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    print(client.download_profile_photo('me'))

@client.on(events.NewMessage(pattern='(?i).*Hello'))
async def handler(event):
    await event.reply('Hey!')

client.run_until_disconnected()
```

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- Used Telethon before v1.0? See *Compatibility and Convenience*.
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- Need the full API reference? https://tl.telethon.dev/.
Telegram is a popular messaging application. This library is meant to make it easy for you to write Python programs that can interact with Telegram. Think of it as a wrapper that has already done the heavy job for you, so you can focus on developing an application.
How should I use the documentation?

If you are getting started with the library, you should follow the documentation in order by pressing the “Next” button at the bottom-right of every page.

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2.1 Installation

Telethon is a Python library, which means you need to download and install Python from https://www.python.org/downloads/ if you haven’t already. Once you have Python installed, run:

```
$ pip3 install -U telethon --user
```

To install or upgrade the library to the latest version.

2.1.1 Installing Development Versions

If you want the latest unreleased changes, you can run the following command instead:

```
$ pip3 install -U https://github.com/LonamiWebs/Telethon/archive/master.zip --user
```

**Note:** The development version may have bugs and is not recommended for production use. However, when you are reporting a library bug, you should try if the bug still occurs in this version.

2.1.2 Verification

To verify that the library is installed correctly, run the following command:
The version number of the library should show in the output.

### 2.1.3 Optional Dependencies

If cryptg is installed, the library will work a lot faster, since encryption and decryption will be made in C instead of Python. If your code deals with a lot of updates or you are downloading/uploading a lot of files, you will notice a considerable speed-up (from a hundred kilobytes per second to several megabytes per second, if your connection allows it). If it’s not installed, pyaes will be used (which is pure Python, so it’s much slower).

If pillow is installed, large images will be automatically resized when sending photos to prevent Telegram from failing with “invalid image”. Official clients also do this.

If aiohttp is installed, the library will be able to download WebDocument media files (otherwise you will get an error).

If hachoir is installed, it will be used to extract metadata from files when sending documents. Telegram uses this information to show the song’s performer, artist, title, duration, and for videos too (including size). Otherwise, they will default to empty values, and you can set the attributes manually.

**Note:** Some of the modules may require additional dependencies before being installed through pip. If you have an apt-based system, consider installing the most commonly missing dependencies:

```
apt update
apt install clang libjpeg-turbo,webp-dev python{-dev} zlib-dev
pip install -U --user setuptools
pip install -U --user telethon cryptg pillow
```

Thanks to @bb010g for writing down this nice list.

### 2.2 Signing In

Before working with Telegram’s API, you need to get your own API ID and hash:

1. Login to your Telegram account with the phone number of the developer account to use.
2. Click under API Development tools.
3. A *Create new application* window will appear. Fill in your application details. There is no need to enter any URL, and only the first two fields (*App title* and *Short name*) can currently be changed later.
4. Click on *Create application* at the end. Remember that your API hash is secret and Telegram won’t let you revoke it. Don’t post it anywhere!

**Note:** This API ID and hash is the one used by your application, not your phone number. You can use this API ID and hash with any phone number or even for bot accounts.

### 2.2.1 Editing the Code

This is a little introduction for those new to Python programming in general.
We will write our code inside `hello.py`, so you can use any text editor that you like. To run the code, use `python3 hello.py` from the terminal.

**Important:** Don’t call your script `telethon.py`! Python will try to import the client from there and it will fail with an error such as “ImportError: cannot import name ‘TelegramClient’ …”.

### 2.2.2 Signing In

We can finally write some code to log into our account!

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient

# Use your own values from my.telegram.org
api_id = 12345
api_hash = '0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef'

# The first parameter is the .session file name (absolute paths allowed)
with TelegramClient('anon', api_id, api_hash) as client:
    client.loop.run_until_complete(client.send_message('me', 'Hello, myself!'))
```

In the first line, we import the class name so we can create an instance of the client. Then, we define variables to store our API ID and hash conveniently.

At last, we create a new `TelegramClient` instance and call it `client`. We can now use the client variable for anything that we want, such as sending a message to ourselves.

**Note:** Since Telethon is an asynchronous library, you need to `await` coroutine functions to have them run (or otherwise, run the loop until they are complete). In this tiny example, we don’t bother making an `async def main()`.

See *Mastering asyncio* to find out more.

Using a `with` block is the preferred way to use the library. It will automatically `start()` the client, logging or signing up if necessary.

If the `.session` file already existed, it will not login again, so be aware of this if you move or rename the file!

### 2.2.3 Signing In as a Bot Account

You can also use Telethon for your bots (normal bot accounts, not users). You will still need an API ID and hash, but the process is very similar:

```python
from telethon.sync import TelegramClient

api_id = 12345
api_hash = '0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef'
bot_token = '12345:0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef'

# We have to manually call "start" if we want an explicit bot token
bot = TelegramClient('bot', api_id, api_hash).start(bot_token=bot_token)

# But then we can use the client instance as usual
```

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with bot:
...

To get a bot account, you need to talk with @BotFather.

### 2.2.4 Signing In behind a Proxy

If you need to use a proxy to access Telegram, you will need to install PySocks and then change:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, connection
client = TelegramClient('anon', api_id, api_hash)
# Use one of the available connection modes.
# Normally, this one works with most proxies.
connection=connection.ConnectionTcpMTProxyRandomizedIntermediate,
# Then, pass the proxy details as a tuple:
# (host name, port, proxy secret)
# If the proxy has no secret, the secret must be:
# '00000000000000000000000000000000'
proxy=('mtproxy.example.com', 2002, 'secret')
```

(of course, replacing the IP and port with the IP and port of the proxy).

The `proxy=` argument should be a tuple, a list or a dict, consisting of parameters described in PySocks usage.

### 2.2.5 Using MTProto Proxies

MTProto Proxies are Telegram’s alternative to normal proxies, and work a bit differently. The following protocols are available:

- ConnectionTcpMTProxyAbridged
- ConnectionTcpMTProxyIntermediate
- ConnectionTcpMTProxyRandomizedIntermediate (preferred)

For now, you need to manually specify these special connection modes if you want to use a MTProto Proxy. Your code would look like this:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, connection
client = TelegramClient('anon', api_id, api_hash,
                       connection=connection.ConnectionTcpMTProxyRandomizedIntermediate,
                       proxy=('mtproxy.example.com', 2002, 'secret'))
```

In future updates, we may make it easier to use MTProto Proxies (such as avoiding the need to manually pass `connection=`).

In short, the same code above but without comments to make it clearer:
from telethon import TelegramClient, connection

client = TelegramClient(
    'anon', api_id, api_hash,
    connection=connection.ConnectionTcpMTProxyRandomizedIntermediate,
    proxy=('mtproxy.example.com', 2002, 'secret'))

2.3 Quick-Start

Let's see a longer example to learn some of the methods that the library has to offer. These are known as “friendly methods”, and you should always use these if possible.

from telethon import TelegramClient

# Remember to use your own values from my.telegram.org!
api_id = 12345
api_hash = '0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef'
client = TelegramClient('anon', api_id, api_hash)

async def main():
    # Getting information about yourself
    me = await client.get_me()

    # "me" is an User object. You can pretty-print
    # any Telegram object with the "stringify" method:
    print(me.stringify())

    # When you print something, you see a representation of it.
    # You can access all attributes of Telegram objects with
    # the dot operator. For example, to get the username:
    username = me.username
    print(username)
    print(me.phone)

    # You can print all the dialogs/conversations that you are part of:
    async for dialog in client.iter_dialogs():
        print(dialog.name, 'has ID', dialog.id)

    # You can send messages to yourself...
    await client.send_message('me', 'Hello, myself!')
    # ...to some chat ID
    await client.send_message(-100123456, 'Hello, group!')
    # ...to your contacts
    await client.send_message('600123123', 'Hello, friend!')
    # ...or even to any username
    await client.send_message('TelethonChat', 'Hello, Telethon!')

    # You can, of course, use markdown in your messages:
    message = await client.send_message('me',
        'This message has **bold**, `code`, __italics__ and `
        a [nice website](https://lonamiwebs.github.io),'
        link_preview=False)

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# Sending a message returns the sent message object, which you can use
print(message.raw_text)

# You can reply to messages directly if you have a message object
await message.reply('Cool!')

# Or send files, songs, documents, albums...
await client.send_file('me', '/home/me/Pictures/holidays.jpg')

# You can print the message history of any chat:
async for message in client.iter_messages('me'):
    print(message.id, message.text)

# You can download media from messages, too!
# The method will return the path where the file was saved.
if message.photo:
    path = await message.download_media()
    print('File saved to', path)  # printed after download is done

with client:
    client.loop.run_until_complete(main())

Here, we show how to sign in, get information about yourself, send messages, files, getting chats, printing messages, and downloading files.

You should make sure that you understand what the code shown here does, take note on how methods are called and used and so on before proceeding. We will see all the available methods later on.

**Important:** Note that Telethon is an asynchronous library, and as such, you should get used to it and learn a bit of basic asyncio. This will help a lot. As a quick start, this means you generally want to write all your code inside some async def like so:

```python
client = ...

async def do_something(me):
    ...

async def main():
    # Most of your code should go here.
    # You can of course make and use your own async def (do_something).
    # They only need to be async if they need to await things.
    me = await client.get_me()
    await do_something(me)

with client:
    client.loop.run_until_complete(main())
```

After you understand this, you may use the telethon.sync hack if you want do so (see Compatibility and Convenience), but note you may run into other issues (iPython, Anaconda, etc. have some issues with it).
2.4 Updates

Updates are an important topic in a messaging platform like Telegram. After all, you want to be notified when a new message arrives, when a member joins, when someone starts typing, etc. For that, you can use events.

**Important:** It is strongly advised to enable logging when working with events, since exceptions in event handlers are hidden by default. Please add the following snippet to the very top of your file:

```python
import logging
logging.basicConfig(format='%(levelname) 5s/%(asctime)s %(name)s: %(message)s', level=logging.WARNING)
```

2.4.1 Getting Started

Let’s start things with an example to automate replies:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, events

client = TelegramClient('anon', api_id, api_hash)

@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def my_event_handler(event):
    if 'hello' in event.raw_text:
        await event.reply('hi!')

client.start()
client.run_until_disconnected()
```

This code isn’t much, but there might be some things unclear. Let’s break it down:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, events

client = TelegramClient('anon', api_id, api_hash)

@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def my_event_handler(event):
    if 'hello' in event.raw_text:
        await event.reply('hi!')
```

This is normal creation (of course, pass session name, API ID and hash). Nothing we don’t know already.

```python
@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def my_event_handler(event):
    if 'hello' in event.raw_text:
        await event.reply('hi!')
```

This Python decorator will attach itself to the `my_event_handler` definition, and basically means that on a `NewMessage` event, the callback function you’re about to define will be called:

```python
async def my_event_handler(event):
    if 'hello' in event.raw_text:
        await event.reply('hi!')
```

If a `NewMessage` event occurs, and 'hello' is in the text of the message, we `reply()` to the event with a 'hi!' message.

**Note:** Event handlers **must** be `async def`. After all, Telethon is an asynchronous library based on `asyncio`, which is a safer and often faster approach to threads.

You **must** `await` all method calls that use network requests, which is most of them.
2.4.2 More Examples

Replying to messages with hello is fun, but, can we do more?

```python
@client.on(events.NewMessage(outgoing=True, pattern=r'\.save'))
async def handler(event):
    if event.is_reply:
        replied = await event.get_reply_message()
        sender = replied.sender
        await client.download_profile_photo(sender)
        await event.respond('Saved your photo {}'.format(sender.username))
```

We could also get replies. This event filters outgoing messages (only those that we send will trigger the method), then we filter by the regex `r'\.save'`, which will match messages starting with `".save"`.

Inside the method, we check whether the event is replying to another message or not. If it is, we get the reply message and the sender of that message, and download their profile photo.

Let's delete messages which contain “heck”. We don’t allow swearing here.

```python
@client.on(events.NewMessage(pattern=r'(?i).*heck'))
async def handler(event):
    await event.delete()
```

With the `r'(?i).*heck'` regex, we match case-insensitive “heck” anywhere in the message. Regex is very powerful and you can learn more at https://regexone.com/.

So far, we have only seen the `NewMessage`, but there are many more which will be covered later. This is only a small introduction to updates.

2.4.3 Entities

When you need the user or chat where an event occurred, you **must** use the following methods:

```python
async def handler(event):
    # Good
    chat = await event.get_chat()
    sender = await event.get_sender()
    chat_id = event.chat_id
    sender_id = event.sender_id

    # BAD. Don't do this
    chat = event.chat
    sender = event.sender
    chat_id = event.chat.id
    sender_id = event.sender.id
```

Events are like messages, but don’t have all the information a message has! When you manually get a message, it will have all the information it needs. When you receive an update about a message, it won’t have all the information, so you have to use the methods, not the properties.

Make sure you understand the code seen here before continuing! As a rule of thumb, remember that new message events behave just like message objects, so you can do with them everything you can do with a message object.
2.5 Next Steps

These basic first steps should have gotten you started with the library.

By now, you should know how to call friendly methods and how to work with the returned objects, how things work inside event handlers, etc.

Next, we will see a quick reference summary of all the methods and properties that you will need when using the library. If you follow the links there, you will expand the documentation for the method and property, with more examples on how to use them.

Therefore, you can find an example on every method of the client to learn how to use it, as well as a description of all the arguments.

After that, we will go in-depth with some other important concepts that are worth learning and understanding.

From now on, you can keep pressing the “Next” button if you want, or use the menu on the left, since some pages are quite lengthy.

2.6 FAQ

Let’s start the quick references section with some useful tips to keep in mind, with the hope that you will understand why certain things work the way that they do.

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2.6.1 Code without errors doesn’t work

Then it probably has errors, but you haven’t enabled logging yet. To enable logging, at the following code to the top of your main file:
import logging
logging.basicConfig(format='[%(levelname) 5s/%(asctime)s] %(name)s: %(message)s',
        level=logging.WARNING)

You can change the logging level to be something different, from less to more information:

```
level=logging.CRITICAL  # won't show errors (same as disabled)
level=logging.ERROR     # will only show errors that you didn't handle
level=logging.WARNING   # will also show messages with medium severity, such as
          # internal Telegram issues
level=logging.INFO      # will also show informational messages, such as connection
          # or disconnections
level=logging.DEBUG     # will show a lot of output to help debugging issues in the
          # library
```

See the official Python documentation for more information on logging.

### 2.6.2 How can I except FloodWaitError?

You can use all errors from the API by importing:

```
from telethon import errors
```

And except them as such:

```
try:
    await client.send_message(chat, 'Hi')
except errors.FloodWaitError as e:
    # e.seconds is how many seconds you have
    # to wait before making the request again.
    print('Flood for', e.seconds)
```

### 2.6.3 My account was deleted/limited when using the library

The library will only do things that you tell it to do. If you use the library with bad intentions, Telegram will hopefully ban you.

However, you may also be part of a limited country, such as Iran or Russia. In that case, we have bad news for you. Telegram is much more likely to ban these numbers, as they are often used to spam other accounts, likely through the use of libraries like this one. The best advice we can give you is to not abuse the API, like calling many requests really quickly, and to sign up with these phones through an official application.

We have also had reports from Kazakhstan and China, where connecting would fail. To solve these connection problems, you should use a proxy.

Telegram may also ban virtual (VoIP) phone numbers, as again, they’re likely to be used for spam.

If you want to check if your account has been limited, simply send a private message to @SpamBot through Telegram itself. You should notice this by getting errors like PeerFloodError, which means you’re limited, for instance, when sending a message to some accounts but not others.

For more discussion, please see issue 297.
2.6.4 How can I use a proxy?

This was one of the first things described in Signing In.

2.6.5 How do I access a field?

This is basic Python knowledge. You should use the dot operator:

```python
me = await client.get_me()
print(me.username)
```

# we used the dot operator to access the username attribute

```python
result = await client(functions.photos.GetUserPhotosRequest(
    user_id='me',
    offset=0,
    max_id=0,
    limit=100
))
```

# Working with list is also pretty basic
```python
print(result.photos[0].sizes[-1].type)
```

# | | | | 
# | | | 
# | | 
# access | 
# the... | list of photos
# ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^
# | | | | 
# | | | 
# | | 
# first photo from the list
# To print all, you could do (or mix-and-match):
```python
for photo in result.photos:
    for size in photo.sizes:
        print(size.type)
```

2.6.6 AttributeError: ‘coroutine’ object has no attribute ‘id’

You either forgot to:

```python
import telethon.sync
```

# ^^^^^ import sync

Or:

```python
async def handler(event):
    me = await client.get_me()
```

# ^^^^^ note the await

```python
    print(me.username)
```

2.6.7 sqlite3.OperationalError: database is locked

An older process is still running and is using the same 'session' file.

This error occurs when two or more clients use the same session, that is, when you write the same session name to be used in the client:
• You have an older process using the same session file.
• You have two different scripts running (interactive sessions count too).
• You have two clients in the same script running at the same time.

The solution is, if you need two clients, use two sessions. If the problem persists and you’re on Linux, you can use `fuser my.session` to find out the process locking the file. As a last resort, you can reboot your system.

If you really dislike SQLite, use a different session storage. There is an entire section covering that at Session Files.

2.6.8 event.chat or event.sender is None

Telegram doesn’t always send this information in order to save bandwidth. If you need the information, you should fetch it yourself, since the library won’t do unnecessary work unless you need to:

```python
async def handler(event):
    chat = await event.get_chat()
    sender = await event.get_sender()
```

2.6.9 What does “bases ChatGetter” mean?

In Python, classes can base others. This is called inheritance. What it means is that “if a class bases another, you can use the other’s methods too”.

For example, `Message bases ChatGetter`. In turn, `ChatGetter` defines things like `obj.chat_id`.

So if you have a message, you can access that too:

```python
# ChatGetter has a chat_id property, and Message bases ChatGetter.
# Thus you can use ChatGetter properties and methods from Message
print(message.chat_id)
```

Telegram has a lot to offer, and inheritance helps the library reduce boilerplate, so it’s important to know this concept. For newcomers, this may be a problem, so we explain what it means here in the FAQ.

2.6.10 Can I use Flask with the library?

Yes, if you know what you are doing. However, you will probably have a lot of headaches to get threads and asyncio to work together. Instead, consider using Quart, an asyncio-based alternative to Flask.

Check out `quart_login.py` for an example web-application based on Quart.

2.6.11 Can I use Anaconda/Spyder/IPython with the library?

Yes, but these interpreters run the asyncio event loop implicitly, which interferes with the `telethon.sync` magic module.

If you use them, you should not import `sync`:

```python
# Change any of these...:
from telethon import TelegramClient, sync, ...
from telethon.sync import TelegramClient, ...
```

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You are also more likely to get “sqlite3.OperationalError: database is locked” with them. If they cause too much trouble, just write your code in a .py file and run that, or use the normal python interpreter.

## 2.7 Client Reference

This page contains a summary of all the important methods and properties that you may need when using Telethon. They are sorted by relevance and are not in alphabetical order.

You should use this page to learn about which methods are available, and if you need an usage example or further description of the arguments, be sure to follow the links.

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### 2.7.1 TelegramClient

This is a summary of the methods and properties you will find at `TelegramClient`.

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<td>Returns <code>True</code> if the user has connected.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>disconnected</code></td>
<td>Property with a <code>Future</code> that resolves upon disconnection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>loop</code></td>
<td>Property with the <code>asyncio</code> event loop used by this client.</td>
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**Messages**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><code>send_message</code></td>
<td>Sends a message to the specified user, chat or channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>edit_message</code></td>
<td>Edits the given message to change its text or media.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>delete_messages</code></td>
<td>Deletes the given messages, optionally “for everyone”.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>forward_messages</code></td>
<td>Forwards the given messages to the specified entity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>iter_messages</code></td>
<td>Iterator over the messages for the given chat.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>get_messages</code></td>
<td>Same as <code>iter_messages()</code>, but returns a <code>TotalList</code> instead.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>pin_message</code></td>
<td>Pins or unpins a message in a chat.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>send_read_acknowledge</code></td>
<td>Marks messages as read and optionally clears mentions.</td>
</tr>
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**Uploads**

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<tr>
<td><code>send_file</code></td>
<td>Sends message with the given file to the specified entity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>upload_file</code></td>
<td>Uploads a file to Telegram’s servers, without sending it.</td>
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**Downloads**

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<th>Method</th>
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<tr>
<td><code>download_media</code></td>
<td>Downloads the given media from a message object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>download_profile_photo</code></td>
<td>Downloads the profile photo from the given user, chat or channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>download_file</code></td>
<td>Low-level method to download files from their input location.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Dialogs**
| **iter_dialogs** | Iterator over the dialogs (open conversations/subscribed channels). |
| **get_dialogs** | Same as **iter_dialogs()**, but returns a **TotalList** instead. |
| **archive** |  |
| **iter_drafts** | Iterator over draft messages. |
| **get_drafts** | Same as **iter_drafts()**, but returns a list instead. |
| **delete_dialog** | Deletes a dialog (leaves a chat or channel). |
| **conversation** | Creates a Conversation with the given entity. |

| **get_me** | Gets “me”, the current User who is logged in. |
| **is_bot** | Return **True** if the signed-in user is a bot, **False** otherwise. |
| **is_user_authorized** | Returns **True** if the user is authorized (logged in). |
| **get_entity** | Turns the given entity into a valid Telegram User, Chat or Channel. |
| **get_input_entity** | Turns the given entity into its input entity version. |
| **get_peer_id** | Gets the ID for the given entity. |

| **iter_participants** | Iterator over the participants belonging to the specified chat. |
| **get_participants** | Same as **iter_participants()**, but returns a **TotalList** instead. |
| **iter_admin_log** | Iterator over the admin log for the specified channel. |
| **get_admin_log** | Same as **iter_admin_log()**, but returns a list instead. |
| **iter_profile_photos** | Iterator over a user’s profile photos or a chat’s photos. |
| **get_profile_photos** | Same as **iter_profile_photos()**, but returns a **TotalList** instead. |
| **edit_admin** | Edits admin permissions for someone in a chat. |
| **edit_permissions** | Edits user restrictions in a chat. |
| **action** | Returns a context-manager object to represent a “chat action”. |

### Parse Mode

| **parse_mode** | This property is the default parse mode used when sending messages. |

### Updates

| **on** | Decorator used to **add_event_handler** more conveniently. |

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<th>Method</th>
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<td><code>run_until_disconnected</code></td>
<td>Runs the event loop until the library is disconnected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>add_event_handler</code></td>
<td>Registers a new event handler callback.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>remove_event_handler</code></td>
<td>Inverse operation of <code>add_event_handler()</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>list_event_handlers</code></td>
<td>Lists all registered event handlers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>catch_up</code></td>
<td>“Catches up” on the missed updates while the client was offline.</td>
</tr>
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**Bots**

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<tr>
<td><code>inline_query</code></td>
<td>Makes an inline query to the specified bot (@vote New Poll).</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Buttons**

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<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><code>build_reply_markup</code></td>
<td>Builds a ReplyInlineMarkup or ReplyKeyboardMarkup for the given buttons.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Account**

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<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><code>takeout</code></td>
<td>Returns a <code>TelegramClient</code> which calls methods behind a takeout session.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>end_takeout</code></td>
<td>Finishes the current takeout session.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2.8 Events Reference

Here you will find a quick summary of all the methods and properties that you can access when working with events.

You can access the client that creates this event by doing `event.client`, and you should view the description of the events to find out what arguments it allows on creation and its **attributes** (the properties will be shown here).

**Important:** Remember that all events base **ChatGetter**! Please see FAQ if you don’t know what this means or the implications of it.

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- **Events Reference**
  - `NewMessage`
  - `MessageEdited`
  - `MessageDeleted`
  - `MessageRead`
  - `ChatAction`
  - `UserUpdate`
  - `CallbackQuery`
2.8.1 NewMessage

Occurs whenever a new text message or a message with media arrives.

**Note:** The new message event **should be treated as** a normal `Message`, with the following exceptions:

- `pattern_match` is the match object returned by `pattern=`.
- `message` is **not** the message string. It’s the `Message` object.

Remember, this event is just a proxy over the message, so while you won’t see its attributes and properties, you can still access them. Please see the full documentation for examples.

Full documentation for the `NewMessage`.

2.8.2 MessageEdited

Occurs whenever a message is edited. Just like `NewMessage`, you should treat this event as a `Message`.

Full documentation for the `MessageEdited`.

2.8.3 MessageDeleted

Occurs whenever a message is deleted. Note that this event isn’t 100% reliable, since Telegram doesn’t always notify the clients that a message was deleted.

It only has the `deleted_id` and `deleted_ids` attributes (in addition to the chat if the deletion happened in a channel).

Full documentation for the `MessageDeleted`.

2.8.4 MessageRead

Occurs whenever one or more messages are read in a chat.

Full documentation for the `MessageRead`.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>inbox</strong></th>
<th>True if you have read someone else’s messages.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>message_ids</strong></td>
<td>The IDs of the messages <strong>which contents’</strong> were read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>get_messages</strong></td>
<td>Returns the list of <code>Message **which contents’</code> were read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>is_read</strong></td>
<td>Returns True if the given message (or its ID) has been read.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2.8.5 ChatAction

Occurs whenever a user joins or leaves a chat, or a message is pinned.

Full documentation for the ChatAction.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Method</th>
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<tr>
<td>added_by</td>
<td>The user who added users, if applicable (None otherwise).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kicked_by</td>
<td>The user who kicked users, if applicable (None otherwise).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>user</td>
<td>The first user that takes part in this action (e.g.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>input_user</td>
<td>Input version of the self.user property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>user_id</td>
<td>Returns the marked signed ID of the first user, if any.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>users</td>
<td>A list of users that take part in this action (e.g.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>input_users</td>
<td>Input version of the self.users property.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>user_ids</td>
<td>Returns the marked signed ID of the users, if any.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>respond</td>
<td>Responds to the chat action message (not as a reply).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reply</td>
<td>Replies to the chat action message (as a reply).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>delete</td>
<td>Deletes the chat action message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_pinned_message</td>
<td>If new_pin is True, this returns the Message object that was pinned.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_added_by</td>
<td>Returns added_by but will make an API call if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_kicked_by</td>
<td>Returns kicked_by but will make an API call if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_user</td>
<td>Returns user but will make an API call if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_input_user</td>
<td>Returns input_user but will make an API call if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_users</td>
<td>Returns users but will make an API call if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_input_users</td>
<td>Returns input_users but will make an API call if necessary.</td>
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</table>

2.8.6 UserUpdate

Occurs whenever a user goes online, starts typing, etc.

