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Python FAT filesystem module with PyFilesystem2 compatibility.

pyfatfs allows interaction with FAT12/16/32 filesystems, either via PyFilesystem2 for file-level abstraction or direct interaction with the filesystem for low-level access.

CHAPTER

ONE

DOSDATETIME

Enhancement of datetime for DOS date/time format compatibility.

class pyfatfs.DosDateTime.**DosDateTime**

Bases: datetime

DOS-specific date/time format serialization.

static deserialize_date(*dt: int*) → *DosDateTime*

Convert a DOS date format to a Python object.

static deserialize_time(*tm: int*) → time

Convert a DOS time format to a Python object.

fromtimestamp(***kwargs*) → *DosDateTime*

timestamp[, tz] -> tz's local time from POSIX timestamp.

now(***kwargs*) → *DosDateTime*

Returns new datetime object representing current time local to tz.

tz

Timezone object.

If no tz is specified, uses local timezone.

serialize_date() → int

Convert current datetime to FAT date.

serialize_time() → int

Convert current datetime to FAT time.

CHAPTER

TWO

EIGHTDOTTHREE

8DOT3 file name helper class & functions.

class pyfatfs.EightDotThree.**EightDotThree**(*encoding: str = 'ibm437'*)

Bases: `object`

8DOT3 filename representation.

Offer 8DOT3 filename operation.

Parameters

encoding – Codepage for the 8.3 filename. Defaults to *FAT_OEM_ENCODING* as per FAT spec.

INVALID_CHARACTERS = [range(0, 32), 34, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 91, 92, 93, 124]

Invalid characters for 8.3 file names

SFN_LENGTH = 11

Length of the byte representation in a directory entry header

checksum(***kwargs*)

get_unpadded_filename(***kwargs*)

static is_8dot3_conform(*entry_name: str*, *encoding: str = 'ibm437'*)

Indicate conformance of given entries name to 8.3 standard.

Parameters

- **entry_name** – Name of entry to check
- **encoding** – `str`: Encoding for SFN

Returns

bool indicating conformance of name to 8.3 standard

static make_8dot3_name(*dir_name: str*, *parent_dir_entry*) → str

Generate filename based on 8.3 rules out of a long file name.

In 8.3 notation we try to use the first 6 characters and fill the rest with a tilde, followed by a number (starting at 1). If that entry is already given, we increment this number and try again until all possibilities are exhausted (i.e. A~999999.TXT).

Parameters

- **dir_name** – Long name of directory entry.
- **parent_dir_entry** – *FATDirectoryEntry*: Dir entry of parent dir.

Returns
str: 8DOT3 compliant filename.

Raises
PyFATException: If parent dir is not a directory or all name generation possibilities are exhausted

`set_byte_name`(*name: bytes*)

Set the name as byte input from a directory entry header.

Parameters
`name` – *bytes*: Padded (must be 11 bytes) 8dot3 name

`set_str_name`(*name: str*)

Set the name as string from user input (i.e. folder creation).

CHAPTER

THREE

FATDIRECTORYENTRY

Directory entry operations with PyFAT.

class pyfatfs.FATDirectoryEntry.**FATDirectoryEntry**(*DIR_Name: EightDotThree, DIR_Attr: int, DIR_NTRes: int, DIR_CrtTimeTenth: int, DIR_CrtTime: int, DIR_CrtDate: int, DIR_LstAccessDate: int, DIR_FstClusHI: int, DIR_WrtTime: int, DIR_WrtDate: int, DIR_FstClusLO: int, DIR_FileSize: int, encoding: str = 'ibm437', fs: pyfatfs.PyFat.PyFat = None, lazy_load: bool = False, lfn_entry=None*)

Bases: `object`

Represents directory entries in FAT (files & directories).

FAT directory entry constructor.

