
dxfgripper Documentation

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dxfgripper is a Python library to grab information from DXF drawings - all DXF versions supported.

Python compatibility: *dxfgripper* is tested with CPython 3.6 and PyPy.

License: *dxfgripper* is licensed under the MIT license.

simple usage:

```
dxfgripper = dxfgripper.readfile("drawing.dxf")
print("DXF version: {}".format(dxfgripper.dxfversion))
header_var_count = len(dxfgripper.header) # dict of dxf header vars
layer_count = len(dxfgripper.layers) # collection of layer definitions
block_definition_count = len(dxfgripper.blocks) # dict like collection of block definitions
entity_count = len(dxfgripper.entities) # list like collection of entities
```


CHAPTER 1

Development Status

With version 1.0.0 dxfgripper enters the just maintenance and bugfix mode, no further development (features) planned.

readfile (*filename* [, *options=None*])

Read DXF file *filename* from the file system, and returns an object *Drawing*. *options* is a dict with options for reading DXF files.

read (*stream* [, *options=None*])

Like *readfile* (), but reads the DXF data from a *stream*. *stream* only requires a method *readline* ()

2.1 Options dict for reading DXF files

default options:

```
DEFAULT_OPTIONS = {
    "grab_blocks": True,
    "assure_3d_coords": False,
    "resolve_text_styles": True,
}
```

key	description
grab_blocks	if True read block definitions from DXF file, else the dict <i>Drawing.blocks</i> is empty.
assure_3d_coords	guarantees (x, y, z) tuples for ALL coordinates
resolve_text_styles	if True <i>Text</i> , <i>Attrib</i> , <i>Attdef</i> and <i>MText</i> attributes will be set by the associated text style if necessary

CHAPTER 3

Helper Functions

aci_to_true_color (*index*)

Returns the DXF default true color value for AutoCAD Color Index *index* as *TrueColor* object. Raises *IndexError* for *index* < 0 and *index* > 255.

Drawing Content

class Drawing

Contains all collected data from the DXF file.

Drawing.dxfversion

DXF version as *string*.

DXF	AutoCAD Version
AC1009	AutoCAD R12
AC1015	AutoCAD R2000
AC1018	AutoCAD R2004
AC1021	AutoCAD R2007
AC1024	AutoCAD R2010
AC1027	AutoCAD R2013
AC1032	AutoCAD R2018

Drawing.encoding

content encoding, default is cp1252

Drawing.filename

filename if read from a file.

Drawing.header

Contains all the DXF header vars in a *dict* like object. For explanation of DXF header vars and their content see the DXF specifications from [Autodesk](#). Header var content are basic Python types like *string*, *int*, and *float* as simple types and *tuples of float values* for 2D- and 3D points.

Drawing.layers

Contains all layer definitions in an object of type *LayerTable*.

Drawing.styles

Contains all text style definitions in an object of type *StyleTable*.

Drawing.linetypes

Contains all linetype definitions in an object of type *LinetypeTable*.

Drawing.**blocks**

Contains all block definitions in a *dict* like object of type *BlocksSection*.

Drawing.**entities**

Contains all drawing entities in a *list* like object of type *EntitySection*.

Drawing.**objects**

Contains DXF objects from the objects section in a *list* like object of type *EntitySection*.

Drawing.**modelspace** ()

Iterate over all DXF entities in *modelspace*.

Drawing.**paperspace** ()

Iterate over all DXF entities in *paperspace*.

4.1 Layer Table

class LayerTable

Contains all layer definitions as objects of type *Layer*.

LayerTable.**get** (*name*)

Return layer *name* as object of type *Layer*. Raises *KeyError*

LayerTable.**__getitem__** (*name*)

Support for index operator: `dwg.layers[name]`

LayerTable.**names** (*name*)

Returns a sorted list of all layer names.

LayerTable.**__iter__** ()

Iterate over all layers, yields *Layer* objects.

LayerTable.**__len__** ()

Returns count of layers, support for standard `len()` function.

4.2 Layer

class Layer

Layer.**name**

Layer name as *string*

Layer.**color**

Layer color as *int* in range 1 to 255.

Layer.**linetype**

Layer linetype as *string*.

Layer.**locked**

type is *bool*

Layer.**frozen**

type is *bool*

Layer.**on**

type is *bool*

4.3 Style Table

class StyleTable

Contains all text style definitions as objects of type *Style*.