Full documentation for the UserUpdate.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>user</td>
<td>Alias for sender.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>input_user</td>
<td>Alias for input_sender.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>user_id</td>
<td>Alias for sender_id.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_user</td>
<td>Alias for get_sender.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_input_user</td>
<td>Alias for get_input_sender.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>typing</td>
<td>True if the action is typing a message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>uploading</td>
<td>True if the action is uploading something.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>recording</td>
<td>True if the action is recording something.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>playing</td>
<td>True if the action is playing a game.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cancel</td>
<td>True if the action was cancelling other actions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>geo</td>
<td>True if what’s being uploaded is a geo.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>audio</td>
<td>True if what’s being recorded/uploaded is an audio.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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### 2.8.7 CallBackQuery

Occurs whenever you sign in as a bot and a user clicks one of the inline buttons on your messages.

Full documentation for the `CallbackQuery`.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>id</td>
<td>Returns the query ID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>message_id</td>
<td>Returns the message ID to which the clicked inline button belongs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>data</td>
<td>Returns the data payload from the original inline button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>chat_instance</td>
<td>Unique identifier for the chat where the callback occurred.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>via_inline</td>
<td>Whether this callback was generated from an inline button sent via an inline query or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>respond</td>
<td>Responds to the message (not as a reply).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reply</td>
<td>Replies to the message (as a reply).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>edit</td>
<td>Edits the message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>delete</td>
<td>Deletes the message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>answer</td>
<td>Answers the callback query (and stops the loading circle).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_message</td>
<td>Returns the message to which the clicked inline button belongs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2.8.8 InlineQuery

Occurs whenever you sign in as a bot and a user sends an inline query such as `@bot query`.

Full documentation for the `InlineQuery`.

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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>id</td>
<td>Returns the unique identifier for the query ID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>text</td>
<td>Returns the text the user used to make the inline query.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>offset</td>
<td>The string the user’s client used as an offset for the query.</td>
</tr>
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<tr>
<th>geo</th>
<th>If the user location is requested when using inline mode and the user’s device is able to send it, this will return the GeoPoint with the position of the user.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>builder</td>
<td>Returns a new InlineBuilder instance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>answer</td>
<td>Answers the inline query with the given results.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2.8.9 Album

Occurs whenever you receive an entire album.

Full documentation for the Album.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>grouped_id</th>
<th>The shared grouped_id between all the messages.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>text</td>
<td>The message text of the first photo with a caption, formatted using the client’s default parse mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>raw_text</td>
<td>The raw message text of the first photo with a caption, ignoring any formatting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is_reply</td>
<td>True if the album is a reply to some other message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forward</td>
<td>The Forward information for the first message in the album if it was forwarded.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_reply_message</td>
<td>The Message that this album is replying to, or None.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>respond</td>
<td>Responds to the album (not as a reply).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reply</td>
<td>Replies to the first photo in the album (as a reply).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forward_to</td>
<td>Forwards the entire album.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>edit</td>
<td>Edits the first caption or the message, or the first messages’ caption if no caption is set, iff it’s outgoing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>delete</td>
<td>Deletes the entire album.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mark_read</td>
<td>Marks the entire album as read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pin</td>
<td>Pins the first photo in the album.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2.8.10 Raw

Raw events are not actual events. Instead, they are the raw Update object that Telegram sends. You normally shouldn’t need these.

2.9 Objects Reference

This is the quick reference for those objects returned by client methods or other useful modules that the library has to offer. They are kept in a separate page to help finding and discovering them.

Remember that this page only shows properties and methods, not attributes. Make sure to open the full documentation to find out about the attributes.

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- Objects Reference
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2.9.1 ChatGetter

All events base ChatGetter, and some of the objects below do too, so it’s important to know its methods.

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<td>chat</td>
<td>Returns the User, Chat or Channel where this object belongs to.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>input_chat</td>
<td>This InputPeer is the input version of the chat where the message was sent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>chat_id</td>
<td>Returns the marked chat integer ID.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is_private</td>
<td>True if the message was sent as a private message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is_group</td>
<td>True if the message was sent on a group or megagroup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is_channel</td>
<td>True if the message was sent on a megagroup or channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_chat</td>
<td>Returns chat, but will make an API call to find the chat if it’s already cached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_input_chat</td>
<td>Returns input_chat, but will make an API call to find the input chat if it’s already cached.</td>
</tr>
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2.9.2 SenderGetter

Similar to ChatGetter, a SenderGetter is the same, but it works for senders instead.

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<tr>
<td>sender</td>
<td>Returns the User or Channel that sent this object.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>input_sender</td>
<td>This InputPeer is the input version of the user/channel who sent the message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sender_id</td>
<td>Returns the marked sender integer ID, if present.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_sender</td>
<td>Returns sender, but will make an API call to find the sender if it’s already cached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_input_sender</td>
<td>Returns input_sender, but will make an API call to find the input sender if it’s already cached.</td>
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### 2.9.3 Message

The `Message` type is very important, mostly because we are working with a library for a messaging platform, so messages are widely used: in events, when fetching history, replies, etc. It bases `ChatGetter` and `SenderGetter`.

#### Properties

**Note:** We document *custom properties* here, not all the attributes of the `Message` (which is the information Telegram actually returns).

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<td><code>text</code></td>
<td>The message text, formatted using the client’s default parse mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>raw_text</code></td>
<td>The raw message text, ignoring any formatting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>is_reply</code></td>
<td><code>True</code> if the message is a reply to some other message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>forward</code></td>
<td>The <code>Forward</code> information if this message is a forwarded message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>buttons</code></td>
<td>Returns a list of lists of <code>MessageButton</code>, if any.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>button_count</code></td>
<td>Returns the total button count (sum of all <code>buttons</code> rows).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>file</code></td>
<td>Returns a <code>File</code> wrapping the <code>photo</code> or <code>document</code> in this message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>photo</code></td>
<td>The <code>Photo</code> media in this message, if any.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>document</code></td>
<td>The <code>Document</code> media in this message, if any.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>web_preview</code></td>
<td>The <code>WebPage</code> media in this message, if any.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>audio</code></td>
<td>The <code>Document</code> media in this message, if it’s an audio file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>voice</code></td>
<td>The <code>Document</code> media in this message, if it’s a voice note.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>video</code></td>
<td>The <code>Document</code> media in this message, if it’s a video.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>video_note</code></td>
<td>The <code>Document</code> media in this message, if it’s a video note.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>gif</code></td>
<td>The <code>Document</code> media in this message, if it’s a “gif”.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>sticker</code></td>
<td>The <code>Document</code> media in this message, if it’s a sticker.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>contact</code></td>
<td>The <code>MessageMediaContact</code> in this message, if it’s a contact.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>game</code></td>
<td>The <code>Game</code> media in this message, if it’s a game.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>geo</code></td>
<td>The <code>GeoPoint</code> media in this message, if it has a location.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>invoice</code></td>
<td>The <code>MessageMediaInvoice</code> in this message, if it’s an invoice.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>poll</code></td>
<td>The <code>MessageMediaPoll</code> in this message, if it’s a poll.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>venue</code></td>
<td>The <code>MessageMediaVenue</code> in this message, if it’s a venue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>action_entities</code></td>
<td>Returns a list of entities that took part in this action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>via_bot</code></td>
<td>The bot <code>User</code> if the message was sent via said bot.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>via_input_bot</code></td>
<td>Returns the input variant of <code>via_bot</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>client</code></td>
<td>Returns the <code>TelegramClient</code> that patched this message.</td>
</tr>
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### Methods

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<td>respond</td>
<td>Responds to the message (not as a reply).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reply</td>
<td>Replies to the message (as a reply).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forward_to</td>
<td>Forwards the message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>edit</td>
<td>Edits the message iff it’s outgoing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>delete</td>
<td>Deletes the message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_reply_message</td>
<td>The Message that this message is replying to, or None.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>click</td>
<td>Calls button.click on the specified button.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mark_read</td>
<td>Marks the message as read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pin</td>
<td>Pins the message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>download_media</td>
<td>Downloads the media contained in the message, if any.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_entities_text</td>
<td>Returns a list of (markup entity, inner text) (like bold or italics).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_buttons</td>
<td>Returns buttons when that property fails (this is rarely needed).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2.9.4 File

The File type is a wrapper object returned by Message.file, and you can use it to easily access a document’s attributes, such as its name, bot-API style file ID, etc.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>id</td>
<td>The bot-API style file_id representing this file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>The file name of this document.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ext</td>
<td>The extension from the mime type of this file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mime_type</td>
<td>The mime-type of this file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>width</td>
<td>The width in pixels of this media if it’s a photo or a video.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>height</td>
<td>The height in pixels of this media if it’s a photo or a video.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>size</td>
<td>The size in bytes of this file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>duration</td>
<td>The duration in seconds of the audio or video.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>title</td>
<td>The title of the song.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>performer</td>
<td>The performer of the song.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>emoji</td>
<td>A string with all emoji that represent the current sticker.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sticker_set</td>
<td>The InputStickerSet to which the sticker file belongs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2.9.5 Conversation

The Conversation object is returned by the client.conversation() method to easily send and receive responses like a normal conversation.

It bases ChatGetter.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>send_message</td>
<td>Sends a message in the context of this conversation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>send_file</td>
<td>Sends a file in the context of this conversation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mark_read</td>
<td>Marks as read the latest received message if message is None.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_response</td>
<td>Gets the next message that responds to a previous one.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>get_reply</td>
<td>Gets the next message that explicitly replies to a previous one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>get_edit</td>
<td>Awaits for an edit after the last message to arrive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wait_read</td>
<td>Awaits for the sent message to be marked as read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wait_event</td>
<td>Waits for a custom event to occur.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cancel</td>
<td>Cancels the current conversation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cancel_all</td>
<td>Calls cancel on all conversations in this chat.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2.9.6 AdminLogEvent

The AdminLogEvent object is returned by the client.iter_admin_log() method to easily iterate over past “events” (deleted messages, edits, title changes, leaving members...)

These are all the properties you can find in it:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>id</td>
<td>The ID of this event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>date</td>
<td>The date when this event occurred.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>user_id</td>
<td>The ID of the user that triggered this event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action</td>
<td>The original ChannelAdminLogEventAction.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>old</td>
<td>The old value from the event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>new</td>
<td>The new value present in the event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_about</td>
<td>Whether the channel’s about was changed or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_title</td>
<td>Whether the channel’s title was changed or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_username</td>
<td>Whether the channel’s username was changed or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_photo</td>
<td>Whether the channel’s photo was changed or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_sticker_set</td>
<td>Whether the channel’s sticker set was changed or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_message</td>
<td>Whether a message in this channel was edited or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>deleted_message</td>
<td>Whether a message in this channel was deleted or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_admin</td>
<td>Whether the permissions for an admin in this channel changed or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_restrictions</td>
<td>Whether a message in this channel was edited or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_invites</td>
<td>Whether the invites in the channel were toggled or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>joined</td>
<td>Whether the user joined through the channel’s public username or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>joined_invite</td>
<td>Whether a new user joined through an invite link to the channel or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>left</td>
<td>Whether the user left the channel or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_hide_history</td>
<td>Whether hiding the previous message history for new members in the channel was toggled or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_signatures</td>
<td>Whether the message signatures in the channel were toggled or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_pin</td>
<td>Whether a new message in this channel was pinned or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>changed_default_banned_rights</td>
<td>Whether the default banned rights were changed or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stopped_poll</td>
<td>Whether a poll was stopped or not.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2.9.7 Button

The Button class is used when you login as a bot account to send messages with reply markup, such as inline buttons or custom keyboards.
These are the static methods you can use to create instances of the markup:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>inline</code></td>
<td>Creates a new inline button with some payload data in it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>switch_inline</code></td>
<td>Creates a new inline button to switch to inline query.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>url</code></td>
<td>Creates a new inline button to open the desired URL on click.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>auth</code></td>
<td>Creates a new inline button to authorize the user at the given URL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>text</code></td>
<td>Creates a new keyboard button with the given text.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>request_location</code></td>
<td>Creates a new keyboard button to request the user’s location on click.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>request_phone</code></td>
<td>Creates a new keyboard button to request the user’s phone on click.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>clear</code></td>
<td>Clears all keyboard buttons after sending a message with this markup.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>force_reply</code></td>
<td>Forces a reply to the message with this markup.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2.9.8 InlineResult

The `InlineResult` object is returned inside a list by the `client.inline_query()` method to make an inline query to a bot that supports being used in inline mode, such as @like.

Note that the list returned is in fact a subclass of a list called `InlineResults`, which, in addition of being a list (iterator, indexed access, etc.), has extra attributes and methods.

These are the constants for the types, properties and methods you can find the individual results:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Constant</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ARTICLE</td>
<td>The always-present type of this result.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PHOTO</td>
<td>The always-present BotInlineMessage that will be sent if <code>click</code> is called on this result.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GIF</td>
<td>The title for this inline result.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VIDEO</td>
<td>The description for this inline result.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VIDEO_GIF</td>
<td>The URL present in this inline results.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUDIO</td>
<td>Returns either the WebDocument thumbnail for normal results or the Photo for media results.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DOCUMENT</td>
<td>Returns either the WebDocument content for normal results or the Document for media results.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>Clicks this result and sends the associated message.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VENUE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONTACT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAME</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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### 2.9.9 Dialog

The **Dialog** object is returned when you call `client.iter_dialogs()`.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>send_message</code></td>
<td>Sends a message to this dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>archive</code></td>
<td>Archives (or un-archives) this dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>delete</code></td>
<td>Deletes the dialog from your dialog list.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2.9.10 Draft

The **Draft** object is returned when you call `client.iter_drafts()`.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>entity</code></td>
<td>The entity that belongs to this dialog (user, chat or channel).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>input_entity</code></td>
<td>Input version of the entity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>get_entity</code></td>
<td>Returns <code>entity</code> but will make an API call if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>get_input_entity</code></td>
<td>Returns <code>input_entity</code> but will make an API call if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>text</code></td>
<td>The markdown text contained in the draft.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>raw_text</code></td>
<td>The raw (text without formatting) contained in the draft.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>is_empty</code></td>
<td>Convenience bool to determine if the draft is empty or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>set_message</code></td>
<td>Changes the draft message on the Telegram servers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>send</code></td>
<td>Sends the contents of this draft to the dialog.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>delete</code></td>
<td>Deletes this draft, and returns True on success.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2.9.11 Utils

The `telethon.utils` module has plenty of methods that make using the library a lot easier. Only the interesting ones will be listed here.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Method</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>get_display_name</code></td>
<td>Gets the display name for the given User, Chat or Channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>get_extension</code></td>
<td>Gets the corresponding extension for any Telegram media.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>get_inner_text</code></td>
<td>Gets the inner text that’s surrounded by the given entities.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>get_peer_id</code></td>
<td>Convert the given peer into its marked ID by default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>resolve_id</code></td>
<td>Given a marked ID, returns the original ID and its Peer type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>pack_bot_file_id</code></td>
<td>Inverse operation for <code>resolve_bot_file_id</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>resolve_bot_file_id</code></td>
<td>Given a Bot API-style <code>file_id</code>, returns the media it represents.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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2.10 String-based Debugging

Debugging is really important. Telegram’s API is really big and there is a lot of things that you should know. Such as, what attributes or fields does a result have? Well, the easiest thing to do is printing it:

```python
user = await client.get_entity('Lonami')
print(user)
```

That will show a huge string similar to the following:

```plaintext
User(id=10885151, is_self=False, contact=False, mutual_contact=False, deleted=False,  
→bot=False, bot_chat_history=False, bot_nochats=False, verified=False,  
→restricted=False, min=False, bot_inline_geo=False, access_hash=123456789012345678,  
→first_name='Lonami', last_name=None, username='Lonami', phone=None,  
→photo=UserProfilePhoto(photo_id=123456789012345678, photo_small=FileLocation(dc_  
→id=4, volume_id=1234567890, local_id=1234567890, secret=123456789012345678), photo_  
→big=FileLocation(dc_id=4, volume_id=1234567890, local_id=1234567890,  
→secret=123456789012345678)), status=UserStatusOffline(was_online=datetime.  
→datetime(2018, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, tzinfo=datetime.timezone.utc)), bot_info_version=None,  
→restriction_reason=None, bot_inline_placeholder=None, lang_code=None)
```

That’s a lot of text. But as you can see, all the properties are there. So if you want the username you **don’t use regex** or anything like splitting `str(user)` to get what you want. You just access the attribute you need:

```python
username = user.username
```

Can we get better than the shown string, though? Yes!

```python
print(user.stringify())
```

Will show a much better:

```plaintext
User(  
  id=10885151,  
  is_self=False,  
  contact=False,  
  mutual_contact=False,  
  deleted=False,  
  bot=False,  
  bot_chat_history=False,  
  bot_nochats=False,  
  verified=False,  
  restricted=False,  
  min=False,  
  bot_inline_geo=False,  
  access_hash=123456789012345678,  
  first_name='Lonami',  
  last_name=None,  
  username='Lonami',  
  phone=None,  
  photo=UserProfilePhoto(    
    photo_id=123456789012345678,  
  ))
```

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Now it’s easy to see how we could get, for example, the was_online time. It’s inside status:

```python
online_at = user.status.was_online
```

You don’t need to print everything to see what all the possible values can be. You can just search in http://tl.telethon.dev/. Remember that you can use Python’s `isinstance` to check the type of something. For example:

```python
from telethon import types
if isinstance(user.status, types.UserStatusOffline):
    print(user.status.was_online)
```

### 2.11 Entities

The library widely uses the concept of “entities”. An entity will refer to any User, Chat or Channel object that the API may return in response to certain methods, such as `GetUsersRequest`.

**Note:** When something “entity-like” is required, it means that you need to provide something that can be turned into an entity. These things include, but are not limited to, usernames, exact titles, IDs, Peer objects, or even entire User, Chat and Channel objects and even phone numbers from people you have in your contact list.

To “encounter” an ID, you would have to “find it” like you would in the normal app. If the peer is in your dialogs, you would need to `client.get_dialogs()`. If the peer is someone in a group, you would similarly `client.get_participants(group)`.

Once you have encountered an ID, the library will (by default) have saved their `access_hash` for you, which is needed to invoke most methods. This is why sometimes you might encounter this error when working with the library. You should except `ValueError` and run code that you know should work to find the entity.
2.11.1 What is an Entity?

A lot of methods and requests require entities to work. For example, you send a message to an entity, get the username of an entity, and so on.

There are a lot of things that work as entities: usernames, phone numbers, chat links, invite links, IDs, and the types themselves. That is, you can use any of those when you see an “entity” is needed.

**Note:** Remember that the phone number must be in your contact list before you can use it.

You should use, from better to worse:

1. Input entities. For example, `event.input_chat, message.input_sender`, or caching an entity you will use a lot with `entity = await client.get_input_entity(...)`.  
2. Entities. For example, if you had to get someone’s username, you can just use `user` or `channel`. It will work. Only use this option if you already have the entity!  
3. IDs. This will always look the entity up from the cache (the `*.session` file caches seen entities).  
4. Usernames, phone numbers and links. The cache will be used too (unless you force a `client.get_entity()`), but may make a request if the username, phone or link has not been found yet.

In recent versions of the library, the following two are equivalent:

```python
async def handler(event):
    await client.send_message(event.sender_id, 'Hi')
    await client.send_message(event.input_sender, 'Hi')
```

If you need to be 99% sure that the code will work (sometimes it’s simply impossible for the library to find the input entity), or if you will reuse the chat a lot, consider using the following instead:

```python
async def handler(event):
    # This method may make a network request to find the input sender. 
    # Properties can't make network requests, so we need a method. 
    sender = await event.get_input_sender()
    await client.send_message(sender, 'Hi')
    await client.send_message(sender, 'Hi')
```
2.11.2 Getting Entities

Through the use of the Session Files, the library will automatically remember the ID and hash pair, along with some extra information, so you’re able to just do this:

```python
# These examples assume you are inside an "async def"
#
# Dialogs are the "conversations you have open".
# This method returns a list of Dialog, which
# has the .entity attribute and other information.
#
# This part is IMPORTANT, because it feels the entity cache.
dialogs = await client.get_dialogs()

# All of these work and do the same.
lonami = await client.get_entity('lonami')
lonami = await client.get_entity('t.me/lonami')
lonami = await client.get_entity('https://telegram.dog/lonami')

# Other kind of entities.
channel = await client.get_entity('telegram.me/joinchat/AAAAAEkk2WdoDrB4-Q8-gg')
contact = await client.get_entity('+34xxxxxxxxx')
friend = await client.get_entity(friend_id)

# Getting entities through their ID (User, Chat or Channel)
entity = await client.get_entity(some_id)

# You can be more explicit about the type for said ID by wrapping
# it inside a Peer instance. This is recommended but not necessary.
from telethon.tl.types import PeerUser, PeerChat, PeerChannel
my_user = await client.get_entity(PeerUser(some_id))
my_chat = await client.get_entity(PeerChat(some_id))
my_channel = await client.get_entity(PeerChannel(some_id))
```

**Note:** You don’t need to get the entity before using it! Just let the library do its job. Use a phone from your contacts, username, ID or input entity (preferred but not necessary), whatever you already have.

All methods in the TelegramClient call `.get_input_entity()` prior to sending the request to save you from the hassle of doing so manually. That way, convenience calls such as `client.send_message('lonami', 'hi!')` become possible.

Every entity the library encounters (in any response to any call) will by default be cached in the .session file (an SQLite database), to avoid performing unnecessary API calls. If the entity cannot be found, additional calls like ResolveUsernameRequest or GetContactsRequest may be made to obtain the required information.

2.11.3 Entities vs. Input Entities

**Note:** This section is informative, but worth reading. The library will transparently handle all of these details for you.

On top of the normal types, the API also make use of what they call their Input* versions of objects. The input version of an entity (e.g. InputPeerUser, InputChat, etc.) only contains the minimum information that’s required from
Telegram to be able to identify who you’re referring to: a Peer’s ID and hash. They are named like this because they are input parameters in the requests.

Entities’ ID are the same for all user and bot accounts, however, the access hash is different for each account, so trying to reuse the access hash from one account in another will not work.

Sometimes, Telegram only needs to indicate the type of the entity along with their ID. For this purpose, Peer versions of the entities also exist, which just have the ID. You cannot get the hash out of them since you should not be needing it. The library probably has cached it before.

Peers are enough to identify an entity, but they are not enough to make a request with them use them. You need to know their hash before you can “use them”, and to know the hash you need to “encounter” them, let it be in your dialogs, participants, message forwards, etc.

Note: You can use peers with the library. Behind the scenes, they are replaced with the input variant. Peers “aren’t enough” on their own but the library will do some more work to use the right type.

As we just mentioned, API calls don’t need to know the whole information about the entities, only their ID and hash. For this reason, another method, `client.get_input_entity()` is available. This will always use the cache while possible, making zero API calls most of the time. When a request is made, if you provided the full entity, e.g. an User, the library will convert it to the required InputPeer automatically for you.

You should always favour `client.get_input_entity()` over `client.get_entity()` for this reason! Calling the latter will always make an API call to get the most recent information about said entity, but invoking requests don’t need this information, just the InputPeer. Only use `client.get_entity()` if you need to get actual information, like the username, name, title, etc. of the entity.

To further simplify the workflow, since the version 0.16.2 of the library, the raw requests you make to the API are also able to call `client.get_input_entity()` wherever needed, so you can even do things like:

```python
await client(SendMessageRequest('username', 'hello'))
```

The library will call the `.resolve()` method of the request, which will resolve 'username' with the appropriated InputPeer. Don’t worry if you don’t get this yet, but remember some of the details here are important.

### 2.11.4 Full Entities

In addition to PeerUser, InputPeerUser, User (and its variants for chats and channels), there is also the concept of UserFull.

This full variant has additional information such as whether the user is blocked, its notification settings, the bio or about of the user, etc.

There is also messages.ChatFull which is the equivalent of full entities for chats and channels, with also the about section of the channel. Note that the users field only contains bots for the channel (so that clients can suggest commands to use).

You can get both of these by invoking GetFullUser, GetFullChat and GetFullChannel respectively.

### 2.11.5 Accessing Entities

Although it’s explicitly noted in the documentation that messages subclass ChatGetter and SenderGetter, some people still don’t get inheritance.
When the documentation says “Bases: telethon.tl.custom.chatgetter.ChatGetter” it means that the class you’re looking at, also can act as the class it bases. In this case, ChatGetter knows how to get the chat where a thing belongs to.

So, a Message is a ChatGetter. That means you can do this:

```python
message.is_private
message.chat_id
await message.get_chat()
# ...etc
```

SenderGetter is similar:

```python
message.user_id
await message.get_input_user()
message.user
# ...etc
```

Quite a few things implement them, so it makes sense to reuse the code. For example, all events (except raw updates) implement ChatGetter since all events occur in some chat.

### 2.11.6 Summary

TL;DR: If you’re here because of “Could not find the input entity for”, you must ask yourself “how did I find this entity through official applications”? Now do the same with the library. Use what applies:

```python
async with client:
    # Does it have an username? Use it!
    entity = await client.get_entity(username)

    # Do you have a conversation open with them? Get dialogs.
    await client.get_dialogs()

    # Are they participant of some group? Get them.
    await client.get_participants('TelethonChat')

    # Is the entity the original sender of a forwarded message? Get it.
    await client.get_messages('TelethonChat', 100)

    # NOW you can use the ID, anywhere!
    await client.send_message(123456, 'Hi!')

    entity = await client.get_entity(123456)
    print(entity)
```

Once the library has “seen” the entity, you can use their integer ID. You can’t use entities from IDs the library hasn’t seen. You must make the library see them at least once and disconnect properly. You know where the entities are and you must tell the library. It won’t guess for you.
2.12 Updates in Depth

2.12.1 Properties vs. Methods

The event shown above acts just like a `custom.Message`, which means you can access all the properties it has, like `.sender`.

**However** events are different to other methods in the client, like `client.get_messages`. Events *may not* send information about the sender or chat, which means it can be `None`, but all the methods defined in the client always have this information so it doesn’t need to be re-fetched. For this reason, you have `get_` methods, which will make a network call if necessary.

In short, you should do this:

```python
@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def handler(event):
    chat = await event.get_input_chat()
    sender = await event.get_sender()
    buttons = await event.get_buttons()
```

Notice, properties (`message.sender`) don’t need an `await`, but methods (`message.get_sender`) *do* need an `await`, and you should use methods in events for these properties that may need network.