Parameters

- **DIR_Name** – *EightDotThree* class instance
- **DIR_Attr** – Attributes of directory
- **DIR_NTRes** – Reserved attributes of directory entry
- **DIR_CrtTimeTenth** – Milliseconds at file creation
- **DIR_CrtTime** – Creation timestamp of entry
- **DIR_CrtDate** – Creation date of entry
- **DIR_LstAccessDate** – Last access date of entry
- **DIR_FstClusHI** – High cluster value of entry data
- **DIR_WrtTime** – Modification timestamp of entry
- **DIR_WrtDate** – Modification date of entry
- **DIR_FstClusLO** – Low cluster value of entry data
- **DIR_FileSize** – File size in bytes
- **encoding** – Encoding of filename
- **lfn_entry** – FATLongDirectoryEntry instance or None

ATTR_ARCHIVE = 32

Bit set in DIR_Attr if entry is an archive

ATTR_DIRECTORY = 16

Bit set in DIR_Attr if entry is a directory

ATTR_HIDDEN = 2

Bit set in DIR_Attr if entry is hidden

ATTR_LONG_NAME = 15

Bits set in DIR_Attr if entry is an LFN entry

ATTR_LONG_NAME_MASK = 63

Bitmask to check if entry is an LFN entry

ATTR_READ_ONLY = 1

Bit set in DIR_Attr if entry is read-only

ATTR_SYSTEM = 4

Bit set in DIR_Attr if entry is a system file

ATTR_VOLUME_ID = 8

Bit set in DIR_Attr if entry is a volume id descriptor

FAT_DIRECTORY_HEADER_SIZE = 32

Size of a directory entry header in bytes

FAT_DIRECTORY_LAYOUT = '<11sBBBHHHHHHHL'

Directory entry header layout in struct formatted string

FAT_DIRECTORY_VARS = ['DIR_Name', 'DIR_Attr', 'DIR_NTRes', 'DIR_CrtTimeTenth', 'DIR_CrtTime', 'DIR_CrtDate', 'DIR_LstAccessDate', 'DIR_FstClusHI', 'DIR_WrtTime', 'DIR_WrtDate', 'DIR_FstClusLO', 'DIR_FileSize']

Directory entry headers

FREE_DIR_ENTRY_MARK = 229

Marks a directory entry as empty

LAST_DIR_ENTRY_MARK = 0

Marks all directory entries after this one as empty

MAX_FILE_SIZE = 4294967295

Maximum allowed file size, dictated by size of DIR_FileSize

add_subdirectory(*dir_entry*, *recursive: bool = True*)

Register a subdirectory in current directory entry.

Parameters

dir_entry – FATDirectoryEntry

Raises

PyFATException: If current entry is not a directory or given directory entry already has a parent directory set

property filesize

Size of the file in bytes.

Getter

Get the currently set filesize in bytes

Setter

Set new filesize. FAT chain must be extended separately. Raises *PyFATException* with *errno=E2BIG* if filesize is larger than *FATDirectoryEntry.MAX_FILE_SIZE*.

Type
int

`get_atime()` → *DosDateTime*

Get dentry access time.

`get_checksum()` → int

Get calculated checksum of this directory entry.

Returns
Checksum as int

`get_cluster()`

Get cluster address of directory entry.

Returns
Cluster address of entry

`get_ctime()` → *DosDateTime*

Get dentry creation time.

`get_entries()`

Get entries of directory.

Raises
PyFatException: If entry is not a directory

Returns
tuple: root (current path, full), dirs (all dirs), files (all files)

`get_entry(path: str)`

Get sub-entry if current entry is a directory.

Parameters
`path` – Relative path of entry to get

Raises
PyFATException: If entry cannot be found

Returns
FATDirectoryEntry: Found entry

`get_entry_size()`

Get size of directory entry.

Returns
Entry size in bytes as int

`get_full_path()`

Iterate all parents up and join them by "/".

`get_long_name()`

Get long name of directory entry.

Raises
NotAnLFNEntryException: If entry has no long file name

Returns
str: Long file name of directory entry

get_mtime() → *DosDateTime*

Get dentry modification time.

get_parent_dir()

Get the parent directory entry.

get_short_name()

Get short name of directory entry.

Returns
str: Name of directory entry

get_size()

Get filesize or directory entry size.

Returns
Filesize or directory entry size in bytes as int

is_archive()

Determine if dir entry has archive attribute set.

Returns
Boolean value indicating archive attribute is set

is_directory()

Determine if dir entry has directory attribute set.

