
```

But what if you have not yet retrieved the terms or want to create new terms? For that, you can use the terms\_names property of WordPressPost:

```
post = WordPressPost()
post.title = 'Post with new tags'
post.content = '...'
post.terms_names = {
          'post_tag': ['tagA', 'another tag'],
          'category': ['My Child Category'],
}
post.id = client.call(posts.NewPost(post))
```

Note that terms\_names is a dictionary with taxonomy names as keys and list of strings as values. WordPress will look for existing terms with these names or else create new ones. Be careful with hierarchical taxonomies like

category because of potential name ambiguities (multiple terms can have the same name if they have different parents); if WordPress detects ambiguity, it will throw an error and ask that you use terms instead with a proper WordPressTerm.

#### **Advanced Querying**

#### **By Count**

To find the 20 most-used tags:

#### Searching/Autocomplete

To perform case-insensitive searching against term names, use the search option for filter:

```
user_input = 'wor' # e.g., from UI textbox
tags = client.call(taxonomies.GetTerms('post_tag', {'search': user_input, 'orderby':
    →'count', 'number': 5}))
suggestions = [tag.name for tag in tags]
# suggestions == ['word', 'WordPress', 'world']
```

#### Working with Media

#### **Uploading a File**

The  $wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.media.UploadFile$  method can be used to upload new files to a Word-Press blog:

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```
response = client.call(media.UploadFile(data))
# response == {
# 'id': 6,
# 'file': 'picture.jpg'
# 'url': 'http://www.example.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/16/picture.jpg',
# 'type': 'image/jpeg',
# }
attachment_id = response['id']
```

This newly-uploaded attachment can then be set as the thumbnail for a post:

```
post = WordPressPost()
post.title = 'Picture of the Day'
post.content = 'What a lovely picture today!'
post.post_status = 'publish'
post.thumbnail = attachment_id
post.id = client.call(posts.NewPost(post))
```

Note: If you do not know the mimetype at development time, you can use the mimetypes library in Python:

#### Querying

Use wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.media.GetMediaLibrary and wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.media.GetMediaItem to retrieve information about attachments.

#### **Custom XML-RPC Methods**

See the WordPress Codex for details on how to write a WordPress plugin that adds custom XML-RPC method to WordPress.

The following examples will use the sample methods from that codex page.

#### **Anonymous Methods**

To use the mynamespace. subtractTwoNumbers method, create a class derived from  $wordpress\_xmlrpc$ . AnonymousMethod:

```
from wordpress_xmlrpc import AnonymousMethod

class SubtractTwoNumbers (AnonymousMethod):
    method_name = 'mynamespace.subtractTwoNumbers'
    method_args = ('number1', 'number2')
```

This class can then be used with Client.call():

```
from wordpress_xmlrpc import Client
client = Client('http://www.example.com/xmlrpc.php', 'harrietsmith', 'mypassword')
```

```
difference = client.call(SubtractTwoNumbers(10, 5))
# difference == 5
```

#### **Authenticated Methods**

If your custom authenticated method follows the common method(blog\_id, username, password, \*args) structure, then you can use wordpress\_xmlrpc.AuthenticatedMethod:

```
from wordpress_xmlrpc import AuthenticatedMethod

class GetUserID (AuthenticatedMethod):
    method_name = 'mynamespace.getUserID'
```

Again, this class can then be used with Client.call():

```
user_id = client.call(GetUserID())
# user_id == 3
```

Note that you do not have to supply blog\_id, username, or password to the class constructor, since these are automatically added by *AuthenticatedMethod*. Custom method classes only require arguments specified by method\_args and the optional optional\_args.

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Reference

#### Client

The Client class is the gateway to your WordPress blog's XML-RPC interface.

Once initialized with your blog URL and user credentials, the client object is ready to execute XML-RPC methods against your WordPress blog using its <code>Client.call()</code> method.

#### Client

class Client (url, username, password[, blog\_id, transport])

#### **Parameters**

- url URL of the blog's XML-RPC endpoint (e.g., http://www.example.com/xmlrpc.php)
- username Username of a valid user account on the WordPress blog
- password The password for this user account
- **blog\_id** The blog's ID (note: WordPress ignores this value, but it is retained for backwards compatibility)
- **transport** Custom XML-RPC transport implementation. See Python2 or Python3 documentation.

call (method)

Parameters method - wordpress\_xmlrpc.XmlrpcMethod-derived class

#### **XML-RPC Method Classes**

Library to interface with the WordPress XML-RPC API.

