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# **Frootlab Shared Library**

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# CHAPTER 1

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## Introduction

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The *Frootlab Shared Library* (flib) is a multi-purpose [Python](#) library, which primarily aims to support projects at [Frootlab](#) by a common base library. The majority of the comprised modules, however, is kept generic and well documented, to facilitate their application in other open source projects as well.

The Frootlab Shared Library was originally created in 2019 to allow a separation of the collaborative data science platform *Nemoa* into smaller and individually maintainable subprojects [Pandora](#), [Motley](#) and [Nemoa](#). For more information about these projects see their respective project pages.



The *Frootlab Shared Library* (flib) requires Python 3.7 or later. If you do not already have a Python environment configured on your computer, please see the instructions for installing the full [scientific Python stack](#).

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**Note:** If you are using the Windows platform and want to install optional packages (e.g., *scipy*), then it may be useful to install a Python distribution such as: [Anaconda](#), [Enthought Canopy](#), [Python\(x,y\)](#), [WinPython](#), or [Pyzo](#). If you already use one of these Python distributions, please refer to their online documentation.

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Below it is assumed, that you have the default Python environment configured on your computer and you intend to install the frootlab shared library inside of it. If you want to create and work with Python virtual environments, please follow instructions on [venv](#) and [virtual environments](#).

## 2.1 Install the latest distributed package

You can install the latest distributed package of flib by using *pip*:

```
$ pip install flib
```

## 2.2 Install the development branch

The installation requires that you have [Git](#) installed on your system. Under this prerequisite the first step is to clone the github repository of flib:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/frootlab/flib.git
```

Thereupon the development branch can locally be installed by using *pip*:

```
$ cd flib
$ pip install -e .
```

The `pip install` command allows you to follow the development branch as it changes by creating links in the right places and installing the command line scripts to the appropriate locations.

## 2.3 Update the development branch

Once you have cloned the GitHub repository onto a local directory, you can update it anytime by running a `git pull` in this directory:

```
$ git pull
```

## 2.4 Testing the development branch

The Frootlab Shared Library uses the Python builtin module `:module:'unittest'` for testing. Since the tests are not included in the distributed package at you are required to install the development branch, as described above. Thereupon you have to switch to the repository directory and run:

```
$ python3 tests
```



## 3.1 flib package

### 3.1.1 Subpackages

#### flib.base package

##### Submodules

#### flib.base.abc module

Metaclasses and Abstract Base Classes for frequently used design patterns.

#### **class Isolated**

Bases: `object`

Abstract Base Class for per-instance isolated classes.

The Isolated base class is a helper class, which is included to allow instance checking against the IsolatedMeta metaclass.

#### **class IsolatedMeta**

Bases: `abc.ABCMeta`

Metaclass for isolated classes.

Isolated classes create a new subclass for any instance to allow the modification of class methods without side effects. Common use cases for isolated classes include Singletons, Multitons and built classes, that avoid generic programming in favor of higher efficiency or lower memory usage.

#### **class Multiton**

Bases: `object`

Abstract Base Class for Multiton Classes.

The Multiton base class is a helper class, which is included to allow instance checking against the MultitonMeta metaclass.

### **class MultitonMeta**

Bases: *flib.base.abc.IsolatedMeta*

Metaclass for Multitons.

Multiton Classes only create a single instance per given arguments by using a new subclass for class isolation. This allows a controlled creation of multiple distinct objects, that are globally accessible and unique. Multiton classes may be regarded as a generalization of Singletons in the sense of ‘Collections of Singletons’. Common use cases comprise application global configurations, caching and collections of constants (given as immutable objects).

### **class Proxy**

Bases: *abc.ABC*

Abstract Base Class for Connect Proxies.

**connect** (*\*args, \*\*kws*) → None  
Establish connection to source.

**disconnect** () → None  
Close connection to source.

**pull** () → None  
Pull state changes from source.

**push** () → None  
Push state changes to source.

### **class Singleton**

Bases: *object*

Abstract Base Class for Singletons.

The Singleton base class is a helper class, which is included to allow instance checking against the Singleton-Meta metaclass.

### **class SingletonMeta**

Bases: *flib.base.abc.IsolatedMeta*

Metaclass for Singletons.

Singleton classes only create a single instance per application and therefore by definition are special case of isolated classes. This creation pattern ensures the application global uniqueness and accessibility of instances, comparably to global variables. Common use cases comprise logging, sentinel objects and application global constants (given as immutable objects).

**sentinel** (*cls: flib.base.abc.SingletonMeta*) → object

Class decorator that creates a Sentinel from a Singleton class.

**Parameters** **cls** – Subclass of the class *Singleton*

**Returns** Instance of the given Singleton class, which adopts a class like behaviour, including the ability of instantiation, hashing and its representation.

## **flib.base.attrib module**

Attributes and Attribute Groups.

```
class Attribute (fget: Union[Callable, str, None] = None, fset: Union[Callable, str, None] =
None, fdel: Union[Callable, str, None] = None, doc: Optional[str] = None, dtype:
Union[Type[Any], Tuple[Type[Any], ...], None] = None, readonly: bool = False, de-
fault: Any = None, factory: Union[Callable, str, None] = None, binddict: Optional[str]
= None, bindkey: Optional[str] = None, remote: bool = False, inherit: bool = False,
category: Optional[str] = None)
```

Bases: `property`, `flib.base.abc.Isolated`

Extended data descriptor for Attributes.

Data descriptors are classes, used for binding attributes to fields and thereby provide an abstraction layer that facilitates encapsulation and modularity. When any class contains a data descriptor as a class attribute (i.e. a method), then the data descriptor class defines the accessor, mutator and manager methods of the respective attribute.

A succinct way of building data descriptors is given by the `property` class, which automatically creates an accessor, a mutator and a destructor method from its passed arguments. The `Attribute` class extends this automation by additional options for managing and controlling the behaviour of the attribute:

- Declaration of accessor, mutator and destructor methods by *forward references*
- Automatic *type checking* against given data type(s)
- Restriction to *read-only* attributes
- Setting of *default values*, either as a fixed value, a factory function or by inheritance from a parental object
- Binding to *arbitrary mappings*, to allow a namespace aggregation of the attributes data e.g. by their logical attribute type.
- Binding to *arbitrary keys*, e.g. to provide different accessors to identical attribute data
- Handling of *remote attributes* of a parent object, to allow sharing of attributes between different objects
- Local aggregation of attributes by *categories*

#### Parameters

- **fget** – Accessor method of the attribute. If provided, it must be a callable or a string, that references a valid method of the owner instance.
- **fset** – Mutator method of the attribute. If provided, it must be a callable or a string, that references a valid method of the owner instance.
- **fdel** – Destructor method of the attribute. If provided, it must be a callable or a string, that references a valid method of the owner instance.
- **doc** – Docstring of the attribute, which is retained throughout the runtime of the application. For more information and doctring convention see [PEP 257](#).
- **dtype** – Data type definition of the attribute given as a type or a tuple of types, which is used for type checking assignments to the attribute. If the value passed to the mutator method is not an instance of any of the given types, a `InvalidTypeError` is raised. By default type checking is disabled.
- **default** – Default value, which is returned by calling the getter method, if the following conditions are met: (1) The attribute is not a remote attribute of the parent, (2) the attribute is not inherited from the parent, (3) the attribute has not yet been set, (4) the attribute has no default factory.
- **factory** – Default method, which is called if a default value is required. If provided, it must be a callable or a string, that references a valid method of the owner instance. This method is called, if the following conditions are met: (1) The attribute is not a remote

attribute of the parent, (2) the attribute is not inherited from the parent, (3) the attribute has not yet been set.

- **binddict** – Name of the dictionary (or arbitrary mapping), which comprises the key, which is used to store the attribute data. If provided, it must be a string, that references an attribute of the owner instance, with type mapping. By default, the special attribute `__dict__` is used.
- **bindkey** – Name of key within the bound dictionary, which is used to store the attribute data. By default the name of the attribute is used.
- **remote** – Boolean value which determines, if the accessor, mutator and destructor methods are bypassed to the currently referenced parent attribute group. If no attribute group is referenced or the referenced attribute group, does not contain an attribute of the same name, a `ReferenceError` is raised on any request to the Attribute.
- **inherit** – Boolean value which determines if the default value is inherited from the (current) value of a referenced parent object. If no parent object is referenced or the referenced object, does not contain an attribute of the same name, then the default value is retrieved from the default factory, or if not given, from the default value. By default the default value is not inherited from the parent.
- **readonly** – Boolean value which determines, if the attribute is a read-only attribute. For read-only attributes the mutator method raises an `AttributeError` on requests to the mutator method. By default the attribute is read-writable.
- **category** – Optional name of category, which allows a logical aggregation of attributes. If given, that category has to be a string. By default not category is set.

**class Content** (\*args, \*\*kws)

Bases: `flib.base.attrib.Attribute`

Attributes for persistent content storage objects.

**class Group** (parent: *Optional[Group]* = None, readonly: *Optional[bool]* = None, remote: *Optional[bool]* = None, inherit: *Optional[bool]* = None, content: *Optional[Dict[str, Any]]* = None, meta-data: *Optional[Dict[str, Any]]* = None)

Bases: `flib.base.abc.Isolated`

Class for Attribute Groups.

Attribute Groups are used to bind attributes (and other attribute groups) into tree structured objects with a hierarchical control interface. This includes a common interface to access and mutate the values of it's contained (sub)attributes as well as a common interface to supersede the settings of it's contained (sub)groups to control the group behaviour in different applications.

#### Parameters

- **parent** – Reference to logical parent `:class:'attribute group <.attrib.Group>'`, which is used for inheritance and shared attributes. By default no parent is referenced. Note: The logical parent does not denote the attribute group, that contains this group, but an equally structured attribute, which is used to infer dynamical values for the attributes.
- **readonly** – Boolean value, which supersedes the contained attributes read-only behaviour. For the values `True` or `False`, all contained attributes respectively are read-only or read-writable. By the default value `None`, the attributes' settings are not superseded.
- **remote** – Boolean value, which supersedes the contained attributes remote behaviour. For the value `True`, all contained attributes are shared attributes of the parent attribute group, which must be referenced and contain the respective attributes, or an error is raised. For the

value `False`, all contained attributes are handled locally, regardless of a parent group. By the default value `None`, the attributes' settings are not superseded.

- **inherit** – Boolean value, which supersedes the contained attributes inheritance behaviour. For the value `True`, all contained attributes inherit their default values from the attribute values of the parent attribute group, which must be referenced and contain the respective attributes, or an error is raised. For the value `False`, the default values of the contained attributes are handled locally, regardless of a parent group. By the default value `None`, the attributes settings are not superseded.
- **content** –
- **metadata** –

**class** `MetaData` (\*args, \*\*kws)

Bases: `flib.base.attrib.Attribute`

Attributes for persistent metadata storage objects.

**class** `Temporary` (\*args, \*\*kws)

Bases: `flib.base.attrib.Attribute`

Attributes for non persistent storage objects.

**class** `Virtual` (\*args, \*\*kws)

Bases: `flib.base.attrib.Attribute`

Attributes for non persistent virtual objects.

## flib.base.binary module

Binary object functions.

**as\_bytes** (data: `Union[bytes, bytearray, memoryview, str]`, encoding: `Optional[str] = None`) → bytes

Convert bytes-like object or str to bytes.

**Parameters** **data** – Binary data given as [bytes-like object](#) or string

**compress** (data: `Union[bytes, bytearray, memoryview, str]`, level: `int = -1`) → bytes

Compress binary data using the gzip standard.

### Parameters

- **data** – Binary data given as [bytes-like object](#) or string.
- **level** – Compression level ranging from `-1` to `9`, where the default value of `-1` is a compromise between speed and compression. For level `0` the given binary data is deflated without attempted compression, `1` denotes the fastest compression with minimum compression capability and `9` the slowest compression with maximum compression capability.

**Returns** Binary data as bytes.

**decode** (data: `Union[bytes, bytearray, memoryview, str]`, encoding: `Optional[str] = None`, compressed: `bool = False`) → bytes

Decode bytes-like object or str.

### Parameters

- **data** – Binary data given as [bytes-like object](#) or string
- **encoding** – Encodings specified in [RFC 3548](#). Allowed values are: `base16`, `base32`, `base64` and `base85` or `None` for no encoding. By default no encoding is used.

**Returns** Binary data as bytes.

**decompress** (*data: Union[bytes, bytearray, memoryview, str]*) → bytes  
Decompress gzip compressed binary data.

**Parameters** **data** – Binary data given as [bytes-like object](#) or string.

**Returns** Binary data as bytes.

**encode** (*data: Union[bytes, bytearray, memoryview, str], encoding: Optional[str] = None*) → bytes  
Encode bytes-like object or str.

**Parameters**

- **data** – Binary data given as [bytes-like object](#) or string
- **encoding** – Encodings specified in [RFC 3548](#). Allowed values are: *base16*, *base32*, *base64* and *base85* or *None* for no encoding. By default no encoding is used.

**Returns** Binary data as bytes.

**pack** (*obj: object, encoding: Optional[str] = None, compression: Optional[int] = None*) → bytes  
Compress and encode arbitrary object to bytes.

**Parameters**

- **obj** – Any object, that can be pickled
- **encoding** – Encodings specified in [RFC 3548](#). Allowed values are: ‘base16’, ‘base32’, ‘base64’ and ‘base85’ or *None* for no encoding. By default no encoding is used.
- **compression** – Determines the compression level for `zlib.compress()`. By default no zlib compression is used. For an integer ranging from -1 to 9, a zlib compression with the respective compression level is used. Thereby -1 is the default zlib compromise between speed and compression, 0 deflates the given binary data without attempted compression, 1 is the fastest compression with minimum compression capability and 9 is the slowest compression with maximum compression capability.

**Returns** Compressed and encoded byte representation of given object hierachy.

**unpack** (*data: Union[bytes, bytearray, memoryview, str], encoding: Optional[str] = None, compressed: bool = False*) → Any  
Decompress and decode object from binary data.

**Parameters**

- **data** – Binary data given as [bytes-like object](#) or string.
- **encoding** – Encodings specified in [RFC 3548](#). Allowed values are: ‘base16’, ‘base32’, ‘base64’ and ‘base85’ or *None* for no encoding. By default no encoding is used.
- **compressed** – Boolean value which determines, if the returned binary data shall be decompressed by using `zlib.decompress()`.

**Returns** Arbitry object, that can be pickled.

## flib.base.call module

Collection of helper functions for callables.

**parameters** (*op: Callable, \*args, \*\*kwds*) → collections.OrderedDict  
Get parameters of a callable object.

**Parameters**

- **op** – Callable object

- **\*args** – Arbitrary arguments, that are zipped into the returned parameter dictionary.
- **\*\*kwds** – Arbitrary keyword arguments, that respectively - if declared within the callable object - are merged into the returned parameter dictionary. If the callable object allows a variable number of keyword arguments, all given keyword arguments are merged into the parameter dictionary.

**Returns** Ordered Dictionary containing all parameters.

## Examples