2.12.2 Events Without the client

The code of your application starts getting big, so you decide to separate the handlers into different files. But how can you access the client from these files? You don’t need to! Just `events.register` them:

```python
# handlers/welcome.py
from telethon import events
@events.register(events.NewMessage('(?i)hello'))
async def handler(event):
    client = event.client
    await event.respond('Hey!')
    await client.send_message('me', 'I said hello to someone')
```

Registering events is a way of saying “this method is an event handler”. You can use `telethon.events.is_handler` to check if any method is a handler. You can think of them as a different approach to Flask’s blueprints.

It’s important to note that this does **not** add the handler to any client! You never specified the client on which the handler should be used. You only declared that it is a handler, and its type.

To actually use the handler, you need to `client.add_event_handler` to the client (or clients) where they should be added to:

```python
# main.py
from telethon import TelegramClient
```

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This also means that you can register an event handler once and then add it to many clients without re-declaring the event.

### 2.12.3 Events Without Decorators

If for any reason you don’t want to use `telethon.events.register`, you can explicitly pass the event handler to use to the mentioned `client.add_event_handler`:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, events

def handler(event):
    ...  

with TelegramClient(...) as client:
    client.add_event_handler(handler, events.NewMessage)  
    client.run_until_disconnected()
```

Similarly, you also have `client.remove_event_handler` and `client.list_event_handlers`.

The event argument is optional in all three methods and defaults to `events.Raw` for adding, and `None` when removing (so all callbacks would be removed).

**Note:** The event type is ignored in `client.add_event_handler` if you have used `telethon.events.register` on the callback before, since that’s the point of using such method at all.

### 2.12.4 Stopping Propagation of Updates

There might be cases when an event handler is supposed to be used solitary and it makes no sense to process any other handlers in the chain. For this case, it is possible to raise a `telethon.events.StopPropagation` exception which will cause the propagation of the update through your handlers to stop:

```python
from telethon.events import StopPropagation

@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def _(event):
    # ... some conditions
    await event.delete()
    # Other handlers won't have an event to work with
    raise StopPropagation

@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def _(event):
    # Will never be reached, because it is the second handler
    # in the chain.
    pass
```
Remember to check *Update Events* if you’re looking for the methods reference.

### 2.12.5 Understanding asyncio

With `asyncio`, the library has several tasks running in the background. One task is used for sending requests, another task is used to receive them, and a third one is used to handle updates.

To handle updates, you must keep your script running. You can do this in several ways. For instance, if you are *not* running `asyncio`'s event loop, you should use `client.run_until_disconnected`:

```python
import asyncio
from telethon import TelegramClient

client = TelegramClient(...)  
...  
client.run_until_disconnected()
```

Behind the scenes, this method is *await*ing on the `client.disconnected` property, so the code above and the following are equivalent:

```python
import asyncio
from telethon import TelegramClient

client = TelegramClient(...)  
async def main():  
    await client.disconnected

loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()  
loop.run_until_complete(main())
```

You could also run `client.disconnected` until it completed.

But if you don’t want to *await*, then you should know what you want to be doing instead! What matters is that you shouldn’t let your script die. If you don’t care about updates, you don’t need any of this.

Notice that unlike `client.disconnected`, `client.run_until_disconnected` will handle `KeyboardInterrupt` with you. This method is special and can also be ran while the loop is running, so you can do this:

```python
async def main():  
    await client.run_until_disconnected()

loop.run_until_complete(main())
```

### 2.12.6 Sequential Updates

If you need to process updates sequentially (i.e. not in parallel), you should set `sequential_updates=True` when creating the client:

```python
with TelegramClient(..., sequential_updates=True) as client:
    ...
```
2.13 Session Files

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They are an important part for the library to be efficient, such as caching and handling your authorization key (or you would have to login every time!).

2.13.1 What are Sessions?

The first parameter you pass to the constructor of the TelegramClient is the session, and defaults to be the session name (or full path). That is, if you create a TelegramClient('anon') instance and connect, an anon.session file will be created in the working directory.

Note that if you pass a string it will be a file in the current working directory, although you can also pass absolute paths.

The session file contains enough information for you to login without re-sending the code, so if you have to enter the code more than once, maybe you’re changing the working directory, renaming or removing the file, or using random names.

These database files using sqlite3 contain the required information to talk to the Telegram servers, such as to which IP the client should connect, port, authorization key so that messages can be encrypted, and so on.

These files will by default also save all the input entities that you’ve seen, so that you can get information about a user or channel by just their ID. Telegram will not send their access_hash required to retrieve more information about them, if it thinks you have already seem them. For this reason, the library needs to store this information offline.

The library will by default too save all the entities (chats and channels with their name and username, and users with the phone too) in the session file, so that you can quickly access them by username or phone number.

If you’re not going to work with updates, or don’t need to cache the access_hash associated with the entities’ ID, you can disable this by setting client.session.save_entities = False.

2.13.2 Different Session Storage

If you don’t want to use the default SQLite session storage, you can also use one of the other implementations or implement your own storage.

While it’s often not the case, it’s possible that SQLite is slow enough to be noticeable, in which case you can also use a different storage. Note that this is rare and most people won’t have this issue, but it’s worth a mention.

To use a custom session storage, simply pass the custom session instance to TelegramClient instead of the session name.

Teledthon contains three implementations of the abstract Session class:

- MemorySession: stores session data within memory.
• **SQLiteSession**: stores sessions within on-disk SQLite databases. Default.

• **StringSession**: stores session data within memory, but can be saved as a string.

You can import these from `telethon.sessions`. For example, using the `StringSession` is done as follows:

```python
from telethon.sync import TelegramClient
from telethon.sessions import StringSession

with TelegramClient(StringSession(string), api_id, api_hash) as client:
    ...  # use the client
    string = client.session.save()
```

There are other community-maintained implementations available:

• **SQLAlchemy**: stores all sessions in a single database via SQLAlchemy.

• **Redis**: stores all sessions in a single Redis data store.

### 2.13.3 Creating your Own Storage

The easiest way to create your own storage implementation is to use `MemorySession` as the base and check out how `SQLiteSession` or one of the community-maintained implementations work. You can find the relevant Python files under the `sessions/` directory in the Telethon’s repository.

After you have made your own implementation, you can add it to the community-maintained session implementation list above with a pull request.

### 2.13.4 String Sessions

`StringSession` are a convenient way to embed your login credentials directly into your code for extremely easy portability, since all they take is a string to be able to login without asking for your phone and code (or faster start if you’re using a bot token).

The easiest way to generate a string session is as follows:

```python
from telethon.sync import TelegramClient
from telethon.sessions import StringSession

with TelegramClient(StringSession(), api_id, api_hash) as client:
    print(client.session.save())
```

Think of this as a way to export your authorization key (what’s needed to login into your account). This will print a string in the standard output (likely your terminal).
Warning: Keep this string safe! Anyone with this string can use it to login into your account and do anything they want to do.

This is similar to leaking your *.session files online, but it is easier to leak a string than it is to leak a file.

Once you have the string (which is a bit long), load it into your script somehow. You can use a normal text file and open(...) .read() or you can save it in a variable directly:

```python
string = '1aaNg8EX-YRfwoRsebUkugFvht6DUPi_Q25UOCzOAqzce...
with TelegramClient(StringSession(string), api_id, api_hash) as client:
    client.loop.run_until_complete(client.send_message('me', 'Hi'))
```

These strings are really convenient for using in places like Heroku since their ephemeral filesystem will delete external files once your application is over.

2.14 The Full API

Important: While you have access to this, you should always use the friendly methods listed on Client Reference unless you have a better reason not to, like a method not existing or you wanting more control.

The TelegramClient doesn’t offer a method for every single request the Telegram API supports. However, it’s very simple to call or invoke any request. Whenever you need something, don’t forget to check the documentation and look for the method you need. There you can go through a sorted list of everything you can do.

Note: The reason to keep both https://tl.telethon.dev and this documentation alive is that the former allows instant search results as you type, and a “Copy import” button. If you like namespaces, you can also do from telethon.tl import types, functions. Both work.

Important: All the examples in this documentation assume that you have from telethon import sync or import telethon.sync for the sake of simplicity and that you understand what it does (see Compatibility and Convenience for more). Simply add either line at the beginning of your project and it will work.

You should also refer to the documentation to see what the objects (constructors) Telegram returns look like. Every constructor inherits from a common type, and that’s the reason for this distinction.

Say client.send_message() didn’t exist, we could use the search to look for “message”. There we would find SendMessageRequest, which we can work with.

Every request is a Python class, and has the parameters needed for you to invoke it. You can also call help(request) for information on what input parameters it takes. Remember to “Copy import to the clipboard”, or your script won’t be aware of this class! Now we have:

```python
from telethon.tl.functions.messages import SendMessageRequest
```

If you’re going to use a lot of these, you may do:

```python
from telethon.tl import types, functions
# We now have access to 'functions.messages.SendMessageRequest'
```
We see that this request must take at least two parameters, a peer of type `InputPeer`, and a message which is just a Python `str`.

How can we retrieve this `InputPeer`? We have two options. We manually construct one, for instance:

```python
from telethon.tl.types import InputPeerUser
peer = InputPeerUser(user_id, user_hash)
```

Or we call `client.get_input_entity()`:

```python
import telethon
async def main():
    peer = await client.get_input_entity('someone')
client.loop.run_until_complete(main())
```

**Note:** Remember that `await` must occur inside an `async def`. Every full API example assumes you already know and do this.

When you’re going to invoke an API method, most require you to pass an `InputUser`, `InputChat`, or so on, this is why using `client.get_input_entity()` is more straightforward (and often immediate, if you’ve seen the user before, know their ID, etc.). If you also need to have information about the whole user, use `client.get_entity()` instead:

```python
entity = await client.get_entity('someone')
```

In the later case, when you use the entity, the library will cast it to its “input” version for you. If you already have the complete user and want to cache its input version so the library doesn’t have to do this every time its used, simply call `telethon.utils.get_input_peer`:

```python
from telethon import utils
peer = utils.get_input_peer(entity)
```

**Note:** Since v0.16.2 this is further simplified. The Request itself will call `client.get_input_entity` for you when required, but it’s good to remember what’s happening.

After this small parenthesis about `client.get_entity` versus `client.get_input_entity()`, we have everything we need. To invoke our request we do:

```python
result = await client(SendMessageRequest(peer, 'Hello there!'))
```

Message sent! Of course, this is only an example. There are over 250 methods available as of layer 80, and you can use every single of them as you wish. Remember to use the right types! To sum up:

```python
result = await client(SendMessageRequest(
    await client.get_input_entity('username'), 'Hello there!')
)
```

This can further be simplified to:
result = await client(SendMessageRequest('username', 'Hello there!'))
# Or even
result = await client(SendMessageRequest(PeerChannel(id), 'Hello there!'))

Note: Note that some requests have a “hash” parameter. This is not your api_hash! It likely isn’t your self-user .access_hash either.

It’s a special hash used by Telegram to only send a difference of new data that you don’t already have with that request, so you can leave it to 0, and it should work (which means no hash is known yet).

For those requests having a “limit” parameter, you can often set it to zero to signify “return default amount”. This won’t work for all of them though, for instance, in “messages.search” it will actually return 0 items.

### 2.14.1 Requests in Parallel

The library will automatically merge outgoing requests into a single container. Telegram’s API supports sending multiple requests in a single container, which is faster because it has less overhead and the server can run them without waiting for others. You can also force using a container manually:

```python
async def main():
    # Letting the library do it behind the scenes
    await asyncio.wait([
        client.send_message('me', 'Hello'),
        client.send_message('me', ', ')
    ])

    # Manually invoking many requests at once
    await client([
        SendMessageRequest('me', 'Hello'),
        SendMessageRequest('me', ', '),
        SendMessageRequest('me', 'World'),
        SendMessageRequest('me', '.')
    ])```

Note that you cannot guarantee the order in which they are run. Try running the above code more than one time. You will see the order in which the messages arrive is different.

If you use the raw API (the first option), you can use ordered to tell the server that it should run the requests sequentially. This will still be faster than going one by one, since the server knows all requests directly:

```python
await client([
    SendMessageRequest('me', 'Hello'),
    SendMessageRequest('me', ', '),
    SendMessageRequest('me', 'World'),
    SendMessageRequest('me', '.')
], ordered=True)
```

If any of the requests fails with a Telegram error (not connection errors or any other unexpected events), the library will raise `telethon.errors.common.MultiError`. You can except this and still access the successful results:
from telethon.errors import MultiError

try:
    await client([  
        SendMessageRequest('me', 'Hello'),  
        SendMessageRequest('me', ''),  
        SendMessageRequest('me', 'World')  
    ], ordered=True)
except MultiError as e:
    # The first and third requests worked.
    first = e.results[0]
    third = e.results[2]
    # The second request failed.
    second = e.exceptions[1]

2.15 RPC Errors

RPC stands for Remote Procedure Call, and when the library raises a RPCError, it’s because you have invoked some of the API methods incorrectly (wrong parameters, wrong permissions, or even something went wrong on Telegram’s server). All the errors are available in API Errors, but some examples are:

- **FloodWaitError** (420), the same request was repeated many times. Must wait .seconds (you can access this attribute). For example:

```python
...  
from telethon import errors

try:
    messages = await client.get_messages(chat)
    print(messages[0].text)
except errors.FloodWaitError as e:
    print('Have to sleep', e.seconds, 'seconds')
    time.sleep(e.seconds)
```

- **SessionPasswordNeededError**, if you have setup two-steps verification on Telegram.
- **CdnFileTamperedError**, if the media you were trying to download from a CDN has been altered.
- **ChatAdminRequiredError**, you don’t have permissions to perform said operation on a chat or channel. Try avoiding filters, i.e. when searching messages.

The generic classes for different error codes are:

- **InvalidDCError** (303), the request must be repeated on another DC.
- **BadRequestError** (400), the request contained errors.
- **UnauthorizedError** (401), the user is not authorized yet.
- **ForbiddenError** (403), privacy violation error.
- **NotFoundError** (404), make sure you’re invoking Request’s!

If the error is not recognised, it will only be an RPCError.

You can refer to all errors from Python through the telethon.errors module. If you don’t know what attributes they have, try printing their dir (like print(dir(e))).
## 2.15.1 Avoiding Limits

Don’t spam. You won’t get `FloodWaitError` or your account banned or deleted if you use the library for legitimate use cases. Make cool tools. Don’t spam! Nobody knows the exact limits for all requests since they depend on a lot of factors, so don’t bother asking.

Still, if you do have a legitimate use case and still get those errors, the library will automatically sleep when they are smaller than 60 seconds by default. You can set different “auto-sleep” thresholds:

```python
client.flood_sleep_threshold = 0  # Don't auto-sleep
client.flood_sleep_threshold = 24 * 60 * 60  # Sleep always
```

You can also except it and act as you prefer:

```python
from telethon.errors import FloodWaitError
try:
    ...
except FloodWaitError as e:
    print('Flood waited for', e.seconds)
    quit(1)
```

VoIP numbers are very limited, and some countries are more limited too.

## 2.16 HTTP Bot API vs MTProto

Telethon is more than just another viable alternative when developing bots for Telegram. If you haven’t decided which wrapper library for bots to use yet, using Telethon from the beginning may save you some headaches later.

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### 2.16.1 What is Bot API?

The Telegram Bot API, also known as HTTP Bot API and from now on referred to as simply “Bot API” is Telegram’s official way for developers to control their own Telegram bots. Quoting their main page:

> The Bot API is an HTTP-based interface created for developers keen on building bots for Telegram.

To learn how to create and set up a bot, please consult our [Introduction to Bots](#) and [Bot FAQ](#).
Bot API is simply an HTTP endpoint which translates your requests to it into MTProto calls through `tdlib`, their bot backend.

### 2.16.2 What is MTProto?

MTProto is Telegram’s own protocol to communicate with their API when you connect to their servers.

Telethon is an alternative MTProto-based backend written entirely in Python and much easier to setup and use.

Both official applications and third-party clients (like your own applications) logged in as either user or bots can use MTProto to communicate directly with Telegram’s API (which is not the HTTP bot API).

When we talk about MTProto, we often mean “MTProto-based clients”.

### 2.16.3 Advantages of MTProto over Bot API

MTProto clients (like Telethon) connect directly to Telegram’s servers, which means there is no HTTP connection, no “polling” or “web hooks”. This means less overhead, since the protocol used between you and the server is much more compact than HTTP requests with responses in wasteful JSON.

Since there is a direct connection to Telegram’s servers, even if their Bot API endpoint is down, you can still have connection to Telegram directly.

Using a MTProto client, you are also not limited to the public API that they expose, and instead, you have full control of what your bot can do. Telethon offers you all the power with often much easier usage than any of the available Python Bot API wrappers.

If your application ever needs user features because bots cannot do certain things, you will be able to easily login as a user and even keep your bot without having to learn a new library.

If less overhead and full control didn’t convince you to use Telethon yet, check out the repository HTTP Bot API vs MTProto comparison with a more exhaustive and up-to-date list of differences.

### 2.16.4 Migrating from Bot API to Telethon

It doesn’t matter if you wrote your bot with requests and you were making API requests manually, or if you used a wrapper library like `python-telegram-bot` or `pyTelegramBotAPI`. It’s never too late to migrate to Telethon!

If you were using an asynchronous library like `aiohttp` or a wrapper like `aiogram` or `dumbot`, it will be even easier, because Telethon is also an asynchronous library.

Next, we will see some examples from the most popular libraries.

#### Migrating from python-telegram-bot

Let’s take their `echobot2.py` example and shorten it a bit:

```python
from telegram.ext import Updater, CommandHandler, MessageHandler, Filters

def start(update, context):
    """Send a message when the command /start is issued.""
    update.message.reply_text('Hi!')

def echo(update, context):
    """Echo the user message.""
```
update.message.reply_text(update.message.text)

def main():
    """Start the bot.""
    updater = Updater("TOKEN")
    dp = updater.dispatcher
    dp.add_handler(CommandHandler("start", start))
    dp.add_handler(MessageHandler(Filters.text, echo))

    updater.start_polling()
    updater.idle()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()

After using Telethon:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, events

bot = TelegramClient('bot', 11111, 'a1b2c3d4').start(bot_token='TOKEN')

@bot.on(events.NewMessage(pattern='/start'))
async def start(event):
    """Send a message when the command /start is issued.""
    await event.respond('Hi!')
    raise events.StopPropagation

@bot.on(events.NewMessage)
async def echo(event):
    """Echo the user message.""
    await event.respond(event.text)

def main():
    """Start the bot.""
    bot.run_until_disconnected()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

Key differences:

- The recommended way to do it imports less things.
- All handlers trigger by default, so we need events.StopPropagation.
- Adding handlers, responding and running is a lot less verbose.
- Telethon needs async def and await.
- The bot isn’t hidden away by Updater or Dispatcher.

Migrating from pyTelegramBotAPI

Let’s show another echobot from their README:
import telebot

bot = telebot.TeleBot("TOKEN")

@bot.message_handler(commands=['start'])
def send_welcome(message):
    bot.reply_to(message, "Howdy, how are you doing?")

@bot.message_handler(func=lambda m: True)
def echo_all(message):
    bot.reply_to(message, message.text)

bot.polling()

Now we rewrite it to use Telethon:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, events

bot = TelegramClient('bot', 11111, 'a1b2c3d4').start(bot_token='TOKEN')

@bot.on(events.NewMessage(pattern='/start'))
async def send_welcome(event):
    await event.reply('Howdy, how are you doing?')

@bot.on(events.NewMessage)
async def echo_all(event):
    await event.reply(event.text)

bot.run_until_disconnected()
```

Key differences:

- Instead of doing `bot.reply_to(message)`, we can do `event.reply`. Note that the event behaves just like their message.
- Telethon also supports `func=lambda m: True`, but it’s not necessary.

**Migrating from aiogram**

From their GitHub:

```python
from aiogram import Bot, Dispatcher, executor, types

API_TOKEN = 'BOT TOKEN HERE'

# Initialize bot and dispatcher
bot = Bot(token=API_TOKEN)
dp = Dispatcher(bot)

@dp.message_handler(commands=['start'])
async def send_welcome(message: types.Message):
    """This handler will be called when client send '/start' command."
    await message.reply("Hi!
I'm EchoBot!
Powered by aiogram.")

@dp.message_handler(regexp='(^cat[s]?$|puss)')
```

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async def cats(message: types.Message):
    with open('data/cats.jpg', 'rb') as photo:
        await bot.send_photo(message.chat.id, photo, caption='Cats is here ',
            reply_to_message_id=message.message_id)

@dp.message_handler()
async def echo(message: types.Message):
    await bot.send_message(message.chat.id, message.text)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    executor.start_polling(dp, skip_updates=True)

After rewrite:

from telethon import TelegramClient, events

# Initialize bot and... just the bot!
bot = TelegramClient('bot', 11111, 'a1b2c3d4').start(bot_token='TOKEN')

@bot.on(events.NewMessage(pattern='^/start$'))
async def send_welcome(event):
    await event.reply('Howdy, how are you doing?')

@bot.on(events.NewMessage(pattern='(^cat[s]?$|puss)'))
async def cats(event):
    await event.reply('Cats is here ', file='data/cats.jpg')

@bot.on(events.NewMessage)
async def echo_all(event):
    await event.reply(event.text)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    bot.run_until_disconnected()

Key differences:

- Telethon offers convenience methods to avoid retyping `bot.send_photo(message.chat.id, ...) all the time, and instead let you type event.reply.`
- Sending files is a lot easier. The methods for sending photos, documents, audios, etc. are all the same!

**Migrating from dumbot**

Showcasing their subclassing example:

from dumbot import Bot

class Subbot(Bot):
    async def init(self):
        self.me = await self.getMe()

    async def on_update(self, update):
        await self.sendMessage(
            chat_id=update.message.chat.id,
            text='i am {}' .format(self.me.username)
        )

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After rewriting:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, events

class Subbot(TelegramClient):
    def __init__(self, *a, **kw):
        await super().__init__(*a, **kw)
        self.add_event_handler(self.on_update, events.NewMessage)

    async def connect():
        await super().connect()
        self.me = await self.get_me()

    async def on_update(event):
        await event.reply('i am {}'.format(self.me.username))

bot = Subbot('bot', 11111, 'a1b2c3d4').start(bot_token='TOKEN')
bot.run_until_disconnected()
```

Key differences:

- Telethon method names are snake_case.
- dumbot does not offer friendly methods like `update.reply`.
- Telethon does not have an implicit `on_update` handler, so we need to manually register one.

## 2.17 Mastering asyncio

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2.17.1 What’s asyncio?

asyncio is a Python 3’s built-in library. This means it’s already installed if you have Python 3. Since Python 3.5, it is convenient to work with asynchronous code. Before (Python 3.4) we didn’t have async or await, but now we do.

asyncio stands for **Asynchronous Input Output**. This is a very powerful concept to use whenever you work IO. Interacting with the web or external APIs such as Telegram’s makes a lot of sense this way.

2.17.2 Why asyncio?

Asynchronous IO makes a lot of sense in a library like Telethon. You send a request to the server (such as “get some message”), and thanks to asyncio, your code won’t block while a response arrives.

The alternative would be to spawn a thread for each update so that other code can run while the response arrives. That is a lot more expensive.

The code will also run faster, because instead of switching back and forth between the OS and your script, your script can handle it all. Avoiding switching saves quite a bit of time, in Python or any other language that supports asynchronous IO. It will also be cheaper, because tasks are smaller than threads, which are smaller than processes.

2.17.3 What are asyncio basics?

```python
# First we need the asyncio library
import asyncio

# Then we need a loop to work with
loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()

# We also need something to run
async def main():
    for char in 'Hello, world!\n':
        print(char, end='', flush=True)
        await asyncio.sleep(0.2)

# Then, we need to run the loop with a task
loop.run_until_complete(main())
```

2.17.4 What does telethon.sync do?

The moment you import any of these:

```python
from telethon import sync, ...
# or
from telethon.sync import ...
# or
import telethon.sync
```

The sync module rewrites most async def methods in Telethon to something similar to this:

```python
def new_method():
    result = original_method()
    if loop.is_running():
        # the loop is already running, return the await-able to the user
        return result
```

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else:
    # the loop is not running yet, so we can run it for the user
    return loop.run_until_complete(result)

That means you can do this:

```python
print(client.get_me().username)
```

Instead of this:

```python
me = client.loop.run_until_complete(client.get_me())
print(me.username)
```

# or, using asyncio's default loop (it's the same)
```python
import asyncio
loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()  # == client.loop
me = loop.run_until_complete(client.get_me())
print(me.username)
```

As you can see, it's a lot of boilerplate and noise having to type `run_until_complete` all the time, so you can let the magic module to rewrite it for you. But notice the comment above: it won’t run the loop if it’s already running, because it can’t. That means this:

```python
async def main():
    # 3. the loop is running here
    print(client.get_me())  # 4. this will return a coroutine!
    .username  # 5. this fails, coroutines don't have usernames

loop.run_until_complete(main())  # 2. run the loop and the `main()` coroutine
```

Will fail. So if you’re inside an `async def`, then the loop is running, and if the loop is running, you must `await` things yourself:

```python
async def main():
    print((await client.get_me()).username)

loop.run_until_complete(main())
```

### 2.17.5 What are async, await and coroutines?

The `async` keyword lets you define asynchronous functions, also known as coroutines, and also iterate over asynchronous loops or use `async with`:

```python
import asyncio

async def main():
    # ^ this declares the main() coroutine function
    async with client:
        # ^ this is an asynchronous with block
```
async for message in client.iter_messages(chat):
    # ^ this is a for loop over an asynchronous generator
    print(message.sender.username)

loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
# ^ this assigns the default event loop from the main thread to a variable

loop.run_until_complete(main())
# ^ this runs the *entire* loop until the main() function finishes.
# While the main() function does not finish, the loop will be running.
# While the loop is running, you can't run it again.