StyleTable.**get** (*name*)

Return text style *name* as object of type *Style*. Raises *KeyError*

StyleTable.**__getitem__** (*name*)

Support for index operator: `dwg.styles[name]`

StyleTable.**names** (*name*)

Returns a sorted list of all text style names.

StyleTable.**__iter__** ()

Iterate over all text styles, yields *Style* objects.

StyleTable.**__len__** ()

Returns count of text styles, support for standard `len()` function.

4.4 Style

class Style

Style.**name**

Text style name.

Style.**height**

Text fixed height as *float*, is 0 for no fixed height.

Style.**width**

Text width factor.

Style.**oblique**

Text oblique angle. (0 deg = vertical)

Style.**is_backwards**

True if text is mirrored in X.

Style.**is_upside_down**

True if text is mirrored in Y.

Style.**font**

Primary font file name

Style.**big_font**

Bigfont file name

4.5 Linetype Table

class LinetypeTable

Contains all linetype definitions as objects of type *Linetype*.

LinetypeTable.**get** (*name*)

Return linetype *name* as object of type *Linetype*. Raises *KeyError*

LinetypeTable.**__getitem__** (*name*)

Support for index operator: `dwg.linetypes[name]`

`LinetypeTable.names(name)`
Returns a sorted list of all linetype names.

`LinetypeTable.__iter__()`
Iterate over all linytypes, yields *Linetype* objects.

`LinetypeTable.__len__()`
Returns count of linytypes, support for standard `len()` function.

4.6 Linetype

class Linetype

TODO

4.7 Blocks Section

class BlocksSection
Contains all block definitions as objects of type *Block*.

`BlocksSection.__len__()`
Returns count of blocks, support for standard `len()` function.

`BlocksSection.__iter__()`
Iterates over blocks, yields *Block* objects.

`BlocksSection.__contains__(self, name)`
Returns True if a block *name* exists, support for standard `in` operator.

`BlocksSection.__getitem__(name)`
Returns block *name*, support for the index operator: `block = dwg.blocks[name]`. Raises *KeyError*

`BlocksSection.get(name[, default=None])`
Returns block *name* if exists or *default*.

4.8 Entity Section

class EntitySection
Contains all drawing entities.

`EntitySection.__len__()`
Returns count of entities, support for standard `len()` function.

`EntitySection.__iter__()`
Iterates over all entities.

`EntitySection.__getitem__(index)`
Returns entity a location *index*, *slicing* is possible, support for the index operator `dwg.entity = entities[index]`. Raises *IndexError*

example for accessing entities:

```
dwg = dxfgripper.readfile('test.dxf')
all_layer_0_entities = [entity for entity in dwg.entities if entity.layer == '0']
```


5.1 Base Class Shape

class Shape

Base class for all drawing entities.

Shape.paperspace

True for *paperspace* and False for *modelspace*.

Shape.dxfname

DXF entity name, like CIRCLE or LINE

Shape.layer

Layer name as *string*

Shape.linetype

Linetype as *string* or *None*, *None* means linetype by layer.

Shape.thickness

Element thickness as *float*.

Shape.extrusion

Vector as (x, y, z) *tuple*, indicate the the entity's extrusion direction. Default = (0, 0, 1)

Shape.ltscale

Linetype scale as *float*

Shape.invisible

True if entity is invisible.

Shape.color

Entity color as ACI (AutoCAD Color Index) where 256 means color by layer and 0 means color by block.

Shape.true_color

Entity color as 0x00RRGGBB 24-bit integer value, returns a *TrueColor* object. Value is *None* if not set.

Shape.transparency

Entity transparency as float from 0.0 to 1.0, 0.0 is opaque and 1.0 is 100% transparent. Value is *None* if not set.

Shape.**shadow_mode**

Value	Description
0	Casts and receives shadows
1	Casts shadows
2	Receives shadows
3	Ignores shadows
None	if not set

class TrueColor (*int*)

Represents a true color value as *int*. Create new *TrueColor* objects:

```
t = TrueColor(0xAABBCC)
t = TrueColor.from_rgb(0xAA, 0xBB, 0xCC)
t = TrueColor.from_aci(1) # ACI for red (AutoCAD Color Index)
```

Unpack TrueColor:

```
r, g, b = t.rgb() # fastest way
r, g, b = t # unpacking by t.__getitem__()

red = t.r
green = t.g
blue = t.b

red = t[0]
green = t[1]
blue = t[2]
```

TrueColor.r

Red value as *int*.