Returns
Boolean value indicating directory attribute is set

is_empty()

Determine if directory does not contain any directories.

is_hidden()

Determine if dir entry has the hidden attribute set.

Returns
Boolean value indicating hidden attribute is set

is_read_only()

Determine if dir entry has read-only attribute set.

Returns
Boolean value indicating read-only attribute is set

is_special()

Determine if dir entry is a dot or dotdot entry.

Returns
Boolean value whether or not entry is a dot or dotdot entry

is_system()

Determine if dir entry has the system file attribute set.

Returns
Boolean value indicating system attribute is set

is_volume_id()

Determine if dir entry has the volume ID attribute set.

Returns
Boolean value indicating volume ID attribute is set

mark_empty()

Mark this directory entry as empty.

static new(*name: EightDotThree, tz: 0, encoding: str, attr: int = 0, ntres: int = 0, cluster: int = 0, filesize: int = 0*) → *FATDirectoryEntry*

Create a new directory entry with sane defaults.

Parameters

- **name** – `EightDotThree`: SFN of new dentry
- **tz** – `timezone`: Timezone value to use for new timestamp
- **encoding** – `str`: Encoding for SFN
- **attr** – `int`: Directory attributes
- **ntres** – `int`: Reserved NT directory attributes
- **cluster** – `int`: Cluster number of dentry
- **filesize** – `int`: Size of file referenced by dentry

Returns
`FATDirectoryEntry` instance

remove_dir_entry(*name*)

Remove given dir_entry from dir list.

NOTE: This will also remove special entries such as ».«, »..« and volume labels!

set_cluster(*first_cluster*)

Set low and high cluster address in directory headers.

set_lfn_entry(*lfn_entry*)

Set LFN entry for current directory entry.

Param
lfn_entry: Can be either of type *FATLongDirectoryEntry* or *None*.

set_size(*size: int*)

Set filesize.

Parameters
size – *int*: File size in bytes

walk()

Walk all directory entries recursively.

Returns
tuple: root (current path, full), dirs (all dirs), files (all files)

class `pyfatfs.FATDirectoryEntry.`**FATLongDirectoryEntry**

Bases: `object`

Represents long file name (LFN) entries.

Initialize empty LFN directory entry object.

FAT_LONG_DIRECTORY_LAYOUT = '<B10sBBB12sH4s'

LFN entry header layout in struct formatted string

FAT_LONG_DIRECTORY_VARS = ['LDIR_Ord', 'LDIR_Name1', 'LDIR_Attr', 'LDIR_Type', 'LDIR_Chksum', 'LDIR_Name2', 'LDIR_FstClusLO', 'LDIR_Name3']

LFN header fields when extracted with *FAT_LONG_DIRECTORY_LAYOUT*

LAST_LONG_ENTRY = 64

Ordinance of last LFN entry in a chain

LFN_ENTRY_LENGTH = 26

Length for long file name in bytes per entry

add_lfn_entry(*LDIR_Ord*, *LDIR_Name1*, *LDIR_Attr*, *LDIR_Type*, *LDIR_Chksum*, *LDIR_Name2*, *LDIR_FstClusLO*, *LDIR_Name3*)

Add LFN entry to this instances chain.

Parameters

- **LDIR_Ord** – Ordinance of LFN entry
- **LDIR_Name1** – First name field of LFN entry
- **LDIR_Attr** – Attributes of LFN entry
- **LDIR_Type** – Type of LFN entry
- **LDIR_Chksum** – Checksum value of following 8dot3 entry
- **LDIR_Name2** – Second name field of LFN entry
- **LDIR_FstClusLO** – Cluster address of LFN entry. Always zero.
- **LDIR_Name3** – Third name field of LFN entry

get_entries(*reverse: bool = False*)

Get LFS entries in correct order (based on *LDIR_Ord*).

Parameters

reverse – *bool*: Returns LFN entries in reversed order. This is required for byte representation.

static is_lfn_entry(*LDIR_Ord*, *LDIR_Attr*)

Verify that entry is an LFN entry.

