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# Wikidata Documentation

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This package provides easy APIs to use [Wikidata](#) for Python.

```
>>> from wikidata.client import Client
>>> client = Client()
>>> entity = client.get('Q20145', load=True)
>>> entity
<wikidata.entity.Entity Q20145 'IU'>
>>> entity.description
m'South Korean singer and actress'
>>> image_prop = client.get('P18')
>>> image = entity[image_prop]
>>> image
<wikidata.commonsmedia.File 'File:KBS "The Producers" press conference, 11 May 2015
→10.jpg'>
>>> image.image_resolution
(820, 1122)
>>> image.image_url
'https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/60/KBS_%22The_Producers%22_press_
→conference%2C_11_May_2015_10.jpg'
```



# CHAPTER 1

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## wikidata — Wikidata client library

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### wikidata.client — Client session

`wikidata.client.WIKIDATA_BASE_URL = 'https://www.wikidata.org/'`

(`str`) The default `base_url` of `Client` constructor.

Changed in version 0.3.0: As the meaning of `Client` constructor's `base_url` parameter, it now became to `https://www.wikidata.org/` from `https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/` (which contained the trailing path `wiki/`).

`class wikidata.client.Client`  
Wikidata client session.

#### Parameters

- `base_url` (`str`) – The base url of the Wikidata. `WIKIDATA_BASE_URL` is used by default.
- `opener` (`urllib.request.OpenerDirector`) – The opener for `urllib.request`. If omitted or `None` the default opener is used.
- `entity_type_guess` (`bool`) – Whether to guess `type` of `Entity` from its `id` for less HTTP requests. True by default.

Changed in version 0.3.0: The meaning of `base_url` parameter changed. It originally meant `https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/` which contained the trailing path `wiki/`, but now it means only `https://www.wikidata.org/`.

New in version 0.2.0: The `entity_type_guess` option.

`datavalue_decoder = None`

(`Union[Decoder, Callable[[Client, str, Mapping[str, object]], object]]`) The function to decode the given datavalue. It's typically an instance of `Decoder` or its subclass.

`decode_datavalue(datatype: str, datavalue: typing.Mapping[str, object]) → object`

Decode the given datavalue using the configured `datavalue_decoder`.

New in version 0.3.0.

**entity\_type\_guess = True**

(bool) Whether to guess *type* of *Entity* from its id for less HTTP requests.

New in version 0.2.0.

**get** (*entity\_id*: <function *NewType*.<locals>.new\_type at 0x7fdceb9c88c8>, *load*: bool = False) →

wikidata.entity.Entity

Get a Wikidata entity by its EntityId.

**Parameters**

- **entity\_id** – The id of the *Entity* to find.

- **load** (bool) – Eager loading on True. Lazy loading (False) by default.

**Returns** The found entity.

**Return type** *Entity*

New in version 0.3.0: The load option.

**guess\_entity\_type** (*entity\_id*: <function *NewType*.<locals>.new\_type at 0x7fdceb9c88c8>) →

typing.Union[wikidata.entity.EntityType, NoneType]

Guess *EntityType* from the given EntityId. It could return None when it fails to guess.

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**Note:** It always fails to guess when *entity\_type\_guess* is configured to False.

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**Returns** The guessed EntityId, or None if it fails to guess.

**Return type** Optional[*EntityType*]

New in version 0.2.0.

## wikidata.commonsmedia — Wikimedia Commons

New in version 0.3.0.

**class** wikidata.commonsmedia.File (*client*: wikidata.client.Client, *title*: str) → None

Represent a file on Wikimedia Commons.

**image\_mimetype**

(Optional[str]) The MIME type of the image. It may be None if it's not an image.

**image\_resolution**

(Optional[Tuple[int, int]]) The (width, height) pair of the image. It may be None if it's not an image.

**image\_size**

(Optional[int]) The size of the image in bytes. It may be None if it's not an image.

**image\_url**

(Optional[str]) The image url. It may be None if it's not an image.

**page\_url**

(str) The canonical url of the page.

**exception** wikidata.commonsmedia.FileError

Exception raised when something goes wrong with *File*.

## wikidata.datavalue — Interpreting datavalues

This module provides the decoder interface for customizing how datavalues are decoded, and the default [Decoder](#) implementation.

Technically the interface is just a callable so that its implementation doesn't necessarily have to be an instance of [Decoder](#) or its subclass, but only need to satify:

```
typing.Callable[[wikidata.client.Client, str, typing.Mapping[str, object]], object]
```

New in version 0.3.0.

```
exception wikidata.datavalue.DatavalueError(*args, **kwargs)
    Exception raised during decoding datavalues. It subclasses ValueError as well.

datavalue
```

The datavalue which caused the decoding error.

```
class wikidata.datavalue.Decoder
```

Decode the given datavalue to a value of the appropriate Python type. For extensibility it uses visitor pattern and is intended to be subclassed. To customize decoding of datavalues subclass it and configure `datavalue_decoder` option of [Client](#) to the customized decoder.

It automatically invokes an appropriate visitor method using a simple rule of name: `{datatype}__{datavalue[type]}`. For example, if the following call to a decoder was made:

```
decoder(client, 'mydatatype', {'type': 'mytype', 'value': '...'})
```

it's delegated to the following visitor method call:

```
decoder.mydatatype__mytype(client, {'type': 'mytype', 'value': '...'})
```

If a decoder failed to find a visitor method matched to `{datatype}__{datavalue[type]}` pattern it secondly try to find a general version of visitor method: `{datavalue[type]}` which lacks double underscores. For example, for the following call:

```
decoder(client, 'mydatatype', {'type': 'mytype', 'value': '...'})
```

It firstly try to find the following visitor method:

```
decoder.mydatatype__mytype
```

but if there's no such method it secondly try to find the following general visitor method:

```
decoder.mytype
```

This twice-try dispatch is useful when to make a visitor method to be matched regardless of datatype.