TrueColor.g

Green value as *int*.

TrueColor.b

Blue value as *int*.

TrueColor.rgb()

Returns a tuple (red, green, blue) each value in range 0 to 255. (255, 255, 255) = white.

TrueColor.from_rgb (*r, g, b*)

Returns a *TrueColor* object.

TrueColor.from_aci (*index*)

Returns the DXF default true color value for AutoCAD Color Index *index* as *TrueColor* object. Raises *IndexError* for *index* < 1 and *index* > 255.

5.2 Block

class Block (*Shape*)

Block.basepoint

Base point of block definition as 2D- or 3D point of type *tuple*.

Block.name

Block name as *string*

Block.flags

Block flags as int, for explanation see the DXF specifications from [Autodesk](#) and see also `Block.is_...` properties.

Block.xrefpath

Path to external reference as *string*

Block.is_xref

True if block is an external reference.

Block.is_xref_overlay

True if block is an external overlay reference.

Block.is_anonymous

True if block is an anonymous block, created by hatch or dimension.

Block.__iter__:

Support for iterator protocol, iterates over all block entities.

Block.__getitem__(index):

Returns block entity at location *index*, *slicing* is supported.

Block.__len__():

Returns count of block entities, support for standard `len()` function.

5.3 Line

class Line (*Shape*)**Line.start**

Start point of line (x, y[, z]) as *tuple*

Line.end

End point of line (x, y[, z]) as *tuple*

5.4 Point

class Point (*Shape*)**Point.point**

Location of point (x, y[, z]) as *tuple*

5.5 Circle

class Circle (*Shape*)**Circle.center**

Location of circle center point (x, y[, z]) as *tuple*

Circle.radius

Circle radius as *float*

5.6 Arc

class Arc (*Shape*)

Arc.center

Location of arc center point (x, y[, z]) as *tuple*

arc.radius

Arc radius as *float*

arc.start_angle

Arc start angle in degrees as *float*. (full circle = 360 degrees)

arc.end_angle

Arc end angle in degrees as *float*. (full circle = 360 degrees)

5.7 Solid

class Solid (*Shape*)

A solid filled shape with 4 points. For Triangles point 3 and point 4 has the same location.

Solid.points

List of points (x, y[, z]) as *tuple*.

5.8 Trace

class Trace (*Solid*)

Same as *Solid*.

5.9 Face

class Face (*Trace*)

A solid filled 3D shape with 4 points. For Triangles point 3 and point 4 has the same location. *DXF entity 3DFACE*

Face.points

List of points (x, y, z) as *tuple*.

Face.is_edge_invisible (*index*)

Returns True if edge *index* is invisible, index in [0, 1, 2, 3].

5.10 Text

The attributes *height*, *width*, *oblique*, *is_backwards* and *is_upside_down* are defined in the associated *Style* object, if the value of these attributes are 0 (*height*, *width*) or None (*oblique*, *is_backwards*, *is_upside_down*).

If the import option "resolve_text_styles" is *True*, all the above mentioned attributes and *font* and *big_font* already have the 'final' value, no need to look into the *Style* object.

class Text (*Shape*)

Text.insert

Location of text (x, y, z) as *tuple*.

Text.text

Text content as *string*.

Text.height

Text height as *float*, if 0 you have to look into the styles table *Drawing.styles* with *Text.style* as key.

Text.width

Text width factor.

Text.oblique

Text oblique angle. (0 deg = vertical)

Text.rotation

Rotation angle in degrees as *float*. (full circle = 360 degrees)

Text.style

Text style name as *string*

Text.halign

Horizontal alignment as *int*.

Value	Alignment
0	Left
1	Center
2	Right
3	Aligned (if vertical alignment = 0)
4	Middle (if vertical alignment = 0)
5	Fit (if vertical alignment = 0)

Text.valign

Vertical alignment as *int*.

Value	Alignment
0	Baseline
1	Bottom
2	Middle
3	Top

Text.is_backwards

True if text is mirrored in X.

Text.is_upside_down

True if text is mirrored in Y.

Text.align_point

Second alignment point as *tuple* or *None*.

Text.font

Font name as *string*, if import option *resolve_text_styles* is *True* else "".