See README for usage instructions.

#### class wordpress\_xmlrpc.XmlrpcMethod

Base class for XML-RPC methods.

Child classes can override methods and properties to customize behavior:

#### **Properties:**

- method\_name: XML-RPC method name (e.g., 'wp.getUserInfo')
- *method\_args*: Tuple of method-specific required parameters
- optional\_args: Tuple of method-specific optional parameters
- results\_class: Python class which will convert an XML-RPC response dict into an object

#### default\_args (client)

Builds set of method-non-specific arguments.

```
get_args (client)
```

Builds final set of XML-RPC method arguments based on the method's arguments, any default arguments, and their defined respective ordering.

```
process result(raw result)
```

Performs actions on the raw result from the XML-RPC response.

If a results\_class is defined, the response will be converted into one or more object instances of that class.

#### class wordpress\_xmlrpc.AnonymousMethod

An XML-RPC method for which no authentication is required.

#### class wordpress\_xmlrpc.AuthenticatedMethod

An XML-RPC method for which user authentication is required.

Blog ID, username and password details will be passed from the *Client* instance to the method call.

# **WordPress Objects**

#### WordPressPost

#### class WordPressPost

Represents a post, page, or other registered custom post type in WordPress.

- •id
- •user
- •date (*datetime*)
- •date\_modified (*datetime*)
- •slug
- •post\_status
- •title
- content
- excerpt
- •link
- •comment\_status

```
•ping_status
•terms (list of WordPressTerms)
•terms_names (dict)
•custom_fields (dict)
•enclosure (dict)
•password
•post_format
•thumbnail
•sticky
•post_type
```

#### WordPressPage

#### class WordPressPage

Derived from WordPressPost, represents a WordPress page. Additional fields:

```
•template
```

•parent\_id

•parent\_title

•order (int)

•post\_type = 'page'

## WordPressPostType

#### class WordPressPostType

Metadata for registered WordPress post type.

- •name
- •label
- •labels (dict)
- •cap (dict)
- •hierarchical
- •menu\_icon
- •menu\_position
- •public
- •show\_in\_menu
- •taxonomies (list)
- •is\_builtin
- •supports (list)

## WordPressTaxonomy

#### class WordPressTaxonomy

Metadata for registered WordPress taxonomy.

- •name
- •label
- •labels (dict)
- •hierarchical
- •public
- $\bullet show\_ui$
- •cap (dict)
- •is\_builtin
- •object\_type (list)

#### WordPressTerm

#### class WordPressTerm

Represents a term (e.g., tag or category) in a WordPress taxonomy.

- •id
- •group
- $\bullet$ taxonomy
- •taxonomy\_id
- •name
- •slug
- •description
- parent
- •count (int)

## WordPressBlog

#### class WordPressBlog

Represents a WordPress blog/site.

- •id
- •name
- •url
- •xmlrpc
- •is\_admin (bool)

#### **WordPressAuthor**

#### class WordPressAuthor

Minimal representation of a WordPress post author.

- •id
- •user\_login
- •display\_name

#### WordPressUser

#### class WordPressUser

Basic representation of a WordPress user.

- •id
- •username
- password
- •roles
- •nickname
- •url
- •first\_name
- •last\_name
- •registered
- •bio
- •email
- •nicename
- •display\_name

#### **WordPressComment**

#### class WordPressComment

Represents a WordPress comment.

- •id
- •user
- •post
- •post\_title
- •parent
- date\_created (datetime)
- •status
- •content
- •link

- •author
- •author\_url
- •author\_email
- •author\_ip

#### WordPressMedia

#### class WordPressMedia

Represents a WordPress post media attachment.

- •id
- parent
- •title
- •description
- •caption
- date\_created (datetime)
- •link
- •thumbnail
- •metadata

### WordPressOption

#### class WordPressOption

Represents a WordPress blog setting/option.

- •name
- •description
- •value
- •read\_only (bool)

#### **Methods**

See *Examples* for guidance on how to use the following method classes.