If its `datavalue[type]` contains hyphens they're replaced by underscores. For example:

```
decoder(client, 'string',
        {'type': 'wikibase-entityid', 'value': 'a text value'})
```

the above call is delegated to the following visitor method call:

```
decoder.string__wikibase_entityid(
    #      Note that the ^ underscore
    client,
    {'type': 'wikibase-entityid', 'value': 'a text value'}
)
```

## wikidata.entity — Wikidata entities

### class wikidata.entity.Entity

Wikidata entity. Can be an item or a property. Its attributes can be lazily loaded.

To get an entity use `Client.get()` method instead of the constructor of `Entity`.

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**Note:** Although it implements `Mapping[EntityId, object]`, it actually is multidict. See also `getlist()` method.

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Changed in version 0.2.0: Implemented `Mapping[EntityId, object]` protocol for easy access of statement values.

Changed in version 0.2.0: Implemented `Hashable` protocol and `==/=` operators for equality test.

#### `getlist(key: wikidata.entity.Entity) → typing.Sequence[object]`

Return all values associated to the given key property in sequence.

**Parameters** `key (Entity)` – The property entity.

**Returns** A sequence of all values associated to the given key property. It can be empty if nothing is associated to the property.

#### `Return type Sequence[object]`

#### `lists() → typing.Sequence[typing.Tuple[typing.Entity, typing.Sequence[object]]]`

Similar to `items()` except the returning pairs have each list of values instead of each single value.

**Returns** The pairs of (key, values) where values is a sequence.

#### `Return type Sequence[Tuple[Entity, Sequence[object]]]`

#### `type`

`(EntityType)` The type of entity, `item` or `property`.

New in version 0.2.0.

### wikidata.entity.EntityId(x)

The identifier of each `Entity`. Alias of `str`.

### class wikidata.entity.EntityType

The enumerated type which consists of two possible values:

- `item`
- `property`

New in version 0.2.0.

#### `item = 'item'`

`(EntityType)` Items are `Entity` objects that are typically represented by Wikipage (at least in some Wikipedia languages). They can be viewed as “the thing that a Wikipage is about,” which could be an individual thing (the person [Albert Einstein](#)), a general class of things (the class of all [Physicists](#)), and any other concept that is the subject of some Wikipedia page (including things like [History of Berlin](#)).

**See also:**

**Items — Wikibase Data Model** The data model of Wikibase describes the structure of the data that is handled in Wikibase.

**property = ‘property’**

(*EntityType*) Properties are *Entity* objects that describe a relationship between items (or other *Entity* objects) and values of the property. Typical properties are *population* (using numbers as values), *binomial name* (using strings as values), but also *has father* and *author of* (both using items as values).

See also:

**Properties — Wikibase Data Model** The data model of Wikibase describes the structure of the data that is handled in Wikibase.

## wikidata.multilingual — Multilingual texts

**class** `wikidata.multilingual.MonolingualText`

Locale-denoted text. It’s almost equivalent to `str` (and indeed subclasses `str`) except that it has two more attribute: `locale` and `locale_code` that denote what language the text is written in.

**locale**

(`Locale`) The language (locale) that the text is written in.

**locale\_code = None**

(`str`) The code of `locale`.

`wikidata.multilingual.normalize_locale_code(locale: typing.Union[babel.core.Locale, str]) → str`

Determine the normalized locale code string.

```
>>> normalize_locale_code('ko-kr')
'ko_KR'
>>> normalize_locale_code('zh_TW')
'zh_Hant_TW'
>>> normalize_locale_code(Locale.parse('en_US'))
'en_US'
```



# CHAPTER 2

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## Changelog

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### Version 0.4.1

Released on April 30, 2017.

- Fixed `AssertionError` from `getlist()` on entities with empty claims.

### Version 0.4.0

Released on April 24, 2017.

- Monolingual texts became able to be handled.
  - Added `MonolingualText` type which is a true subtype of `str`.

### Version 0.3.0

Released on February 23, 2017.

- Now `Client` became able to customize how it decodes datavalues to Python objects.
  - Added `wikidata.datavalue` module and `Decoder` class inside it.
  - Added `datavalue_decoder` option to `Client`.
- Now files on Wikimedia Commons became able to be handled.
  - New decoder became able to parse Wikimedia Commons files e.g. images.
  - Added `wikidata.commonsmedia` module and `File` class inside it.
- The meaning of `Client` constructor's `base_url` parameter became not to contain the trailing path `wiki/` from `https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/`. As its meaning changed, the value of `WIKIDATA_BASE_URL` constant also changed to not have the trailing path.

- Added `load` option to `Client.get()` method.

## Version 0.2.0

Released on February 19, 2017.

- Made `Entity` multidict. Now it satisfies `Mapping[Entity, object]` protocol.
- Added `Entity.type` property and `EntityType` enum class to represent it.
- Added `entity_type_guess` option and `guess_entity_type()` method to `Client` class.
- Implemented `Hashable` protocol and `==/=` operators to `Entity` for equality test.

## Version 0.1.0

Initial version. Released on February 15, 2017.

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