```
>>> parameters(parameters)
OrderedDict()
>>> parameters(parameters, list)
OrderedDict([('operator', list)])
```

**parse** (*text: str*) → Tuple[str, tuple, dict]

Split a function call in the function name, it's arguments and keywords.

**Parameters** *text* – Function call given as valid Python code.

**Returns** A tuple consisting of the function name as string, the arguments as tuple and the keywords as dictionary.

**safe\_call** (*f: Callable, \*args, \*\*kwds*) → Any

Evaluate callable object for given parameters.

Evaluates a callable for the subset of given parameters, which is known to the callables signature.

### Parameters

- **f** – Callable object
- **\*args** – Arbitrary arguments
- **\*\*kwds** – Arbitrary keyword arguments

Returns:

## flib.base.catalog module

Organization and handling of algorithms.

**class Card** (*category: Type[flib.base.catalog.Category], reference: Callable, data: Dict[str, Any]*)

Bases: `object`

Base Class for Catalog Cards.

**class Category**

Bases: `object`

Base class for Catalog Categories.

**class Manager**

Bases: `flib.base.abc.Singleton`

Catalog Manager.

**add** (*cat: type, kwds: dict, obj: Callable*) → None

**add\_category** (*cat: type*) → None

**get** (*path: Union[str, Callable]*) → flib.base.catalog.Card

**has\_category** (*cat: type*) → bool

**search** (*cat: Optional[type] = None, path: Optional[str] = None, \*\*kws*) → flib.base.catalog.Results

**class Results**

Bases: `list`

Class for search results.

**get** (*key: Hashable*) → list

**association** (*name: Optional[str] = None, tags: Optional[List[str]] = None, classes: Optional[List[str]] = None, plot: Optional[str] = 'Histogram', directed: bool = True, signed: bool = True, normal: bool = False, \*\*attr*) → Callable

Attribute decorator for association measure.

**Parameters**

- **name** – Name of the measure of association
- **tags** – List of strings, that describe the algorithm and allow it to be found by browsing or searching.
- **classes** – Optional list of model class names, that can be processed by the algorithm.
- **plot** – Name of plot class, which is used to interpret the results. Supported values are: None, 'Heatmap', 'Histogram', 'Scatter2D' or 'Graph'. Default: 'Heatmap'.
- **directed** – Boolean value which indicates if the measure of association is directed. Default: True.
- **signed** – Boolean value which indicates if the measure of association is signed. Default: True.
- **normal** – Boolean value which indicates if the measure of association is normalized. Default: False.
- **\*\*attr** – Supplementary user attributes, with the purpose to identify and characterize the algorithm by their respective values.

**Returns** Decorated function or method.

**category** (*cls: type*) → Type[flib.base.catalog.Category]

Decorate class as Catalog Category.

**custom** (*name: Optional[str] = None, category: Optional[str] = None, classes: Optional[List[str]] = None, tags: Optional[List[str]] = None, plot: Optional[str] = None, \*\*attr*) → Callable

Attribute decorator for custom algorithms.

For the case, that an algorithm does not fit into the builtin categories ('objective', 'sampler', 'statistic', 'association') then a custom category is required, which does not prescribe the function arguments and return values.

**Parameters**

- **name** – Name of the algorithm
- **category** – Custom category name for the algorithm.
- **tags** – List of strings, that describe the algorithm and allow it to be found by browsing or searching
- **classes** – Optional list of model class names, that can be processed by the algorithm



- **plot** – Name of plot class, which is used to interpret the results. The default value None indicates, that that results can not be visualized. Supported values are: None, ‘Heatmap’, ‘Histogram’, ‘Scatter2D’ or ‘Graph’
- **\*\*attr** – Supplementary user attributes, with the purpose to identify and characterize the algorithm by their respective values.

**Returns** Decorated function or method.

**objective** (*name: Optional[str] = None, classes: Optional[List[str]] = None, tags: Optional[List[str]] = None, optimum: str = ‘min’, scope: str = ‘local’, plot: Optional[str] = None, \*\*attr*) → Callable

Attribute decorator for objective functions.

*Objective functions* are scalar functions, that specify the goal of an optimization problem. Thereby the objective function identifies local or global objectives by it’s extremal points, which allows the application of approximations.

#### Parameters

- **name** – Name of the algorithm
- **tags** – List of strings, that describe the algorithm and allow it to be found by browsing or searching
- **classes** – Optional list of model class names, that can be processed by the algorithm
- **plot** – Name of plot class, which is used to interpret the results. The default value None indicates, that that results can not be visualized. Supported values are: None, ‘Heatmap’, ‘Histogram’, ‘Scatter2D’ or ‘Graph’
- **scope** – Scope of optimizer: Either ‘local’ or ‘global’
- **optimum** – String describing the optimum of the objective functions. Supported values are ‘min’ and ‘max’
- **\*\*attr** – Supplementary user attributes, with the purpose to identify and characterize the algorithm by their respective values.

**Returns** Decorated function or method.

**pick** (*cat: Optional[type] = None, path: Optional[str] = None, \*\*kwds*) → Callable

**register** (*cat: type, \*\*kwds*) → Callable

Decorator to register classes and functions in the catalog.

**sampler** (*name: Optional[str] = None, classes: Optional[List[str]] = None, tags: Optional[List[str]] = None, plot: Optional[str] = ‘Histogram’, \*\*attr*) → Callable

Attribute decorator for statistical samplers.

Statistical samplers are random functions, that generate samples from a desired posterior distribution in Bayesian data analysis. Thereby the different approaches exploit properties of the underlying dependency structure. For more information see e.g. [1]

#### Parameters

- **name** – Name of the algorithm
- **tags** – List of strings, that describe the algorithm and allow it to be found by browsing or searching
- **classes** – Optional list of model class names, that can be processed by the algorithm
- **plot** – Name of plot class, which is used to interpret the results. Supported values are: None, ‘Heatmap’, ‘Histogram’, ‘Scatter2D’ or ‘Graph’. The default value is ‘Histogram’

- **\*\*attr** – Supplementary user attributes, with the purpose to identify and characterize the algorithm by their respective values.

**Returns** Decorated function or method.

## References

[1] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gibbs\\_sampling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gibbs_sampling)

**search** (*cat: Optional[type] = None, path: Optional[str] = None, \*\*kwds*) → `flib.base.catalog.Results`

**search\_old** (*module: Optional[module] = None, \*\*kwds*) → `dict`  
Search for algorithms, that pass given filters.

### Parameters

- **module** – Module instance, which is used to recursively search in submodules for algorithms. Default: Use the module of the caller of this function.
- **\*\*kwds** – Attributes, which are tested by using the filter rules

**Returns** Dictionary with function information.

**statistic** (*name: Optional[str] = None, classes: Optional[List[str]] = None, tags: Optional[List[str]] = None, plot: Optional[str] = 'Histogram', \*\*attr*) → `Callable`  
Attribute decorator for sample statistics.

Sample statistics are measures of some attribute of the individual columns of a sample, e.g. the arithmetic mean values. For more information see [1]

### Parameters

- **name** – Name of the algorithm
- **tags** – List of strings, that describe the algorithm and allow it to be found by browsing or searching
- **classes** – Optional list of model class names, that can be processed by the algorithm
- **plot** – Name of plot class, which is used to interpret the results. Supported values are: `None`, `'Heatmap'`, `'Histogram'`, `'Scatter2D'` or `'Graph'`. The default value is `'Histogram'`
- **\*\*attr** – Supplementary user attributes, with the purpose to identify and characterize the algorithm by their respective values.

**Returns** Decorated function or method.

## References

[1] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statistic>

## flib.base.check module

Check types and values of objects.

**has\_attr** (*obj: object, attr: str*) → `None`  
Check if object has an attribute.

**has\_opt\_type** (*name: str, obj: object, hint: Generic[T]*) → `None`  
Check type of optional object.

**has\_size** (*name: str, obj: Sized, size: Optional[int] = None, min\_size: Optional[int] = None, max\_size: Optional[int] = None*) → None  
Check the size of a sized object.

**has\_type** (*name: str, obj: object, hint: Generic[T]*) → None  
Check type of object.

**is\_callable** (*name: str, obj: object*) → None  
Check if object is callable.

**is\_class** (*name: str, obj: object*) → None  
Check if object is a class.

**is\_identifier** (*name: str, string: str*) → None  
Check if a string is a valid identifier.

**is\_negative** (*name: str, obj: Union[int, float]*) → None  
Check if number is negative.

**is\_not\_negative** (*name: str, obj: Union[int, float]*) → None  
Check if number is not negative.

**is\_not\_positive** (*name: str, obj: Union[int, float]*) → None  
Check if number is not positive.

**is\_positive** (*name: str, obj: Union[int, float]*) → None  
Check if number is positive.

**is\_subclass** (*name: str, obj: object, ref: Type[Any]*) → None  
Check if object is a subclass of given class.

**is\_subset** (*a: str, seta: set, b: str, setb: set*) → None  
Check if a set is a subset of another.

**is\_typehint** (*name: str, obj: object*) → None  
Check if object is a supported typeinfo object.

**no\_duplicates** (*name: str, coll: Collection[T\_co]*) → None  
Check if all elements of a collection are unique.

**not\_empty** (*name: str, obj: Sized*) → None  
Check if a sized object is not empty.

## flib.base.env module

Environmental integration.

**basename** (*\*args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None*) → str  
Extract file basename from a path like structure.

**Parameters** *\*args* – Path like arguments, respectively given by a tree of strings, which can be joined to a path.

**Returns** String containing basename of file.

## Examples

```
>>> filename(('a', ('b', 'c')), 'base.ext')
'base'
```

**clear\_filename** (*fname: str*) → str

Clear filename from invalid characters.

**Parameters** **fname** – Arbitrary string, which is be cleared from invalid filename characters.

**Returns** String containing valid path syntax.

### Examples

```
>>> clear_filename('3/\nE{5}.e')
'3E5.e'
```

**copytree** (*source: Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]]], target: Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]]], pkgname: Optional[str] = None*) → None

Copy directory structure from given source to target directory.

#### Parameters

- **source** – Path like structure, which comprises the path of a source folder
- **target** – Path like structure, which comprises the path of a destination folder

**Returns** True if the operation was successful.

**expand** (*\*args, udict: Optional[Dict[str, Any]] = None, pkgname: Optional[str] = None, envdirs: bool = True*) → pathlib.Path

Expand path variables.

#### Parameters

- **\*args** – Path like arguments, respectively given by a tree of strings, which can be joined to a path.
- **udict** – dictionary for user variables. Thereby the keys in the dictionary are encapsulated by the symbol '%'. The user variables may also include references.
- **envdirs** – Boolean value which determines if environmental path variables are expanded. For a full list of valid environmental path variables see '.env.get\_dirs'. Default is True

**Returns** String containing valid path syntax.

### Examples

```
>>> expand('%var1%/c', 'd', udict = {'var1': 'a/%var2%', 'var2': 'b'})
'a\\b\\c\\d'
```

**fileext** (*\*args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None*) → str

Fileextension of file.

**Parameters** **\*args** – Path like arguments, respectively given by a tree of strings, which can be joined to a path.

**Returns** String containing fileextension of file.

## Examples

```
>>> fileext(('a', ('b', 'c')), 'base.ext')
'ext'
```

**filename** (\*args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None) → str

Extract file name from a path like structure.

**Parameters** \*args – Path like arguments, respectively given by a tree of strings, which can be joined to a path.

**Returns** String containing normalized directory path of file.

## Examples

```
>>> filename(('a', ('b', 'c')), 'base.ext')
'base.ext'
```

**get\_cwd**() → pathlib.Path

Get path of current working directory.

**Returns** Path of current working directory.

**get\_dir** (dirname: str, \*args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None, \*\*kws) → pathlib.Path

Get application specific environmental directory by name.

This function returns application specific system directories by platform independent names to allow platform independent storage for caching, logging, configuration and permanent data storage.

### Parameters

- **dirname** – Environmental directory name. Allowed values are:
  - user\_cache\_dir** Cache directory of user
  - user\_config\_dir** Configuration directory of user
  - user\_data\_dir** Data directory of user
  - user\_log\_dir** Logging directory of user
  - site\_config\_dir** Site global configuration directory
  - site\_data\_dir** Site global data directory
  - site\_package\_dir** Site global package directory
  - site\_temp\_dir** Site global directory for temporary files
  - package\_dir** Current package directory
  - package\_data\_dir** Current package data directory
- **\*args** – Optional arguments that specify the application, as required by the function `‘.env.update_dirs’`.
- **\*\*kws** – Optional keyword arguments that specify the application, as required by the function `‘.env.update_dirs’`.

**Returns** String containing path of environmental directory or None if the pathname is not supported.

**get\_dirname** (\*args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None) → str

Extract directory name from a path like structure.

**Parameters** *\*args* – Path like arguments, respectively given by a tree of strings, which can be joined to a path.

**Returns** String containing normalized directory path of file.

### Examples