Parameters

- **LDIR_Ord** – First byte of the directory header, ordinance
- **LDIR_Attr** – Attributes segment of directory header

Returns

True if entry is a valid LFN entry

is_lfn_entry_complete()

Verify that LFN object forms a complete chain.

Returns

True if *LAST_LONG_ENTRY* is found

mark_empty()

Mark LFN entry as empty.

`pyfatfs.FATDirectoryEntry.make_lfn_entry(dir_name: str, short_name: EightDotThree)`

Generate a *FATLongDirectoryEntry* instance from directory name.

Parameters

- **dir_name** – Long name of directory
- **short_name** – *EightDotThree* class instance

Raises

PyFATException if entry name does not require an LFN entry or the name exceeds the FAT limitation of 255 characters

CHAPTER

FOUR

FATIO

Implementation of *FatIO* for basic I/O.

class `pyfatfs.FatIO.`**`FatIO`**(*fs:* PyFat, *path: str*, *mode: fs.mode.Mode = fs.mode.Mode*)

Bases: `RawIOBase`

Wrap basic I/O operations for PyFat.

Wrap basic I/O operations for PyFat. **Currently read-only**.

Parameters

- **fs** – *PyFat*: Instance of opened filesystem
- **path** – *str*: Path to file. If *mode* is *r*, the file must exist.
- **mode** – *Mode*: Mode to open file in.

close() → None

Close open file handles assuming lock handle.

read(*size: int = -1*) → bytes | None

Read given bytes from file.

readable() → bool

Determine whether the file is readable.

readinto(*_FatIO__buffer: bytearray*) → int | None

Read data "directly" into bytearray.

seek(*offset: int*, *whence: int = 0*) → int

Seek to a given offset in the file.

Parameters

- **offset** – `int`: offset in bytes in the file
- **whence** – `int`: offset position: - `0`: absolute - `1`: relative to current position - `2`: relative to file end

Returns

New position in bytes in the file

seekable() → bool

FAT I/O driver is able to seek in files.

Returns

True

truncate(*size: int | None = 0*) → int

Truncate file to given size.

Parameters

size – *int*: Size to truncate to, defaults to 0.

Returns

int: Truncated size

writable() → bool

Determine whether the file is writable.

write(*_FatIO__b: bytes | bytearray*) → int | None

Write given bytes to file.

CHAPTER

FIVE

PYFAT

FAT and BPB parsing for files.

class pyfatfs.PyFat.**PyFat**(*encoding: str = 'ibm437'*, *offset: int = 0*, *lazy_load: bool = True*)

Bases: object

PyFAT base class, parses generic filesystem information.

Set up PyFat class instance.

Parameters

- **encoding** (*str*) – Define encoding to use for filenames
- **offset** (*int*) – Offset of the FAT partition in the given file

FAT12_CLUSTER_VALUES = {'BAD_CLUSTER': 4087, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MAX': 4095, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MIN': 4088, 'FREE_CLUSTER': 0, 'MAX_DATA_CLUSTER': 4079, 'MIN_DATA_CLUSTER': 2}

Possible cluster values for FAT12 partitions

FAT12_SPECIAL_EOC = 4080

FAT16_CLEAN_SHUTDOWN_BIT_MASK = 32768

FAT16 bit mask for clean shutdown bit

FAT16_CLUSTER_VALUES = {'BAD_CLUSTER': 65527, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MAX': 65535, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MIN': 65528, 'FREE_CLUSTER': 0, 'MAX_DATA_CLUSTER': 65519, 'MIN_DATA_CLUSTER': 2}

Possible cluster values for FAT16 partitions

FAT16_DRIVE_ERROR_BIT_MASK = 16384

FAT16 bit mask for volume error bit

FAT32_CLEAN_SHUTDOWN_BIT_MASK = 134217728

FAT32 bit mask for clean shutdown bit

FAT32_CLUSTER_VALUES = {'BAD_CLUSTER': 268435447, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MAX': 268435455, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MIN': 268435448, 'FREE_CLUSTER': 0, 'MAX_DATA_CLUSTER': 268435439, 'MIN_DATA_CLUSTER': 2}