Text.big_font

Bigfont name as *string*, if import option *resolve_text_styles* is *True* else "".

Text.plain_text()

Get text content without formatting codes like %u.

5.11 `Attrib`

class `Attrib` (*Text*)

A text entity, in usual cases attached to a block reference entity *Insert*, inherits from *Text*.

`Attrib.tag`

The attribute tag as *string*.

5.12 `Attdef`

Same as *Attrib*, but located in a block definition entity *Block*.

5.13 `Insert`

class `Insert` (*Shape*)

`Insert.name`

Name of block definition as *string*.

`Insert.insert`

Location of block reference (x, y, z) as *tuple*.

`Insert.rotation`

Rotation angle in degrees as *float*. (full circle = 360 degrees)

`Insert.scale`

(x, y, z) block scaling as *tuple*, default is (1.0, 1.0, 1.0)

`Insert.row_count`

Row count for multiple block references.

`Insert.col_count`

Column count for multiple block references.

`Insert.row_spacing`

Row distance for multiple block references.

`Insert.col_spacing`

col distance for multiple block references.

`Insert.attrs`

List of *Attrib* entities attached to the *Insert* entity.

`Insert.find_attr`(tag) :

Get *Attrib* entity by *tag*, returns *None* if not found.

5.14 `Polyline`

class `Polyline` (*Shape*)

Multiple 2D- or 3D vertices connected by lines. The DXF entity *POLYLINE* is also used to define *Polyfaces* and *Polymeshes*, dxfgripper defines separated classes for this entities see: *Polyface* and *Polymesh*.

`Polyline.is_closed`

True if polyline is closed.

Polyline.mode

Returns the polyline mode: `polyline2d`, `polyline3d` or `spline2d`.

Polyline.spline_type

If polyline is a 2D spline: `quadratic_bspline`, `cubic_bspline`, `bezier_curve` else `None`.

Polyline.default_start_width

Default line segment start width, if not set in vertex entity.

Polyline.default_end_width

Default line segment end width, if not set in vertex entity.

Polyline.points

List of all vertex locations as $(x, y[, z])$ *tuple*. If this polyline is a 2d spline these points are just the fit points.

Polyline.control_points

List of all control points as $(x, y[, z])$ *tuple*, if this polyline is a 2d spline.

Polyline.tangents

List of all vertex tangent angles as *float* in degrees or `None` if not defined. (Just for fit points)

Polyline.width

List of all vertex width values as $(start_width, end_width)$ *tuple*. Just for fit points if this polyline is a 2D spline.

Polyline.bulge

List of all vertex bulge values as *floats*.

Polyline.__getitem__ (index)

Returns vertex *index* as *Vertex* entity. support for standard operator `vertex = polyline[index]`.
Raises *IndexError*

Polyline.__len__ ()

Returns count of vertices.

Polyline.__iter__ ()

Iterate of all vertices, as *Vertex* entity.

5.15 Vertex

class Vertex (Shape)**Vertex.location**

Location as (x, y, z) -tuple.

Vertex.start_width**Vertex.end_width****Vertex.bulge**

The bulge is the tangent of one fourth the included angle for an arc segment, made negative if the arc goes clockwise from the start point to the endpoint. A bulge of 0 indicates a straight segment, and a bulge of 1 is a semicircle. If you have questions ask *Autodesk*.

Vertex.tangent

Curve fitting tangent in degrees as *float* or `None`. (full circle = 360 degrees)

5.16 Polyface

class Polyface (*Shape*)

Dxftype is *POLYFACE*, which is a *POLYLINE* DXF entity.

Polyface.vertices

List of all *Polyface* vertices a *Vertex* object.

Polyface.__getitem__ (*index*)

Returns face *index* as *SubFace* object. support for standard operator `face = polyface[index]`. Raises *IndexError*

Polyface.__len__ ()

Returns count of faces.

Polyface.__iter__ ()

Iterate of all faces, as *SubFace* objects.

Polyface.smooth_type

Smooth surface type; integer codes, not bit-coded:

Value	Description
0	No smooth surface fitted
5	Quadratic B-spline surface
6	Cubic B-spline surface
8	Bezier surface

5.16.1 SubFace

class SubFace

A *SubFace* describes a single face of a *Polyface*.

SubFace.face_record

Face record vertex, the basic DXF structure of faces, where you can get the DXF attributes of the face like color or linetype: `subface.face_record.color`

SubFace.__len__ ()

Returns count of vertices 3 or 4.