```
>>> get_dirname(('a', ('b', 'c'), 'd'), 'base.ext')
'a\\b\\c\\d'
```

**get\_dirs** (*\*args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None, \*\*kws*) → Dict[str, Any]

Get application specific environmental directories.

This function returns application specific system directories by platform independent names to allow platform independent storage for caching, logging, configuration and permanent data storage.

#### Parameters

- **\*args** – Optional arguments that specify the application, as required by the function `‘.env.update_dirs’`.
- **\*\*kws** – Optional keyword arguments that specify the application, as required by the function `‘.env.update_dirs’`.

**Returns** Dictionary containing paths of application specific environmental directories.

**get\_encoding** () → str

Get preferred encoding used for text data.

This is a wrapper function to the standard library function `locale.getpreferredencoding()`. This function returns the encoding used for text data, according to user preferences. User preferences are expressed differently on different systems, and might not be available programmatically on some systems, so this function only returns a guess.

**Returns** String representing the preferred encoding used for text data.

**get\_home** () → pathlib.Path

Get path of current users home directory.

**Returns** Path of current users home directory.

**get\_hostname** () → str

Get hostname of the computer.

This is a wrapper function to the standard library function `platform.node()`. This function returns the computer’s hostname. If the value cannot be determined, an empty string is returned.

**Returns** String representing the computer’s hostname or None.

**get\_osname** () → str

Get name of the Operating System.

This is a wrapper function to the standard library function `platform.system()`. This function returns the OS name, e.g. ‘Linux’, ‘Windows’, or ‘Java’. If the value cannot be determined, an empty string is returned.

**Returns** String representing the OS name or None.

**get\_temp\_dir** () → pathlib.Path

Get path to temporary file within the package temp directory.

**get\_temp\_file** (*suffix: Optional[str] = None*) → pathlib.Path

Get path to temporary file within the package temp directory.

`get_username()` → str

Login name of the current user.

This is a wrapper function to the standard library function `getpass.getuser()`. This function checks the environment variables LOGNAME, USER, LNAME and USERNAME, in order, and returns the value of the first one which is set to a non-empty string. If none are set, the login name from the password database is returned on systems which support the pwd module, otherwise, an exception is raised.

**Returns** String representing the login name of the current user.

`get_var(varname: str, *args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None, **kwds)` → Optional[str]

Get environment or application variable.

Environment variables comprise static and runtime properties of the operating system like ‘username’ or ‘hostname’. Application variables in turn, are intended to describe the application distribution by authorship information, bibliographic information, status, formal conditions and notes or warnings. For mor information see [PEP 345](#).

### Parameters

- **varname** – Name of environment variable. Typical application variable names are: ‘name’: The name of the distribution ‘version’: A string containing the distribution’s version number ‘status’: Development status of the distributed application.

Typical values are ‘Prototype’, ‘Development’, or ‘Production’

**‘description’:** A longer description of the distribution that can run to several paragraphs.

**‘keywords’:** A list of additional keywords to be used to assist searching for the distribution in a larger catalog.

**‘url’:** A string containing the URL for the distribution’s homepage.

**‘license’:** Text indicating the license covering the distribution **‘copyright’:** Notice of statutorily prescribed form that informs

users of the distribution to published copyright ownership.

**‘author’:** A string containing the author’s name at a minimum; additional contact information may be provided.

**‘email’:** A string containing the author’s e-mail address. It can contain a name and e-mail address, as described in [RFC 822](#).

**‘maintainer’:** A string containing the maintainer’s name at a minimum; additional contact information may be provided.

**‘company’:** The company, which created or maintains the distribution. **‘organization’:** The organization, twhich created or maintains the distribution.

**‘credits’:** list with strings, acknowledging further contributors, Teams or supporting organizations.

- **\*args** – Optional arguments that specify the application, as required by the function `update_vars()`.
- **pkgname** –

- **\*\*kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments that specify the application, as required by the function `update_vars()`.

**Returns** String representing the value of the application variable.

**get\_vars** (\*args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None, \*\*kwargs) → Dict[str, Any]  
Get dictionary with environment and application variables.

Environment variables comprise static and runtime properties of the operating system like ‘username’ or ‘hostname’. Application variables in turn, are intended to describe the application distribution by authorship information, bibliographic information, status, formal conditions and notes or warnings. For more information see [PEP 345](#).

#### Parameters

- **\*args** – Optional arguments that specify the application, as required by `update_vars()`.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments that specify the application, as required by `update_vars()`.

**Returns** Dictionary containing application variables.

**is\_dir** (path: Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]]], pkgname: Optional[str] = None) → bool  
Determine if given path points to a directory.

Extends `pathlib.Path.is_dir()` by nested paths and path variable expansion.

**Parameters path** – Path like structure, which is expandable to a valid path

**Returns** True if the path points to a regular file (or a symbolic link pointing to a regular file), False if it points to another kind of file.

**is\_file** (path: Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]]], pkgname: Optional[str] = None) → bool  
Determine if given path points to a file.

Extends `pathlib.Path.is_file()` by nested paths and path variable expansion.

**Parameters path** – Path like structure, which is expandable to a valid path.

**Returns** True if the path points to a directory (or a symbolic link pointing to a directory), False if it points to another kind of file.

**join\_path** (\*args) → pathlib.Path  
Join nested iterable path-like structure to single path object.

**Parameters \*args** – Arguments containing nested iterable paths of strings and PathLike objects.

**Returns** Single Path comprising all arguments.

#### Examples

```
>>> join_path(('a', ('b', 'c')), 'd')
Path('a\\b\\c\\d')
```



**match\_paths** (*paths: List[Union[str, os.PathLike]], pattern: str*) → List[Union[str, os.PathLike]]

Filter pathlist to matches with wildcard pattern.

#### Parameters

- **paths** – List of paths, which is filtered to matches with pattern.
- **pattern** – String pattern, containing Unix shell-style wildcards: ‘\*’: matches arbitrary strings ‘?’: matches single characters [seq]: matches any character in seq [!seq]: matches any character not in seq

**Returns** Filtered list of paths.

#### Examples

```
>>> match_paths([Path('a.b'), Path('b.a')], '*.b')
[Path('a.b')]
```

**mkdir** (*\*args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None*) → bool

Create directory.

**Parameters** **\*args** – Path like structure, which comprises the path of a new directory

**Returns** True if the directory already exists, or the operation was successful.

**rmdir** (*\*args, pkgname: Optional[str] = None*) → bool

Remove directory.

**Parameters** **\*args** – Path like structure, which identifies the path of a directory

**Returns** True if the directory could be deleted

**touch** (*path: Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]], Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike, Sequence[Union[str, os.PathLike]]]]], parents: bool = True, mode: int = 438, exist\_ok: bool = True, pkgname: Optional[str] = None*) → bool

Create an empty file at the specified path.

#### Parameters

- **path** – Nested [path-like object](#), which represents a valid filename in the directory structure of the operating system.
- **parents** – Boolean value, which determines if missing parents of the path are created as needed.
- **mode** – Integer value, which specifies the properties if the file. For more information see `os.chmod()`.
- **exist\_ok** – Boolean value which determines, if the function returns False, if the file already exists.

**Returns** True if the file could be created, else False.

**update\_dirs** (*appName: Optional[str] = None, appauthor: Union[str, bool, None] = None, version: Optional[str] = None, pkgname: Optional[str] = None, \*\*kwds*) → None

Update application specific directories from name, author and version.

This function retrieves application specific directories from the package `appdirs`. Additionally the directory ‘site\_package\_dir’ is retrieved from the standard library package `distutils` and ‘package\_dir’ and ‘package\_data\_dir’ from the current top level module.

**Parameters**

- **appname** – is the name of application. If None, just the system directory is returned.
- **appauthor** – is the name of the appauthor or distributing body for this application. Typically it is the owning company name. You may pass False to disable it. Only applied in windows.
- **version** – is an optional version path element to append to the path. You might want to use this if you want multiple versions of your app to be able to run independently. If used, this would typically be “<major>.<minor>”. Only applied when appname is present.
- **\*\*kwds** – Optional directory name specific keyword arguments. For more information see [appdirs](#).

**update\_vars** (*filepath: Union[str, os.PathLike, None] = None, pkgname: Optional[str] = None*) → None  
Update environment and application variables.

Environment variables comprise static and runtime properties of the operating system like ‘username’ or ‘host-name’. Application variables in turn, are intended to describe the application distribution by authorship information, bibliographic information, status, formal conditions and notes or warnings. For mor information see [PEP 345](#).

**Parameters filepath** – Valid filepath to python module, that contains the application variables as module attributes. By default the current top level module is used.

**flib.base.literal module**

Data type dependent string representation of objects.

**as\_datetime** (*text: str, fmt: Optional[str] = None*) → datetime.datetime  
Convert text to datetime.

**Parameters**

- **text** – String representation of datetime
- **fmt** – Optional string parameter, that specifies the format, which is used to decode the text to datetime. The default format is the [ISO 8601]\_ format, given by the string `%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S.%f`.

**Returns** Value of the text as datetime.

**as\_dict** (*text: str, delim: str = ', '*) → dict  
Convert text into dictionary.

**Parameters**

- **text** – String representing a dictionary. Valid representations are: Python format: Allows keys and values of arbitrary types:

Example: “{‘a’: 2, 1: True}”

**Delimiter separated expressions: Allow string keys and values:** Example (Variant A): “<key> = <value><delim> ...” Example (Variant B): “<key>’: <value><delim> ...”

- **delim** – A string, which is used as delimiter for the separation of the text. This parameter is only used in the DSV format.

**Returns** Value of the text as dictionary.

**as\_list** (*text: str, delim: str = ', '*) → list  
Convert text into list.

**Parameters**

- **text** – String representing a list. Valid representations are: Python format: Allows elements of arbitrary types:

Example: “[‘a’, ‘b’, 3]”

**Delimiter separated values (DSV): Allows string elements:** Example: “a, b, c”

- **delim** – A string, which is used as delimiter for the separation of the text. This parameter is only used in the DSV format.

**Returns** Value of the text as list.

**as\_path** (*text: str, expand: bool = True*) → pathlib.Path  
Convert text into list.

**Parameters**

- **text** – String representing a path.
- **expand** – Boolean value, which determines, if variables in environmental path variables are expanded.

**Returns** Value of the text as Path.

**as\_set** (*text: str, delim: str = ', '*) → set  
Convert text into set.

**Parameters**

- **text** – String representing a set. Valid representations are: Python format: Allows elements of arbitrary types:

Example: “{‘a’, ‘b’, 3}”

**Delimiter separated values (DSV): Allows string elements:** Example: “a, b, c”

- **delim** – A string, which is used as delimiter for the separation of the text. This parameter is only used in the DSV format.

**Returns** Value of the text as set.

**as\_tuple** (*text: str, delim: str = ', '*) → tuple  
Convert text into tuple.

**Parameters**

- **text** – String representing a tuple. Valid representations are: Python format: Allows elements of arbitrary types:

Example: “(‘a’, ‘b’, 3)”

**Delimiter separated values (DSV): Allows string elements:** Example: “a, b, c”

- **delim** – A string, which is used as delimiter for the separation of the text. This parameter is only used in the DSV format.

**Returns** Value of the text as tuple.

**decode** (*text: str, target: Optional[type] = None, undef: Optional[str] = 'None', \*\*kwds*) → Any  
Decode text representation of object to object.

**Parameters**

- **text** – String representing the value of a given type in it's respective syntax format. The standard format corresponds to the standard Python representation if available. Some types also accept further formats, which may use additional keywords.
- **target** – Target type, in which the text is to be converted.
- **undef** – Optional string, which represents an undefined value. If undef is a string, then the any text, the matches the string is decoded as None, independent from the given target type.
- **\*\*kwds** – Supplementary parameters, that specify the encoding format of the target type.

**Returns** Value of the text in given target format or None.

**encode** (*obj: object, \*\*kwds*) → str  
Encode object to literal text representation.

**Parameters** **obj** – Simple object

**Returns** Literal text representation of given object.

**estimate** (*text: str*) → Optional[type]  
Estimate type of text by using `literal_eval()`.

**Parameters** **text** – String representation of python object.

**Returns** Type of text or None, if the type could not be determined.

**from\_str** (*text: str, charset: Optional[str] = None, spacer: Optional[str] = None*) → str  
Filter text to given character set.

**Parameters**

- **text** –
- **charset** – Name of used character set. Supportet options are:
  - printable** Printable characters
  - UAX-31** ASCII identifier characters as defined in [UAX31]

**Returns** String, which is filtered to the chiven character set.

## flib.base.mapping module

Helper functions for mappings.

**crop** (*d: Mapping[KT, VT\_co], prefix: str, trim: bool = True*) → dict  
Crop mapping to keys, that start with an initial string.

**Parameters**

- **d** – Mapping that encodes sections by the prefix of string keys
- **prefix** – Key prefix as string
- **trim** – Determines if the section prefix is removed from the keys of the returned mapping. Default: True

**Returns** Subset of the original mapping, which only contains keys that start with the given section. Thereby the new keys are trimmed from the initial section string.

### Examples