Possible cluster values for FAT32 partitions

FAT32_DRIVE_ERROR_BIT_MASK = 67108864

FAT32 bit mask for volume error bit

FAT_CLUSTER_VALUES = {12: {'BAD_CLUSTER': 4087, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MAX': 4095, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MIN': 4088, 'FREE_CLUSTER': 0, 'MAX_DATA_CLUSTER': 4079, 'MIN_DATA_CLUSTER': 2}, 16: {'BAD_CLUSTER': 65527, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MAX': 65535, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MIN': 65528, 'FREE_CLUSTER': 0, 'MAX_DATA_CLUSTER': 65519, 'MIN_DATA_CLUSTER': 2}, 32: {'BAD_CLUSTER': 268435447, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MAX': 268435455, 'END_OF_CLUSTER_MIN': 268435448, 'FREE_CLUSTER': 0, 'MAX_DATA_CLUSTER': 268435439, 'MIN_DATA_CLUSTER': 2}}

Maps fat_type to possible cluster values

FAT_DIRTY_BIT_MASK = 1

Dirty bit in FAT header

FAT_TYPE_FAT12 = 12

Used as fat_type if FAT12 fs has been detected

FAT_TYPE_FAT16 = 16

Used as fat_type if FAT16 fs has been detected

FAT_TYPE_FAT32 = 32

Used as fat_type if FAT32 fs has been detected

FAT_TYPE_UNKNOWN = 0

Used as fat_type if unable to detect FAT type

FS_TYPES = {0: b'FAT ', 12: b'FAT12 ', 16: b'FAT16 ', 32: b'FAT32 '}

Maps fat_type to BS_FilSysType from FS header information

allocate_bytes(***kwargs*)

calc_num_clusters(*size: int = 0*) → int

Calculate the number of required clusters.

Parameters
size – *int*: required bytes to allocate

Returns
Number of required clusters

close(***kwargs*)

flush_fat(***kwargs*)

free_cluster_chain(***kwargs*)

get_cluster_chain(***kwargs*)

get_data_cluster_address(*cluster: int*) → int

Get offset of given cluster in bytes.

Parameters
cluster – Cluster number as *int*

Returns
Bytes address location of cluster

get_fs_location(***kwargs*)

mkfs(*filename: str*, *fat_type: 12 | 16 | 32*, *size: int = None*, *sector_size: int = 512*, *number_of_fats: int = 2*, *label: str = 'NO NAME'*, *volume_id: int = None*, *media_type: int = 248*)

Create a new FAT filesystem.

Parameters

- **filename** – *str*: Name of file to create filesystem in
- **fat_type** – *FAT_TYPE_FAT{12,16,32}*: FAT type
- **size** – *int*: Size of new filesystem in bytes
- **sector_size** – *int*: Size of a sector in bytes
- **number_of_fats** – *int*: Number of FATs on the disk
- **label** – *str*: Volume label
- **volume_id** – *bytes*: Volume id (4 bytes)
- **media_type** – *int*: Media type (0xF{0,8-F})

open(*filename: str | PathLike*, *read_only: bool = False*)

Open filesystem for usage with PyFat.

Parameters

- **filename** – *str*: Name of file to open for usage with PyFat.
- **read_only** – *bool*: Force read-only mode of filesystem.

static open_fs(*filename: str*, *offset: int = 0*, *encoding='ibm437'*)

Context manager for direct use of PyFAT.

parse_dir_entries_in_address(*address: int = 0*, *max_address: int = 0*, *tmp_lfn_entry:* FATLongDirectoryEntry *= None*)

Parse directory entries in address range.

parse_dir_entries_in_cluster_chain(*cluster*) → list

Parse directory entries while following given cluster chain.

parse_header()

Parse BPB & FAT headers in opened file.

parse_lfn_entry(*lfn_entry:* FATLongDirectoryEntry *= None*, *address: int = 0*)

Parse LFN entry at given address.

parse_root_dir()

Parse root directory entry.

read_cluster_contents(***kwargs*)

set_fp(*fp: BytesIO | IOBase*)

Open a filesystem from a valid file pointer.

This allows using in-memory filesystems (e.g., BytesIO).