The await keyword blocks the current task, and the loop can run other tasks. Tasks can be thought of as “threads”, since many can run concurrently:

```python
import asyncio

async def hello(delay):
    await asyncio.sleep(delay)  # await tells the loop this task is "busy"
    print('hello')  # eventually the loop resumes the code here

async def world(delay):
    # the loop decides this method should run first
    await asyncio.sleep(delay)  # await tells the loop this task is "busy"
    print('world')  # eventually the loop finishes all tasks

loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()  # get the default loop for the main thread
loop.create_task(world(2))  # create the world task, passing 2 as delay
loop.create_task(hello(delay=1))  # another task, but with delay 1

try:
    # run the event loop forever; ctrl+c to stop it
    # we could also run the loop for three seconds:
    #   loop.run_until_complete(asyncio.sleep(3))
    loop.run_forever()
except KeyboardInterrupt:
    pass
```

The same example, but without the comment noise:

```python
import asyncio

async def hello(delay):
    await asyncio.sleep(delay)
    print('hello')

async def world(delay):
    await asyncio.sleep(delay)
    print('world')

loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
loop.create_task(world(2))
loop.create_task(hello(delay=1))
loop.run_until_complete(asyncio.sleep(3))
```
2.17.6 Can I use threads?

Yes, you can, but you must understand that the loops themselves are not thread safe, and you must be sure to know what is happening. You may want to create a loop in a new thread and make sure to pass it to the client:

```python
import asyncio
import threading

def go():
    loop = asyncio.new_event_loop()
    client = TelegramClient(..., loop=loop)

threading.Thread(target=go).start()
```

Generally, you don’t need threads unless you know what you’re doing. Just create another task, as shown above. If you’re using the Telethon with a library that uses threads, you must be careful to use `threading.Lock` whenever you use the client, or enable the compatible mode. For that, see Compatibility and Convenience.

You may have seen this error:

```
RuntimeError: There is no current event loop in thread 'Thread-1'.
```

It just means you didn’t create a loop for that thread, and if you don’t pass a loop when creating the client, it uses `asyncio.get_event_loop()`, which only works in the main thread.

2.17.7 client.run_until_disconnected() blocks!

All of what `client.run_until_disconnected()` does is run the asyncio’s event loop until the client is disconnected. That means the loop is running. And if the loop is running, it will run all the tasks in it. So if you want to run other code, create tasks for it:

```python
from datetime import datetime

async def clock():
    while True:
        print('The time:', datetime.now())
        await asyncio.sleep(1)

loop.create_task(clock())
... client.run_until_disconnected()
```

This creates a task for a clock that prints the time every second. You don’t need to use `client.run_until_disconnected()` either! You just need to make the loop is running, somehow. `loop.run_forever()` and `loop.run_until_complete()` can also be used to run the loop, and Telethon will be happy with any approach.

Of course, there are better tools to run code hourly or daily, see below.

2.17.8 What else can asyncio do?

Asynchronous IO is a really powerful tool, as we’ve seen. There are plenty of other useful libraries that also use asyncio and that you can integrate with Telethon.

- aiohttp is like the infamous requests but asynchronous.
• quart is an asynchronous alternative to Flask.
• aiocron lets you schedule things to run things at a desired time, or run some tasks hourly, daily, etc.

And of course, asyncio itself! It has a lot of methods that let you do nice things. For example, you can run requests in parallel:

```python
async def main():
    last, sent, download_path = await asyncio.gather(
        client.get_messages('TelethonChat', 10),
        client.send_message('TelethonOfftopic', 'Hey guys!'),
        client.download_profile_photo('TelethonChat')
    )

loop.run_until_complete(main())
```

This code will get the 10 last messages from @TelethonChat, send one to @TelethonOfftopic, and also download the profile photo of the main group. asyncio will run all these three tasks at the same time. You can run all the tasks you want this way.

A different way would be:

```python
loop.create_task(client.get_messages('TelethonChat', 10))
loop.create_task(client.send_message('TelethonOfftopic', 'Hey guys!'))
loop.create_task(client.download_profile_photo('TelethonChat'))
```

They will run in the background as long as the loop is running too.

You can also start an asyncio server in the main script, and from another script, connect to it to achieve Inter-Process Communication. You can get as creative as you want. You can program anything you want. When you use a library, you’re not limited to use only its methods. You can combine all the libraries you want. People seem to forget this simple fact!

### 2.17.9 Why does client.start() work outside async?

Because it’s so common that it’s really convenient to offer said functionality by default. This means you can set up all your event handlers and start the client without worrying about loops at all.

Using the client in a `with` block, `start`, `run_until_disconnected`, and `disconnect` all support this.

### 2.17.10 Where can I read more?

Check out my blog post about asyncio, which has some more examples and pictures to help you understand what happens when the loop runs.

### 2.18 A Word of Warning

Full API is not how you are intended to use the library. You should always prefer the Client Reference. However, not everything is implemented as a friendly method, so full API is your last resort.

If you select a method in Client Reference, you will most likely find an example for that method. This is how you are intended to use the library.

Full API will break between different minor versions of the library, since Telegram changes very often. The friendly methods will be kept compatible between major versions.
If you need to see real-world examples, please refer to Projects using Telethon.

## 2.19 Working with Chats and Channels

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### 2.19.1 Joining a chat or channel

Note that Chat are normal groups, and Channel are a special form of Chat, which can also be super-groups if their megagroup member is True.

### 2.19.2 Joining a public channel

Once you have the entity of the channel you want to join to, you can make use of the JoinChannelRequest to join such channel:

```python
from telethon.tl.functions.channels import JoinChannelRequest
await client(JoinChannelRequest(channel))
```

For more on channels, check the channels namespace.

### 2.19.3 Joining a private chat or channel

If all you have is a link like this one: https://t.me/joinchat/AAAAAFFszQPyPEZ7wgxLtd, you already have enough information to join! The part after the https://t.me/joinchat/, this is,
2.19.4 Adding someone else to such chat or channel

If you don’t want to add yourself, maybe because you’re already in, you can always add someone else with the AddChatUserRequest, which use is very straightforward, or InviteToChannelRequest for channels:

```python
# For normal chats
from telethon.tl.functions.messages import AddChatUserRequest
await client(AddChatUserRequest(
    chat_id,
    user_to_add,
    fwd_limit=10  # Allow the user to see the 10 last messages
))

# For channels (which includes megagroups)
from telethon.tl.functions.channels import InviteToChannelRequest
await client(InviteToChannelRequest(
    channel,
    [users_to_add]
))
```

2.19.5 Checking a link without joining

If you don’t need to join but rather check whether it’s a group or a channel, you can use the CheckChatInviteRequest, which takes in the hash of said channel or group.

2.19.6 Admin Permissions

Giving or revoking admin permissions can be done with the EditAdminRequest:

```python
from telethon.tl.functions.channels import EditAdminRequest
from telethon.tl.types import ChatAdminRights
 rights = ChatAdminRights(
    post_messages=None,
    add_admins=None,
    invite_users=None,
    change_info=True,
    ban_users=None,
)```
delete_messages=True,
pin_messages=True,
invite_link=None,
edit_messages=None
)

# Equivalent to:
# rights = ChatAdminRights(
#     change_info=True,
#     delete_messages=True,
#     pin_messages=True
# )

# Once you have a ChatAdminRights, invoke it
await client(EditAdminRequest(channel, user, rights))

# User will now be able to change group info, delete other people's
# messages and pin messages.

# In a normal chat, you should do this instead:
from telethon.tl.functions.messages import EditChatAdminRequest

await client(EditChatAdminRequest(chat_id, user, is_admin=True))

Note: Thanks to @Kyle2142 for pointing out that you cannot set all parameters to True to give a user full permissions, as not all permissions are related to both broadcast channels/megagroups.

E.g. trying to set post_messages=True in a megagroup will raise an error. It is recommended to always use keyword arguments, and to set only the permissions the user needs. If you don't need to change a permission, it can be omitted (full list here).

2.19.7 Restricting Users

Similar to how you give or revoke admin permissions, you can edit the banned rights of a user through EditBannedRequest and its parameter ChatBannedRights:

from telethon.tl.functions.channels import EditBannedRequest
from telethon.tl.types import ChatBannedRights
from datetime import datetime, timedelta

# Restricting a user for 7 days, only allowing view/send messages.
# Note that it's "reversed". You must set to 'True' the permissions
# you want to REMOVE, and leave as 'None' those you want to KEEP.
rights = ChatBannedRights(
    until_date=timedelta(days=7),
    view_messages=None,
    send_messages=None,
    send_media=True,
    send_stickers=True,
    send_gifs=True,
    send_games=True,
    send_inline=True,
)
embed_links=True
)

# The above is equivalent to
rights = ChatBannedRights(  
    until_date=datetime.now() + timedelta(days=7),  
    send_media=True,  
    send_stickers=True,  
    send_gifs=True,  
    send_games=True,  
    send_inline=True,  
    embed_links=True  
)

await client(EditBannedRequest(channel, user, rights))

You can use a `datetime.datetime` object for `until_date=`, a `datetime.timedelta` or even a Unix timestamp. Note that if you ban someone for less than 30 seconds or for more than 366 days, Telegram will consider the ban to actually last forever. This is officially documented under https://core.telegram.org/bots/api#restrictchatmember.

### 2.19.8 Kicking a member

Telegram doesn’t actually have a request to kick a user from a group. Instead, you need to restrict them so they can’t see messages. Any date is enough:

```python
from telethon.tl.functions.channels import EditBannedRequest
from telethon.tl.types import ChatBannedRights

await client(EditBannedRequest(
    channel, user, ChatBannedRights(
        until_date=None,
        view_messages=True
    )
))
```

### 2.19.9 Increasing View Count in a Channel

It has been asked quite a few times (really, many), and while I don’t understand why so many people ask this, the solution is to use `GetMessagesViewsRequest`, setting `increment=True`:

```python
# Obtain `channel` through dialogs or through client.get_entity() or anyhow.  
# Obtain `msg_ids` through `.get_messages()` or anyhow. Must be a list.
await client(GetMessagesViewsRequest(
    peer=channel,  
    id=msg_ids,  
    increment=True
))
```

Note that you can only do this **once or twice a day** per account, running this in a loop will obviously not increase the views forever unless you wait a day between each iteration. If you run it any sooner than that, the views simply won’t be increased.
2.20 Users

Note: These examples assume you have read The Full API.

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2.20.1 Retrieving full information

If you need to retrieve the bio, biography or about information for a user you should use `GetFullUser`:

```python
from telethon.tl.functions.users import GetFullUserRequest

full = await client(GetFullUserRequest(user))
# or even
full = await client(GetFullUserRequest('username'))

bio = full.about
```

See `UserFull` to know what other fields you can access.

2.20.2 Updating your name and/or bio

The first name, last name and bio (about) can all be changed with the same request. Omitted fields won’t change after invoking `UpdateProfile`:

```python
from telethon.tl.functions.account import UpdateProfileRequest

await client(UpdateProfileRequest(
    about='This is a test from Telethon'
))
```

2.20.3 Updating your username

You need to use `account.UpdateUsername`:

```python
from telethon.tl.functions.account import UpdateUsernameRequest

await client(UpdateUsernameRequest('new_username'))
```
2.20.4 Updating your profile photo

The easiest way is to upload a new file and use that as the profile photo through `UploadProfilePhoto`:

```python
from telethon.tl.functions.photos import UploadProfilePhotoRequest
await client(UploadProfilePhotoRequest(
    await client.upload_file('/path/to/some/file')
))
```

2.21 Working with messages

Note: These examples assume you have read *The Full API*.

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2.21.1 Sending stickers

Stickers are nothing else than files, and when you successfully retrieve the stickers for a certain sticker set, all you will have are handles to these files. Remember, the files Telegram holds on their servers can be referenced through this pair of ID/hash (unique per user), and you need to use this handle when sending a “document” message. This working example will send yourself the very first sticker you have:

```python
# Get all the sticker sets this user has
from telethon.tl.functions.messages import GetAllStickersRequest
sticker_sets = await client(GetAllStickersRequest(0))

# Choose a sticker set
from telethon.tl.functions.messages import GetStickerSetRequest
from telethon.tl.types import InputStickerSetID
sticker_set = sticker_sets.sets[0]

# Get the stickers for this sticker set
stickers = await client(GetStickerSetRequest(
    stickerset=InputStickerSetID(
        id=sticker_set.id, access_hash=sticker_set.access_hash
    )
))

# Stickers are nothing more than files, so send that
await client.send_file('me', stickers.documents[0])
```
2.22 Projects using Telethon

This page lists some interesting and useful real world examples showcasing what can be built with the library.

Note: Do you have an interesting project that uses the library or know of any that’s not listed here? Feel free to leave a comment at issue 744 so it can be included in the next revision of the documentation!

You can also advertise your bot and its features, in the issue, although it should be a big project which can be useful for others before being included here, so please don’t feel offended if it can’t be here!

2.22.1 telethon_examples/

telethon_examples / LonamiWebs’ site

This documentation is not the only place where you can find useful code snippets using the library. The main repository also has a folder with some cool examples (even a Tkinter GUI!) which you can download, edit and run to learn and play with them.

2.22.2 @TelethonSnippets

@TelethonSnippets

You can find useful short snippets for Telethon here.

2.22.3 telegram-export

telegram-export / expectocode’s GitHub

A tool to download Telegram data (users, chats, messages, and media) into a database (and display the saved data).

2.22.4 mautrix-telegram

mautrix-telegram / maunium’s site

A Matrix-Telegram hybrid puppeting/relaybot bridge.

2.22.5 TelegramTUI

TelegramTUI / bad-day’s GitHub

A Telegram client on your terminal.

2.22.6 tgcloud

tgcloud / tgcloud’s site

Opensource Telegram based cloud storage.
2.22.7 tgmount

tgmount / nktknshn’s GitHub
Mount Telegram dialogs and channels as a Virtual File System.

2.23 Philosophy

The intention of the library is to have an existing MTProto library existing with hardly any dependencies (indeed, wherever Python is available, you can run this library).

Being written in Python means that performance will be nowhere close to other implementations written in, for instance, Java, C++, Rust, or pretty much any other compiled language. However, the library turns out to actually be pretty decent for common operations such as sending messages, receiving updates, or other scripting. Uploading files may be notably slower, but if you would like to contribute, pull requests are appreciated!

If `libssl` is available on your system, the library will make use of it to speed up some critical parts such as encrypting and decrypting the messages. Files will notably be sent and downloaded faster.

The main focus is to keep everything clean and simple, for everyone to understand how working with MTProto and Telegram works. Don’t be afraid to read the source, the code won’t bite you! It may prove useful when using the library on your own use cases.

2.24 Test Servers

To run Telethon on a test server, use the following code:

```python
client = TelegramClient(None, api_id, api_hash)
client.session.set_dc(dc_id, '149.154.167.40', 80)
client.start(phone='9996621234', code_callback=lambda: '22222')
```

You can check your 'test ip' on https://my.telegram.org.

You should set `None` session so to ensure you're generating a new authorization key for it (it would fail if you used a session where you had previously connected to another data center).

Note that port 443 might not work, so you can try with 80 instead.

Once you’re connected, you’ll likely be asked to either sign in or sign up. Remember anyone can access the phone you choose, so don’t store sensitive data here.

Valid phone numbers are 99966XYYYY, where X is the dc_id and YYYY is any number you want, for example, 1234 in dc_id = 2 would be 9996621234. The code sent by Telegram will be dc_id repeated five times, in this case, 22222 so we can hardcode that:

```python
client = TelegramClient(None, api_id, api_hash)
client.session.set_dc(2, '149.154.167.40', 80)
client.start(phone='9996621234', code_callback=lambda: '22222')
```
2.25 Project Structure

2.25.1 Main interface

The library itself is under the telethon/ directory. The __init__.py file there exposes the main TelegramClient, a class that servers as a nice interface with the most commonly used methods on Telegram such as sending messages, retrieving the message history, handling updates, etc.

The TelegramClient inherits from several mixing Method classes, since there are so many methods that having them in a single file would make maintenance painful (it was three thousand lines before this separation happened!). It’s a “god object”, but there is only a way to interact with Telegram really.

The TelegramBaseClient is an ABC which will support all of these mixins so they can work together nicely. It doesn’t even know how to invoke things because they need to be resolved with user information first (to work with input entities comfortably).

The client makes use of the network/mtprotosender.py. The MTProtoSender is responsible for connecting, reconnecting, packing, unpacking, sending and receiving items from the network. Basically, the low-level communication with Telegram, and handling MTProto-related functions and types such as BadSalt.

The sender makes use of a Connection class which knows the format in which outgoing messages should be sent (how to encode their length and their body, if they’re further encrypted).

2.25.2 Auto-generated code

The files under telethon_generator/ are used to generate the code that gets placed under telethon/tl/. The parsers take in files in a specific format (such as .tl for objects and .json for errors) and spit out the generated classes which represent, as Python classes, the request and types defined in the .tl file. It also constructs an index so that they can be imported easily.

Custom documentation can also be generated to easily navigate through the vast amount of items offered by the API.

If you clone the repository, you will have to run python setup.py gen in order to generate the code. Installing the library runs the generator too, but the mentioned command will just generate code.

2.26 Coding Style

Basically, make it readable, while keeping the style similar to the code of whatever file you’re working on.

Also note that not everyone has 4K screens for their primary monitors, so please try to stick to the 80-columns limit. This makes it easy to git diff changes from a terminal before committing changes. If the line has to be long, please don’t exceed 120 characters.

For the commit messages, please make them explanatory. Not only they’re helpful to troubleshoot when certain issues could have been introduced, but they’re also used to construct the change log once a new version is ready.

If you don’t know enough Python, I strongly recommend reading Dive Into Python 3, available online for free. For instance, remember to do if x is None or if x is not None instead if x == None!

2.27 Understanding the Type Language

Telegram’s Type Language (also known as TL, found on .tl files) is a concise way to define what other programming languages commonly call classes or structs.
Every definition is written as follows for a Telegram object is defined as follows:

```
name#id argument_name:argument_type = CommonType
```

This means that in a single line you know what the TLObject name is. You know it’s unique ID, and you know what arguments it has. It really isn’t that hard to write a generator for generating code to any platform!

The generated code should also be able to :func:`encode` the TLObject (let this be a request or a type) into bytes, so they can be sent over the network. This isn’t a big deal either, because you know how the TLObject’s are made, and how the types should be serialized.

You can either write your own code generator, or use the one this library provides, but please be kind and keep some special mention to this project for helping you out.

This is only a introduction. The TL language is not :func:`str` easy. But it’s not that hard either. You’re free to sniff the telethon_generator/ files and learn how to parse other more complex lines, such as :func:`flags` (to indicate things that may or may not be written at all) and :func:`vector`

### 2.28 Tips for Porting the Project

If you’re going to use the code on this repository to guide you, please be kind and don’t forget to mention it helped you!

You should start by reading the source code on the :func:`first release` of the project, and start creating a :func:`MTProtoSender`. Once this is made, you should write by hand the code to authenticate on the Telegram’s server, which are some steps required to get the key required to talk to them. Save it somewhere! Then, simply mimic, or reinvent other parts of the code, and it will be ready to go within a few days.

Good luck!

### 2.29 Telegram API in Other Languages

Telethon was made for :func:`Python`, and as far as I know, there is no :func:`exact` port to other languages. However, there are other implementations made by awesome people (one needs to be awesome to understand the official Telegram documentation) on several languages (even more Python too), listed below:

#### 2.29.1 C

Possibly the most well-known unofficial open source implementation out there by :func:`@vysheng <tglib>` and its console client :func:`telegram-cli`. Latest development has been moved to BitBucket.

**C++**

The newest (and official) library, written from scratch, is called :func:`tdlib` and is what the Telegram X uses. You can find more information in the official documentation, published here.

**JavaScript**

@zerobias is working on :func:`telegram-mtproto`, a work-in-progress JavaScript library installable via npm.
**Kotlin**

Kotlogram is a Telegram implementation written in Kotlin (one of the official languages for Android) by @badoualy, currently as a beta– yet working.

**PHP**

A PHP implementation is also available thanks to @danog and his MadelineProto project, with a very nice online documentation too.

**Python**

A fairly new (as of the end of 2017) Telegram library written from the ground up in Python by @delivrance and his Pyrogram library. There isn’t really a reason to pick it over Telethon and it’d be kinda sad to see you go, but it would be nice to know what you miss from each other library in either one so both can improve.

**Rust**

Yet another work-in-progress implementation, this time for Rust thanks to @JuanPotato under the fancy name of Vail.

### 2.30 Changelog (Version History)

This page lists all the available versions of the library, in chronological order. You should read this when upgrading the library to know where your code can break, and where it can take advantage of new goodies!

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2.30.1 Scheduled Messages (v1.10)

Published at 2019/09/08

You can now schedule messages to be sent (or edited, or forwarded...) at a later time, which can also work as reminders for yourself when used in your own chat!
from datetime import timedelta

# Remind yourself to walk the dog in 10 minutes (after you play with Telethon's update)
await client.send_message('me', 'Walk the dog',
    schedule=timedelta(minutes=10))

# Remind your friend tomorrow to update Telethon
await client.send_message(friend, 'Update Telethon!
    schedule=timedelta(days=1))

Additions

- New Button.auth friendly button you can use to ask users to login to your bot.
- Telethon’s repository now contains *.nix expressions that you can use.
- New client.kick_participant() method to truly kick (not ban) participants.
- New schedule parameter in client.send_message(), client.edit_message(), client.
  forward_messages() and client.send_file().

Bug fixes

- Fix calling flush on file objects which lack this attribute.
- Fix CallbackQuery pattern.
- Fix client.action() not returning itself when used in a context manager (so the as would be None).
- Fix sending InputKeyboardButtonUrlAuth as inline buttons.
- Fix client.edit_permissions() defaults.
- Fix Forward had its client as None.
- Fix (de)serialization of negative timestamps (caused by the information in some sites with instant view, where
  the date could be very old).
- Fix HTML un-parsing.
- Fix to/from_id in private messages when using multiple clients.
- Stop disconnecting from None (incorrect logging).
- Fix double-read on double-connect.
- Fix client.get_messages() when being passed more than 100 IDs.
- Fix Message.document for documents coming from web-pages.

Enhancements

- Some documentation improvements, including the TL reference.
- Documentation now avoids telethon.sync, which should hopefully be less confusing.
- Better error messages for flood wait.
- You can now client.get_drafts() for a single entity (which means you can now get a single draft from
  a single chat).
• New-style file IDs now work with Telethon.
• The `progress_callback` for `client.upload_file()` can now be an `async def`.

2.30.2 Animated Stickers (v1.9)

*Published at 2019/07/06*

Scheme layer used: 103

With the layer 103, Telethon is now able to send and receive animated stickers! These use the `application/x-tgsticker` mime-type and for now, you can access its raw data, which is a gzipped JSON.

### Additions

• New `events.Album` to easily receive entire albums!
• New `client.edit_admin()` and `client.edit_permissions()` methods to more easily manage your groups.
• New `pattern=` in `CallbackQuery`.
• New `conversation.cancel_all()` method, to cancel all currently-active conversations in a particular chat.
• New `telethon.utils.encode_waveform` and `telethon.utils.decode_waveform` methods as implemented by Telegram Desktop, which lets you customize how voice notes will render.
• New `ignore_pinned` parameter in `client.iter_dialogs()`.
• New `Message.mark_read()` method.
• You can now use strike-through in markdown with `~~text~~`, and the corresponding HTML tags for strike-through, quotes and underlined text.
• You can now nest entities, as in `**__text__**`.

### Bug fixes

• Fixed downloading contacts.
• Fixed `client.iter_dialogs()` missing some under certain circumstances.
• Fixed incredibly slow imports under some systems due to expensive path resolution when searching for `libssl`.
• Fixed captions when sending albums.
• Fixed invalid states in `Conversation`.
• Fixes to some methods in `utils` regarding extensions.
• Fixed memory cycle in `Forward` which let you do things like the following:

```python
original_fwd = message.forward.original_fwd.original_fwd.original_fwd.original_fwd.original_fwd
```

Hopefully you didn’t rely on that in your code.
• Fixed `File.ext` not working on unknown mime-types, despite the file name having the extension.
• Fixed ids=..., reverse=True in client.iter_messages().
• Fixed Draft not being aware of the entity.
• Added missing re-exports in telethon.sync.

Enhancements

• Improved conversation.cancel() behaviour. Now you can use it from anywhere.
• The progress_callback in client.download_media() now lets you use async def.
• Improved documentation and the online method reference at https://tl.telethon.dev.

2.30.3 Documentation Overhaul (v1.8)

Published at 2019/05/30

The documentation has been completely reworked from the ground up, with awesome new quick references such as Client Reference to help you quickly find what you need!

Raw methods also warn you when a friendly variant is available, so that you don’t accidentally make your life harder than it has to be.

In addition, all methods in the client now are fully annotated with type hints! More work needs to be done, but this should already help a lot when using Telethon from any IDEs.

You may have noticed that the patch versions between v1.7.2 to v1.7.7 have not been documented. This is because patch versions should only contain bug fixes, no new features or breaking changes. This hasn’t been the case in the past, but from now on, the library will try to adhere more strictly to the Semantic Versioning principles.

If you ever want to look at those bug fixes, please use the appropriated git command, such as git shortlog v1.7.1...v1.7.4, but in general, they probably just fixed your issue.

With that out of the way, let’s look at the full change set:

Breaking Changes

• The layer changed, so take note if you use the raw API, as it’s usual.
• The way photos are downloaded changed during the layer update of the previous version, and fixing that bug as a breaking change in itself. client.download_media() now offers a different way to deal with thumbnails.

Additions

• New Message.file property! Now you can trivially access message.file.id to get the file ID of some media, or even print(message.file.name).
• Archiving dialogs with Dialog.archive() or client.edit_folder() is now possible.
• New cleaned-up method to stream downloads with client.iter_download(), which offers a lot of flexibility, such as arbitrary offsets for efficient seeking.
• Dialog.delete() has existed for a while, and now client.delete_dialog() exists too so you can easily leave chats or delete dialogs without fetching all dialogs.
Some people or chats have a lot of profile photos. You can now iterate over all of them with the new `client.iter_profile_photos()` method.

You can now annoy everyone with the new `Message.pin(notify=True)`! The client has its own variant too, called `client.pin_message()`.

**Bug fixes**

- Correctly catch and raise all RPC errors.
- Downloading stripped photos wouldn’t work correctly.
- Under some systems, `libssl` would fail to load earlier than expected, causing the library to fail when being imported.
- `conv.get_response()` after ID 0 wasn’t allowed when it should.
- `InlineBuilder` only worked with local files, but files from anywhere are supported.
- Accessing the text property from a raw-API call to fetch `Message` would fail (any any other property that needed the client).
- Database is now upgraded if the version was lower, not different. From now on, this should help with upgrades and downgrades slightly.
- Fixed saving `pts` and session-related stuff.
- Disconnection should not raise any errors.
- Invite links of the form `tg://join?invite=` now work.
- `client.iter_participants(search=...)` now works on private chats again.
- Iterating over messages in reverse with a date as offset wouldn’t work.
- The conversation would behave weirdly when a timeout occurred.

**Enhancements**

- `telethon` now re-export all the goodies that you commonly need when using the library, so e.g. `from telethon import Button` will now work.
- `telethon.sync` now re-exports everything from `telethon`, so that you can trivially import from just one place everything that you need.
- More attempts at reducing CPU usage after automatically fetching missing entities on events. This isn’t a big deal, even if it sounds like one.
- Hexadecimal invite links are now supported. You didn’t need them, but they will now work.

**Internal Changes**

- Deterministic code generation. This is good for `diff`.
- On Python 3.7 and above, we properly close the connection.
- A lot of micro-optimization.
- Fixes to bugs introduced while making this release.
- Custom commands on `setup.py` are nicer to use.
2.30.4 Fix-up for Photo Downloads (v1.7.1)

Published at 2019/04/24

Telegram changed the way thumbnails (which includes photos) are downloaded, so you can no longer use a PhotoSize alone to download a particular thumbnail size (this is a breaking change).

Instead, you will have to specify the new thumb parameter in client.download_media() to download a particular thumbnail size. This addition enables you to easily download thumbnails from documents, something you couldn’t do easily before.

2.30.5 Easier Events (v1.7)

Published at 2019/04/22

If you have been using Telethon for a while, you probably know how annoying the “Could not find the input entity for…” error can be. In this new version, the library will try harder to find the input entity for you!

That is, instead of doing:

```python
@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def handler(event):
    await client.download_profile_photo(await event.get_input_sender())
    # ...... needs await, it's a method ^^^^^ ^
```

You can now do:

```python
@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def handler(event):
    await client.download_profile_photo(event.input_sender)
    # ...... no await, it's a property! ^
    # It's also 12 characters shorter :)^
```

And even the following will hopefully work:

```python
@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def handler(event):
    await client.download_profile_photo(event.sender_id)
```

A lot of people use IDs thinking this is the right way of doing it. Ideally, you would always use input_*, not sender or sender_id (and the same applies to chats). But, with this change, IDs will work just the same as input_* inside events.

This feature still needs some more testing, so please do open an issue if you find strange behaviour.

Breaking Changes

- The layer changed, and a lot of things did too. If you are using raw API, you should be careful with this. In addition, some attributes weren’t of type datetime when they should be, which has been fixed.
- Due to the layer change, you can no longer download photos with just their PhotoSize. Version 1.7.1 introduces a new way to download thumbnails to work around this issue.
• `client.disconnect()` is now asynchronous again. This means you need to `await` it. You don’t need to worry about this if you were using `with client` or `client.run_until_disconnected`. This should prevent the “pending task was destroyed” errors.

Additions

• New in-memory cache for input entities. This should mean a lot less of disk look-ups.
• New `client.action` method to easily indicate that you are doing some chat action:

```python
async with client.action(chat, 'typing'):
    await asyncio.sleep(2)  # type for 2 seconds
    await client.send_message(chat, 'Hello world! I type slow ^^')
```

You can also easily use this for sending files, playing games, etc.

New bugs

• Downloading photos is broken. This is fixed in v1.7.1.

Bug fixes

• Fix sending photos from streams/bytes.
• Fix unhandled error when sending requests that were too big.
• Fix edits that arrive too early on conversations.
• Fix `client.edit_message()` when trying to edit a file.
• Fix method calls on the objects returned by `client.iter_dialogs()`.
• Attempt at fixing `client.iter_dialogs()` missing many dialogs.
• `offset_date` in `client.iter_messages()` was being ignored in some cases. This has been worked around.
• Fix `callback_query.edit()`.
• Fix `CallbackQuery(func=...)` was being ignored.
• Fix `UserUpdate` not working for “typing” (and uploading file, etc.) status.
• Fix library was not expecting `IOError` from PySocks.
• Fix library was raising a generic `ConnectionError` and not the one that actually occurred.
• Fix the `blacklist_chats` parameter in `MessageRead` not working as intended.
• Fix `client.download_media(contact)`.
• Fix mime type when sending mp3 files.
• Fix forcibly getting the sender or chat from events would not always return all their information.
• Fix sending albums with `client.send_file()` was not returning the sent messages.
• Fix forwarding albums with `client.forward_messages()`.
• Some fixes regarding filtering updates from chats.
• Attempt at preventing duplicated updates.
• Prevent double auto-reconnect.

Enhancements

• Some improvements related to proxy connections.
• Several updates and improvements to the documentation, such as optional dependencies now being properly listed.
• You can now forward messages from different chats directly with `client.forward_messages`.

2.30.6 Tidying up Internals (v1.6)

Published at 2019/02/27

Scheme layer used: 95

First things first, sorry for updating the layer in the previous patch version. That should only be done between major versions ideally, but due to how Telegram works, it’s done between minor versions. However raw API has and will always be considered “unsafe”, this meaning that you should always use the convenience client methods instead. These methods don’t cover the full API yet, so pull requests are welcome.

Breaking Changes

• The layer update, of course. This didn’t really need a mention here.
• You can no longer pass a `batch_size` when iterating over messages. No other method exposed this parameter, and it was only meant for testing purposes. Instead, it’s now a private constant.
• `client.iter_*` methods no longer have a `_total` parameter which was supposed to be private anyway. Instead, they return a new generator object which has a `.total` attribute:

```python
it = client.iter_messages(chat)
for i, message in enumerate(it, start=1):
    percentage = i / it.total
    print('{:.2%} {}'.format(percentage, message.text))
```

Additions

• You can now pass `phone` and `phone_code_hash` in `client.sign_up`, although you probably don’t need that.
• Thanks to the overhaul of all `client.iter_*` methods, you can now do:

```python
for message in reversed(client.iter_messages('me')):
    print(message.text)
```

Bug fixes

• Fix `telethon.utils.resolve_bot_file_id`, which wasn’t working after the layer update (so you couldn’t send some files by bot file IDs).
• Fix sending albums as bot file IDs (due to image detection improvements).
• Fix `takeout()` failing when they need to download media from other DCs.
• Fix repeatedly calling `conversation.get_response()` when many messages arrived at once (i.e. when several of them were forwarded).
• Fixed connecting with `ConnectionTcpObfuscated`.
• Fix `client.get_peer_id('me')`.
• Fix warning of “missing sqlite3” when in reality it just had wrong tables.
• Fix a strange error when using too many IDs in `client.delete_messages()`.
• Fix `client.send_file` with the result of `client.upload_file`.
• When answering inline results, their order was not being preserved.
• Fix `events.ChatAction` detecting user leaves as if they were kicked.

Enhancements

• Cleared up some parts of the documentation.
• Improved some auto-casts to make life easier.
• Improved image detection. Now you can easily send `bytes` and streams of images as photos, unless you force document.
• Sending images as photos that are too large will now be resized before uploading, reducing the time it takes to upload them and also avoiding errors when the image was too large (as long as `pillow` is installed). The images will remain unchanged if you send it as a document.
• Treat `errors.RpcMcgetFailError` as a temporary server error to automatically retry shortly. This works around most issues.

Internal changes

• New common way to deal with retries (`retry_range`).
• Cleaned up the takeout client.
• Completely overhauled asynchronous generators.

2.30.7 Layer Update (v1.5.5)

Published at 2019/01/14

There isn’t an entry for v1.5.4 because it contained only one hot-fix regarding loggers. This update is slightly bigger so it deserves mention.

Additions

• New supports_streaming parameter in `client.send_file`. 
Bug fixes

- Dealing with mimetypes should cause less issues in systems like Windows.
- Potentially fix alternative session storages that had issues with dates.

Enhancements

- Saner timeout defaults for conversations.
- Path-like files are now supported for thumbnails.
- Added new hot-keys to the online documentation at https://tl.telethon.dev/ such as / to search. Press ? to view them all.

2.30.8 Bug Fixes (v1.5.3)

Published at 2019/01/14

Several bug fixes and some quality of life enhancements.

Breaking Changes

- message.edit now respects the previous message buttons or link preview being hidden. If you want to toggle them you need to explicitly set them. This is generally the desired behaviour, but may cause some bots to have buttons when they shouldn’t.

Additions

- You can now “hide_via” when clicking on results from client.inline_query to @bing and @gif.
- You can now further configure the logger Telethon uses to suit your needs.

Bug fixes

- Fixes for ReadTheDocs to correctly build the documentation.
- Fix UserEmpty not being expected when getting the input variant.
- The message object returned when sending a message with buttons wouldn’t always contain the ReplyMarkup.
- Setting email when configuring 2FA wasn’t properly supported.
- utils.resolve_bot_file_id now works again for photos.

Enhancements

- Chat and channel participants can now be used as peers.
- Reworked README and examples at https://github.com/LonamiWebs/Telethon/tree/master/telethon_examples
2.30.9 Takeout Sessions (v1.5.2)

Published at 2019/01/05

You can now easily start takeout sessions (also known as data export sessions) through `client.takeout()`. Some of the requests will have lower flood limits when done through the takeout session.

**Bug fixes**

- The new `AdminLogEvent` had a bug that made it unusable.
- `client.iter_dialogs()` will now locally check for the offset date, since Telegram ignores it.
- Answering inline queries with media no works properly. You can now use the library to create inline bots and send stickers through them!

2.30.10 object.to_json() (v1.5.1)

Published at 2019/01/03

The library already had a way to easily convert the objects the API returned into dictionaries through `object.to_dict()`, but some of the fields are dates or `bytes` which JSON can’t serialize directly.

For convenience, a new `object.to_json()` has been added which will by default format both of those problematic types into something sensible.

**Additions**

- New `client.iter_admin_log()` method.

**Bug fixes**

- `client.is_connected()` would be wrong when the initial connection failed.
- Fixed `UnicodeDecodeError` when accessing the text of messages with malformed offsets in their entities.
- Fixed `client.get_input_entity()` for integer IDs that the client has not seen before.

**Enhancements**

- You can now configure the reply markup when using `Button` as a bot.
- More properties for `Message` to make accessing media convenient.
- Downloading to `file=bytes` will now return a `bytes` object with the downloaded media.

2.30.11 Polls with the Latest Layer (v1.5)

Published at 2018/12/25

Scheme layer used: 91

This version doesn’t really bring many new features, but rather focuses on updating the code base to support the latest available Telegram layer, 91. This layer brings polls, and you can create and manage them through Telethon!
**Breaking Changes**

- The layer change from 82 to 91 changed a lot of things in the raw API, so be aware that if you rely on raw API calls, you may need to update your code, in particular if you work with files. They have a new `file_reference` parameter that you must provide.

**Additions**

- New `client.is_bot()` method.

**Bug fixes**

- Markdown and HTML parsing now behave correctly with leading whitespace.
- HTTP connection should now work correctly again.
- Using `caption=None` would raise an error instead of setting no caption.
- `KeyError` is now handled properly when forwarding messages.
- `button.click()` now works as expected for `KeyboardButtonGame`.

**Enhancements**

- Some improvements to the search in the full API and generated examples.
- Using entities with `access_hash = 0` will now work in more cases.

**Internal changes**

- Some changes to the documentation and code generation.
- 2FA code was updated to work under the latest layer.

**2.30.12 Error Descriptions in CSV files (v1.4.3)**

*Published at 2018/12/04*

While this may seem like a minor thing, it’s a big usability improvement.

Anyone who wants to update the documentation for known errors, or whether some methods can be used as a bot, user or both, can now be easily edited. Everyone is encouraged to help document this better!

**Bug fixes**

- `TimeoutError` was not handled during automatic reconnects.
- Getting messages by ID using `InputMessageReplyTo` could fail.
- Fixed `message.get_reply_message` as a bot when a user replied to a different bot.
- Accessing some document properties in a `Message` would fail.
Enhancements

- Accessing `events.ChatAction` properties such as input users may now work in more cases.

Internal changes

- Error descriptions and information about methods is now loaded from a CSV file instead of being part of several messy JSON files.

2.30.13 Bug Fixes (v1.4.2)

Published at 2018/11/24

This version also includes the v1.4.1 hot-fix, which was a single quick fix and didn’t really deserve an entry in the changelog.

Bug fixes

- Authorization key wouldn’t be saved correctly, requiring re-login.
- Conversations with custom events failed to be cancelled.
- Fixed `telethon.sync` when using other threads.
- Fix markdown/HTML parser from failing with leading/trailing whitespace.
- Fix accessing `chat_action_event.input_user` property.
- Potentially improved handling unexpected disconnections.

Enhancements

- Better default behaviour for `client.send_read_acknowledge`.
- Clarified some points in the documentation.
- Clearer errors for `utils.get_peer*`.

2.30.14 Connection Overhaul (v1.4)

Published at 2018/11/03

Yet again, a lot of work has been put into reworking the low level connection classes. This means `asyncio.open_connection` is now used correctly and the errors it can produce are handled properly. The separation between packing, encrypting and network is now abstracted away properly, so reasoning about the code is easier, making it more maintainable.

As a user, you shouldn’t worry about this, other than being aware that quite a few changes were made in the insides of the library and you should report any issues that you encounter with this version if any.
Breaking Changes

- The threaded version of the library will no longer be maintained, primarily because it never was properly main-
tained anyway. If you have old code, stick with old versions of the library, such as 0.19.1.6.
- Timeouts no longer accept timedelta. Simply use seconds.
- The callback parameter from telethon.tl.custom.button.Button.inline() was removed, since it had always been a bad idea. Adding the callback there meant a lot of extra work for every message sent, and only registering it after the first message was sent! Instead, use telethon.events.callbackquery.CallbackQuery.

Additions

- New dialog.delete() method.
- New conversation.cancel() method.
- New retry_delay delay for the client to be used on auto-reconnection.

Bug fixes

- Fixed Conversation.wait_event().
- Fixed replying with photos/documents on inline results.
- client.is_user_authorized() now works correctly after client.log_out().
- dialog.is_group now works for ChatForbidden.
- Not using async with when needed is now a proper error.
- events.CallbackQuery with string regex was not working properly.
- client.get_entity('me') now works again.
- Empty codes when signing in are no longer valid.
- Fixed file cache for in-memory sessions.

Enhancements

- Support next_offset in inline_query.answer().
- Support <a href="tg://user?id=123">mentions in HTML parse mode.
- New auto-casts for InputDocument and InputChatPhoto.
- Conversations are now exclusive per-chat by default.
- The request that caused a RPC error is now shown in the error message.
- New full API examples in the generated documentation.
- Fixed some broken links in the documentation.
- client.disconnect() is now synchronous, but you can still await it for consistency or compatibility.
2.30.15 Event Templates (v1.3)

Published at 2018/09/22

If you have worked with Flask templates, you will love this update, since it gives you the same features but even more conveniently:

```python
# handlers/welcome.py
from telethon import events

@events.register(events.NewMessage('(?i)hello'))
async def handler(event):
    client = event.client
    await event.respond('Hi!')
    await client.send_message('me', 'Sent hello to someone')
```

This will register the handler callback to handle new message events. Note that you didn’t add this to any client yet, and this is the key point: you don’t need a client to define handlers! You can add it later:

```python
# main.py
from telethon import TelegramClient
import handlers.welcome

with TelegramClient(...) as client:
    # This line adds the handler we defined before for new messages
    client.add_event_handler(handlers.welcome.handler)
    client.run_until_disconnected()
```

This should help you to split your big code base into a more modular design.

### Breaking Changes

- `.sender` is the `.chat` when the message is sent in a broadcast channel. This makes sense, because the sender of the message was the channel itself, but you now must take into consideration that it may be either a `User` or `Channel` instead of being `None`.

### Additions

- New `MultiError` class when invoking many requests at once through `client([requests])`.
- New custom `func=` on all events. These will receive the entire event, and a good usage example is `func=lambda e: e.is_private`.
- New `.web_preview` field on messages. The `.photo` and `.document` will also return the media in the web preview if any, for convenience.
- Callback queries now have a `.chat` in most circumstances.

### Bug fixes

- Running code with `python3 -O` would remove critical code from asserts.
- Fix some rare ghost disconnections after reconnecting.
- Fix strange behavior for `send_message(chat, Message, reply_to=foo)`.
- The `loop=` argument was being pretty much ignored.
• Fix MemorySession file caching.
• The logic for getting entities from their username is now correct.
• Fixes for sending stickers from .webp files in Windows, again.
• Fix disconnection without being logged in.
• Retrieving media from messages would fail.
• Getting some messages by ID on private chats.

Enhancements

• `iter_participants` will now use its `search=` as a symbol set when `aggressive=True`, so you can do `client.get_participants(group, aggressive=True, search='')`.
• The StringSession supports custom encoding.
• Callbacks for `telethon.client.auth.AuthMethods.start` can be async.

Internal changes

• Cherry-picked a commit to use `asyncio.open_connection` in the lowest level of the library. Do open issues if this causes trouble, but it should otherwise improve performance and reliability.
• Building and resolving events overhaul.

2.30.16 Conversations, String Sessions and More (v1.2)

`Published at 2018/08/14`

This is a big release! Quite a few things have been added to the library, such as the new `Conversation`. This makes it trivial to get tokens from @BotFather:

```python
from telethon.tl import types

with client.conversation('BotFather') as conv:
    conv.send_message('/mybots')
    message = conv.get_response()
    message.click(0)
    message = conv.get_edit()
    message.click(0)
    message = conv.get_edit()
    for _, token in message.get_entities_text(types.MessageEntityCode):
        print(token)
```

In addition to that, you can now easily load and export session files without creating any on-disk file thanks to the StringSession:

```python
from telethon.sessions import StringSession
string = StringSession.save(client.session)
```

Check out `Session Files` for more details.

For those who aren’t able to install `cryptg`, the support for `libssl` has been added back. While interfacing `libssl` is not as fast, the speed when downloading and sending files should really be noticeably faster.

While those are the biggest things, there are still more things to be excited about.
Additions

- The mentioned method to start a new `client.conversation`.
- Implemented global search through `client.iter_messages` with `None` entity.
- New `client.inline_query` method to perform inline queries.
- Bot-API-style `file_id` can now be used to send files and download media. You can also access `telethon.utils.resolve_bot_file_id` and `telethon.utils.pack_bot_file_id` to resolve and create these file IDs yourself. Note that each user has its own ID for each file so you can’t use a bot’s `file_id` with your user, except stickers.
- New `telethon.utils.get_peer`, useful when you expect a `Peer`.

Bug fixes

- UTC timezone for `telethon.events.userupdate.UserUpdate`.
- Bug with certain input parameters when iterating messages.
- RPC errors without parent requests caused a crash, and better logging.
- `incoming = outgoing = True` was not working properly.
- Getting a message’s ID was not working.
- File attributes not being inferred for `open()`’ed files.
- Use `MemorySession` if `sqlite3` is not installed by default.
- Self-user would not be saved to the session file after signing in.
- `client.catch_up()` seems to be functional again.

Enhancements

- Updated documentation.
- Invite links will now use cache, so using them as entities is cheaper.
- You can reuse message buttons to send new messages with those buttons.
- `.to_dict()` will now work even on invalid TLObject’s.

2.30.17  Better Custom Message (v1.1.1)

Published at 2018/07/23

The `custom.Message` class has been rewritten in a cleaner way and overall feels less hacky in the library. This should perform better than the previous way in which it was patched.

The release is primarily intended to test this big change, but also fixes Python 3.5.2 compatibility which was broken due to a trailing comma.
Bug fixes

- Using `functools.partial` on event handlers broke updates if they had uncaught exceptions.
- A bug under some session files where the sender would export authorization for the same data center, which is unsupported.
- Some logical bugs in the custom message class.

2.30.18 Bot Friendly (v1.1)

Published at 2018/07/21

Two new event handlers to ease creating normal bots with the library, namely `events.InlineQuery` and `events.CallbackQuery` for handling @InlineBot queries or reacting to a button click. For this second option, there is an even better way:

```python
from telethon.tl.custom import Button

async def callback(event):
    await event.edit('Thank you!')

bot.send_message(chat, 'Hello!', buttons=Button.inline('Click me', callback))
```

You can directly pass the callback when creating the button.

This is fine for small bots but it will add the callback every time you send a message, so you probably should do this instead once you are done testing:

```python
markup = bot.build_reply_markup(Button.inline('Click me', callback))
bot.send_message(chat, 'Hello!', buttons=markup)
```

And yes, you can create more complex button layouts with lists:

```python
from telethon import events

global phone = ''

@bot.on(events.CallbackQuery)
async def handler(event):
    global phone
    if event.data == b'<':
        phone = phone[:-1]
    else:
        phone += event.data.decode('utf-8')
    await event.answer('Phone is now {}'.format(phone))

markup = bot.build_reply_markup([
    [Button.inline('1'), Button.inline('2'), Button.inline('3')],
    [Button.inline('4'), Button.inline('5'), Button.inline('6')],
    [Button.inline('7'), Button.inline('8'), Button.inline('9')],
    [Button.inline('+'), Button.inline('0'), Button.inline('<')],
])
bot.send_message(chat, 'Enter a phone', buttons=markup)
```

(Yes, there are better ways to do this). Now for the rest of things:

2.30. Changelog (Version History)
Additions

- New `custom.Button` class to help you create inline (or normal) reply keyboards. You must sign in as a bot to use the `buttons=` parameters.
- New events usable if you sign in as a bot: `events.InlineQuery` and `events.CallbackQuery`.
- New `silent` parameter when sending messages, usable in broadcast channels.
- Documentation now has an entire section dedicate to how to use the client’s friendly methods at (removed broken link).

Bug fixes

- Empty `except` are no longer used which means sending a keyboard interrupt should now work properly.
- The `pts` of incoming updates could be `None`.
- UTC timezone information is properly set for read `datetime`.
- Some infinite recursion bugs in the custom message class.
- `Updates` was being dispatched to raw handlers when it shouldn’t.
- Using proxies and HTTPS connection mode may now work properly.
- Less flood waits when downloading media from different data centers, and the library will now detect them even before sending requests.

Enhancements

- Interactive sign in now supports signing in with a bot token.
- `timedelta` is now supported where a date is expected, which means you can e.g. ban someone for `timedelta(minutes=5)`.
- Events are only built once and reused many times, which should save quite a few CPU cycles if you have a lot of the same type.
- You can now click inline buttons directly if you know their data.

Internal changes

- When downloading media, the right sender is directly used without previously triggering migrate errors.
- Code reusing for getting the chat and the sender, which easily enables this feature for new types.

2.30.19 New HTTP(S) Connection Mode (v1.0.4)

*Published at 2018/07/09*

This release implements the HTTP connection mode to the library, which means certain proxies that only allow HTTP connections should now work properly. You can use it doing the following, like any other mode:
from telethon import TelegramClient, sync
from telethon.network import ConnectionHttp

client = TelegramClient(..., connection=ConnectionHttp)
with client:
    client.send_message('me', 'Hi!')

Additions

• add_mark= is now back on utils.get_input_peer and also on client.get_input_entity().
• New client.get_peer_id convenience for utils.get_peer_id(await client.
  get_input_entity(peer)).

Bug fixes

• If several TLMessage in a MessageContainer exceeds 1MB, it will no longer be automatically turned into one. This basically means that e.g. uploading 10 file parts at once will work properly again.
• Documentation fixes and some missing await.
• Revert named argument for client.forward_messages

Enhancements

• New auto-casts to InputNotifyPeer and chat_id.

Internal changes

• Outgoing TLMessage are now pre-packed so if there’s an error when serializing the raw requests, the library will no longer swallow it. This also means re-sending packets doesn’t need to re-pack their bytes.

2.30.20 Iterate Messages in Reverse (v1.0.3)

Published at 2018/07/04

Mostly bug fixes, but now there is a new parameter on client.iter_messages to support reversing the order in which messages are returned.

Additions

• The mentioned reverse parameter when iterating over messages.
• A new sequential_updates parameter when creating the client for updates to be processed sequentially. This is useful when you need to make sure that all updates are processed in order, such as a script that only forwards incoming messages somewhere else.
Bug fixes

- Count was always None for message.button_count.
- Some fixes when disconnecting upon dropping the client.
- Support for Python 3.4 in the sync version, and fix media download.
- Some issues with events when accessing the input chat or their media.
- Hachoir wouldn’t automatically close the file after reading its metadata.
- Signing in required a named code= parameter, but usage without a name was really widespread so it has been reverted.

2.30.21 Bug Fixes (v1.0.2)

Published at 2018/06/28

Updated some asserts and parallel downloads, as well as some fixes for sync.

2.30.22 Bug Fixes (v1.0.1)

Published at 2018/06/27

And as usual, every major release has a few bugs that make the library unusable! This quick update should fix those, namely:

Bug fixes

- client.start() was completely broken due to a last-time change requiring named arguments everywhere.
- Since the rewrite, if your system clock was wrong, the connection would get stuck in an infinite “bad message” loop of responses from Telegram.
- Accessing the buttons of a custom message wouldn’t work in channels, which lead to fix a completely different bug regarding starting bots.
- Disconnecting could complain if the magic telethon.sync was imported.
- Successful automatic reconnections now ask Telegram to send updates to us once again as soon as the library is ready to listen for them.

2.30.23 Synchronous magic (v1.0)

Published at 2018/06/27

Important: If you come from Telethon pre-1.0 you really want to read Compatibility and Convenience to port your scripts to the new version.

The library has been around for well over a year. A lot of improvements have been made, a lot of user complaints have been fixed, and a lot of user desires have been implemented. It’s time to consider the public API as stable, and remove some of the old methods that were around until now for compatibility reasons. But there’s one more surprise!
There is a new magic `telethon.sync` module to let you use all the methods in the `TelegramClient` (and the types returned from its functions) in a synchronous way, while using `asyncio` behind the scenes! This means you’re now able to do both of the following:

```python
import asyncio

async def main():
    await client.send_message('me', 'Hello!')

asyncio.get_event_loop().run_until_complete(main())

# ...can be rewritten as:

from telethon import sync
client.send_message('me', 'Hello!')
```

Both ways can coexist (you need to `await` if the loop is running).

You can also use the magic `sync` module in your own classes, and call `sync.syncify(cls)` to convert all their `async def` into magic variants.

### Breaking Changes

- `message.get_fwd_sender` is now in `message.forward`.
- `client.idle` is now `client.run_until_disconnected()`.
- `client.add_update_handler` is now `client.add_event_handler`.
- `client.remove_update_handler` is now `client.remove_event_handler`.
- `client.list_update_handlers` is now `client.list_event_handlers`.
- `client.get_message_history` is now `client.get_messages`.
- `client.send_voice_note` is now `client.send_file` with `is_voice=True`.
- `client.invoke()` is now `client(...)`.
- `report_errors` has been removed since it’s currently not used, and `flood_sleep_threshold` is now part of the client.
- The `update_workers` and `spawn_read_thread` arguments are gone. Simply remove them from your code when you create the client.
- Methods with a lot of arguments can no longer be used without specifying their argument. Instead you need to use named arguments. This improves readability and not needing to learn the order of the arguments, which can also change.

### Additions

- You can use the `TelegramClient` inside of `with` blocks, which will `client.start()` and `disconnect()` the client for you:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, sync

with TelegramClient(name, api_id, api_hash) as client:
    client.send_message('me', 'Hello!')
```
Convenience at its maximum! You can even chain the `.start()` method since it returns the instance of the client:

```python
with TelegramClient(name, api_id, api_hash).start(bot_token=token) as bot:
    bot.send_message(chat, 'Hello!')
```

**Bug fixes**

- There were some @property async def left, and some await property.
- “User joined” event was being treated as “User was invited”.
- SQLite’s cursor should not be closed properly after usage.
- `await` the updates task upon disconnection.
- Some bug in Python 3.5.2’s `asyncio` causing 100% CPU load if you forgot to call `client.disconnect()`. The method is called for you on object destruction, but you still should disconnect manually or use a `with` block.
- Some fixes regarding disconnecting on client deletion and properly saving the authorization key.
- Passing a class to `message.get_entities_text` now works properly.
- Iterating messages from a specific user in private messages now works.