```
>>> crop({'a1': 1, 'a2': 2, 'b1': 3}, 'a')
{'1': 1, '2': 2}
```

**flatten** (*d: Dict[Any, Dict[Any, Dict[str, Any]]], group: Optional[str] = None*) → Dict[Any, Dict[str, Any]]  
Flatten grouped record dictionary by given group name.

Inverse dictionary operation to ‘groupby’.

#### Parameters

- **d** – Nested dictionary, which entries are interpreted as attributes.
- **group** – Attribute names, which describes the groups.

**Returns** Dictionary which flattens the groups of the original dictionary to attributes.

### Examples

```
>>> flatten({1: {'a': {}}, 2: {'b': {}}})
{'a': {}, 'b': {}}
>>> flatten({1: {'a': {}}, 2: {'b': {}}}, group='id')
{'a': {'id': 1}, 'b': {'id': 2}}
```

**groupby** (*d: Dict[Any, Dict[str, Any]], key: str, rmkey: bool = False*) → Dict[Any, Dict[Any, Dict[str, Any]]]  
Group record dictionary by the value of a given key.

#### Parameters

- **d** – Dictionary of dictionaries, which entries are interpreted as attributes.
- **key** – Name of attribute which is used to group the results by it’s corresponding value.
- **rmkey** – Boolean which determines, if the group attribute is removed from the the sub dictionaries.

**Returns** Dictionary which groups the entries of the original dictionary in subdictionaries.

**merge** (*\*args, mode: int = 1*) → Mapping[KT, VT\_co]  
Recursively right merge mappings.

#### Parameters

- **\*args** – Mappings with arbitrary structure
- **mode** – Creation mode for merged mapping: 0: change rightmost dictionary 1: create new dictionary by deepcopy 2: create new dictionary by chain mapping

**Returns** Dictionary containing right merge of dictionaries.

### Examples

```
>>> merge({'a': 1}, {'a': 2, 'b': 2}, {'c': 3})
{'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}
```

**select** (*d: Mapping[KT, VT\_co], pattern: str*) → dict  
Filter mappings to keys, that match a given pattern.

**Parameters**

- **d** – Mapping, which keys are given by strings
- **pattern** – Wildcard pattern as described in the standard library module `fnmatch`.

**Returns** Subset of the original mapping, which only contains keys, that match the given pattern.

**Examples**

```
>>> select({'a1': 1, 'a2': 2, 'b1': 3}, 'a*')
{'a1': 1, 'a2': 2}
```

**strkeys** (*d: dict*) → Dict[Union[str, Tuple[str, ...]], Any]  
Recursively convert dictionary keys to string keys.

**Parameters** **d** – Hierarchically structured dictionary with keys of arbitrary types.

**Returns** New dictionary with string converted keys. Thereby keys of type tuple are not converted as a whole but with respect to the tokens in the tuple.

**Examples**

```
>>> strkeys({'(1, 2)': 3, None: {'True': False}})
{'(1', '2)': 3, 'None': {'True': False}}
```

**sumjoin** (*\*args*) → dict  
Sum values of common keys in different dictionaries.

**Parameters** **\*args** – dictionaries, that are recursively right merged

**Returns** New dictionary, where items with keys, that only occur in a single dictionary are adopted and items with keys, that occur in multiple dictionaries are united by a sum.

**Examples**

```
>>> sumjoin({'a': 1}, {'a': 2, 'b': 3})
{'a': 3, 'b': 3}
>>> sumjoin({1: 'a', 2: True}, {1: 'b', 2: True})
{1: 'ab', 2: 2}
```

**flib.base.operator module**

Classes and functions for functional programming.

**class Getter** (*\*args, domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] = None, target: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] = None*)

Bases: `flib.base.operator.Operator`

Class for Getters.

A getter essentially is the composition of a *fetch* operation, that specifies the fields of a given domain type and a subsequent *representation* of the fetched fields as an object of given target type, by using the target frame (if given) as field identifiers.

### Parameters

- **\*args** – Valid field identifiers within the domain type.
- **domain** – Optional domain like parameter, that specifies the type and (if required) the frame of the operator’s domain. Supported domain types are `object`, subclasses of the `Mapping` class and subclasses of the `Sequence` class. If no domain type is specified (which is indicated by the default value `None`) the fields are identified by their argument positions of the operator.
- **target** – Optional domain like parameter, that specifies the type and (if required) the frame of the operator’s target. Supported target types are `tuple`, `list` and `dict`. If no target is specified (which is indicated by the default value `None`) the target type depends on the arguments, that are passed to the operator. In this case for a single argument, the target type equals the type of the argument and for multiple arguments, the target type is `tuple`.

```
class Identity (domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] =
                None)
```

Bases: `flib.base.operator.Operator`

Class for identity operators.

### Parameters domain –

```
class Lambda (expression: str = "", domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable,
...]], Domain] = None, variables: Tuple[str, ...] = (), default: Optional[Callable[[...], Any]]
              = None, compile: bool = True)
```

Bases: `flib.base.operator.Operator`

Class for operators, that are based on arithmetic expressions.

### Parameters

- **expression** –
- **domain** – Optional domain category of the operator. If provided, the category has to be given as a `type`. Supported types are `object`, subclasses of the class: `Mapping class <collection.abs.Mapping>` and subclasses of the `Sequence` class. The default domain is `object`.
- **variables** – Tuple of variable names. This parameter is only required, if the domain category is a subclass of the `Sequence` class. In this case the variable names are used to map the fields (given as names) to their indices within the domain tuple.
- **default** –
- **compile** – Optional Boolean parameter, which determines if the operator is compiled after it is parsed.

### variables

```
class Operator (*args, domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain]
                = None, target: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain]
                = None)
```

Bases: `collections.abc.Callable`, `flib.base.abc.Multiton`

Abstract Base Class for operators.

### Parameters

- **\*args** –

- **domain** –
- **target** –

**domain**

**target**

```
class Vector (*args, domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] =
    None, target: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] =
    None, default: Optional[Callable[[...], Any]] = None)
```

Bases: `collections.abc.Sequence`, `flib.base.operator.Operator`

Class for vectorial functions.

#### Parameters

- **\*args** – Optional definitions of the function components. If provided, any component has to be given as a valid variable definition.
- **domain** – Optional domain like parameter, that specifies the type and (if required) the frame of the operator's domain. The accepted parameter values are documented in the class `Getter`.
- **target** – Optional domain like parameter, that specifies the type and (if required) the frame of the operator's target. The accepted parameter values are documented in the class `Getter`.
- **default** – Default operator which is used to map fields to field variables. By default the identity is used.

**components**

**fields**

```
class Zero (target: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] = None)
```

Bases: `flib.base.operator.Operator`

Class for zero operators.

A zero operator (or zero morphism) maps all given arguments to the zero object (empty object) of a given target category.

**Parameters target** – Optional target category of the operator. If provided, the target category must be given as a `type`, like `int`, `float`, `str`, `set`, `tuple`, `list`, `dict` or `object`. Then the returned operator maps all objects of any domain category to the zero object of the target category. By default the used zero object is `None`.

```
compose (*args, unpack: bool = False) → Callable[[...], Any]
```

Compose operators.

**Parameters \*args** – Operators, which shall be composed. If provided, any given operator is required to be a callable or `None`.

**Returns** Composition of all arguments, that do not evaluate to `False`. If all arguments evaluate to `False`, the identity operator is returned.

```
create_aggregator (*args, domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Do-
    main] = None, target: type = <class 'tuple'>) → Callable[[Sequence[Any]], Any]
```

Creates an aggregation operator with specified variables.

#### Parameters

- **\*args** – Optional variable definitions. If provided the operators given within the variable definitions are required to be valid aggregation functions



- **domain** – Optional domain category of the operator. If provided, the category has to be given as a `type`. Supported types are `object`, subclasses of the class `Mapping class <collection.abs.Mapping>` and subclasses of the `Sequence` class. The default domain is `object`.
- **target** – Optional target category of the operator. If provided, the category has to be given as a `type`. Supported types are `tuple` and `:dict:'dict'`. If no target type is specified, the target category of the operator depends on the domain. In this case for the domain `object`, the target type is documented by the the builtin function `attrgetter()`, for other domains by the function `itemgetter()`.

Return:

```
create_group_aggregator (*args, key: Union[Hashable, Tuple[Hashable, ...], None] = None, domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] = None, target: type = <class 'tuple'>, presorted: bool = False) → Callable[[Sequence[Any]], Any]
```

Creates a group aggregation operator.

#### Parameters

- **\*args** – Optional variable definitions. If provided the operators given within the variable definitions are required to be valid aggregation functions. If not provided, the returned operator is the identity.
- **key** – Optional grouping key. If provided, the grouping key can be a field identifier or a composite key, given by a tuple of field identifiers. Thereby the type and the concrete meaning of the field identifiers depends on the domain of the operator.
- **domain** – Optional domain category of the operator. If provided, the category has to be given as a `type`. Supported types are `object`, subclasses of the class `Mapping class <collection.abs.Mapping>` and subclasses of the `Sequence` class. The default domain is `object`.
- **target** – Optional target category of the operator. If provided, the category has to be given as a `type`. Supported types are `tuple` and `:dict:'dict'`. If no target type is specified, the target category of the operator depends on the domain. In this case for the domain `object`, the target type is documented by the the builtin function `attrgetter()`, for other domains by the function `itemgetter()`.
- **target** – Optional target type of the operator. Supported types are `tuple` and `:dict:'dict'`. If no target type is specified, the target of the operator depends on the domain. In this caser for the domain `object`, the target type is documented by the the builtin function `attrgetter()`, for other domains by the function `itemgetter()`.
- **presorted** – The operation splits in three consecutive steps, where in the first step the input sequence is sorted by the given keys. Consequently if the sequences are already sorted, the first step is not required and can be omitted to increase the performance of the operator. By default the input sequences are assumed not to be presorted.

Returns:

```
create_grouper (*args, domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] = None, presorted: bool = False) → Callable[[Sequence[Any]], Any]
```

Create a grouping operator with fixed grouping keys.

#### Parameters

- **\*args** – Optional *grouping keys*, which are used to group sequences of objects of given domain type. If provided, any grouping key is required to be a valid field identifier for the domain type.

- **domain** – Optional domain like parameter, that specifies the type and (if required) the frame of the operator’s domain. The accepted parameter values are documented in the class *Getter*.
- **presorted** – The grouping operation splits in two consecutive steps: In the first step the input sequence is sorted by the given keys. Thereupon in the second step the sorted sequence is partitioned in blocks, which are equal with respect to the keys. Consequently if the sequences are already sorted, the first step is not required and can be omitted to increase the performance of the operator. By default the input sequences are assumed not to be presorted.

**Returns** List of sequences containing objects of a given domain type, which are equal with respect to given grouping keys.

**create\_setter** (\*args, domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] = <class 'object'>) → Callable[[...], Any]  
 Create a setter operator.

**Parameters**

- **\*args** – Optional pairs containing field values. If provided, the pairs have to be given in the format (<field>, <value>), where <field> is a valid field identifier within the domain type and <value> an arbitrary object.
- **domain** – Optional domain like parameter, that specifies the type and (if required) the frame of the operator’s domain. Supported domain types are *object*, subclasses of the class: *Mapping class <collection.abs.Mapping>* and subclasses of the *Sequence class*. If no domain type is specified (which is indicated by the default value None) the returned operator is the zero operator.

**create\_sorter** (\*args, domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] = None, reverse: bool = False) → Callable[[Sequence[Any]], Sequence[Any]]  
 Create a sorter with fixed sorting keys.

Sorters are operators, that act on sequences of objects of a given category and change the order of the objects within the sequence.

**Parameters**

- **\*args** – Optional *sorting keys*, which in hierarchically descending order are used to sort sequences of objects of given domain type. If provided, any sorting key is required to be a valid field identifier for the domain type.
- **domain** – Optional domain like parameter, that specifies the type and (if required) the frame of the operator’s domain. The accepted parameter values are documented in the class *Getter*.
- **reverse** – Optional boolean parameter. If set to True, then the sequence elements are sorted as if each comparison were reversed.

**Returns** Callable function which sorts a sequence of objects of a given domain by given sorting keys.

**create\_wrapper** (\*\*attrs) → Callable[[...], Any]  
 Create a function wrapper that adds attributes.

**Parameters** **\*\*attrs** – Arbitrary keyword arguments

**Returns** Function wrapper for given function, with additional specified attributes.

**flib.base.otree module**

Helper functions for objects and object trees.

**call\_attr** (*obj: object, attr: str, \*args, \*\*kwds*) → Any  
Call an object attribute with given arguments.

**Parameters**

- **obj** – Arbitrary object
- **attr** – Name of callable object attribute
- **\*args** – Arbitrary arguments, that are passed to the call
- **\*kwds** – Arbitrary keyword arguments, that are passes to the call, if supported by the member attribute.

**Returns** Result of call.

**get\_lang\_repr** (*obj: object, separator: str = 'and'*) → str  
Get enumerated representation of a collection's items.

**Parameters** **separator** – String separator for collection items.

**Returns** Natural language representation of object.

**get\_members** (*obj: object, pattern: Optional[str] = None, classinfo: Union[Type[Any], Tuple[Type[Any], ...]] = <class 'object'>, rules: Optional[Dict[str, Callable[[Any, Any], bool]]] = None, \*\*kwds*) → list  
List members of an object.

This is a wrapper function to `get_members_dict()`, but only returns the names of the members instead of the respective dictionary of attributes.

**get\_members\_dict** (*obj: object, pattern: Optional[str] = None, classinfo: Union[Type[Any], Tuple[Type[Any], ...]] = <class 'object'>, rules: Optional[Dict[str, Callable[[Any, Any], bool]]] = None, \*\*kwds*) → dict  
Get dictionary with an object's members dict attributes.

**Parameters**

- **obj** – Arbitrary object
- **pattern** – Only members which names satisfy the wildcard pattern given by 'pattern' are returned. The format of the wildcard pattern is described in the standard library module `fnmatch`. By default all names are allowed.
- **classinfo** – Classinfo given as a class, a type or a tuple containing classes, types or other tuples. Only members, which are ether an instance or a subclass of classinfo are returned. By default all types are allowed.
- **rules** – Dictionary with custom test functions, which are used for the comparison of the attribute value against the argument value. The dictionary items are of the form `<attribute>: <test>`, where `<attribute>` is the attribute name and `<test>` is a boolean valued lambda function, with two arguments `<arg>` and `<attr>`, which respectively give the value of the keyword argument and the member attribute. A member passes the rules, if all `<test>` functions evaluate to True against the given keyword arguments:

```
rules = {'tags': lambda arg, attr: set(arg) <= set(attr)}
```

By default any attribute, which is not in the filter rules is compared to the argument value by equality.

- **\*\*kwargs** – Keyword arguments, that define the attribute filter for the returned dictionary. For example if the argument “tags = ['test']” is given, then only members are returned, which have the attribute ‘tags’ and the value of the attribute equals ['test']. If, however, the filter rule of the above example is given, then any member, with attribute ‘tags’ and a corresponding tag list, that comprises ‘test’ is returned.

**Returns** Dictionary with fully qualified object names as keys and attribute dictionaries as values.

**get\_methods** (*obj: object, pattern: Optional[str] = None, groupby: Optional[str] = None, key: Optional[str] = None, val: Optional[str] = None*) → Union[Dict[str, Any], Dict[Any, Dict[str, Any]], Dict[Any, Dict[Any, Dict[str, Any]]]

Get methods from a given class instance.

#### Parameters

- **obj** – Class object
- **pattern** – Only methods, which names satisfy the wildcard pattern given by ‘pattern’ are returned. The format of the wildcard pattern is described in the standard library module `fnmatch`.
- **groupby** – Name of attribute which value is used to group the results. If groupby is None, then the results are not grouped. Default: None
- **key** – Name of the attribute which is used as the key for the returned dictionary. If key is None, then the method names are used as key. Default: None
- **val** – Name of attribute which is used as the value for the returned dictionary. If val is None, then all attributes of the respective methods are returned. Default: None

**Returns** Dictionary containing all methods of a given class instance, which names satisfy a given filter pattern.

**get\_name** (*obj: object*) → str

Get name identifier for an object.

This function returns the name identifier of an object. If the object does not have a name attribute, the name is retrieved from the object class.

**Parameters** **obj** – Arbitrary object

**Returns** Name of an object.

**get\_summary** (*obj: object*) → str

Get summary line for an object.

This function returns the summary line of the documentation string for an object as specified in [PEP 257](#). If the documentation string is not provided the summary line is retrieved from the inheritance hierarchy.

**Parameters** **obj** – Arbitrary object

**Returns** Summary line for an object.

**has\_base** (*obj: object, base: Union[type, str]*) → bool

Return true if the object has the given base class.

#### Parameters

- **obj** – Arbitrary object
- **base** – Class name of base class

**Returns** True if the given object has the named base as base

**flib.base.parser module**

Multi-Purpose Expression Parser.

**class Expression** (*tokens: List[flib.base.parser.Token], vocabulary: flib.base.parser.Vocabulary, mapping: Optional[dict] = None*)

Bases: `object`

**as\_func** (*compile: bool = True*) → Callable

**as\_string** (*translate: Optional[dict] = None*) → str

**eval** (*\*args, \*\*kwds*) → Any

**origin**

**simplify** (*values: Optional[dict] = None*) → flib.base.parser.Expression

**subst** (*key: str, expr: Union[Expression, str]*) → flib.base.parser.Expression  
Substitute variable in expression.

**symbols**

**variables**

**class Parser** (*vocabulary: Optional[flib.base.parser.Vocabulary] = None*)

Bases: `object`

**eval** (*expression: str, \*args, \*\*kwds*) → Any

**expression**

**parse** (*expression: str, variables: Optional[Tuple[str, ...]] = None*) → flib.base.parser.Expression

**success**

**class PyBuiltin**

Bases: `flib.base.parser.PyOperators`

Python3 Operators and Builtins.

**class PyExprEval**

Bases: `flib.base.parser.Vocabulary`

Symbols used by py-expression-eval.

**class PyOperators**

Bases: `flib.base.parser.Vocabulary`

Python3 Operators.

This vocabulary is based on <https://docs.python.org/3/reference/expressions.html>

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**Hint:** In difference to standard Python interpreter, some expressions are not valid: Invalid: `x + -y` -> Valid: `x + (-y)`

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**class Symbol** (*type: int, key: str, value: Any, priority: int = 0, builtin: bool = False, factory: bool = False*)

Bases: `object`

Data Class for Parser Symbols.

**builtin = False**

**factory = False**

```
priority = 0
```

```
class Token (type: int, id: Union[str, int] = 0, priority: int = 0, value: Any = 0, key: str = "")
```

```
Bases: object
```

```
id = 0
```

```
key = ''
```

```
priority = 0
```

```
value = 0
```

```
class Vocabulary
```

```
Bases: set
```

Base Class for Parser Vocabularies.

```
get (type: int, key: str) → flib.base.parser.Symbol
```

Get symbol from vocabulary.

```
search (type: Optional[int] = None, builtin: Optional[bool] = None) → Dict[str, flib.base.parser.Symbol]
```

Search for symbols within the vocabulary.

#### Parameters

- **type** – Integer parameter representing the type of symbols.
- **builtin** – Optional Boolean parameter representing the ‘builtin’ flag of the symbols. For ‘True’, only symbols are returned, that are marked to be builtin symbols, for ‘False’ only symbols, that are marked not to be builtin. By default the ‘builtin’ flag is ignored in the search result.

**Returns** OrderedDict containing Symbols in reverse lexical order to prioritize symbols with greater length.

```
parse (expression: str, variables: Optional[Tuple[str, ...]] = None, vocabulary: Optional[flib.base.parser.Vocabulary] = None) → flib.base.parser.Expression
```

### flib.base.phonetic module

Phonetic Algorithms.

```
soundex (string: str) → str
```

Calculate Soundex Index.

Soundex is a phonetic algorithm for indexing names by sound, as pronounced in English. The goal is for homophones to be encoded to the same representation so that they can be matched despite minor differences in spelling.

### flib.base.pkg module

Package tree helper functions.