Parameters

fp – *FileIO*: Valid *FileIO* object

update_directory_entry(***kwargs*)

write_data_to_cluster(***kwargs*)

CHAPTER

SIX

PYFATFS

PyFilesystem2 implementation of PyFAT.

class pyfatfs.PyFatFS.**PyFatBytesIOFS**(**args: Any*, ***kwargs: Any*)

Bases: *PyFatFS*

Provide PyFatFS functionality for BytesIO or IOBase streams.

PyFilesystem2 FAT constructor, initializes self.fs with BytesIO.

Parameters

- **fp** – *BytesIO | IOBase*: Open file, either in-memory or already open handle.
- **encoding** – *str*: Valid Python standard encoding.
- **offset** – *int*: Offset from file start to filesystem start in bytes.
- **preserve_case** – *bool*: By default 8DOT3 filenames do not support casing. If preserve_case is set to *True*, it will create an LFN entry if the casing does not conform to 8DOT3.
- **utc** – *bool*: Store timestamps in UTC rather than the local time. This applies to dentry creation, modification and last access time.
- **lazy_load** – *bool*: Load directory entries on-demand instead of parsing the entire directory listing on mount.

class pyfatfs.PyFatFS.**PyFatFS**(**args: Any*, ***kwargs: Any*)

Bases: FS

PyFilesystem2 extension.

PyFilesystem2 FAT constructor, initializes self.fs.

Parameters

- **filename** – *str*: Name of file/device to open as FAT partition.
- **encoding** – *str*: Valid Python standard encoding.
- **offset** – *int*: Offset from file start to filesystem start in bytes.
- **preserve_case** – *bool*: By default 8DOT3 filenames do not support casing. If preserve_case is set to *True*, it will create an LFN entry if the casing does not conform to 8DOT3.
- **read_only** – *bool*: If set to true, the filesystem is mounted in read-only mode, not allowing any modifications.
- **utc** – *bool*: Store timestamps in UTC rather than the local time. This applies to dentry creation, modification and last access time.

- **lazy_load** – *bool*: Load directory entries on-demand instead of parsing the entire directory listing on mount.

close()

Clean up open handles.

create(*path: str*, *wipe: bool = False*) → bool

Create a new file.

Parameters

- **path** – Path of new file on filesystem
- **wipe** – Overwrite existing file contents

exists(*path: str*)

Verify if given path exists on filesystem.

Parameters
path – Path to file or directory on filesystem

Returns
Boolean value indicating entries existence

getinfo(*path: str*, *namespaces=None*)

Generate PyFilesystem2's *Info* struct.

Parameters

- **path** – Path to file or directory on filesystem
- **namespaces** – Info namespaces to query, *NotImplemented*

Returns
Info

getmeta(*namespace='standard'*)

Get generic filesystem metadata.

Parameters
namespace – Namespace to query, only *standard* supported

Returns
dict with file system meta data

getsize(*path: str*)

Get size of file in bytes.

Parameters
path – Path to file or directory on filesystem

Returns
Size in bytes as *int*

gettype(*path: str*)

Get type of file as *ResourceType*.

Parameters
path – Path to file or directory on filesystem

Returns
ResourceType.directory or *ResourceType.file*

listdir(*path: str*)

List contents of given directory entry.

Parameters
path – Path to directory on filesystem

makedir(*path: str*, *permissions: fs.permissions.Permissions = None*, *recreate: bool = False*)

Create directory on filesystem.

Parameters

- **path** – Path of new directory on filesystem
- **permissions** – Currently not implemented
- **recreate** – Ignore if directory already exists

openbin(*path: str*, *mode: str = 'r'*, *buffering: int = -1*, ***options*)

Open file from filesystem.

Parameters

- **path** – Path to file on filesystem
- **mode** – Mode to open file in
- **buffering** – TBD

Returns
BinaryIO stream

opendir(*path: str*, *factory=None*) → fs.subfs.SubFS

Get a filesystem object for a sub-directory.

Parameters
path – str: Path to a directory on the filesystem.

remove(*path: str*)

Remove a file from the filesystem.

Parameters
path – *str*: Path of file to remove

removedir(*path: str*)

Remove empty directories from the filesystem.