## methods.posts

```
class wordpress_xmlrpc.methods.posts.GetPosts([filter, fields])
Retrieve posts from the blog.
```

#### **Parameters:**

```
filter: optional dict of filters:
```

• number

```
    offset
```

orderby

• order: 'ASC' or 'DESC'

• post\_type: Defaults to 'post'

• post\_status

Returns: *list* of *WordPressPost* instances.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts.GetPost(post\_id[, fields])

Retrieve an individual blog post.

**Parameters:** *post\_id*: ID of the blog post to retrieve.

Returns: WordPressPost instance.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts.NewPost (content)

Create a new post on the blog.

Parameters: content: A WordPressPost instance with at least the title and content values set.

Returns: ID of the newly-created blog post (an integer).

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts.EditPost (post\_id, content)

Edit an existing blog post.

**Parameters:** post\_id: ID of the blog post to edit. content: A WordPressPost instance with the new values for the blog post.

Returns: True on successful edit.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts.DeletePost(post\_id)

Delete a blog post.

**Parameters:** *post\_id*: ID of the blog post to delete.

Returns: True on successful deletion.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts.GetPostStatusList

Retrieve the set of possible blog post statuses (e.g., "draft," "private," "publish").

Parameters: None

Returns: *dict* of values and their pretty names.

#### **Example:**

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts.GetPostFormats

Retrieve the set of post formats used by the blog.

Parameters: None

**Returns:** dict containing a dict of all blog post formats (all) and a list of formats supported by the theme.

**Example:** 

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class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts.GetPostTypes

Retrieve a list of post types used by the blog.

Parameters: None

Returns: dict with names as keys and WordPressPostType instances as values.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.posts.GetPostType (post\_type)

Retrieve an individual blog post type.

**Parameters:** *post\_type*: Name of the blog post type to retrieve.

Returns: WordPressPostType instance.

#### methods.pages

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.pages.GetPageStatusList

Retrieve the set of possible blog page statuses (e.g., "draft," "private," "publish").

Parameters: None

Returns: *dict* of values and their pretty names.

#### **Example:**

```
>>> client.call(GetPageStatusList()) { 'draft': 'Draft', 'private': 'Private', 'publish': 'Published'}
```

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.pages.GetPageTemplates

Retrieve the list of blog templates.

Parameters: None

Returns: *dict* of values and their paths.

#### **Example:**

#### methods.taxonomies

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.taxonomies.GetTaxonomies

Retrieve the list of available taxonomies for the blog.

Parameters: None

Returns: *list* of *WordPressTaxonomy* instances.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.taxonomies.GetTaxonomy(taxonomy)

Retrieve an individual taxonomy.

**Parameters:** *taxonomy*: name of the taxonomy

```
Returns: WordPressTaxonomy instance.
class wordpress_xmlrpc.methods.taxonomies.GetTerms(taxonomy[, filter])
     Retrieve the list of available terms for a taxonomy.
     Parameters: taxonomy: name of the taxonomy
         filter: optional dict of filters:
                • number

    offset

                • orderby
                • order: 'ASC' or 'DESC'
                • hide_empty: Whether to return terms with count==0
                • search: Case-insensitive search on term names
     Returns: list of WordPressTerm instances.
class wordpress xmlrpc.methods.taxonomies.GetTerm(taxonomy, term id)
     Retrieve an individual term.
     Parameters: taxonomy: name of the taxonomy
          term_id: ID of the term
     Returns: WordPressTerm instance.
class wordpress xmlrpc.methods.taxonomies.NewTerm(term)
     Create new term.
     Parameters: term: instance of WordPressTerm
     Returns: ID of newly-created term (an integer).
class wordpress_xmlrpc.methods.taxonomies.EditTerm(term_id, term)
     Edit an existing term.
     Parameters: term_id: ID of the term to edit.
          term: A WordPressTerm instance with the new values for the term.
     Returns: True on successful edit.
class wordpress_xmlrpc.methods.taxonomies.DeleteTerm(taxonomy, term_id)
     Delete a term.
     Parameters: taxonomy: name of the taxonomy
          term_id: ID of the term to delete.
     Returns: True on successful deletion.
methods.comments
class wordpress_xmlrpc.methods.comments.GetComments (filter)
     Gets a set of comments for a post.
     Parameters:
```

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filter: a dict with the following values:

• post\_id: the id of the post to retrieve comments for

- status: type of comments of comments to retrieve (optional, defaults to 'approve')
- *number*: number of comments to retrieve (optional, defaults to 10)
- offset: retrieval offset (optional, defaults to 0)

Returns: *list* of *WordPressComment* instances.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.comments.GetComment(comment\_id)

Retrieve an individual comment.