```
call_attr (name: str, *args, **kws) → Any
```

Call an attribute of current module with given arguments.

#### Parameters

- **name** – Name of callable attribute

- **\*args** – Arbitrary arguments, that are passed to the call
- **\*kwds** – Arbitrary keyword arguments, that are passes to the call, if supported by the member attribute.

**Returns** Result of call.

**crop\_functions** (*prefix: str, module: Optional[module] = None*) → list

Get list of cropped function names that satisfy a given prefix.

**Parameters**

- **prefix** – String conatining the initial prefix of the returned functions
- **module** – Module reference. By default the current callers module is used.

**Returns** List of functions, that match a given prefix.

**get\_attr** (*name: str, default: Any = None, module: Optional[module] = None*) → Any

Get an attribute of current module.

**Parameters**

- **name** – Name of attribute.
- **default** – Default value, which is returned, if the attribute does not exist.
- **module** – Optional reference to module, which is used to search for the given attribute. By default the current callers module is used.

**Returns** Value of attribute.

**get\_module** (*name: Optional[str] = None, errors: bool = True*) → Optional[module]

Get reference to a module instance.

**Parameters**

- **name** – Optional name of module- If provided, the name is required to be a fully qualified name. By default a refrence to the module of the current caller is returned.
- **errors** – Boolean value which determines if an error is raised, if the module could not be found. By default errors are raised.

**Returns** Module reference or None, if the name does not point to a valid module.

**get\_parent** (*module: Optional[module] = None*) → module

Get parent module.

**Parameters** **module** – Optional reference to module. By default the current callers module is used.

**Returns** Module reference to the parent module of the current callers module.

**get\_root** (*module: Optional[module] = None*) → module

Get top level module.

**Parameters** **module** – Optional reference to module. By default the current callers module is used.

**Returns** Module reference to the top level module of the current callers module.

**get\_root\_name** (*fqn: str*) → str

**get\_submodule** (*name: str, parent: Optional[module] = None*) → Optional[module]

Get instance from the name of a submodule of the current module.

**Parameters**

- **name** – Name of submodule of given module.

- **parent** – Optional reference to module, which has to be searched for submodules. By default the current callers module is used.

**Returns** Module reference of submodule or None, if the current module does not contain the given module name.

**get\_submodules** (*parent: Optional[module] = None, recursive: bool = False*) → List[str]

Get list with submodule names.

**Parameters**

- **parent** – Optional reference to module, which has to be searched for submodules. By default the current callers module is used.
- **recursive** – Boolean value which determines, if the search is performed recursively within all submodules. By default the returned list only comprises immediate submodules.

**Returns** List with fully qualified names of submodules.

**has\_attr** (*name: str, module: Optional[module] = None*) → bool

Determine if a module has an attribute of given name.

**Parameters**

- **name** – Name of attribute
- **module** – Optional reference to module, which is used to search for the given attribute. By default the current callers module is used.

**Returns** Result of call.

**search** (*module: Optional[module] = None, pattern: Optional[str] = None, classinfo: Union[Type[Any], Tuple[Type[Any], ...]] = <class 'function'>, key: Optional[str] = None, val: Optional[str] = None, groupby: Optional[str] = None, recursive: bool = True, rules: Optional[Dict[str, Callable[[Any, bool]]] = None, errors: bool = False, \*\*kwds*) → dict

Recursively search for objects within submodules.

**Parameters**

- **module** – Optional reference to module, which is used to search objects. By default the current callers module is used.
- **pattern** – Only objects which names satisfy the wildcard pattern given by ‘pattern’ are returned. The format of the wildcard pattern is described in the standard library module `fnmatch`. If pattern is None, then all objects are returned. Default: None
- **classinfo** – Classinfo given as a class, a type or a tuple containing classes, types or other tuples. Only members, which are ether an instance or a subclass of classinfo are returned. By default all types are allowed.
- **key** – Name of function attribute which is used as the key for the returned dictionary. If ‘key’ is None, then the fully qualified function names are used as keys. Default: None
- **val** – Name of function attribute which is used as the value for the returned dictionary. If ‘val’ is None, then all attributes of the respective objects are returned. Default: None
- **groupby** – Name of function attribute which is used to group the results. If ‘groupby’ is None, then the results are not grouped. Default: None
- **recursive** – Boolean value which determines if the search is performed recursively within all submodules. Default: True
- **rules** – Dictionary with individual filter rules, used by the attribute filter. The form is {<attribute>: <lambda>, ... }, where: <attribute> is a string with the attribute name and



<lambda> is a boolean valued lambda function, which specifies the comparison of the attribute value against the argument value. Example: {'tags': lambda arg, attr: set(arg) <= set(attr)} By default any attribute, which is not in the filter rules is compared to the argument value by equality.

- **errors** – Boolean value which determines if an error is raised, if the module could not be found. By default errors are not raised.
- **\*\*kwds** – Keyword arguments, that define the attribute filter for the returned dictionary. For example if the argument “tags = ['test']” is given, then only objects are returned, which have the attribute ‘tags’ and the value of the attribute equals ['test']. If, however, the filter rule of the above example is given, then any function, with attribute ‘tags’ and a corresponding tag list, that comprises ‘test’ is returned.

**Returns** Dictionary with function information as specified in the arguments ‘key’ and ‘val’.

### flib.base.stack module

Call stack helper functions.

**get\_caller\_module** () → module  
Get reference to callers module.

**get\_caller\_module\_name** (*frame: int = 0*) → str  
Get name of module, which calls this function.

**Parameters frame** – Frame index relative to the current frame in the callstack, which is identified with 0. Negative values consecutively identify previous modules within the callstack. Default: 0

**Returns** String with name of module.

**get\_caller\_name** (*frame: int = 0*) → str  
Get name of the callable, which calls this function.

**Parameters frame** – Frame index relative to the current frame in the callstack, which is identified with 0. Negative values consecutively identify previous modules within the callstack. Default: 0

**Returns** String with name of the caller.

### flib.base.stype module

Structural / Symbolic Types.

**class Domain**

Bases: tuple

Class for Domain Parameters.

**basis**

Alias for field number 2

**frame**

Alias for field number 1

**type**

Alias for field number 0

**class Field**

Bases: `tuple`

Class for Field Parameters.

**id**

Alias for field number 0

**type**

Alias for field number 1

**class Variable**

Bases: `tuple`

Class for the storage of variable definitions.

**frame**

Alias for field number 2

**name**

Alias for field number 0

**operator**

Alias for field number 1

**create\_basis** (*arg: Any*) → `Tuple[Tuple[Hashable, ...], Dict[Hashable, flib.base.stype.Field]]`

Create domain frame and basis from given field definitions.

Args:

Returns:

**create\_domain** (*domain: Union[type, None, Tuple[Optional[type], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Domain] = None, defaults: Optional[Mapping[str, Any]] = None*) → `flib.base.stype.Domain`

Create Domain object from domain definition.

**Parameters**

- **domain** – Optional domain like parameter, that specifies the type and (if required) the frame of a domain.
- **defaults** – Optional `mapping` which is used to complete the given domain definition. The key `'type'` specifies the default domain type and is required to be given as a `type`. The key `'fields'` specifies a default ordered basis for the domain and is required to be given as a single or a tuple of field definitions.

**Returns** Instance of the class `Domain`

**create\_field**

Create a Field object.

**Parameters** **field** – Field definition

**Returns** Instance of class `Field`

**create\_variable** (*var: Union[str, Tuple[str], Tuple[str, Hashable], Tuple[str, Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Tuple[str, Callable[[...], Any]], Tuple[str, Callable[[...], Any], Hashable], Tuple[str, Callable[[...], Any], Tuple[Hashable, ...]], Tuple[str, str, Hashable], Tuple[str, str, Tuple[Hashable, ...]]], default: Optional[Callable[[...], Any]] = None*) → `flib.base.stype.Variable`

Create variable from variable definition.

**Parameters**

- **var** – Variable definition

- **default** –

Returns:

## flib.base.test module

Unittests.

### class Case

Bases: `tuple`

Class for the storage of Case parameters.

#### args

Alias for field number 0

#### kwds

Alias for field number 1

#### value

Alias for field number 2

### class GenericTest (*methodName='runTest'*)

Bases: `unittest.case.TestCase`

Custom testcase.

**assertAllEqual** (*a: object, b: object*) → None

Assert that two objects are equal.

**assertCaseContain** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that all function evaluations comprise the given values.

**assertCaseEqual** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that all function evaluations equal the given values.

**assertCaseFalse** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that all function evaluations cast to False.

**assertCaseIn** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that all function evaluations are in the given values.

**assertCaseIsSubclass** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], supercls: type, cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert outcome type of a class constructor.

**assertCaseNotContain** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that all function evaluations comprise the given values.

**assertCaseNotEqual** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that all function evaluations differ from the given values.

**assertCaseNotIn** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that all function evaluations are in the given values.

**assertCaseNotRaises** (*cls: Type[BaseException], func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that no function parameter raises an exception.

**assertCaseRaises** (*cls: Type[BaseException], func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that all function parameters raise an exception.

**assertCaseTrue** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], cases: List[Case]*) → None

Assert that all function evaluations cast to True.

**assertExactEqual** (*a: object, b: object*) → None  
Assert that two objects are equal in type and value.

**assertIsSubclass** (*cls: type, supercls: type*) → None  
Assert that a class is a subclass of another.

**assertNotRaises** (*cls: Type[BaseException], func: Callable[[...], Any], \*args, \*\*kwds*) → None  
Assert that an exception is not raised.

**class ModuleTest** (*methodName='runTest'*)  
Bases: *flib.base.test.GenericTest*  
Custom testcase.

**assertModuleIsComplete** () → None  
Assert that all members of module are tested.

**test\_completeness** () → None

### flib.base.thread module

Multithreading functions.

**create** (*func: Callable[[...], Any], \*args, \*\*kwds*) → object  
Create and start thread for given callable and arguments.

### Module contents

Various Elementary Modules.

### flib.errors package

#### Module contents

Errors and Exceptions.

**exception ColumnLookupError** (*colname: int*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.TableError, LookupError*  
Column Lookup Error.

**exception ConnectError** (*msg: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.ProxyError*  
Raise when a proxy connection can not be established.

**exception DirNotEmptyError** (*msg: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, OSError*  
Raise on remove requests on non-empty directories.

**exception DisconnectError** (*msg: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.ProxyError*  
Raise when a proxy connection can not be closed.

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**exception DuplicateError** (*name: str, dubl: set*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*  
Raise when a collection contains duplicates.

**exception ExistsError** (*msg: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, LookupError*  
Raise when an already existing unique object shall be created.

**exception FileFormatError** (*name: str, fmt: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, OSError*  
Raise when a referenced file has an invalid file format.

**exception FileNotGivenError** (*msg: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, OSError*  
Raise when a file or directory is required, but not given.

**exception FoundError** (*msg: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, LookupError*  
Raise when an already registered unique object shall be registered.

**exception InvalidAttrError** (*obj: object, attr: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, AttributeError*  
Raise when a not existing attribute is called.

**exception InvalidClassError** (*name: str, obj: object, cls: type*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, TypeError*  
Raise when an object is required to be of a given subclass.

**exception InvalidFormatError** (*name: str, val: str, fmt: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*  
Rasise when a string has an invalid format.

**exception InvalidTypeError** (*name: str, obj: object, info: object = None*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, TypeError*  
Raise when an object is required to be of a given type.

**exception IsNegativeError** (*name: str, val: numbers.Number*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*  
Raise when a value may not be negative.

**exception IsPositiveError** (*name: str, val: numbers.Number*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*  
Raise when a value may not be positive.

**exception ItemNotFoundError** (*name: str, val: Any, container: str*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*  
Raise when an item is not found within a container.

**exception MaxSizeError** (*name: str, obj: collections.abc.Sized, max\_len: int*)  
Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*  
Raise when a container has too many elements.

**exception MinSizeError** (*name: str, obj: collections.abc.Sized, min\_len: int*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*

Raise when a sized object has too few elements.

**exception MissingKwError** (*argname: str, obj: Callable*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, TypeError*

Raise when a required keyword argument is not given.

**exception NoSubsetError** (*a: str, seta: set, b: str, setb: set*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*

Raise when sequence elements are not contained within another.

**exception NotCallableError** (*name: str, obj: object*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, TypeError*

Raise when an object is required to be callable.

**exception NotClassError** (*name: str, obj: object*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, TypeError*

Raise when an object is required to be a class.

**exception NotExistsError** (*msg: str*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, LookupError*

Raise when a non existing unique object is requested.

**exception NotFoundError** (*msg: str*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, LookupError*

Raise when a unique object is not found in a registry.

**exception NotNegativeError** (*name: str, val: numbers.Number*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*

Raise when a value must be negative.

**exception NotPositiveError** (*name: str, val: numbers.Number*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, ValueError*

Raise when a value must be positive.

**exception ProxyError** (*msg: str*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserError*

Base Exception for Proxy Errors.

**exception PullError** (*msg: str*)

Bases: *flib.errors.ProxyError*

Raise when a pull-request could not be finished.

**exception PushError** (*msg: str*)

Bases: *flib.errors.ProxyError*

Raise when a push-request could not be finished.

**exception ReadOnlyAttrError** (*obj: object, attr: str*)

Bases: *flib.errors.UserAssert, AttributeError*

Raise when a read-only attribute's setter method is called.

**exception RowLookupError** (*rowid: int*)  
 Bases: `flib.errors.TableError`, `LookupError`

Row Lookup Error.

**exception SizeError** (*name: str, obj: collections.abc.Sized, size: int*)  
 Bases: `flib.errors.UserAssert`, `ValueError`

Raise when a sized object has an invalid size.

**exception TableError** (*msg: str*)  
 Bases: `flib.errors.UserError`

Base Exception for Table Errors.

**exception UserAssert** (*msg: str*)  
 Bases: `flib.errors.UserError`, `AssertionError`

Exception for user asserts.

**exception UserError** (*msg: str*)  
 Bases: `flib.errors.UserException`

Exception for user errors.

**exception UserException** (*msg: str*)  
 Bases: `Exception`

Base class for user exceptions.

## flib.io package

### Submodules

#### flib.io.abc module

Abstract Base Classes for file I/O.

**class Connector**  
 Bases: `abc.ABC`

File Connector Base Class.

**name**

**open** (*\*args, \*\*kws*) → IO[Any]

#### flib.io.csv module

File I/O for text files containing delimiter-separated values.

The [delimiter-separated values format](#) is a family of file formats, used for the storage of tabular data. In it's most common variant, the [comma-separated values format](#), the format was used many years prior to attempts to it's standardization in [RFC 4180](#), such that subtle differences often exist in the data produced and consumed by different applications. This circumstance has and basically been addressed by [PEP 305](#) and the standard library module `csv`. The current module extends the capabilities of the standard library by I/O handling of [file references](#), support of non-standard CSV headers, as used in CSV exports of the [R programming language](#), automation in CSV parameter detection and row names.