**Enhancements**

- Both `client.start()` and `client.run_until_disconnected()` can be ran in both a synchronous way (without starting the loop manually) or from an `async` def where they need to have an `await`.

### 2.30.24 Core Rewrite in asyncio (v1.0-rc1)

*Published at 2018/06/24*

This version is a major overhaul of the library internals. The core has been rewritten, cleaned up and refactored to fix some oddities that have been growing inside the library.

This means that the code is easier to understand and reason about, including the code flow such as conditions, exceptions, where to reconnect, how the library should behave, and separating different retry types such as disconnections or call fails, but it also means that **some things will necessarily break** in this version.

All requests that touch the network are now methods and need to have their `await` (or be ran until their completion). Also, the library finally has the simple logo it deserved: a carefully hand-written `.svg` file representing a T following Python’s colours.

**Breaking Changes**

- If you relied on internals like the `MtProtoSender` and the `TelegramBareClient`, both are gone. They are now `MTProtoSender` and `TelegramBaseClient` and they behave differently.
- Underscores have been renamed from filenames. This means `telethon.errors.rpc_error_list` won’t work, but you should have been using `telethon.errors` all this time instead.
• `client.connect` no longer returns `True` on success. Instead, you should `except` the possible `ConnectionError` and act accordingly. This makes it easier to not ignore the error.

• You can no longer set `retries=n` when calling a request manually. The limit works differently now, and it’s done on a per-client basis.

• Accessing `.sender`, `.chat` and similar may *not* work in events anymore, since previously they could access the network. The new rule is that properties are not allowed to make API calls. You should use `.get_sender()`, `.get_chat()` instead while using events. You can safely access properties if you get messages through `client.get_messages()` or other methods in the client.

• The above point means `reply_message` is now `.get_reply_message()`, and `fwd_from_entity` is now `get_fwd_sender()`. Also `forward` was gone in the previous version, and you should be using `fwd_from` instead.

Additions

• Telegram’s Terms Of Service are now accepted when creating a new account. This can possibly help avoid bans. This has no effect for accounts that were created before.

• The method reference now shows which methods can be used if you sign in with a `bot_token`.

• There’s a new `client.disconnected` future which you can wait on. When a disconnection occurs, you will now, instead letting it happen in the background.

• More configurable retries parameters, such as auto-reconnection, retries when connecting, and retries when sending a request.

• You can filter `events.NewMessage` by sender ID, and also whether they are forwards or not.

• New `ignore_migrated` parameter for `client.iter_dialogs`.

Bug fixes

• Several fixes to `telethon.events.newmessage.NewMessage`.

• Removed named `length` argument in `to_bytes` for PyPy.

• Raw events failed due to not having `.set_client`.

• `message.get_entities_text` properly supports filtering, even if there are no message entities.

• `message.click` works better.

• The server started sending `DraftMessageEmpty` which the library didn’t handle correctly when getting dialogs.

• The “correct” chat is now always returned from returned messages.

• `to_id` was not validated when retrieving messages by their IDs.

• `'__'` is no longer considered valid in usernames.

• The `fd` is removed from the reader upon closing the socket. This should be noticeable in Windows.

• `MessageEmpty` is now handled when searching messages.

• Fixed a rare infinite loop bug in `client.iter_dialogs` for some people.

• Fixed `TypeError` when there is no `.sender`. 

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Enhancements

- You can now delete over 100 messages at once with `client.delete_messages`.
- Signing in now accounts for `AuthRestartError` itself, and also handles `PasswordHashInvalidError`.
- `__all__` is now defined, so from `telethon` import * imports sane defaults (client, events and utils). This is however discouraged and should be used only in quick scripts.
- `pathlib.Path` is now supported for downloading and uploading media.
- Messages you send to yourself are now considered outgoing, unless they are forwarded.
- The documentation has been updated with a brand new `asyncio` crash course to encourage you use it. You can still use the threaded version if you want though.
- `.name` property is now properly supported when sending and downloading files.
- Custom `parse_mode`, which can now be set per-client, supports `MessageEntityMentionName` so you can return those now.
- The session file is saved less often, which could result in a noticeable speed-up when working with a lot of incoming updates.

Internal changes

- The flow for sending a request is as follows: the `TelegramClient` creates a `MTProtoSender` with a `Connection`, and the sender starts send and receive loops. Sending a request means enqueueing it in the sender, which will eventually pack and encrypt it with its `ConnectionState` instead of using the entire `Session` instance. When the data is packed, it will be sent over the `Connection` and ultimately over the `TcpClient`.
- Reconnection occurs at the `MTProtoSender` level, and receiving responses follows a similar process, but now `asyncio.Future` is used for the results which are no longer part of all `TLObject`, instead are part of the `TLMessage` which simplifies things.
- Objects can no longer be `content_related` and instead subclass `TLRequest`, making the separation of concerns easier.
- The `TelegramClient` has been split into several mixin classes to avoid having a 3,000-lines-long file with all the methods.
- More special cases in the `MTProtoSender` have been cleaned up, and also some attributes from the `Session` which didn’t really belong there since they weren’t being saved.
- The `telethon_generator/` can now convert `.tl` files into `.json`, mostly as a proof of concept, but it might be useful for other people.

2.30.25 Custom Message class (v0.19.1)

Published at 2018/06/03

This update brings a new `telethon.tl.custom.message.Message` object!

All the methods in the `telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient` that used to return a `Message` will now return this object instead, which means you can do things like the following:
msg = client.send_message(chat, 'Hello!')
msg.edit('Hello there!')
msg.reply('Good day!')
print(msg.sender)

Refer to its documentation to see all you can do, again, click telethon.tl.custom.message.Message to go to its page.

**Breaking Changes**

- The telethon.network.connection.common.Connection class is now an ABC, and the old ConnectionMode is now gone. Use a specific connection (like telethon.network.connection.tcpabridged.ConnectionTcpAbridged) instead.

**Additions**

- You can get messages by their ID with telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.get_messages's ids parameter:

```python
message = client.get_messages(chats, ids=123)  # Single message
message_list = client.get_messages(chats, ids=[777, 778])  # Multiple
```

- New default telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.parse_mode.
- You can edit the media of messages that already have some media.
- New dark theme in the online tl reference, check it out at https://tl.telethon.dev/.

**Bug fixes**

- Some IDs start with 1000 and these would be wrongly treated as channels.
- Some short usernames like @vote were being ignored.
- telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.iter_messages's from_user was failing if no filter had been set.
- telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.iter_messages's min_id/max_id was being ignored by Telegram. This is now worked around.
- telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.catch_up would fail with empty states.
- telethon.events.newmessage.NewMessage supports incoming=False to indicate outgoing=True.

**Enhancements**

- You can now send multiple requests at once while preserving the order:

```python
from telethon.tl.functions.messages import SendMessageRequest
client([SendMessageRequest(chat, 'Hello 1!'),
        SendMessageRequest(chat, 'Hello 2!')], ordered=True)
```
Internal changes

• without rowid is not used in SQLite anymore.
• Unboxed serialization would fail.
• Different default limit for iter_messages and get_messages.
• Some clean-up in the telethon_generator/ package.

2.30.26 Catching up on Updates (v0.19)

Published at 2018/05/07

This update prepares the library for catching up with updates with the new telethon.telegram_client.Tel
egramClient.catch_up method. This feature needs more testing, but for now it will let you “catch up” on some old updates that occurred while the library was offline, and brings some new features and bug fixes.

Additions

• Add search, filter and from_user parameters to telethon.telegram_client.Tel
egramClient.iter_messages.
• telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.download_file now supports a None path to return the file in memory and return its bytes.
• Events now have a .original_update field.

Bug fixes

• Fixed a race condition when receiving items from the network.
• A disconnection is made when “retries reached 0”. This hasn’t been tested but it might fix the bug.
• reply_to would not override Message object’s reply value.
• Add missing caption when sending Message with media.

Enhancements

• Retry automatically on RpcCallFailError. This error happened a lot when iterating over many messages, and retrying often fixes it.
• Faster telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.iter_messages by sleeping only as much as needed.
• telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.edit_message now supports omitting the entity if you pass a Message.
• telethon.events.raw.Raw can now be filtered by type.
Internal changes

- The library now distinguishes between MTProto and API schemas.
- *State* is now persisted to the session file.
- Connection won’t retry forever.
- Fixed some errors and cleaned up the generation of code.
- Fixed typos and enhanced some documentation in general.
- Add auto-cast for *InputMessage* and *InputLocation*.

2.30.27 Pickle-able objects (v0.18.3)

*Published at 2018/04/15*

Now you can use Python’s *pickle* module to serialize *RPCError* and any other *TLObject* thanks to @vegeta1k95! A fix that was fairly simple, but still might be useful for many people.

As a side note, the documentation at https://tl.telethon.dev now lists known *RPCError* for all requests, so you know what to expect. This required a major rewrite, but it was well worth it!

Breaking changes

- *telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.forward_messages* now returns a single item instead of a list if the input was also a single item.

Additions

- New *telethon.events.messageread.MessageRead* event, to find out when and who read which messages as soon as it happens.
- Now you can access .chat_id on all events and .sender_id on some.

Bug fixes

- Possibly fix some bug regarding lost *GzipPacked* requests.
- The library now uses the “real” layer 75, hopefully.
- Fixed .entities name collision on updates by making it private.
- *AUTH_KEY_DUPLICATED* is handled automatically on connection.
- Markdown parser’s offset uses *match.start()* to allow custom regex.
- Some filter types (as a type) were not supported by *telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.iter_participants*.
- *telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.remove_event_handler* works.
- *telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.start* works on all terminals.
- *InputPeerSelf* case was missing from *telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.get_input_entity*. 
Enhancements

- The `parse_mode` for messages now accepts a callable.
- `telethon.telegram_client.TelegramClient.download_media` accepts web previews.
- `telethon.tl.custom.dialog.Dialog` instances can now be casted into `InputPeer`.
- Better logging when reading packages “breaks”.
- Better and more powerful `setup.py` `gen` command.

Internal changes

- The library won’t call `.get_dialogs()` on entity not found. Instead, it will `raise` `ValueError()` so you can properly `except` it.
- Several new examples and updated documentation.
- `py:obj` is the default Sphinx’s role which simplifies `.rst` files.
- `setup.py` now makes use of `python_requires`.
- Events now live in separate files.
- Other minor changes.

2.30.28 Several bug fixes (v0.18.2)

Published at 2018/03/27

Just a few bug fixes before they become too many.

Additions

- Getting an entity by its positive ID should be enough, regardless of their type (whether it’s an `User`, `a Chat` or a `Channel`). Although wrapping them inside a `Peer` is still recommended, it’s not necessary.
- New `client.edit_2fa` function to change your Two Factor Authentication settings.
- `.stringify()` and string representation for custom `Dialog/Draft`.

Bug fixes

- Some bug regarding `.get_input_peer`.
- `events.ChatAction` wasn’t picking up all the pins.
- `force_document=True` was being ignored for albums.
- Now you’re able to send `Photo` and `Document` as files.
- Wrong access to a member on chat forbidden error for `.get_participants`. An empty list is returned instead.
- `me/self` check for `.get[_input]_entity` has been moved up so if someone has “me” or “self” as their name they won’t be retrieved.
2.30.29 Iterator methods (v0.18.1)

Published at 2018/03/17

All the .get_ methods in the TelegramClient now have a .iter_ counterpart, so you can do operations while retrieving items from them. For instance, you can `client.iter_dialogs()` and `break` once you find what you’re looking for instead fetching them all at once.

Another big thing, you can get entities by just their positive ID. This may cause some collisions (although it’s very unlikely), and you can (should) still be explicit about the type you want. However, it’s a lot more convenient and less confusing.

Breaking changes

- The library only offers the default SQLiteSession again. See Session Files for more on how to use a different storage from now on.

Additions

- Events now override __str__ and implement .stringify(), just like every other TLObject does.
- events.ChatAction now has respond(), reply() and delete() for the message that triggered it.
- `client.iter_participants()` (and its `client.get_participants()` counterpart) now expose the filter argument, and the returned users also expose the .participant they are.
- You can now use `client.remove_event_handler()` and `client.list_event_handlers()` similar how you could with normal updates.
- New properties on events.NewMessage, like .video_note and .gif to access only specific types of documents.
- The Draft class now exposes .text and .raw_text, as well as a new Draft.send() to send it.

Bug fixes

- MessageEdited was ignoring NewMessage constructor arguments.
- Fixes for Event.delete_messages which wouldn’t handle MessageService.
- Bot API style IDs not working on `client.get_input_entity()`.
- `client.download_media()` didn’t support PhotoSize.

Enhancements

- Less RPC are made when accessing the .sender and .chat of some events (mostly those that occur in a channel).
- You can send albums larger than 10 items (they will be sliced for you), as well as mixing normal files with photos.
- TLObject now have Python type hints.
Internal changes

- Several documentation corrections.
- `client.get_dialogs()` is only called once again when an entity is not found to avoid flood waits.

2.30.30 Sessions overhaul (v0.18)

Published at 2018/03/04

The Session's have been revisited thanks to the work of @tulir and they now use an ABC so you can easily implement your own!

The default will still be a SQLiteSession, but you might want to use the new AlchemySessionContainer if you need. Refer to the section of the documentation on Session Files for more.

Breaking changes


Additions

- The mentioned addition of new session types.
- You can omit the event type on `client.add_event_handler` to use Raw.
- You can raise StopPropagation of events if you added several of them.
- `.get_participants()` can now get up to 90,000 members from groups with 100,000 if when aggressive=True, “bypassing” Telegram’s limit.
- You now can access `NewMessage.Event.pattern_match`.
- Multiple captions are now supported when sending albums.
- `client.send_message()` has an optional `file=` parameter, so you can do `events.reply(file='/path/to/photo.jpg')` and similar.
- Added `.input_` versions to `events.ChatAction`.
- You can now access the public `.client` property on `events`.
- New `client.forward_messages`, with its own wrapper on `events`, called `event.forward_to(., .)`.

Bug fixes

- Silly bug regarding `client.get_me(input_peer=True)`.
- `client.send_voice_note()` was missing some parameters.
- `client.send_file()` plays better with streams now.
- Incoming messages from bots weren’t working with whitelists.
• Markdown’s URL regex was not accepting newlines.
• Better attempt at joining background update threads.
• Use the right peer type when a marked integer ID is provided.

Internal changes

• Resolving events.Raw is now a no-op.
• Logging calls in the TcpClient to spot errors.
• events resolution is postponed until you are successfully connected, so you can attach them before starting the client.
• When an entity is not found, it is searched in all dialogs. This might not always be desirable but it’s more comfortable for legitimate uses.
• Some non-persisting properties from the Session have been moved out.

2.30.31 Further easing library usage (v0.17.4)

Published at 2018/02/24
Some new things and patches that already deserved their own release.

Additions

• New pattern argument to NewMessage to easily filter messages.
• New .get_participants() convenience method to get members from chats.
• .send_message() now accepts a Message as the message parameter.
• You can now .get_entity() through exact name match instead username.
• Raise ProxyConnectionError instead looping forever so you can except it on your own code and behave accordingly.

Bug fixes

• .parse_username would fail with www. or a trailing slash.
• events.MessageChanged would fail with UpdateDeleteMessages.
• You can now send b'byte strings' directly as files again.
• .send_file() was not respecting the original captions when passing another message (or media) as the file.
• Downloading media from a different data center would always log a warning for the first time.

Internal changes

• Use req_pq_multi instead req_pq when generating auth_key.
• You can use .get_me(input_peer=True) if all you need is your self ID.
• New addition to the interactive client example to show peer information.
- Avoid special casing `InputPeerSelf` on some `NewMessage` events, so you can always safely rely on `.sender` to get the right ID.

## 2.30.32 New small convenience functions (v0.17.3)

*Published at 2018/02/18*

More bug fixes and a few others addition to make events easier to use.

**Additions**

- Use `hachoir` to extract video and audio metadata before upload.
- New `.add_event_handler`, `.add_update_handler` now deprecated.

**Bug fixes**

- `bot_token` wouldn’t work on `.start()`, and changes to `password` (now it will ask you for it if you don’t provide it, as docstring hinted).
- `.edit_message()` was ignoring the formatting (e.g. markdown).
- Added missing case to the `NewMessage` event for normal groups.
- Accessing the `.text` of the `NewMessage` event was failing due to a bug with the markdown unparser.

**Internal changes**

- `libssl` is no longer an optional dependency. Use `cryptg` instead, which you can find on [https://github.com/Lonami/cryptg](https://github.com/Lonami/cryptg).

## 2.30.33 New small convenience functions (v0.17.2)

*Published at 2018/02/15*

Primarily bug fixing and a few welcomed additions.

**Additions**

- New convenience `.edit_message()` method on the `TelegramClient`
- New `.edit()` and `.delete()` shorthands on the `NewMessage` event.
- Default to markdown parsing when sending and editing messages.
- Support for inline mentions when sending and editing messages. They work like inline urls (e.g. `[text](@username)`) and also support the Bot-API style (see here).
Bug fixes

- Periodically send `GetStateRequest` automatically to keep the server sending updates even if you’re not invoking any request yourself.
- HTML parsing was failing due to not handling surrogates properly.
- `.sign_up` was not accepting `int` codes.
- Whitelisting more than one chat on `events` wasn’t working.
- Video files are sent as a video by default unless `force_document`.

Internal changes

- More logging calls to help spot some bugs in the future.
- Some more logic to retrieve input entities on events.
- Clarified a few parts of the documentation.

2.30.34 Updates as Events (v0.17.1)

Published at 2018/02/09

Of course there was more work to be done regarding updates, and it’s here! The library comes with a new `events` module (which you will often import as `from telethon import TelegramClient, events`). This are pretty much all the additions that come with this version change, but they are a nice addition. Refer to (removed broken link) to get started with events.

2.30.35 Trust the Server with Updates (v0.17)

Published at 2018/02/03

The library trusts the server with updates again. The library will `not` check for duplicates anymore, and when the server kicks us, it will run `GetStateRequest` so the server starts sending updates again (something it wouldn’t do unless you invoked something, it seems). But this update also brings a few more changes!

Additions

- `TObject`’s override `__eq__` and `__ne__`, so you can compare them.
- Added some missing cases on `.get_input_entity()` and peer functions.
- `obj.to_dict()` now has a `'_` key with the type used.
- `.start()` can also sign up now.
- More parameters for `.get_message_history()`.
- Updated list of RPC errors.
- HTML parsing thanks to `@tulir`! It can be used similar to markdown: `client.send_message(..., parse_mode='html')`. 
Enhancements

- `client.send_file()` now accepts `Message`'s and `MessageMedia`'s as the file parameter.
- Some documentation updates and fixed to clarify certain things.
- New exact match feature on https://tl.telethon.dev.
- Return as early as possible from `.get_input_entity()` and similar, to avoid penalizing you for doing this right.

Bug fixes

- `.download_media()` wouldn’t accept a `Document` as parameter.
- The SQLite is now closed properly on disconnection.
- IPv6 addresses shouldn’t use square braces.
- Fix regarding `.log_out()`.
- The time offset wasn’t being used (so having wrong system time would cause the library not to work at all).

2.30.36 New `.resolve()` method (v0.16.2)

Published at 2018/01/19

The TLObject’s (instances returned by the API and Request’s) have now acquired a new `.resolve()` method. While this should be used by the library alone (when invoking a request), it means that you can now use Peer types or even usernames where a `InputPeer` is required. The object now has access to the `client`, so that it can fetch the right type if needed, or access the session database. Furthermore, you can reuse requests that need “autocast” (e.g. you put `User` but `InputPeer` was needed), since `.resolve()` is called when invoking. Before, it was only done on object construction.

Additions

- Album support. Just pass a list, tuple or any iterable to `.send_file()`.

Enhancements

- `.start()` asks for your phone only if required.
- Better file cache. All files under 10MB, once uploaded, should never be needed to be re-uploaded again, as the sent media is cached to the session.

Bug fixes

- `setup.py` now calls `gen_tl` when installing the library if needed.
Internal changes

- The mentioned `.resolve()` to perform “autocast”, more powerful.
- Upload and download methods are no longer part of TelegramBareClient.
- Reuse `.on_response()`, `.__str__` and `.stringify()`. Only override `.on_response()` if necessary (small amount of cases).
- Reduced “autocast” overhead as much as possible. You shouldn’t be penalized if you’ve provided the right type.

2.30.37 MtProto 2.0 (v0.16.1)

*Published at 2018/01/11*

Scheme layer used: 74

The library is now using MtProto 2.0! This shouldn’t really affect you as an end user, but at least it means the library will be ready by the time MtProto 1.0 is deprecated.

Additions

- New `.start()` method, to make the library avoid boilerplate code.
- `.send_file` accepts a new optional `thumbnail` parameter, and returns the `Message` with the sent file.

Bug fixes

- The library uses again only a single connection. Less updates are be dropped now, and the performance is even better than using temporary connections.
- `without rowid` will only be used on the `*.session` if supported.
- Phone code hash is associated with phone, so you can change your mind when calling `.sign_in()`.

Internal changes

- File cache now relies on the hash of the file uploaded instead its path, and is now persistent in the `*.session` file. Report any bugs on this!
- Clearer error when invoking without being connected.
- Markdown parser doesn’t work on bytes anymore (which makes it cleaner).

2.30.38 Sessions as sqlite databases (v0.16)

*Published at 2017/12/28*

In the beginning, session files used to be pickle. This proved to be bad as soon as one wanted to add more fields. For this reason, they were migrated to use JSON instead. But this proved to be bad as soon as one wanted to save things like entities (usernames, their ID and hash), so now it properly uses sqlite3, which has been well tested, to save the session files! Calling `.get_input_entity` using a username no longer will need to fetch it first, so it’s really 0 calls again. Calling `.get_entity` will always fetch the most up to date version.
Furthermore, nearly everything has been documented, thus preparing the library for Read the Docs (although there are a few things missing I’d like to polish first), and the logging are now better placed.

Breaking changes

- `.get_dialogs()` now returns a single list instead of a tuple consisting of a custom class that should make everything easier to work with.
- `.get_message_history()` also returns a single list instead a tuple, with the Message instances modified to make them more convenient.

Both lists have a .total attribute so you can still know how many dialogs/messages are in total.

Additions

- The mentioned use of sqlite3 for the session file.
- `.get_entity()` now supports lists too, and it will make as little API calls as possible if you feed it InputPeer types. Usernames will always be resolved, since they may have changed.
- `.set_proxy()` method, to avoid having to create a new TelegramClient.
- More date types supported to represent a date parameter.

Bug fixes

- Empty strings weren’t working when they were a flag parameter (e.g., setting no last name).
- Fix invalid assertion regarding flag parameters as well.
- Avoid joining the background thread on disconnect, as it would be None due to a race condition.
- Correctly handle None dates when downloading media.
- `.download_profile_photo` was failing for some channels.
- `.download_media` wasn’t handling Photo.

Internal changes

- date was being serialized as local date, but that was wrong.
- date was being represented as a float instead of an int.
- .tl parser wasn’t stripping inline comments.
- Removed some redundant checks on update_state.py.
- Use a synchronized queue instead a hand crafted version.
- Use signed integers consistently (e.g. salt).
- Always read the corresponding TLObject from API responses, except for some special cases still.
- A few more except low level to correctly wrap errors.
- More accurate exception types.
- `invokeWithLayer(initConnection(X))` now wraps every first request after .connect().

As always, report if you have issues with some of the changes!
2.30.39 IPv6 support (v0.15.5)

Published at 2017/11/16

Scheme layer used: 73

It’s here, it has come! The library now supports IPv6! Just pass `use_ipv6=True` when creating a `TelegramClient`. Note that I could not test this feature because my machine doesn’t have IPv6 setup. If you know IPv6 works in your machine but the library doesn’t, please refer to #425.

Additions

- IPv6 support.
- New method to extract the text surrounded by `MessageEntity's`, in the `extensions.markdown` module.

Enhancements

- Markdown parsing is Done Right.
- Reconnection on failed invoke. Should avoid “number of retries reached 0” (#270).
- Some missing autocast to `Input*` types.
- The library uses the `NullHandler` for logging as it should have always done.
- `TcpClient.is_connected()` is now more reliable.

Bug fixes

- Getting an entity using their phone wasn’t actually working.
- Full entities aren’t saved unless they have an `access_hash`, to avoid some `None` errors.
- `.get_message_history` was failing when retrieving items that had messages forwarded from a channel.

2.30.40 General enhancements (v0.15.4)

Published at 2017/11/04

Scheme layer used: 72

This update brings a few general enhancements that are enough to deserve a new release, with a new feature: beta markdown-like parsing for `.send_message()`!

Additions

- `.send_message()` supports `parse_mode='md'` for Markdown! It works in a similar fashion to the official clients (defaults to double underscore/asterisk, like `**this**`). Please report any issues with emojis or enhancements for the parser!
- New `.idle()` method so your main thread can do useful job (listen for updates).
- Add missing `.to_dict()`, `.str` and `.stringify()` for `TLMessage` and `MessageContainer`.