**Parameters:** *comment\_id*: ID of the comment to retrieve.

Returns: WordPressPost instance.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.comments.NewComment (post\_id, comment)

Create a new comment on a post.

**Parameters:** post\_id: The id of the post to add a comment to. comment: A WordPressComment instance with at least the content value set.

Returns: ID of the newly-created comment (an integer).

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.comments.NewAnonymousComment (post\_id, comment)

Create a new comment on a post without authenticating.

NOTE: Requires support on the blog by setting the following filter in a plugin or theme:

```
add_filter( 'xmlrpc_allow_anonymous_comments', '__return_true' );
```

**Parameters:** post\_id: The id of the post to add a comment to. comment: A WordPressComment instance with at least the content value set.

Returns: ID of the newly-created comment (an integer).

**Parameters:** comment\_id: The id of the comment to edit. comment: A WordPressComment instance with at least the content value set.

Returns: True on successful edit.

 ${\bf class} \; {\tt wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.comments.DeleteComment} \; ({\it comment\_id})$ 

Delete an existing comment.

**Parameters:** *comment\_id*: The id of the comment to be deleted.

Returns: True on successful deletion.

class wordpress xmlrpc.methods.comments.GetCommentStatusList

Retrieve the set of possible blog comment statuses (e.g., "approve," "hold," "spam").

Parameters: None

Returns: dict of values and their pretty names.

**Example:** 

```
>>> client.call(GetCommentStatusList())
{'hold': 'Unapproved', 'approve': 'Approved', 'spam': 'Spam'}
```

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.comments.GetCommentCount (post\_id)

Retrieve comment count for a specific post.

**Parameters:** *post\_id*: The id of the post to retrieve comment count for.

Returns: dict of comment counts for the post divided by comment status.

#### **Example:**

#### methods.users

```
{\bf class} \ {\tt wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.users.GetUser} \ ({\it user\_id} \big[, {\it fields} \, \big])
```

Retrieve an individual user.

**Parameters:** *user\_id*: ID of the user *fields*: (optional) *list* of fields to return. Specific fields, or groups 'basic' or 'all'.

Returns: WordPressUser instance.

```
{\bf class} \ {\tt wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.users.GetUsers} \ ( [{\it filter, fields} \ ])
```

Retrieve list of users in the blog.

#### **Parameters:**

filter: optional dict of filters:

- number
- offset
- role

fields: optional list of fields to return. Specific fields, or groups 'basic' or 'all'.

Returns: *list* of *WordPressUser* instances.

```
class wordpress_xmlrpc.methods.users.GetProfile
```

Retrieve information about the connected user.

Parameters: None

Returns: instance of WordPressUser representing the user whose credentials are being used with the XML-RPC API.

```
class wordpress_xmlrpc.methods.users.EditProfile(user)
```

Edit profile fields of the connected user.

Parameters: user: WordPressUser instance.

Returns: True on successful edit.

 ${\bf class} \ {\tt wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.users.GetUsersBlogs}$ 

Retrieve list of blogs that this user belongs to.

Parameters: None

Returns: *list* of *WordPressBlog* instances.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.users.GetAuthors

Retrieve list of authors in the blog.

Parameters: None

Returns: *list* of *WordPressAuthor* instances.

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#### methods.media

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.media.GetMediaLibrary([filter])
 Retrieve filtered list of media library items.

#### **Parameters:**

#### filter: dict with optional keys:

- number: number of media items to retrieve
- offset: query offset
- *parent\_id*: **ID** of post the media item is attached to. Use empty string (default) to show all media items. Use 0 to show unattached media items.
- mime\_type: file mime-type to filter by (e.g., 'image/jpeg')

Returns: *list* of *WordPressMedia* instances.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.media.GetMediaItem(attachmend\_id)

Retrieve an individual media item.

**Parameters:** attachment\_id: ID of the media item.

Returns: WordPressMedia instance.

 ${\bf class} \ {\tt wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.media.UploadFile} \ ({\it data})$ 

Upload a file to the blog.