```
class File (file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], header: Optional[Iterable[str]] =  
            None, comment: Optional[str] = None, dialect: Union[str, csv.Dialect, None] = None, delim-  
            iter: Optional[str] = None, namecol: Optional[str] = None, hformat: Optional[int] = None)  
Bases: flib.base.attrib.Group
```

File Class for text files containing delimiter-separated values.

### Parameters

- **file** – *File reference* to a file object. The reference can either be given as a String or path-like object, that points to a valid entry in the file system, an instance of the class *Connector* or an opened file object in reading or writing mode.
- **header** – Optional list (or arbitrary iterable) of strings, that specify the column names within the CSV file. For an existing file, the header by default is extracted from the first content line (not blank and not starting with #). For a new file the header is required and an error is raised if the header is not given.
- **comment** – Optional string, which precedes the header and the rows of the CSV file, e.g. to include metadata within the file. For an existing file, the string by default is extracted from the initial comment lines (starting with #). For a new file the comment by default is empty.
- **dialect** – Optional parameter, that indicates the used CSV dialect. The parameter can be given as a dialect name from the list returned by the function `csv.list_dialects()`, or an instance of the class `csv.Dialect`.
- **delimiter** – Single character, which is used to separate the column values within the CSV file. For an existing file, the delimiter by default is detected from its appearance within the file. For a new file the default value is ,.
- **namecol** – Optional column name of a column, which contains row names. If a valid column is given, then the readonly attribute *rownames* returns this column as a list. By default the column is inferred from the used header format. For a **RFC 4180** compliant header by default no row names are used. For a header as used in exports of the **R programming language** by default the first column is used to store row names.
- **hformat** – Used CSV Header format. The following formats are supported: 0: **RFC 4180**:  
The column header represents the structure of the rows.  
  
1: **R programming language**: The column header does not include the first column of the rows. This follows by the convention, that in the R programming language the CSV export adds an extra column with row names as the first column, which is omitted within the CSV header.

**close ()** → None

Close all opened file handlers of CSV File.

**comment**

String containing the initial '#' lines of the CSV file or an empty string, if no initial comment lines could be detected.

**delimiter**

Delimiter character of the CSV file or None, if for an existing file the delimiter could not be detected.

**dialect = None**

**fields = None**

**header**

List of strings containing column names from first non comment, non empty line of CSV file.



**hformat**

**RFC 4180:** The column header represents the structure of the rows.

**1: R programming language:** The column header does not include the first column of the rows. This follows by the convention, that in the R programming language the CSV export adds an extra column with row names as the first column, which is omitted within the CSV header.

**Type** CSV Header format. The following formats are supported

**Type** 0

**name** = None

**namecol**

Readonly name of column, that contains the row names. By default the column is inferred from the used header format. For a **RFC 4180** compliant header by default no row names are used. For a header as used in exports of the **R programming language** by default the name of the first column is returned.

**open** (*mode*: *str* = 'r', *columns*: *Optional[Tuple[str, ...]]* = None) → `flib.io.csv.HandlerBase`

Open CSV file in reading or writing mode.

**Parameters**

- **mode** – String, which characters specify the mode in which the file is to be opened. The default mode is *reading mode*, which is indicated by the character *r*. The character *w* indicates *writing mode*. Thereby reading- and writing mode are exclusive and can not be used together.
- **columns** – Has no effect in writing mode. For reading mode it specifies the columns, which are return from the CSV file by their respective column names. By default all columns are returned.

**Returns** In *reading mode* (if mode contains the character *w*) an instance of the class `Reader` is returned and in *writing mode* (if mode contains the character *r*) an instance of the class `Writer` is returned.

**read** (*columns*: *Optional[Tuple[str, ...]]* = None) → List[tuple]

Read all rows from current CSV file.

**Parameters** **columns** – Specifies the columns, which are return from the CSV file by their respective column names. By default all columns are returned.

**Returns** List of tuples, which contain the values of the specified columns.

**rownames** = None

**write** (*rows*: List[tuple]) → None

Write rows to current CSV file.

**Parameters** **rows** – List of tuples (or arbitrary iterables), which respectively contain the values of a single row.

**class HandlerBase** (*file*: *Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]*, *mode*: *str* = 'r')

Bases: `abc.ABC`

CSV file I/O Handler Base Class.

**Parameters**

- **file** – *File reference* to a `file object`. The reference can either be given as a String or *path-like object*, that points to a valid entry in the file system, an instance of the class `Connector` or an opened file object in reading mode.

- **mode** – String, which characters specify the mode in which the file is to be opened. The default mode is *reading mode*, which is indicated by the character *r*. The character *w* indicates *writing mode*. Thereby reading- and writing mode are exclusive and can not be used together.

**close** () → None  
Close the CSV file handler.

**read\_row** () → tuple  
Read a single row from the referenced file as a tuple.

**read\_rows** () → List[tuple]  
Read multiple rows from the referenced file as a list of tuples.

**write\_row** (row: Iterable[T\_co]) → None  
Write a single row to the referenced file from a tuple.

**write\_rows** (rows: Iterable[tuple]) → None  
Write multiple rows to the referenced file from a list of tuples.

**class Reader** (file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], skiprows: int, usecols: Optional[Tuple[int, ...]], fields: List[Tuple[str, type]], \*\*kwds)  
Bases: [flib.io.csv.HandlerBase](#)

CSV file I/O Reader Class.

#### Parameters

- **file** – *File reference* to a file object. The reference can either be given as a String or path-like object, that points to a valid entry in the file system, an instance of the class *Connector* or an opened file object in reading mode.
- **skiprows** – Number of initial lines within the given CSV file before the CSV Header. By default no lines are skipped.
- **usecols** – Tuple with column IDs of the columns, which are imported from the given CSV file. By default all columns are imported.
- **fields** – List (or arbitrary iterable) of field descriptors, respectively given by a tuple, containing a column name and a column type.
- **\*\*kwds** – Formatting parameters used by *csv*. See also [Dialects and formatting parameters](#)

**read\_row** () → tuple  
Read a single row from the referenced file as a tuple.

**read\_rows** () → List[tuple]  
Read multiple rows from the referenced file as a list of tuples.

**write\_row** (row: Iterable[T\_co]) → None  
Write a single row to the referenced file from a tuple.

**write\_rows** (rows: Iterable[tuple]) → None  
Write multiple rows to the referenced file from a list of tuples.

**class Writer** (file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], header: Iterable[str], comment: str = ", \*\*kwds)  
Bases: [flib.io.csv.HandlerBase](#)

CSV file I/O Writer Class.

#### Parameters

- **file** – *File reference* to a [file object](#). The reference can either be given as a String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid entry in the file system, an instance of the class [Connector](#) or an opened file object in writing mode.
- **header** – List (or arbitrary iterable) of column names, that specify the header of the CSV file.
- **comment** – Initial comment of the CSV file.
- **\*\*kwds** – Formatting parameters used by `csv`. See also [Dialects and formatting parameters](#)

**read\_row** () → tuple

Read a single row from the referenced file as a tuple.

**read\_rows** () → List[tuple]

Read multiple rows from the referenced file as a list of tuples.

**write\_row** (row: Iterable[T\_co]) → None

Write a single row to the referenced file from a tuple.

**write\_rows** (rows: Iterable[tuple]) → None

Write multiple rows to the referenced file from a list of tuples.

**load** (file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.csv.Connector], delimiter: Optional[str] = None, hformat: Optional[int] = None) → flib.io.csv.File  
Load CSV file.

#### Parameters

- **file** – *File reference* to a [file object](#). The reference can either be given as a String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid entry in the file system, an instance of the class [Connector](#) or an opened file object in reading or writing mode.
- **delimiter** – Single character, which is used to separate the column values within the CSV file. By default the delimiter is detected from its appearance within the file.
- **hformat** –

**Returns** Instance of class `flib.io.csv.File`

**save** (file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.csv.Connector], header: Iterable[str], values: List[tuple], comment: Optional[str] = None, delimiter: Optional[str] = None, hformat: Optional[int] = None) → None  
Save data to CSV file.

#### Parameters

- **file** – *File reference* to a [file object](#). The reference can either be given as a String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid entry in the file system, an instance of the class [Connector](#) or an opened file object in reading or writing mode.
- **header** – Optional list (or arbitrary iterable) of strings, that specify the column names within the CSV file. For an existing file, the header by default is extracted from the first content line (not blank and not starting with #). For a new file the header is required and an error is raised if the header is not given.
- **comment** – Optional string, which precedes the header and the rows of the CSV file, e.g. to include metadata within the file. For an existing file, the string by default is extracted from the initial comment lines (starting with #). For a new file the comment by default is empty.
- **delimiter** – Single character, which is used to separate the column values within the CSV file. For an existing file, the delimiter by default is detected from its appearance within the file. For a new file the default value is ,.

- **hformat** –

## flib.io.ini module

File I/O for text files in Microsoft Windows INI file-format.

**decode** (*text*: str, *scheme*: Union[Dict[str, Optional[type]], Dict[str, Dict[str, Optional[type]]], None] = None, *autocast*: bool = False, *flat*: Optional[bool] = None) → Union[Dict[str, Optional[type]], Dict[str, Dict[str, Optional[type]]]]  
Load configuration dictionary from INI-formatted text.

### Parameters

- **text** – Text, that describes a configuration in INI-format.
- **scheme** – Dictionary of dictionaries, which determines the structure of the configuration dictionary. If scheme is None, the INI-file is completely imported and all values are interpreted as strings. If the scheme is a dictionary of dictionaries, the keys of the outer dictionary describe valid section names by strings, that are interpreted as regular expressions. Therupon, the keys of the respective inner dictionaries describe valid parameter names as strings, that are also interpreted as regular expressions. Finally the values of the inner dictionaries define the type of the parameters by their own type, e.g. str, int, float etc. Accepted types can be found in the documentation of the function *literal.decode*.
- **autocast** – If no scheme is given autocast determines, if the values are automatically converted to types, estimated by the function *literal.estimate*
- **flat** – Determines if the desired INI format structure contains sections or not. By default sections are used, if the first non blank, non comment line in the string identifies a section.

**Returns** Structured configuration dictionary.

**encode** (*config*: dict, *flat*: Optional[bool] = None, *comment*: Optional[str] = None) → str  
Convert configuration dictionary to INI formatted string.

### Parameters

- **config** – Configuration dictionary
- **flat** – Determines if the desired INI format structure contains sections or not. By default sections are used, if the dictionary contains subdictionaries.
- **comment** – String containing comment lines, which are stored as initial '#' lines in the INI-file. By default no comment is written.

**Returns** Text with INI-file structure.

**get\_comment** (*file*: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]) → str  
Read initial comment lines from INI-file.

**Parameters** **file** – *File reference* to a file object. The reference can ether be given as a String or *path-like object*, that points to a valid entry in the file system, a *file accessor* or an opened file object in reading or writing mode.

**Returns** String containing the initial comment lines of the INI-file or an empty string, if no initial comment lines could be detected.

**load** (*file*: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], *scheme*: Union[Dict[str, Optional[type]], Dict[str, Dict[str, Optional[type]]], None] = None, *autocast*: bool = False, *flat*: Optional[bool] = None) → Union[Dict[str, Optional[type]], Dict[str, Dict[str, Optional[type]]]]  
Import configuration dictionary from INI file.

**Parameters**

- **file** – *File reference* to a **file object**. The reference can either be given as a String or **path-like object**, that points to a valid entry in the file system, a *file accessor* or an opened file object in reading mode.
- **scheme** – Dictionary of dictionaries, which determines the structure of the configuration dictionary. If scheme is None, the INI-file is completely imported and all values are interpreted as strings. If the scheme is a dictionary of dictionaries, the keys of the outer dictionary describe valid section names by strings, that are interpreted as regular expressions. Therupon, the keys of the respective inner dictionaries describe valid parameter names as strings, that are also interpreted as regular expressions. Finally the values of the inner dictionaries define the type of the parameters by their own type, e.g. str, int, float etc. Accepted types can be found in the documentation of the function *literal.decode*.
- **autocast** – If no scheme is given autocast determines, if the values are automatically converted to types, estimated by the function *literal.estimate*
- **flat** – Determines if the desired INI format structure contains sections or not. By default sections are used, if the first non empty, non comment line in the string identifies a section.

**Returns** Structured configuration dictionary

**parse** (*parser: configparser.ConfigParser, scheme: Optional[Dict[str, Dict[str, Optional[type]]]] = None, autocast: bool = False*) → Dict[str, Dict[str, Any]]  
 Import configuration dictionary from INI formatted text.

**Parameters**

- **parser** – ConfigParser instance that contains an unstructured configuration dictionary
- **scheme** – Dictionary of dictionaries, which determines the structure of the configuration dictionary. If scheme is None, the INI-file is completely imported and all values are interpreted as strings. If the scheme is a dictionary of dictionaries, the keys of the outer dictionary describe valid section names by strings, that are interpreted as regular expressions. Therupon, the keys of the respective inner dictionaries describe valid parameter names as strings, that are also interpreted as regular expressions. Finally the values of the inner dictionaries define the type of the parameters by their own type, e.g. str, int, float etc. Accepted types can be found in the documentation of the function *literal.decode*.
- **autocast** – If no scheme is given autocast determines, if the values are automatically converted to types, estimated by the function *literal.estimate*

**Returns** Structured configuration dictionary.

**save** (*config: dict, file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], flat: Optional[bool] = None, comment: Optional[str] = None*) → None  
 Save configuration dictionary to INI-file.

**Parameters**

- **config** – Configuration dictionary
- **file** – *File reference* to a **file object**. The reference can either be given as a String or **path-like object**, that points to a valid entry in the file system, a *file accessor* or an opened file object in writing mode.
- **flat** – Determines if the desired INI format structure contains sections. By default sections are used, if the dictionary contains subdictionaries.
- **comment** – String containing comment lines, which are stored as initial '#' lines in the INI-file. By default no comment is written.

## flib.io.plain module

File I/O for plain text files.

**get\_comment** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]*) → str  
Read initial comment lines from *text file*.

**Parameters** *file* – *File reference* to a *file object*. The reference can either be given as a String or *path-like object*, that points to a valid entry in the file system, a *file accessor* or an opened file object in reading mode.

**Returns** String containing the header of given text file.

**get\_content** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]*, *lines: int = 0*) → List[str]  
Read non-blank non-comment lines from *text file*.

### Parameters

- **file** – *File reference* to a *file object*. The reference can either be given as a String or *path-like object*, that points to a valid entry in the file system, a *file accessor* or an opened file object in reading mode.
- **lines** – Number of content lines, that are returned. By default all lines are returned.

**Returns** List of strings containing non-blank non-comment lines.

**get\_name** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]*) → Optional[str]  
Get name of referenced file object.

**Parameters** *file* – *File reference* to a *file object*. The reference can either be given as a String or *path-like object*, that points to a valid entry in the file system, a *file accessor* or an opened file object in reading or writing mode.

**Returns** String containing the name of the referenced file object or None if the name could not be determined.

**load** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]*) → str  
Load text from file.

**Parameters** *file* – *File reference* to a *file object*. The reference can either be given as a String or *path-like object*, that points to a valid entry in the file system, a *file accessor* or an opened file object in reading or writing mode.

**Returns** Content of the given file as text.

**openx** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]*, *mode: str = 'rt'*) → Iterator[io.TextIOBase]  
Contextmanager to provide a unified interface to text files.

This context manager extends the standard implementation of `open()` by allowing the passed argument *file* to be a str or *path-like object*, which points to a valid filename in the directory structure of the system, or a *file object*. If the *file* argument is a str or a path-like object, the given path may contain application variables, like `'%home%'` or `'%user_data_dir%'`, which are extended before returning a file handler to a *text file*. Afterwards, when exiting the *with* statement, the file is closed. If the argument *file*, however, is a *file-like object*, the file is not closed, when exiting the *with* statement.

### Parameters

- **file** – *File reference* to a *file object*. The reference can either be given as a String or *path-like object*, that points to a valid entry in the file system, a *file accessor* or an opened file object in reading or writing mode.

- **mode** – String, which characters specify the mode in which the file stream is wrapped. The default mode is reading mode. Supported characters are: ‘r’: Reading mode (default) ‘w’: Writing mode

**Yields** `text file` in reading or writing mode.

**save** (*text: str, file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]*) → None  
Save text to file.

#### Parameters

- **text** – Text given as string
- **file** – *File reference* to a `file object`. The reference can either be given as a String or `path-like object`, that points to a valid entry in the file system, a *file accessor* or an opened file object in writing mode.

### flib.io.raw module

File I/O for binary files.

**load** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], encoding: Optional[str] = None, compressed: bool = False*) → bytes  
Load binary data from file.

#### Parameters

- **file** – String or `path-like object` that points to a readable file in the directory structure of the system, or a `file object` in reading mode.
- **encoding** – Encodings specified in [RFC 3548](#). Allowed values are: ‘base16’, ‘base32’, ‘base64’ and ‘base85’ or None for no encoding. By default no encoding is used.
- **compressed** – Boolean value which determines, if the returned binary data shall be decompressed by using `:func:zlib.decompress`.

**Returns** Content of the given file as bytes object.

**openx** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], mode: str = 'rb'*) → `Iterator[io.BufferedIOBase]`  
Context manager to provide a unified interface to binary files.

This context manager extends the standard implementation of `:py:func'open'` by allowing the passed *file* argument to be a str or `path-like object`, which points to a valid filename in the directory structure of the system, or a `file object`. If the *file* argument is a str or a path-like object, the given path may contain application variables, like `%home%` or `%user_data_dir%`, which are extended before returning a file handler to a `binary file`. Afterwards, when exiting the *with*-statement, the file is closed. If the *file* argument, however, is a `file object`, the file is not closed, when exiting the *with*-statement.

#### Parameters

- **file** – String or `path-like object` that points to a valid filename in the directory structure of the system, or a `file object`.
- **mode** – String, which characters specify the mode in which the file stream is opened or wrapped. The default mode is reading mode. Supported characters are: ‘r’: Reading mode (default) ‘w’: Writing mode

**Yields** `binary file` in reading or writing mode.

**save** (*data: Union[bytes, bytearray, memoryview, str], file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], encoding: Optional[str] = None, compression: Optional[int] = None*) → None  
 Save binary data to file.

**Parameters**

- **data** – Binary data given as [bytes-like object](#) or string
- **file** – String or [path-like object](#) that points to a writable file in the directory structure of the system, or a [file object](#) in writing mode.
- **encoding** – Encodings specified in [RFC 3548](#). Allowed values are: ‘base16’, ‘base32’, ‘base64’ and ‘base85’ or None for no encoding. By default no encoding is used.
- **compression** – Determines the compression level for `zlib.compress()`. By default no zlib compression is used. For an integer ranging from -1 to 9, a zlib compression with the respective compression level is used. Thereby -1 is the default zlib compromise between speed and compression, 0 deflates the given binary data without attempted compression, 1 is the fastest compression with minimum compression capability and 9 is the slowest compression with maximum compression capability.

**flib.io.zip module**

File I/O for ZIP Archives.

**class File** (*filepath: Union[str, os.PathLike, None] = None, pwd: Optional[bytes] = None*)

Bases: [object](#)

In-Memory Zip Archives.

**Parameters**

- **filepath** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid ZipFile or None. If the filepath points to a valid ZipFile, then the class instance is initialized with a memory copy of the file. If the given file, however, does not exist or isn’t a valid ZipFile, respectively one of the errors `FileNotFoundError` or `BadZipFile` is raised. The default behaviour, if the filepath is None, is to create an empty ZipFile in the memory.
- **pwd** – Bytes representing password of ZipFile.

**append** (*source: Union[str, os.PathLike], target: Union[str, os.PathLike, None] = None*) → bool

Append file to the ZipFile.

**Parameters**

- **source** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid file in the directory structure if the system. If the file does not exist, a `FileNotFoundError` is raised. If the filepath points to a directory, a `IsADirectoryError` is raised.
- **target** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid directory in the directory structure of the ZipFile. By default the root directory is used. If the directory does not exist, a `FileNotFoundError` is raised. If the target directory already contains a file, which name equals the filename of the source, a `FileExistsError` is raised.

**Returns** Boolean value which is True if the file has been appended.

**changed**

Tells whether the ZipFile has been changed.

**close** () → None

Close current ZipFile and buffer.



**copy** (*source: Union[str, os.PathLike], target: Union[str, os.PathLike]*) → bool  
Copy file within ZipFile.

#### Parameters

- **source** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a file in the directory structure of the ZipFile. If the file does not exist, a `FileNotFoundError` is raised. If the filepath points to a directory, an `IsADirectoryError` is raised.
- **target** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a new filename or an existing directory in the directory structure of the ZipFile. If the target is a directory the target file consists of the directory and the basename of the source file. If the target file already exists a `FileExistsError` is raised.

**Returns** Boolean value which is True if the file was copied.

#### files

List of all files within the ZipFile.

#### folders

List of all folders within the ZipFile.

**get\_file\_accessor** (*path: Union[str, os.PathLike]*) → `flib.io.abc.Connector`  
Get connector to ZipFile member.

**Parameters** **path** – String or [path-like object](#), that represents a ZipFile member. In reading mode the path has to point to a valid ZipFile, or a `FileNotFoundError` is raised. In writing mode the path by default is treated as a file path. New directories can be written by setting the argument `is_dir` to True.

**Returns** `File accessor` to ZipFile member.

**load** (*filepath: Union[str, os.PathLike], pwd: Optional[bytes] = None*) → None  
Load Workspace from file.

#### Parameters

- **filepath** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid ZipFile file. If the filepath points to a valid ZipFile, then the class instance is initialized with a memory copy of the file. If the given file, however, does not exist or isn't a valid ZipFile respectively one of the errors `FileNotFoundError` or `BadZipFile` is raised.
- **pwd** – Bytes representing password of ZipFile.

**mkdir** (*dirpath: Union[str, os.PathLike], ignore\_exists: bool = False*) → bool  
Create a new directory at the given path.

#### Parameters

- **dirpath** – String or [path-like object](#), that represents a valid directory name in the directory structure of the ZipFile. If the directory already exists, the argument `ignore_exists` determines, if a `FileExistsError` is raised.
- **ignore\_exists** – Boolean value which determines, if `FileExistsError` is raised, if the target directory already exists. The default behaviour is to raise an error, if the file already exists.

**Returns** Boolean value, which is True if the given directory was created.

**move** (*source: Union[str, os.PathLike], target: Union[str, os.PathLike]*) → bool  
Move file within ZipFile.

#### Parameters

- **source** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a file in the directory structure of the ZipFile. If the file does not exist, a `FileNotFoundError` is raised. If the filepath points to a directory, an `IsADirectoryError` is raised.
- **target** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a new filename or an existing directory in the directory structure of the ZipFile. If the target is a directory the target file consists of the directory and the basename of the source file. If the target file already exists a `FileExistsError` is raised.

**Returns** Boolean value which is True if the file has been moved.

**name**

Filename of the ZipFile without file extension.

**open** (*path: Union[str, os.PathLike]*, *mode: str = 'r'*, *encoding: Optional[str] = None*, *is\_dir: bool = False*) → IO[Any]  
Open file within the ZipFile.

**Parameters**

- **path** – String or [path-like object](#), that represents a ZipFile member. In reading mode the path has to point to a valid ZipFile, or a `FileNotFoundError` is raised. In writing mode the path by default is treated as a file path. New directories can be written by setting the argument `is_dir` to True.
- **mode** – String, which characters specify the mode in which the file is to be opened. The default mode is reading in text mode. Supported characters are: 'r': Reading mode (default) 'w': Writing mode 'b': Binary mode 't': Text mode (default)
- **encoding** – In binary mode encoding has not effect. In text mode encoding specifies the name of the encoding, which in reading and writing mode respectively is used to decode the stream's bytes into strings, and to encode strings into bytes. By default the preferred encoding of the operating system is used.
- **is\_dir** – Boolean value which determines, if the path is to be treated as a directory or not. This information is required for writing directories to the ZipFile. The default behaviour is not to treat paths as directories.

**Returns** [File object](#) in reading or writing mode.

## Examples