SubFace.__getitem__ (*pos*) :

Returns vertex at index *pos* as *Vertex* object

SubFace.__iter__ () :

Returns a list of the face vertices as (x, y, z)-tuples.

SubFace.indices () :

Returns a list of vertex indices, get vertex by index from `Polyface.vertices[index]`.

SubFace.is_edge_visible (*pos*) :

Returns *True* if face edge *pos* is visible else *False*.

5.17 Polymesh

class Polymesh (*Shape*)

Dxftype is *POLYMESH*, which is a *POLYLINE* DXF entity.

A *Polymesh* is a grid of $m \times n$ vertices, where every vertex has its own 3D location.

`Polymesh.mcount`

Count of vertices in m direction as *int*.

`Polymesh.ncount`

Count of vertices in n direction as *int*.

`Polymesh.is_mclosed`

True if *Polymesh* is closed in m direction.

`Polymesh.is_nclosed`

True if *Polymesh* is closed in n direction.

`Polymesh.m_smooth_density`

Smooth surface M density.

`Polymesh.n_smooth_density`

Smooth surface N density.

`Polymesh.smooth_type`

Smooth surface type; integer codes, not bit-coded:

Value	Description
0	No smooth surface fitted
5	Quadratic B-spline surface
6	Cubic B-spline surface
8	Bezier surface

`Polymesh.get_vertex(pos)`

Returns the *Vertex* at *pos*, where *pos* is a *tuple* (m, n). First vertex is (0, 0).

`Polymesh.get_location(pos)`

Returns the location (x, y, z) as *tuple* at *pos*, where *pos* is a *tuple* (m, n). First vertex is (0, 0).

5.18 LWPolyline

class `LWPolyline` (*Shape*)

LWPolyline is a lightweight only 2D Polyline.

`LWPolyline.points`

List of 2D polyline points as (x, y) *tuple*, or ($x, y, z=0$) *tuple* if option `assure_3d_points` is *True*.

`LWPolyline.width`

List of (start_width, end_width) values. To be ignored if `const_width` is not 0.

`LWPolyline.bulge`

List of bulge values as *float*

`LWPolyline.const_width`

Polyline has this constant width, if this value is not 0.

`LWPolyline.is_closed`

True if the polyline is closed.

`LWPolyline.elevation`

`LWPolyline.__len__()`

Returns the count of polyline points.

`LWPolyline.__getitem__ (index)`
Returns polyline point at position *index*, *slicing* is supported. Raises *IndexError*

`LWPolyline.__iter__ ()`
Iterate over all polyline points.

5.19 Ellipse

class Ellipse (*Shape*)

`Ellipse.center`
Location of ellipse center point (x, y[, z]) as *tuple*

`Ellipse.major_axis`
End point of major axis (x, y[, z]) as *tuple*

`Ellipse.ratio`
Ratio of minor axis to major axis as *float*.

`Ellipse.start_param`
Start parameter (this value is 0.0 for a full ellipse).

`Ellipse.end_param`
End parameter (this value is 2pi for a full ellipse)

5.20 Ray

class Ray (*Shape*)

`Ray.start`
Location of the ray start point (x, y, z) as *tuple*

`Ray.unit_vector`
Ray direction as unit vector (x, y, z) as *tuple*

5.21 XLine

class XLine (*Ray*)
Same as *Ray*, except a *XLine* (construction line) has no beginning and no end.

5.22 Spline

class Spline (*Shape*)

`Spline.flags`
Binary coded flags, constants stored in `dxfgripper.const`.

Spline.flags	value
SPLINE_CLOSED	1
SPLINE_PERIODIC	2
SPLINE_RATIONAL	4
SPLINE_PLANAR	8
SPLINE_LINEAR	16 (a linear spline is also a planar spline)

Spline.degree

Degree of the spline curve as *int*

Spline.start_tangent

Start tangent as (x, y, z) as *tuple* or *None*

Spline.end_tangent

End tangent as (x, y, z) as *tuple* or *None*

Spline.control_points

List of control points (x, y, z) as *tuple*

Spline.fit_points

List of fit points (x, y, z) as *tuple*

Spline.knots

List of knot values as *float*

Spline.weights

List of weight values as *float*

Spline.normal_vector

Normal vector if spline is planar else *None*.