2.30. Changelog (Version History)
Bug fixes

- The list of known peers could end “corrupted” and have users with access_hash=None, resulting in `struct` error for it not being an integer. You shouldn’t encounter this issue anymore.
- The warning for “added update handler but no workers set” wasn’t actually working.
- `.get_input_peer` was ignoring a case for `InputPeerSelf`.
- There used to be an exception when logging exceptions (whoops) on update handlers.
- “Downloading contacts” would produce strange output if they had semicolons (;) in their name.
- Fix some cyclic imports and installing dependencies from the git repository.
- Code generation was using f-strings, which are only supported on Python 3.6.

Internal changes

- The `auth_key` generation has been moved from `.connect()` to `.invoke()`. There were some issues were `.connect()` failed and the `auth_key` was `None` so this will ensure to have a valid `auth_key` when needed, even if `BrokenAuthKeyError` is raised.
- Support for higher limits on `.get_history()` and `.get_dialogs()`.
- Much faster integer factorization when generating the required `auth_key`. Thanks @delivrance for making me notice this, and for the pull request.

2.30.41 Bug fixes with updates (v0.15.3)

Published at 2017/10/20

Hopefully a very ungrateful bug has been removed. When you used to invoke some request through update handlers, it could potentially enter an infinite loop. This has been mitigated and it’s now safe to invoke things again! A lot of updates were being dropped (all those gzipped), and this has been fixed too.

More bug fixes include a correct parsing of certain TLObjects thanks to @stek29, and some wrong calls that would cause the library to crash thanks to @andr-04, and the `ReadThread` not re-starting if you were already authorized.

Internally, the `.to_bytes()` function has been replaced with `__bytes__` so now you can do `bytes(tlobjobject)`.

2.30.42 Bug fixes and new small features (v0.15.2)

Published at 2017/10/14

This release primarily focuses on a few bug fixes and enhancements. Although more stuff may have broken along the way.

Enhancements

- You will be warned if you call `.add_update_handler` with no `update_workers`.
- New customizable threshold value on the session to determine when to automatically sleep on flood waits. See `client.session.flood_sleep_threshold`.
- New `.get_drafts()` method with a custom `Draft` class by @JosXa.
• Join all threads when calling .disconnect(), to assert no dangling thread is left alive.
• Larger chunk when downloading files should result in faster downloads.
• You can use a callable key for the EntityDatabase, so it can be any filter you need.

Bug fixes

• .get_input_entity was failing for IDs and other cases, also making more requests than it should.
• Use basename instead abspath when sending a file. You can now also override the attributes.
• EntityDatabase.__delitem__ wasn’t working.
• .send_message() was failing with channels.
• .get_dialogs(limit=None) should now return all the dialogs correctly.
• Temporary fix for abusive duplicated updates.

Internal changes

• MsgsAck is now sent in a container rather than its own request.
• .get_input_photo is now used in the generated code.
• .process_entities was being called from more places than only __call__.
• MtProtoSender now relies more on the generated code to read responses.

2.30.43 Custom Entity Database (v0.15.1)

Published at 2017/10/05

The main feature of this release is that Telethon now has a custom database for all the entities you encounter, instead depending on @lru_cache on the .get_entity() method.

The EntityDatabase will, by default, cache all the users, chats and channels you find in memory for as long as the program is running. The session will, by default, save all key-value pairs of the entity identifiers and their hashes (since Telegram may send an ID that it thinks you already know about, we need to save this information).

You can prevent the EntityDatabase from saving users by setting client.session.entities. enabled = False, and prevent the Session from saving input entities at all by setting client.session. save_entities = False. You can also clear the cache for a certain user through client.session. entities.clear_cache(entity=None), which will clear all if no entity is given.

Additions

• New method to .delete_messages().
• New ChannelPrivateError class.

Enhancements

• .sign_in accepts phones as integers.
• Changing the IP to which you connect to is as simple as client.session.server_address = 'ip', since now the server address is always queried from the session.
Bug fixes

- `.get_dialogs()` doesn’t fail on Windows anymore, and returns the right amount of dialogs.
- `GeneralProxyError` should be passed to the main thread again, so that you can handle it.

2.30.44 Updates Overhaul Update (v0.15)

Published at 2017/10/01

After hundreds of lines changed on a major refactor, it’s finally here. It’s the Updates Overhaul Update; let’s get right into it!

Breaking changes

- `.create_new_connection()` is gone for good. No need to deal with this manually since new connections are now handled on demand by the library itself.

Enhancements

- You can invoke requests from update handlers. And any other thread. A new temporary will be made, so that you can be sending even several requests at the same time!
- Several worker threads for your updates! By default, `None` will spawn. I recommend you to work with `update_workers=4` to get started, these will be polling constantly for updates.
- You can also change the number of workers at any given time.
- The library can now run in a single thread again, if you don’t need to spawn any at all. Simply set `spawn_read_thread=False` when creating the TelegramClient!
- You can specify `limit=None` on `.get_dialogs()` to get all of them[1].
- Updates are expanded, so you don’t need to check if the update has `.updates` or an inner `.update` anymore.
- All `InputPeer` entities are saved in the session file, but you can disable this by setting `save_entities=False`.
- New `.get_input_entity` method, which makes use of the above feature. You should use this when a request needs a `InputPeer`, rather than the whole entity (although both work).
- Assert that either all or None dependent-flag parameters are set before sending the request.
- Phone numbers can have dashes, spaces, or parenthesis. They’ll be removed before making the request.
- You can override the phone and its hash on `.sign_in()`, if you’re creating a new `TelegramClient` on two different places.

Bug fixes

- `.log_out()` was consuming all retries. It should work just fine now.
- The session would fail to load if the `auth_key` had been removed manually.
- `Updates.check_error` was popping wrong side, although it’s been completely removed.
- `ServerError`’s will be ignored, and the request will immediately be retried.
• Cross-thread safety when saving the session file.
• Some things changed on a matter of when to reconnect, so please report any bugs!

Internal changes

• TelegramClient is now only an abstraction over the TelegramBareClient, which can only do basic things, such as invoking requests, working with files, etc. If you don’t need any of the abstractions the TelegramClient you can now use the TelegramBareClient in a much more comfortable way.
• MtProtoSender is not thread-safe, but it doesn’t need to be since a new connection will be spawned when needed.
• New connections used to be cached and then reused. Now only their sessions are saved, as temporary connections are spawned only when needed.
• Added more RPC errors to the list.

[1]: Broken due to a condition which should had been the opposite (sigh), fixed 4 commits ahead on https://github.com/LonamiWebs/Telethon/commit/62ea77cbeac7c42bfac85aa8766a1b5b35e3a76c.

That’s pretty much it, although there’s more work to be done to make the overall experience of working with updates even better. Stay tuned!

2.30.45 Serialization bug fixes (v0.14.2)

Published at 2017/09/29

Bug fixes

• Important, related to the serialization. Every object or request that had to serialize a True/False type was always being serialized as false!
• Another bug that didn’t allow you to leave as None flag parameters that needed a list has been fixed.

Internal changes

• Other internal changes include a somewhat more readable .to_bytes() function and pre-computing the flag instead using bit shifting. The TLObject.constructor_id has been renamed to TLObject.CONSTRUCTOR_ID, and .subclass_of_id is also uppercase now.

2.30.46 Farewell, BinaryWriter (v0.14.1)

Published at 2017/09/28

Version v0.14 had started working on the new .to_bytes() method to dump the BinaryWriter and its usage on the .on_send() when serializing TLObjects, and this release finally removes it. The speed up when serializing things to bytes should now be over twice as fast wherever it’s needed.
Bug fixes

- This version is again compatible with Python 3.x versions below 3.5 (there was a method call that was Python 3.5 and above).

Internal changes

- Using proper classes (including the generated code) for generating authorization keys and to write out TLMessage’s.

2.30.47 Several requests at once and upload compression (v0.14)

Published at 2017/09/27

New major release, since I’ve decided that these two features are big enough:

Additions

- Requests larger than 512 bytes will be compressed through gzip, and if the result is smaller, this will be uploaded instead.
- You can now send multiple requests at once, they’re simply *var_args on the .invoke(). Note that the server doesn’t guarantee the order in which they’ll be executed!

Internally, another important change. The .on_send function on the TLObjects is gone, and now there’s a new .to_bytes(). From my tests, this has always been over twice as fast serializing objects, although more replacements need to be done, so please report any issues.

Enhancements

- Implemented .get_input_media helper methods. Now you can even use another message as input media!

Bug fixes

- Downloading media from CDNs wasn’t working (wrong access to a parameter).
- Correct type hinting.
- Added a tiny sleep when trying to perform automatic reconnection.
- Error reporting is done in the background, and has a shorter timeout.
- setup.py used to fail with wrongly generated code.

2.30.48 Quick fix-up (v0.13.6)

Published at 2017/09/23

Before getting any further, here’s a quick fix-up with things that should have been on v0.13.5 but were missed. Specifically, the timeout when receiving a request will now work properly.

Some other additions are a tiny fix when handling updates, which was ignoring some of them, nicer __str__ and .stringify() methods for the TLObject’s, and not stopping the ReadThread if you try invoking something there (now it simply returns None).
2.30.49 Attempts at more stability (v0.13.5)

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Yet another update to fix some bugs and increase the stability of the library, or, at least, that was the attempt!

This release should really improve the experience with the background thread that the library starts to read things from the network as soon as it can, but I can’t spot every use case, so please report any bug (and as always, minimal reproducible use cases will help a lot).

Bug fixes

- setup.py was failing on Python < 3.5 due to some imports.
- Duplicated updates should now be ignored.
- .send_message would crash in some cases, due to having a typo using the wrong object.
- "socket is None" when calling .connect() should not happen anymore.
- BrokenPipeError was still being raised due to an incorrect order on the try/except block.

Enhancements

- Type hinting for all the generated Request's and TLObjects! IDEs like PyCharm will benefit from this.
- ProxyConnectionError should properly be passed to the main thread for you to handle.
- The background thread will only be started after you’re authorized on Telegram (i.e. logged in), and several other attempts at polishing the experience with this thread.
- The Connection instance is only created once now, and reused later.
- Calling .connect() should have a better behavior now (like actually trying to connect even if we seemingly were connected already).
- .reconnect() behavior has been changed to also be more consistent by making the assumption that we’ll only reconnect if the server has disconnected us, and is now private.

Internal changes

- TLObject.__repr__ doesn’t show the original TL definition anymore, it was a lot of clutter. If you have any complaints open an issue and we can discuss it.
- Internally, the '+' from the phone number is now stripped, since it shouldn’t be included.
- Spotted a new place where BrokenAuthKeyError would be raised, and it now is raised there.

2.30.50 More bug fixes and enhancements (v0.13.4)

Published at 2017/09/18
Additions

- TelegramClient now exposes a `.is_connected()` method.
- Initial authorization on a new data center will retry up to 5 times by default.
- Errors that couldn’t be handled on the background thread will be raised on the next call to `.invoke()` or `updates.poll()`.

Bug fixes

- Now you should be able to sign in even if you have `process_updates=True` and no previous session.
- Some errors and methods are documented a bit clearer.
- `.send_message()` could randomly fail, as the returned type was not expected.
- `TimeoutError` is now ignored, since the request will be retried up to 5 times by default.
- “404” errors (BrokenAuthKeyError’s) are now detected when first connecting to a new data center.
- `BufferError` is handled more gracefully, in the same way as `InvalidCheckSumError`'s.
- Attempt at fixing some “NoneType has no attribute...” errors (with the `.sender`).

Internal changes

- Calling `GetConfigRequest` is now made less often.
- The `initial_query` parameter from `.connect()` is gone, as it’s not needed anymore.
- Renamed `all_tlobjects.layer` to `all_tlobjects.LAYER` (since it’s a constant).
- The message from `BufferError` is now more useful.

2.30.51 Bug fixes and enhancements (v0.13.3)

Published at 2017/09/14

Bug fixes

- **Reconnection** used to fail because it tried invoking things from the ReadThread.
- Inferring random ids for `ForwardMessagesRequest` wasn’t working.
- Downloading media from CDNs failed due to having forgotten to remove a single line.
- `TcpClient.close()` now has a “`threading.Lock`”, so `NoneType` has no `close()` should not happen.
- New workaround for `msg seqno too low/high`. Also, both `Session.id/seq` are not saved anymore.
Enhancements

- **Request will be retried** up to 5 times by default rather than failing on the first attempt.
- **InvalidChecksumError**'s are now ignored by the library.
- **TelegramClient.get_entity()** is now **public**, and uses the `@lru_cache()` decorator.
- New method to `''send_voice_note()''`'
- Methods to send message and media now support a “reply_to” parameter.
- `.send_message()` now returns the **full message** which was just sent.

2.30.52 New way to work with updates (v0.13.2)

*Published at 2017/09/08*

This update brings a new way to work with updates, and it’s begging for your **feedback**, or better names or ways to do what you can do now.

Please refer to the wiki/Usage Modes for an in-depth description on how to work with updates now. Notice that you cannot invoke requests from within handlers anymore, only the v.0.13.1 patch allowed you to do so.

Bug fixes

- Periodic pings are back.
- The username regex mentioned on **UsernameInvalidError** was invalid, but it has now been fixed.
- Sending a message to a phone number was failing because the type used for a request had changed on layer 71.
- CDN downloads weren’t working properly, and now a few patches have been applied to ensure more reliability, although I couldn’t personally test this, so again, report any feedback.

2.30.53 Invoke other requests from within update callbacks (v0.13.1)

*Published at 2017/09/04*

**Warning:** This update brings some big changes to the update system, so please read it if you work with them!

A silly “bug” which hadn’t been spotted has now been fixed. Now you can invoke other requests from within your update callbacks. However **this is not advised**. You should post these updates to some other thread, and let that thread do the job instead. Invoking a request from within a callback will mean that, while this request is being invoked, no other things will be read.

Internally, the generated code now resides under a *lot* less files, simply for the sake of avoiding so many unnecessary files. The generated code is not meant to be read by anyone, simply to do its job.

Unused attributes have been removed from the **TLObject** class too, and `.sign_up()` returns the user that just logged in in a similar way to `.sign_in()` now.
2.30.54 Connection modes (v0.13)

Published at 2017/09/04

The purpose of this release is to denote a big change, now you can connect to Telegram through different connection modes. Also, a second thread will always be started when you connect a TelegramClient, despite whether you'll be handling updates or ignoring them, whose sole purpose is to constantly read from the network.

The reason for this change is as simple as “reading and writing shouldn’t be related”. Even when you’re simply ignoring updates, this way, once you send a request you will only need to read the result for the request. Whatever Telegram sent before has already been read and outside the buffer.

Additions

• The mentioned different connection modes, and a new thread.
• You can modify the Session attributes through the TelegramClient constructor (using **kwargs).
• RPCError’s now belong to some request you’ve made, which makes more sense.
• get_input_* now handles None (default) parameters more gracefully (it used to crash).

Enhancements

• The low-level socket doesn’t use a handcrafted timeout anymore, which should benefit by avoiding the arbitrary sleep(0.1) that there used to be.
• TelegramClient.sign_in will call .send_code_request if no code was provided.

Deprecation

• .sign_up does not take a phone argument anymore. Change this or you will be using phone as code, and it will fail! The definition looks like def sign_up(self, code, first_name, last_name='').
• The old JsonSession finally replaces the original Session (which used pickle). If you were overriding any of these, you should only worry about overriding Session now.

2.30.55 Added verification for CDN file (v0.12.2)

Published at 2017/08/28

Since the Content Distributed Network (CDN) is not handled by Telegram itself, the owners may tamper these files. Telegram sends their sha256 sum for clients to implement this additional verification step, which now the library has. If any CDN has altered the file you’re trying to download, CdnFileTamperedError will be raised to let you know.

Besides this, TLObject.stringify() was showing bytes as lists (now fixed) and RPC errors are reported by default:

In an attempt to help everyone who works with the Telegram API, Telethon will by default report all Remote Procedure Call errors to PWRTelegram, a public database anyone can query, made by Daniil. All the information sent is a GET request with the error code, error message and method used.
Note: If you still would like to opt out, simply set `client.session.report_errors = False` to disable this feature. However Daniil would really thank you if you helped him (and everyone) by keeping it on!

### 2.30.56 CDN support (v0.12.1)

*Published at 2017/08/24*

The biggest news for this update are that downloading media from CDN’s (you’ll often encounter this when working with popular channels) now *works.*

**Bug fixes**

- The method used to download documents crashed because two lines were swapped.
- Determining the right path when downloading any file was very weird, now it’s been enhanced.
- The `.sign_in()` method didn’t support integer values for the code! Now it does again.

Some important internal changes are that the old way to deal with RSA public keys now uses a different module instead the old strange hand-crafted version.

Hope the new, super simple `README.rst` encourages people to use Telethon and make it better with either suggestions, or pull request. Pull requests are *super* appreciated, but showing some support by leaving a star also feels nice.

### 2.30.57 Newbie friendly update (v0.12)

*Published at 2017/08/22*

Scheme layer used: 70

This update is overall an attempt to make Telethon a bit more user friendly, along with some other stability enhancements, although it brings quite a few changes.

**Breaking changes**

- The `TelegramClient` methods `.send_photo_file()`, `.send_document_file()` and `.send_media_file()` are now a **single method** called `.send_file()`. It’s also important to note that the order of the parameters has been **swapped**: first to who you want to send it, then the file itself.
- The same applies to `.download_msg_media()`, which has been renamed to `.download_media()`. The method now supports a `Message` itself too, rather than only `Message.media`. The specialized `.download_photo()`, `.download_document()` and `.download_contact()` still exist, but are private.

**Additions**

- Updated to layer 70!
- Both downloading and uploading now support **stream-like objects**.
- A lot faster initial connection if `sympy` is installed (can be installed through `pip`).
• libssl will also be used if available on your system (likely on Linux based systems). This speed boost should also apply to uploading and downloading files.

• You can use a phone number or an username for methods like .send_message(), .send_file(), and all the other quick-access methods provided by the TelegramClient.

Bug fixes

• Crashing when migrating to a new layer and receiving old updates should not happen now.
• InputPeerChannel is now casted to InputChannel automatically too.
• .get_new_msg_id() should now be thread-safe. No promises.
• Logging out on macOS caused a crash, which should be gone now.
• More checks to ensure that the connection is flagged correctly as either connected or not.

Note: Downloading files from CDN’s will not work yet (something new that comes with layer 70).

That’s it, any new idea or suggestion about how to make the project even more friendly is highly appreciated.

Note: Did you know that you can pretty print any result Telegram returns (called TLObject’s) by using their .stringify() function? Great for debugging!

2.30.58 get_input_* now works with vectors (v0.11.5)

Published at 2017/07/11

Quick fix-up of a bug which hadn’t been encountered until now. Auto-cast by using get_input_* now works.

2.30.59 get_input_* everywhere (v0.11.4)

Published at 2017/07/10

For some reason, Telegram doesn’t have enough with the InputPeer. There also exist InputChannel and InputUser! You don’t have to worry about those anymore, it’s handled internally now.

Besides this, every Telegram object now features a new default __str__ look, and also a .stringify() method to pretty format them, if you ever need to inspect them.

The library now uses the DEBUG level everywhere, so no more warnings or information messages if you had logging enabled.

The no_webpage parameter from .send_message has been renamed to link_preview for clarity, so now it does the opposite (but has a clearer intention).

2.30.60 Quick .send_message() fix (v0.11.3)

Published at 2017/07/05

A very quick follow-up release to fix a tiny bug with .send_message(), no new features.
2.30.61 Callable TelegramClient (v0.11.2)

Published at 2017/07/04

There is a new preferred way to invoke requests, which you're encouraged to use:

```
# New!
result = client(SomeRequest())

# Old.
result = client.invoke(SomeRequest())
```

Existing code will continue working, since the old `invoke()` has not been deprecated.

When you `.create_new_connection()`, it will also handle `FileMigrateError`'s for you, so you don't need to worry about those anymore.

### Bugs fixes

- Fixed some errors when installing Telethon via `pip` (for those using either source distributions or a Python version 3.5).
  - `ConnectionResetError` didn’t flag sockets as closed, but now it does.

On a more technical side, `msg_id`'s are now more accurate.

2.30.62 Improvements to the updates (v0.11.1)

Published at 2017/06/24

Receiving new updates shouldn’t miss any anymore, also, periodic pings are back again so it should work on the long run.

On a different order of things, `.connect()` also features a timeout. Notice that the `timeout=` is **not** passed as a parameter anymore, and is instead specified when creating the `TelegramClient`.

### Bug fixes

- Fixed some name class when a request had a `.msg_id` parameter.
- The correct amount of random bytes is now used in DH request
- Fixed `CONNECTION_APP_VERSION_EMPTY` when using temporary sessions.
- Avoid connecting if already connected.

2.30.63 Support for parallel connections (v0.11)

Published at 2017/06/16

This update brings a lot of changes, so it would be nice if you could read the whole change log!
Breaking changes

- Every Telegram error has now its own class, so it’s easier to fine-tune your except’s.
- Markdown parsing is not part of Telethon itself anymore, although there are plans to support it again through a some external module.
- The .list_sessions() has been moved to the Session class instead.
- The InteractiveTelegramClient is not shipped with pip anymore.

Additions

- A new, more lightweight class has been added. The TelegramBareClient is now the base of the normal TelegramClient, and has the most basic features.
- New method to .create_new_connection(), which can be ran in parallel with the original connection. This will return the previously mentioned TelegramBareClient already connected.
- Any file object can now be used to download a file (for instance, a BytesIO() instead a file name).
- Vales like random_id are now automatically inferred, so you can save yourself from the hassle of writing generate_random_long() everywhere. Same applies to .get_input_peer(), unless you really need the extra performance provided by skipping one if if called manually.
- Every type now features a new .to_dict() method.

Bug fixes

- Received errors are acknowledged to the server, so they don’t happen over and over.
- Downloading media on different data centers is now up to x2 faster, since there used to be an InvalidDCError for each file part tried to be downloaded.
- Lost messages are now properly skipped.
- New way to handle the result of requests. The old ValueError “The previously sent request must be resent. However, no request was previously sent (possibly called from a different thread).” should not happen anymore.

Internal changes

- Some fixes to the JsonSession.
- Fixed possibly crashes if trying to .invoke() a Request while .reconnect() was being called on the UpdatesThread.
- Some improvements on the TcpClient, such as not switching between blocking and non-blocking sockets.
- The code now uses ASCII characters only.
- Some enhancements to .find_user_or_chat() and .get_input_peer().

2.30.64 JSON session file (v0.10.1)

Published at 2017/06/07

This version is primarily for people to migrate their .session files, which are pickled, to the new JSON format. Although slightly slower, and a bit more vulnerable since it’s plain text, it’s a lot more resistant to upgrades.
Warning: You must upgrade to this version before any higher one if you’ve used Telethon v0.10. If you happen to upgrade to an higher version, that’s okay, but you will have to manually delete the *.session file, and logout from that session from an official client.

Additions

- New .get_me() function to get the current user.
- .is_user_authorized() is now more reliable.
- New nice button to copy the from telethon.tl.xxx.yyy import Yyy on the online documentation.
- More error codes added to the errors file.

Enhancements

- Everything on the documentation is now, theoretically, sorted alphabetically.
- No second thread is spawned unless one or more update handlers are added.

2.30.65 Full support for different DCs and ++stable (v0.10)

Published at 2017/06/03

Working with different data centers finally works! On a different order of things, reconnection is now performed automatically every time Telegram decides to kick us off their servers, so now Telethon can really run forever and ever! In theory.

Enhancements

- Documentation improvements, such as showing the return type.
- The msg_id too low/high error should happen less often, if any.
- Sleeping on the main thread is not done anymore. You will have to except FloodWaitError’s.
- You can now specify your own application version, device model, system version and language code.
- Code is now more pythonic (such as making some members private), and other internal improvements (which affect the updates thread), such as using logger instead a bare print() too.

This brings Telethon a whole step closer to v1.0, though more things should preferably be changed.

2.30.66 Stability improvements (v0.9.1)

Published at 2017/05/23

Telethon used to crash a lot when logging in for the very first time. The reason for this was that the reconnection (or dead connections) were not handled properly. Now they are, so you should be able to login directly, without needing to delete the *.session file anymore. Notice that downloading from a different DC is still a WIP.
Enhancements

- Updates thread is only started after a successful login.
- Files meant to be ran by the user now use shebangs and proper permissions.
- In-code documentation now shows the returning type.
- Relative import is now used everywhere, so you can rename telethon to anything else.
- Dead connections are now detected instead entering an infinite loop.
- Sockets can now be closed (and re-opened) properly.
- Telegram decided to update the layer 66 without increasing the number. This has been fixed and now we’re up-to-date again.

2.30.67 General improvements (v0.9)

Published at 2017/05/19

Additions

- The documentation, available online here, has a new search bar.
- Better cross-thread safety by using threading.Event.
- More improvements for running Telethon during a long period of time.

Bug fixes

- Avoid a certain crash on login (occurred if an unexpected object ID was received).
- Avoid crashing with certain invalid UTF-8 strings.
- Avoid crashing on certain terminals by using known ASCII characters where possible.
- The UpdatesThread is now a daemon, and should cause less issues.
- Temporary sessions didn’t actually work (with session=None).

Internal changes

- .get_dialogs(count= was renamed to .get_dialogs(limit=.

2.30.68 Bot login and proxy support (v0.8)

Published at 2017/04/14
Additions

- **Bot login**, thanks to @JuanPotato for hinting me about how to do it.
- **Proxy support**, thanks to @exzhawk for implementing it.
- **Logging support**, used by passing `--telethon-log=DEBUG` (or `INFO`) as a command line argument.

Bug fixes

- Connection fixes, such as avoiding connection until `.connect()` is explicitly invoked.
- Uploading big files now works correctly.
- Fix uploading big files.
- Some fixes on the update thread, such as correctly sleeping when required.

### 2.30.69 Long-run bug fix (v0.7.1)

*Published at 2017/02/19*

If you’re one of those who runs Telethon for a long time (more than 30 minutes), this update by @strayge will be great for you. It sends periodic pings to the Telegram servers so you don’t get disconnected and you can still send and receive updates!

### 2.30.70 Two factor authentication (v0.7)

*Published at 2017/01/31*

![Scheme layer used: 62](#)

If you’re one of those who love security the most, these are good news. You can now use two factor authentication with Telethon too! As internal changes, the coding style has been improved, and you can easily use custom session objects, and various little bugs have been fixed.