```
>>> with self.open('config.ini') as file:  
>>>     print(file.read())
```

**path**

Filepath of the ZipFile.

**read\_bytes** (*filepath: Union[str, os.PathLike]*) → bytes  
Read bytes from file.

**Parameters** **filepath** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid file in the directory structure of the ZipFile. If the file does not exist a `FileNotFoundError` is raised.

**Returns** Contents of the given filepath as bytes.

**read\_text** (*filepath: Union[str, os.PathLike]*, *encoding: Optional[str] = None*) → str  
Read text from file.

**Parameters**

- **filepath** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid file in the directory structure of the ZipFile. If the file does not exist a FileNotFoundError is raised.
- **encoding** – Specifies the name of the encoding, which is used to decode the stream's bytes into strings. By default the preferred encoding of the operating system is used.

**Returns** Contents of the given filepath encoded as string.

**rmdir** (*dirpath: Union[str, os.PathLike]*, *recursive: bool = False*, *ignore\_missing: bool = False*) → bool  
Remove directory from ZipFile.

#### Parameters

- **dirpath** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a directory in the directory structure of the ZipFile. If the directory does not exist, the argument `ignore_missing` determines, if a FileNotFoundError is raised.
- **ignore\_missing** – Boolean value which determines, if FileNotFoundError is raised, if the target directory does not exist. The default behaviour, is to raise an error if the directory is missing.
- **recursive** – Boolean value which determines, if directories are removed recursively. If `recursive` is False, then only empty directories can be removed. If `recursive`, however, is True, then all files and subdirectories are also removed. By default `recursive` is False.

**Returns** Boolean value, which is True if the given directory was removed.

**save** () → None  
Save the ZipFile to it's filepath.

**saveas** (*filepath: Union[str, os.PathLike]*) → None  
Save the ZipFile to a file.

**Parameters** **filepath** – String or [path-like object](#), that represents the name of a ZipFile.

**search** (*pattern: Optional[str] = None*) → List[str]  
Search for files in the ZipFile.

**Parameters** **pattern** – Search pattern that contains Unix shell-style wildcards: `*`: Matches arbitrary strings `?`: Matches single characters `[seq]`: Matches any character in `seq` `[!seq]`: Matches any character not in `seq` By default a list of all files and directories is returned.

**Returns** List of files and directories in the directory structure of the ZipFile, that match the search pattern.

**unlink** (*filepath: Union[str, os.PathLike]*, *ignore\_missing: bool = True*) → bool  
Remove file from ZipFile.

#### Parameters

- **filepath** – String or [path-like object](#), that points to a file in the directory structure of the ZipFile. If the filepath points to a directory, an IsADirectoryError is raised. For the case, that the file does not exist, the argument `ignore_missing` determines, if a FileNotFoundError is raised.
- **ignore\_missing** – Boolean value which determines, if FileNotFoundError is raised, if the target file does not exist. The default behaviour, is to ignore missing files.

**Returns** Boolean value, which is True if the given file was removed.

**write\_bytes** (*blob: Union[bytes, bytearray, memoryview]*, *filepath: Union[str, os.PathLike]*) → int  
Write bytes to file.

#### Parameters

- **blob** – Bytes, which are to be written to the given file.
- **filepath** – String or [path-like object](#), that represents a valid filename in the directory structure of the ZipFile.

**Returns** Number of bytes, that are written to the file.

**write\_text** (*text: str, filepath: Union[str, os.PathLike], encoding: Optional[str] = None*) → int  
Write text to file.

#### Parameters

- **text** – String, which has to be written to the given file.
- **filepath** – String or [path-like object](#), that represents a valid filename in the directory structure of the ZipFile.
- **encoding** – Specifies the name of the encoding, which is used to encode strings into bytes. By default the preferred encoding of the operating system is used.

**Returns** Number of characters, that are written to the file.

## Module contents

File I/O.

**class FileConnector** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Bases: [object](#)

File Connector Class.

**close** () → None

**name**

Name of the referenced [file object](#).

**open** (\*args, \*\*kwargs) → IO[Any]

Open file reference as file object.

**class FileInfo** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]*)

Bases: [object](#)

File Info Class.

**Parameters file** – *File reference* to a [file object](#). The reference can either be given as a String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid entry in the file system, an instance of the class [Connector](#) or an opened file object in reading or writing mode.

**name**

Name of the referenced [file object](#).

**class FileProxy** (*file: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], mode: str = 'rw'*)

Bases: [flib.base.abc.Proxy](#)

File buffer for referenced files.

Creates a temporary file within the `tempdir` of the system, which acts as a local proxy for a referenced [file object](#).

#### Parameters

- **file** – *File reference* to a [file object](#). The reference can either be given as a String or [path-like object](#), that points to a valid entry in the file system, an instance of the class [Connector](#) or an opened file object in reading or writing mode.

- **mode** – String, which characters specify the mode in which the file stream is wrapped. If mode contains the character ‘r’, then a `pull()`-request is executed during the initialisation, otherwise any pull-request raises a `PullError`. If mode contains the character ‘w’, then a `push()`-request is executed when closing the FileProxy instance with `close()`, otherwise any push-request raises a `PushError`. The default mode is ‘rw’.

**close()** → None

Execute push request and release bound resources.

**connect** (*file*: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]) → None

Connect to given file reference.

**disconnect** () → None

Close connection to referenced file.

**name**

Name of the referenced file object

**open** (\*args, \*\*kws) → IO[Any]

Open file handler to temporary file.

**path**

Path to the temporary file in use.

**pull** () → None

Copy referenced file object to temporary file.

**push** () → None

Copy temporary file to referenced file object.

**openx** (*file*: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector], \*args, \*\*kws) → Iterator[IO[Any]]

Open file reference.

This context manager extends `:py:func‘open‘` by allowing the passed *file* argument to be an arbitrary *file reference*. If the *file* argument is a String or *path-like object*, the given path may contain application variables, like `%home%` or `%user_data_dir%`, which are extended before returning a file handler. Afterwards, when exiting the *with*-statement, the file is closed. If the passes passed *file*, however, is a *file object*, the file is not closed, when exiting the *with*-statement.

#### Parameters

- **file** – *File reference* that points to a valid filename in the directory structure of the system, a *file object* or an instance of the class `Connector`.
- **mode** – String, which characters specify the mode in which the file stream is opened. The default mode is text reading mode. Supported characters are:

**r** Reading mode (default)

**w** Writing mode

**t** Text mode

**b** Binary mode

**Yields** *file object* in reading or writing mode.

**tmpfile** (*file*: Union[IO[Any], os.PathLike, flib.io.abc.Connector]) → Iterator[pathlib.Path]

Create a temporary file for a given file reference.

**Parameters** **file** – *File reference* that points to a valid filename in the directory structure of the system, a *file object* or an instance of the class `Connector`.

**Yields** *path-like object* that points to a temporary file.

## flib.typing package

### Submodules

#### flib.typing.check module

Check type and value of objects.

**has\_attr** (*obj: object, attr: str*) → None  
Check if object has an attribute.

**has\_opt\_type** (*name: str, obj: object, hint: Generic[T]*) → None  
Check type of optional object.

**has\_size** (*name: str, obj: Sized, size: Optional[int] = None, min\_size: Optional[int] = None, max\_size: Optional[int] = None*) → None  
Check the size of a sized object.

**has\_type** (*name: str, obj: object, hint: Generic[T]*) → None  
Check type of object.

**is\_callable** (*name: str, obj: object*) → None  
Check if object is callable.

**is\_class** (*name: str, obj: object*) → None  
Check if object is a class.

**is\_identifier** (*name: str, string: str*) → None  
Check if a string is a valid identifier.

**is\_negative** (*name: str, obj: Union[int, float]*) → None  
Check if number is negative.

**is\_not\_negative** (*name: str, obj: Union[int, float]*) → None  
Check if number is not negative.

**is\_not\_positive** (*name: str, obj: Union[int, float]*) → None  
Check if number is not positive.

**is\_positive** (*name: str, obj: Union[int, float]*) → None  
Check if number is positive.

**is\_subclass** (*name: str, obj: object, ref: Type[Any]*) → None  
Check if object is a subclass of given class.

**is\_subset** (*a: str, seta: set, b: str, setb: set*) → None  
Check if a set is a subset of another.

**is\_typehint** (*name: str, obj: object*) → None  
Check if object is a supported typeinfo object.

**no\_duplicates** (*name: str, coll: Collection[T\_co]*) → None  
Check if all elements of a collection are unique.

**not\_empty** (*name: str, obj: Sized*) → None  
Check if a sized object is not empty.

### Module contents

Collection of Structural Types for Static Typing.

`void (*args, **kwds)`

### 3.1.2 Module contents

Frootlab Shared Library.

The Frootlab Shared Library is a multi-purpose Python library, which primarily aims to support projects at Frootlab by a common base library. The majority of the comprised modules, however, is kept generic and well documented, to facilitate their application in other open source projects as well.





### 4.1 API Glossary

**File Reference** *File References* aggregate different types, that identify files, including: [File objects](#), [Strings](#) and [path-like objects](#), that point to filenames in the directory structure of the system and instances of the generic class *Connector*.



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