Spline.is_closed

Spline.is_periodic

Spline.is_rational

Spline.is_planar

Spline.is_linear

5.23 Helix

3D spiral; Helix is also a *Spline*.

class Helix (*Spline*)

Helix.helix_version

Tuple (main version, maintenance version)

Helix.axis_base_point

Helix axis base point as (x, y, z) as *tuple*.

Helix.start_point

Helix start point as (x, y, z) as *tuple*.

Helix.axis_vector

Helix axis vector as (x, y, z) as *tuple*.

Helix.radius

`Helix.turns`

Count of turns.

`Helix.turn_height`

Height of one turn.

`Helix.handedness`

0 = left; 1 = right;

`Helix.constrain`

0 = Constrain turn height; 1 = Constrain turns; 2 = Constrain height

5.24 MText

The *height* attribute is defined in the associated *Style* object, if the value of *height* is 0.

If the import option "resolve_text_styles" is *True*, *height*, *font* and *bigfont* already have the 'final' value, no need to look into the *Style* object.

class MText (*Shape*)

Multi line text entity.

`MText.insert`

Location of text (x, y, z) as *tuple*.

`MText.raw_text`

Whole text content as one *string*.

`MText.height`

Text height as *float*

`MText.rect_width`

Reference rectangle width as *float* in drawing units.

`MText.horizontal_width`

Horizontal width of the characters that make up the *MText* entity. This value will always be equal to or less than the *MText.rect_width* value. In drawing units as *float*.

`MText.vertical_height`

Vertical height of the *MText* entity in drawing units as *float*.

`MText.line_spacing`

Text line spacing as *float*, valid from 0.25 to 4.00.

`MText.attachment_point`

Text attachment point as *int*.

Value	Description
1	Top left
2	Top center
3	Top right
4	Middle left
5	Middle center
6	Middle right
7	Bottom left
8	Bottom center
9	Bottom right

`MText.style`

Text style name as *string*.

`MText.xdirection`

X-Axis direction vector as (x, y, z) as *tuple*. (unit vector)

`MText.font`

Font name as string, if import option "resolve_text_styles" is *True* else "".

`MText.big_font`

Bigfont name as string, if import option "resolve_text_styles" is *True* else "".

`MText.lines()`

Returns a *list* of lines. It is the `MText.rawtext` splitted into lines by the `\P` character.

`MText.plain_text (split=False)`

Tries to remove format codes, returns a single string if *split* is *False* else multiple lines as list of strings without `\n`.

5.25 Sun

class Sun (*Entity*)

Sun representation. SUN is not a graphical object and resides in the objects section *Drawing.objects*.

`Sun.version`

`Sun.status`

Boolean value: on/off

`Sun.sun_color`

Light color as ACI color index 1 - 255; 256 = BYLAYER; *None* if unset

`Sun.intensity`

`Sun.shadows`

Boolean value

`Sun.date`

A Python standard `datetime.datetime` object.

`Sun.daylight_savings_time`

Boolean value

`Sun.shadow_type`

0 = Ray traced shadows; 1 = Shadow maps

`Sun.shadow_map_size`

`Sun.shadow_softness`

5.26 Light

class Light (*Shape*)

Defines a light source.

`Light.version`

`Light.name`

Light.light_type
distant = 1; point = 2; spot = 3

Light.status
Boolean value: on/off?

Light.light_color
Light color as ACI color index 1 - 255; 256 = BYLAYER; *None* if unset

Light.true_color
Light color as 24-bit RGB color 0x00RRGGBB, *None* if unset

Light.plot_glyph
Boolean value

Light.intensity

Light.position
3D position of the light source as (x, y, z) tuple.

Light.target
3D target location of the light, determines the light direction as (x, y, z) tuple.

Light.attenuation_type
0 = None; 1 = Inverse Linear; 2 = Inverse Square

Light.use_attenuation_limits
Boolean value

Light.attenuation_start_limit

Light.attenuation_end_limit

Light.hotspot_angle

Light.fall_off_angle

Light.cast_shadows
Boolean value

Light.shadow_type
0 = Ray traced shadows; 1 = Shadow maps

Light.shadow_map_size

Light.shadow_softness

5.27 Mesh

class Mesh (*Shape*)
3D mesh entity similar to the *Polyface* entity.

Mesh.version

Mesh.blend_crease
Boolean value (on/off)

Mesh.subdivision_levels

Mesh.vertices
List of 3D vertices (x, y, z).