Parameters
path – *str*: Directory to remove

removetree(*dir_path: str*)

Recursively remove the contents of a directory.

Parameters
dir_path – `str`: Path to a directory on the filesystem.

setinfo(*path: str*, *info*)

Set file meta information such as timestamps.

CHAPTER

SEVEN

PYFATFSOPENER

Registers the PyFatFSOpener used by PyFilesystem2.

class pyfatfs.PyFatFSOpener.**PyFatFSOpener**

Bases: Opener

Registers fat:// protocol for PyFilesystem2.

open_fs(*fs_url: str*, *parse_result: ParseResult*, *create: bool*, *cwd: str*, *writeable: bool = True*)

Handle PyFilesystem2's protocol opening interface.

protocols: List[Text] = ['fat']

CHAPTER

EIGHT

EXCEPTIONS

exception pyfatfs._exceptions.**PyFATException**(*msg: str*, *errno=None*)

Bases: Exception

Generic PyFAT Exceptions.

Construct base class for PyFAT exceptions.

Parameters

- **msg** – Exception message describing what happened
- **errno** – Error number, mostly based on POSIX errno where feasible

exception pyfatfs._exceptions.**NotAnLFNEntryException**(*msg: str*, *errno=None*)

Bases: *PyFATException*

Indicates that given dir entry cannot be interpreted as LFN entry.

Construct base class for PyFAT exceptions.

Parameters

- **msg** – Exception message describing what happened
- **errno** – Error number, mostly based on POSIX errno where feasible

CHAPTER

NINE

CONTRIBUTING TO PYFAT

Feel free to contribute improvements to this package via pull request.

The preferred method of development is a test driven approach and following the nvie git flow branching model. Please be so kind to bear these things in mind when handing in improvements.

Thank you very much!

CHAPTER

TEN

GETTING STARTED

10.1 PyFilesystem2 quickstart

Use fs.open_fs to open a filesystem with a FAT FS URL:

```
import fs
my_fs = fs.open_fs("fat:///dev/sda1")
```

10.1.1 Parameters

It is possible to supply query parameters to the URI of the PyFilesystem2 opener to influence certain behavior; it can be compared to mount options. Multiple parameters can be supplied by separating them via `ampersand (&)`.

10.1.1.1 encoding

pyfatfs offers an encoding parameter to allow overriding the default encoding of ibm437 for file names, which was mainly used by DOS and still is the default on Linux.

Any encoding known by Python can be used as value for this parameter, but keep in mind that this might affect interoperability with other systems, especially when the selected encoding/codepage is not native or supported.

Please note that this only affects encoding of the 8DOT3 short file names, not long file names of the VFAT extension, as LFN are always stored as UTF-16-LE.

```
import fs
my_fs = fs.open_fs("fat:///dev/sda1?encoding=cp1252")
```

10.1.1.2 offset

Specify an offset in bytes to skip when accessing the file. That way even complete disk images can be read if the location of the partition is known:

```
import fs
my_fs = fs.open_fs("fat:///dev/sda?offset=32256")
```

10.1.1.3 preserve_case

Preserve case when creating files. This will force LFN entries for all created files that do not match the 8DOT3 rules. This defaults to `true` but can be disabled by setting preserve_case to `false`:

```
import fs
my_fs = fs.open_fs("fat:///dev/sda1?preserve_case=false")
```

10.1.1.4 read_only

Open filesystem in read-only mode and thus don't allow writes/modifications. This defaults to false but can be enabled by setting read_only to `true`:

```
import fs
my_fs = fs.open_fs("fat:///dev/sda1?read_only=true")
```

10.1.1.5 utc

Create all timestamps on the filesystem in UTC time rather than local time. Affects all directory entries' creation, modification and access times.

```
import fs
my_fs = fs.open_fs("fat:///dev/sda1?utc=true")
```

10.1.1.6 lazy_load

If set to `true` (default), the directory entries are loaded only when accessed to increase performance with larger filesystems and resilience against recursion / directory loops.

```
import fs
my_fs = fs.open_fs("fat:///dev/sda1?lazy_load=false")
```

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