Note: the file is not attached to or inserted into any blog posts.

#### **Parameters:**

#### data: dict with three items:

- name: filename
- *type*: MIME-type of the file
- bits: base-64 encoded contents of the file. See xmlrpclib.Binary()
- overwrite (optional): flag to override an existing file with this name

Returns: dict with keys id, file (filename), url (public URL), and type (MIME-type).

## methods.options

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.options.GetOptions(options)

Retrieve list of blog options.

Parameters: options: list of option names to retrieve; if empty, all options will be retrieved

Returns: *list* of *WordPressOption* instances.

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.options.SetOptions(options)

Update the value of an existing blog option.

Parameters: options: dict of key/value pairs

Returns: *list* of *WordPressOption* instances representing the updated options.

## methods.demo

class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.demo.SayHello
class wordpress\_xmlrpc.methods.demo.AddTwoNumbers(number1, number2)

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# **History/CHANGELOG**

#### 2.3

(June 29, 2014)

- Allow custom transports for XML-RPC connections.
- Fix JPEG file MIME-type.
- Import media methods correctly.
- Fix ping\_status field definition.
- Workaround a bug encountered when fetching old draft posts (#40, props strycore).
- Fixed some documentation bugs.

#### 2.2

(December 2, 2012)

- Add wp.newComment variant for anonymous comments.
- Added support for user methods.
- Added support for post revisions.
- Fixed comment date\_created field definition.
- Better unicode string handling.

#### 2.1

(May 12, 2012)

- Added missing import that was causing failures during exception handling.
- Updated fields to match changes in WordPress 3.4 between Beta 1 and RC1.
- Fixed some documentation bugs.

#### 2.0

(April 16, 2012)

- Major rewrite to support new XML-RPC features in WordPress 3.4.
  - Rewrote WordPressPost and methods.posts module.
  - Removed CRUD methods for pages.
  - Added WordPressTaxonomy and WordPressTerm classes.
  - Added methods.taxonomies module.
  - Removed WordPressCategory and WordPressTag classes.
  - Removed methods.categories module.
  - Added id field to WordPressMedia.
- Removed support for legacy-style (e.g., Blogger) methods.
  - Removed args\_start\_position and default\_args\_position parameters on XmlrpcMethod.
  - Removed requires\_blog parameter on AuthenticatedMethod.
- Set default values on all fields that are used in str/unicode to avoid AttributeError exceptions.
- Fixed bug with FieldMap that caused False boolean values to be ignored.
- Added ability to override results\_class via a method class constructor kwarg.
- Added support for optional method arguments.

#### 1.5

(August 27, 2011)

- Refactored FieldMap to be more flexible.
- Added new Exception subclasses for more specific error handling.

#### 1.4

(July 31, 2011)

- Added support for post formats.
- Added support for media methods.

#### 1.3

(July 31, 2011)

- · Created test suite.
- Added support for page methods.
- Added support for post/page passwords.

#### 1.2

(June 25, 2011)

• Added support for comments methods.

#### 1.1

(October 11, 2010)

• Implemented automatic conversion of WordPress objects in method invocations.

#### 1.0

(October 10, 2010)

· Initial release.

# **Testing**

#### Requirements

nose is used as the test runner. Use easy\_install or pip to install:

pip nose

## Configuring against your server

To test this library, we must perform XML-RPC requests against an actual WordPress server. To configure against your own server:

- Copy the included wp-config-sample.cfg file to wp-config.cfg.
- $\bullet$   $\,$  Edit  ${\tt wp-config.cfg}$  and fill in the necessary values.

#### **Running Tests**

Note: Be sure to have installed nose and created your wp-config.cfg.

To run the entire test suite, run the following from the root of the repository:

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nosetests

To run a sub-set of the tests, you can specify a specific feature area:

nosetests -a posts

You can run against multiple areas:

nosetests -a posts -a comments

Or you can run everything except a specific area:

nosetests -a '!comments'

You can use all the normal nose command line options. For example, to increase output level:

nosetests -a demo --verbosity=3

Full usage details:

• nose

## **Contributing Tests**

If you are submitting a patch for this library, please be sure to include one or more tests that cover the changes.

if you are adding new test methods, be sure to tag them with the appropriate feature areas using the @attr() decorator.

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