Mesh.faces

List of mesh faces as tuples of vertex indices (v1, v2, v3, ...). Indices are 0-based and can be used with the mesh.vertex list:

```
first_face = mesh.faces[0]
first_vertex = mesh.vertices[first_face[0]]
```

Mesh.edges

List of mesh edges as 2-tuple of vertex indices (v1, v2). Indices are 0-based and can be used with the mesh.vertex list:

```
first_edge = mesh.edges[0]
first_vertex = mesh.vertices[first_edge[0]]
```

Mesh.edge_crease_list

List of float values, one for each edge.

Mesh.get_face (*index*)

Returns a tuple of 3D points ((x1, y1, z1), (x2, y2, z2), ...) for face at position *index*.

Mesh.get_edge (*index*)

Returns a 2-tuple of 3D points ((x1, y1, z1), (x2, y2, z2)) for edge at position *index*.

5.28 Body

class Body (*Shape*)

ACIS based 3D solid geometry.

Body.acis

SAT (Standard ACIS Text) data as list of strings. AutoCAD stores the ACIS data since DXF version AC1027 (R21013) as SAB (Standard ACIS Binary) data in the undocumented (2014-05-06) section ACDSDATA and *acis* is a binary string.

Body.is_sat

Is *True* if data is stored as SAT, no guarantee for presence of data, but *acis* is a list of strings for sure.

Body.is_sab

Is *True* if data is stored as SAB and *acis* is a binary string.

5.29 Region

class Region (*Body*)

ACIS based 2D enclosed areas.

5.30 3DSolid

class 3DSolid (*Body*)

ACIS based 3D solid geometry.

5.31 Surface

class Surface (*Body*)
ACIS based 3D freeform surfaces.

5.32 PlaneSurface

class PlaneSurface (*Surface*)
ACIS based 3D plane surfaces.

6.1 Open a DXF file

Open files from file system:

```
dwg = readfile("myfile.dxf")
```

To read file from a stream use: `read()`

6.2 Query Header Variables

The HEADER section of a DXF file contains the settings of variables associated with the drawing.

Example:

```
dxfgversion = dwg.header['$ACADVER']
```

For available HEADER variables and their meaning see: [DXF Reference](#)

6.3 Query Entities

All entities of the DXF drawing, independent from *modelspace* or *paperspace*, resides in the `Drawing.entities` attribute and is an `EntitySection` object. Iterate over all entities with the `in` operator:

```
all_lines = [entity for entity in dwg.entities if entity.dxftype == 'LINE']  
all_entities_at_layer_0 = [entity for entity in dwg.entities if entity.layer == '0']
```

6.4 Query Blocks

Block references are just DXF entities called INSERT.

Get all block references for block TestBlock:

```
references = [entity for entity in dwg.entities if entity.dxftype == 'INSERT' and
↳entity.name == 'TestBlock']
```

See available attributes for the *Insert* entity.

To examine the Block content, get the block definition from the blocks section:

```
test_block = dwg.blocks['TestBlock']
```

and use the `in` operator (Iterator protocol):

```
circles_in_block = [entity for entity in test_block if entity.dxftype == 'CIRCLE']
```

6.5 Layers

Layers are nothing special, they are just another attribute of the DXF entity, *dxfgripper* stores the layer as a simple *string*. The DXF entity can inherit some attributes from the layer: *color*, *linetype*

To get the real value of an attribute value == *BYLAYER*, get the layer definition:

```
layer = dwg.layers[dxfgripper.entity.layer]
color = layer.color if dxfgripper.entity.color == dxfgripper.BYLAYER else dxfgripper.entity.color
linetype = layer.linetype if dxfgripper.entity.linetype is None else dxfgripper.entity.linetype
```

Layers can be *locked* (if True else *unlocked*), *on* (if True else *off*) or *frozen* (if True else *thawed*).

6.6 Layouts (Modelspace or Paperspace)

dxfgripper just supports the *paperspace* attribute, it is not possible to examine in which layout a paperspace object resides (DXF12 has only one paperspace).

Get all *modelspace* entities:

```
modelspace_entities = [entity for entity in dwg.entities if not entity.paperspace]
```

shortcuts since 0.5.1:

```
modelspace_entities = list(dwg.modelspace())
paperspace_entities = list(dwg.paperspace())
```

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