### 2.30.71 Updated pip version (v0.6)

*Published at 2016/11/13*

![Scheme layer used: 57](#)

This release has no new major features. However, it contains some small changes that make using Telethon a little bit easier. Now those who have installed Telethon via `pip` can also take advantage of changes, such as less bugs, creating empty instances of `TLObjects`, specifying a timeout and more!

### 2.30.72 Ready, pip, go! (v0.5)

*Published at 2016/09/18*
Telethon is now available as a ‘Python package <https://pypi.python.org/pypi?name=Telethon>‘! Those are really exciting news (except, sadly, the project structure had to change a lot to be able to do that; but hopefully it won’t need to change much more, any more!)

Not only that, but more improvements have also been made: you’re now able to both sign up and logout, watch a pretty “Uploading/Downloading… x%” progress, and other minor changes which make using Telethon easier.

2.30.73 Made InteractiveTelegramClient cool (v0.4)

Published at 2016/09/12

Yes, really cool! I promise. Even though this is meant to be a library, that doesn’t mean it can’t have a good interactive client for you to try the library out. This is why now you can do many, many things with the InteractiveTelegramClient:

- List dialogs (chats) and pick any you wish.
- Send any message you like, text, photos or even documents.
- List the latest messages in the chat.
- Download any message’s media (photos, documents or even contacts!).
- Receive message updates as you talk (i.e., someone sent you a message).

It actually is an usable-enough client for your day by day. You could even add libnotify and pop, you’re done! A great cli-client with desktop notifications.

Also, being able to download and upload media implies that you can do the same with the library itself. Did I need to mention that? Oh, and now, with even less bugs! I hope.

2.30.74 Media revolution and improvements to update handling! (v0.3)

Published at 2016/09/11

Telegram is more than an application to send and receive messages. You can also send and receive media. Now, this implementation also gives you the power to upload and download media from any message that contains it! Nothing can now stop you from filling up all your disk space with all the photos! If you want to, of course.

2.30.75 Handle updates in their own thread! (v0.2)

Published at 2016/09/10

This version handles updates in a different thread (if you wish to do so). This means that both the low level TcpClient and the not-so-low-level MtProtoSender are now multi-thread safe, so you can use them with more than a single thread without worrying!

This also implies that you won’t need to send a request to receive an update (is someone typing? did they send me a message? has someone gone offline?). They will all be received instantly.

Some other cool examples of things that you can do: when someone tells you “Hello”, you can automatically reply with another “Hello” without even needing to type it by yourself :)

However, be careful with spamming!! Do not use the program for that!
There probably are some bugs left, which haven’t yet been found. However, the majority of code works and the application is already usable! Not only that, but also uses the latest scheme as of now and handles way better the errors. This tag is being used to mark this release as stable enough.

2.31 Wall of Shame

This project has an issues section for you to file issues whenever you encounter any when working with the library. Said section is not for issues on your program but rather issues with Telethon itself.

If you have not made the effort to 1. read through the docs and 2. look for the method you need, you will end up on the Wall of Shame, i.e. all issues labeled “RTFM”:

rtfm Literally “Read The F–king Manual”; a term showing the frustration of being bothered with questions so trivial that the asker could have quickly figured out the answer on their own with minimal effort, usually by reading readily-available documents. People who say “RTFM!” might be considered rude, but the true rude ones are the annoying people who take absolutely no self-responsibility and expect to have all the answers handed to them personally.

“Damn, that’s the twelveth time that somebody posted this question to the messageboard today! RTFM, already!”

by Bill M. July 27, 2004

If you have indeed read the docs, and have tried looking for the method, and yet you didn’t find what you need, that’s fine. Telegram’s API can have some obscure names at times, and for this reason, there is a “question” label with questions that are okay to ask. Just state what you’ve tried so that we know you’ve made an effort, or you’ll go to the Wall of Shame.

Of course, if the issue you’re going to open is not even a question but a real issue with the library (thankfully, most of the issues have been that!), you won’t end up here. Don’t worry.

2.31.1 Current winner

The current winner is issue 213:

Issue:

i'm confused in working with Telethon library #213
Telethon Documentation, Release 1.10.4

2.32 Compatibility and Convenience

Telethon is an asyncio library. Compatibility is an important concern, and while it can’t always be kept and mistakes happen, the Changelog (Version History) is there to tell you when these important changes happen.

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2.32.1 Compatibility

Some decisions when developing will inevitable be proven wrong in the future. One of these decisions was using threads. Now that Python 3.4 is reaching EOL and using asyncio is usable as of Python 3.5 it makes sense for a library like Telethon to make a good use of it.

If you have old code, just use old versions of the library! There is nothing wrong with that other than not getting new updates or fixes, but using a fixed version with pip install telethon==0.19.1.6 is easy enough to do.

You might want to consider using Virtual Environments in your projects.

There’s no point in maintaining a synchronous version because the whole point is that people don’t have time to upgrade, and there has been several changes and clean-ups. Using an older version is the right way to go.

Sometimes, other small decisions are made. These all will be reflected in the Changelog (Version History) which you should read when upgrading.
If you want to jump the asyncio boat, here are some of the things you will need to start migrating really old code:

```python
# 1. Import the client from telethon.sync
from telethon.sync import TelegramClient

# 2. Change this monster...
try:
    assert client.connect()
    if not client.is_user_authorized():
        client.send_code_request(phone_number)
        me = client.sign_in(phone_number, input('Enter code: '))

    ...  # REST OF YOUR CODE
finally:
    client.disconnect()

# ...for this:
with client:
    ...  # REST OF YOUR CODE

# 3. client.idle() no longer exists.
# Change this...
client.idle()
# ...to this:
client.run_until_disconnected()

# 4. client.add_update_handler no longer exists.
# Change this...
client.add_update_handler(handler)
# ...to this:
client.add_event_handler(handler)
```

In addition, all the update handlers must be `async def`, and you need to `await` method calls that rely on network requests, such as getting the chat or sender. If you don’t use updates, you’re done!

### 2.32.2 Convenience

**Note:** The entire documentation assumes you have done one of the following:

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, sync
# or
from telethon.sync import TelegramClient
```

This makes the examples shorter and easier to think about.

For quick scripts that don’t need updates, it’s a lot more convenient to forget about `asyncio` and just work with sequential code. This can prove to be a powerful hybrid for running under the Python REPL too.

```python
from telethon.sync import TelegramClient
# ^~~~~ note this part; it will manage the asyncio loop for you

with TelegramClient(...) as client:
    print(client.get_me().username)
    # ^ notice the lack of await, or loop.run_until_complete().
    # Since there is no loop running, this is done behind the scenes.
```

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message = client.send_message('me', 'Hi!')
import time
time.sleep(5)
message.delete()

# You can also have an hybrid between a synchronous # part and asynchronous event handlers.
# from telethon import events
@client.on(events.NewMessage(pattern='(?i)hi|hello'))
async def handler(event):
    await event.reply('hey')

client.run_until_disconnected()

Some methods, such as with, start, disconnect and run_until_disconnected work both in syn-
chronous and asynchronous contexts by default for convenience, and to avoid the little overhead it has when using
methods like sending a message, getting messages, etc. This keeps the best of both worlds as a sane default.

Note: As a rule of thumb, if you’re inside an async def and you need the client, you need to await calls to the
API. If you call other functions that also need API calls, make them async def and await them too. Otherwise,
there is no need to do so with this mode.

2.32.3 Speed

When you're ready to micro-optimize your application, or if you simply don’t need to call any non-basic methods
from a synchronous context, just get rid of telethon.sync and work inside an async def:

import asyncio
from telethon import TelegramClient, events

async def main():
    async with TelegramClient(...) as client:
        print((await client.get_me()).username)
        # ^_____________________^ notice these parenthesis
        # You want to `await` the call, not the username.
        # message = await client.send_message('me', 'Hi!')
        await asyncio.sleep(5)
        await message.delete()

        @client.on(events.NewMessage(pattern='(?i)hi|hello'))
        async def handler(event):
            await event.reply('hey')

        await client.run_until_disconnected()

    loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
    loop.run_until_complete(main())

The telethon.sync magic module simply wraps every method behind:
So that you don’t have to write it yourself every time. That’s the overhead you pay if you import it, and what you save if you don’t.

2.32.4 Learning

You know the library uses asyncio everywhere, and you want to learn how to do things right. Even though asyncio is its own topic, the documentation wants you to learn how to use Telethon correctly, and for that, you need to use asyncio correctly too. For this reason, there is a section called *Mastering asyncio* that will introduce you to the asyncio world, with links to more resources for learning how to use it. Feel free to check that section out once you have read the rest.

2.33 TelegramClient

The TelegramClient aggregates several mixin classes to provide all the common functionality in a nice, Pythonic interface. Each mixin has its own methods, which you all can use.

**In short, to create a client you must run:**

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient

client = TelegramClient(name, api_id, api_hash)

async def main():
    # Now you can use all client methods listed below, like for example...
    await client.send_message('me', 'Hello to myself!')

with client:
    client.loop.run_until_complete(main())
```

You don’t need to import these AuthMethods, MessageMethods, etc. Together they are the TelegramClient and you can access all of their methods.

See *Client Reference* for a short summary.

class `telethon.client.telegrambaseclient.TelegramBaseClient`:

```python
```

**Bases:** `abc.ABC`

This is the abstract base class for the client. It defines some basic stuff like connecting, switching data center, etc, and leaves the `__call__` unimplemented.

**Arguments**

- `session (str | telethon.sessions.abstract.Session, None)`: The file name of the session file to be used if a string is given (it may be a full path), or the Session instance to be used otherwise. If it’s `None`, the session will not be saved, and you should call `log_out()` when you’re done.

  Note that if you pass a string it will be a file in the current working directory, although you can also pass absolute paths.

  The session file contains enough information for you to login without re-sending the code, so if you have to enter the code more than once, maybe you’re changing the working directory, renaming or removing the file, or using random names.

- `api_id (int | str)`: The API ID you obtained from `https://my.telegram.org`.

- `api_hash (str)`: The API ID you obtained from `https://my.telegram.org`.
connection (telethon.network.connection.common.Connection, optional): The connection instance to be used when creating a new connection to the servers. It must be a type. Defaults to telethon.network.connection.tcpfull.ConnectionTcpFull.

use_ipv6 (bool, optional): Whether to connect to the servers through IPv6 or not. By default this is False as IPv6 support is not too widespread yet.

proxy (tuple | list | dict, optional): An iterable consisting of the proxy info. If connection is one of MTProxy, then it should contain MTProxy credentials: ('hostname', port, 'secret'). Otherwise, it’s meant to store function parameters for PySocks, like (type, 'hostname', port). See https://github.com/Anorov/PySocks#usage-1 for more.

timeout (int | float, optional): The timeout in seconds to be used when connecting. This is not the timeout to be used when await ing for invoked requests, and you should use asyncio.wait or asyncio.wait_for for that.

request_retries (int | None, optional): How many times a request should be retried. Request are retried when Telegram is having internal issues (due to either errors.ServerError or errors.RpcCallFailError), when there is a errors.FloodWaitError less than flood_sleep_threshold, or when there’s a migrate error. May take a negative or None value for infinite retries, but this is not recommended, since some requests can always trigger a call fail (such as searching for messages).

connection_retries (int | None, optional): How many times the reconnection should retry, either on the initial connection or when Telegram disconnects us. May be set to a negative or None value for infinite retries, but this is not recommended, since the program can get stuck in an infinite loop.

retry_delay (int | float, optional): The delay in seconds to sleep between automatic reconnections.

auto_reconnect (bool, optional): Whether reconnection should be retried connection_retries times automatically if Telegram disconnects us or not.

sequential_updates (bool, optional): By default every incoming update will create a new task, so you can handle several updates in parallel. Some scripts need the order in which updates are processed to be sequential, and this setting allows them to do so.

If set to True, incoming updates will be put in a queue and processed sequentially. This means your event handlers should not perform long-running operations since new updates are put inside of an unbounded queue.

flood_sleep_threshold (int | float, optional): The threshold below which the library should automatically sleep on flood wait and slow mode wait errors (inclusive). For instance, if a FloodWaitError for 17s occurs and flood_sleep_threshold is 20s, the library will sleep automatically. If the error was for 21s, it would raise FloodWaitError instead. Values larger than a day (like float('inf')) will be changed to a day.

device_model (str, optional): “Device model” to be sent when creating the initial connection. Defaults to platform.node().

system_version (str, optional): “System version” to be sent when creating the initial connection. Defaults to platform.system().

app_version (str, optional): “App version” to be sent when creating the initial connection. Defaults to telethon.version.__version__.

lang_code (str, optional): “Language code” to be sent when creating the initial connection. Defaults to 'en'.

system_lang_code (str, optional): “System lang code” to be sent when creating the initial connection. Defaults to lang_code.
**loop (asyncio.AbstractEventLoop, optional):** Asyncio event loop to use. Defaults to asyncio.get_event_loop()

**base_logger (str | logging.Logger, optional):** Base logger name or instance to use. If a `str` is given, it’ll be passed to logging.getLogger(). If a `logging.Logger` is given, it’ll be used directly. If something else or nothing is given, the default logger will be used.

**__call__ (request, ordered=False)**
Invokes (sends) one or more MTProtoRequests and returns (receives) their result.

**Args:**

**request (TLObject | list):** The request or requests to be invoked.

**ordered (bool, optional):** Whether the requests (if more than one was given) should be executed sequentially on the server. They run in arbitrary order by default.

**Returns:** The result of the request (often a `TLObject`) or a list of results if more than one request was given.

**__version__ = '1.10.4'**

**__weakref__**
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**connect () → None**
Connects to Telegram.

**Note:** Connect means connect and nothing else, and only one low-level request is made to notify Telegram about which layer we will be using.

Before Telegram sends you updates, you need to make a high-level request, like `client.get_me()`, as described in https://core.telegram.org/api/updates.

**Example**

```python
try:
    await client.connect()
except OSError:
    print('Failed to connect')
```

**disconnect ()**
Disconnects from Telegram.

If the event loop is already running, this method returns a coroutine that you should await on your own code; otherwise the loop is ran until said coroutine completes.

**Example**

```python
# You don’t need to use this if you used "with client"
await client.disconnect()
```

**disconnected**
Property with a `Future` that resolves upon disconnection.

**Example**
```python
# Wait for a disconnection to occur
try:
    await client.disconnected
except OSError:
    print('Error on disconnect')
```

`is_connected()` → `bool`

Returns `True` if the user has connected.

This method is **not** asynchronous (don't use `await` on it).

**Example**

```python
while client.is_connected():
    await asyncio.sleep(1)
```

`loop`

Property with the `asyncio` event loop used by this client.

**Example**

```python
# Download media in the background
task = client.loop_create_task(message.download_media())

# Do some work
...

# Join the task (wait for it to complete)
await task
```

class telethon.client.account.AccountMethods

Bases: object

__weakref__

    list of weak references to the object (if defined)

`end_takeout`  `(success: bool) → bool`

Finishes the current takeout session.

**Arguments**

- `success` (**bool**): Whether the takeout completed successfully or not.

**Returns** `True` if the operation was successful, `False` otherwise.

**Example**

```python
await client.end_takeout(success=False)
```

`takeout`  `(finalize: bool = True, *, contacts: bool = None, users: bool = None, chats: bool = None, megagroups: bool = None, channels: bool = None, files: bool = None, max_file_size: bool = None) → TelegramClient`

Returns a `TelegramClient` which calls methods behind a takeout session.

It does so by creating a proxy object over the current client through which making requests will use `InvokeWithTakeoutRequest` to wrap them. In other words, returns the current client modified so that requests are done as a takeout:

Some of the calls made through the takeout session will have lower flood limits. This is useful if you want to export the data from conversations or mass-download media, since the rate limits will be lower. Only
some requests will be affected, and you will need to adjust the `wait_time` of methods like `client.iter_messages`.

By default, all parameters are `None`, and you need to enable those you plan to use by setting them to either `True` or `False`.

You should `except errors.TakeoutInitDelayError as e`, since this exception will raise depending on the condition of the session. You can then access `e.seconds` to know how long you should wait for before calling the method again.

There's also a `success` property available in the takeout proxy object, so from the `with` body you can set the boolean result that will be sent back to Telegram. But if it’s left `None` as by default, then the action is based on the `finalize` parameter. If it’s `True` then the takeout will be finished, and if no exception occurred during it, then `True` will be considered as a result. Otherwise, the takeout will not be finished and its ID will be preserved for future usage as `client.session.takeout_id`.

**Arguments**

- `finalize (bool)`: Whether the takeout session should be finalized upon exit or not.
- `contacts (bool)`: Set to `True` if you plan on downloading contacts.
- `users (bool)`: Set to `True` if you plan on downloading information from users and their private conversations with you.
- `chats (bool)`: Set to `True` if you plan on downloading information from small group chats, such as messages and media.
- `megagroups (bool)`: Set to `True` if you plan on downloading information from megagroups (channels), such as messages and media.
- `channels (bool)`: Set to `True` if you plan on downloading information from broadcast channels, such as messages and media.
- `files (bool)`: Set to `True` if you plan on downloading media and you don’t only wish to export messages.
- `max_file_size (int)`: The maximum file size, in bytes, that you plan to download for each message with media.

**Example**

```python
from telethon import errors

try:
    async with client.takeout() as takeout:
        await client.get_messages('me')  # normal call
        await takeout.get_messages('me')  # wrapped through takeout (less_...
except errors.TakeoutInitDelayError as e:
    print('Must wait', e.seconds, 'before takeout')
```

class telethon.client.auth.AuthMethods
Bases: object
    __aenter__()  
    __aexit__(*args)

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__enter__()  
Helps to cut boilerplate on async context managers that offer synchronous variants.

__exit__(*args)
__weakref__
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

edit_2fa(*current_password: str = None, new_password: str = None, *, hint: str = '', email: str = None, email_code_callback: Callable[[int], str] = None) → bool
Changes the 2FA settings of the logged in user.

Review carefully the parameter explanations before using this method.

Note that this method may be incredibly slow depending on the prime numbers that must be used during the process to make sure that everything is safe.

Has no effect if both current and new password are omitted.

Arguments

- **current_password (str, optional):** The current password, to authorize changing to new_password. Must be set if changing existing 2FA settings. Must not be set if 2FA is currently disabled. Passing this by itself will remove 2FA (if correct).
- **new_password (str, optional):** The password to set as 2FA. If 2FA was already enabled, current_password must be set. Leaving this blank or None will remove the password.
- **hint (str, optional):** Hint to be displayed by Telegram when it asks for 2FA. Leaving unspecified is highly discouraged. Has no effect if new_password is not set.
- **email (str, optional):** Recovery and verification email. If present, you must also set email_code_callback, else it raises ValueError.
- **email_code_callback (callable, optional):** If an email is provided, a callback that returns the code sent to it must also be set. This callback may be asynchronous. It should return a string with the code. The length of the code will be passed to the callback as an input parameter.

If the callback returns an invalid code, it will raise CodeInvalidError.

Returns **True** if successful, **False** otherwise.

Example

```python
# Setting a password for your account which didn't have
await client.edit_2fa(new_password='I_<3_Telethon')

# Removing the password
await client.edit_2fa(current_password='I_<3_Telethon')
```

log_out() → bool
Logs out Telegram and deletes the current *.session file.

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

Example

```python
# Note: you will need to login again!
await client.log_out()
```

Sends the Telegram code needed to login to the given phone number.

Arguments
**phone** *(str | int)*: The phone to which the code will be sent.

**force_sms** *(bool, optional)*: Whether to force sending as SMS.

**Returns** An instance of `SentCode`.

**Example**

```python
phone = '+34 123 123 123'
sent = await client.send_code_request(phone)
print(sent)

if sent.phone_registered:
    print('This phone has an existing account registered')
else:
    print('This phone does not have an account registered')
```


Logs in to Telegram to an existing user or bot account.

You should only use this if you are not authorized yet.

This method will send the code if it’s not provided.

**Note:** In most cases, you should simply use `start()` and not this method.

**Arguments**

**phone** *(str | int)*: The phone to send the code to if no code was provided, or to override the phone that was previously used with these requests.

**code** *(str | int)*: The code that Telegram sent. Note that if you have sent this code through the application itself it will immediately expire. If you want to send the code, obfuscate it somehow. If you’re not doing any of this you can ignore this note.

**password** *(str)*: 2FA password, should be used if a previous call raised `SessionPasswordNeededError`.

**bot_token** *(str)*: Used to sign in as a bot. Not all requests will be available. This should be the hash the @BotFather gave you.

**phone_code_hash** *(str, optional)*: The hash returned by `send_code_request`. This can be left as `None` to use the last hash known for the phone to be used.

**Returns** The signed in user, or the information about `send_code_request()`.

**Example**

```python
phone = '+34 123 123 123'
await client.sign_in(phone)  # send code

code = input('enter code: ') 
await client.sign_in(phone, code)
```

**sign_up** *(code: Union[str, int], first_name: str, last_name: str = '', *, phone: str = None, phone_code_hash: str = None) → types.User*

Signs up to Telegram as a new user account.

Use this if you don’t have an account yet.
You must call `send_code_request` first.

By using this method you’re agreeing to Telegram’s Terms of Service. This is required and your account will be banned otherwise. See https://telegram.org/tos and https://core.telegram.org/api/terms.

Arguments

- **code (str | int):** The code sent by Telegram
- **first_name (str):** The first name to be used by the new account.
- **last_name (str, optional):** Optional last name.
- **phone (str | int, optional):** The phone to sign up. This will be the last phone used by default (you normally don’t need to set this).
- **phone_code_hash (str, optional):** The hash returned by `send_code_request`. This can be left as `None` to use the last hash known for the phone to be used.

Returns The new created User.

Example

```python
phone = '+34 123 123 123'
await client.send_code_request(phone)

code = input('enter code: ')
await client.sign_up(code, first_name='Anna', last_name='Banana')
```


Starts the client (connects and logs in if necessary).

By default, this method will be interactive (asking for user input if needed), and will handle 2FA if enabled too.

If the phone doesn’t belong to an existing account (and will hence `sign_up` for a new one), you are agreeing to Telegram’s Terms of Service. This is required and your account will be banned otherwise. See https://telegram.org/tos and https://core.telegram.org/api/terms.

If the event loop is already running, this method returns a coroutine that you should await on your own code; otherwise the loop is ran until said coroutine completes.

Arguments

- **phone (str | int | callable):** The phone (or callable without arguments to get it) to which the code will be sent. If a bot-token-like string is given, it will be used as such instead. The argument may be a coroutine.
- **password (str, callable, optional):** The password for 2 Factor Authentication (2FA). This is only required if it is enabled in your account. The argument may be a coroutine.
- **bot_token (str):** Bot Token obtained by @BotFather to log in as a bot. Cannot be specified with `phone` (only one of either allowed).
- **force_sms (bool, optional):** Whether to force sending the code request as SMS. This only makes sense when signing in with a `phone`.
- **code_callback (callable, optional):** A callable that will be used to retrieve the Telegram login code. Defaults to `input()`. The argument may be a coroutine.
first_name (str, optional): The first name to be used if signing up. This has no effect if the account already exists and you sign in.

last_name (str, optional): Similar to the first name, but for the last. Optional.

max_attempts (int, optional): How many times the code/password callback should be retried or switching between signing in and signing up.

Returns This TelegramClient, so initialization can be chained with .start().

Example

```python
client = TelegramClient('anon', api_id, api_hash)

# Starting as a bot account
await client.start(bot_token=bot_token)

# Starting as an user account
await client.start(phone)

# Please enter the code you received: 12345
# Please enter your password: *******
# (You are now logged in)

# Starting using a context manager (this calls start()):
with client:
    pass
```

class telethon.client.bots.BotMethods
    Bases: object

    __weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)

    inline_query (bot: hints.EntityLike, query: str, *, offset: str = None, geo_point: types.GeoPoint = None) → telethon.tl.custom.inlineresults.InlineResults
    Makes an inline query to the specified bot (@vote New Poll).

    Arguments
        bot (entity): The bot entity to which the inline query should be made.
        query (str): The query that should be made to the bot.
        offset (str, optional): The string offset to use for the bot.
        geo_point (GeoPoint, optional) The geo point location information to send to the bot for localised results. Available under some bots.

    Returns A list of custom.InlineResult.

    Example

        # Make an inline query to @like
        results = await client.inline_query('like', 'Do you like Telethon?')

        # Send the first result to some chat
        message = await results[0].click('TelethonOffTopic')
```

class telethon.client.buttons.ButtonMethods
    Bases: object

    __weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)

Builds a ReplyInlineMarkup or ReplyKeyboardMarkup for the given buttons.

Does nothing if either no buttons are provided or the provided argument is already a reply markup.

You should consider using this method if you are going to reuse the markup very often. Otherwise, it is not necessary.

This method is not asynchronous (don’t use `await` on it).

**Arguments**

- **buttons (hintsMarkupLike):** The button, list of buttons, array of buttons or markup to convert into a markup.

- **inline_only (bool, optional):** Whether the buttons must be inline buttons only or not.

**Example**
```python
from telethon import Button

markup = client.build_reply_markup(Button.inline('hi'))
await client.send_message('click me', buttons=markup)
```

class telethon.client.chats.ChatMethods
    Bases: object
    __weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)


    Returns a context-manager object to represent a "chat action".
    Chat actions indicate things like "user is typing", "user is uploading a photo", etc.
    If the action is 'cancel', you should just await the result, since it makes no sense to use a context-manager for it.
    See the example below for intended usage.

    Arguments

    entity (entity): The entity where the action should be showed in.
    action (str | SendMessageAction): The action to show. You can either pass a instance of SendMessageAction or better, a string used while:
        * 'typing': typing a text message.
        * 'contact': choosing a contact.
        * 'game': playing a game.
        * 'location': choosing a geo location.
        * 'record-audio': recording a voice note. You may use 'record-voice' as alias.
        * 'record-round': recording a round video.
        * 'record-video': recording a normal video.
        * 'audio': sending an audio file (voice note or song). You may use 'voice' and 'song' as aliases.
        * 'round': uploading a round video.
        * 'video': uploading a video file.
        * 'photo': uploading a photo.
        * 'document': uploading a document file. You may use 'file' as alias.
        * 'cancel': cancel any pending action in this chat.
    Invalid strings will raise a ValueError.

    delay (int | float): The delay, in seconds, to wait between sending actions. For example, if the delay is 5 and it takes 7 seconds to do something, three requests will be made at 0s, 5s, and 7s to cancel the action.

    auto_cancel (bool): Whether the action should be cancelled once the context manager exists or not.
    The default is True, since you don’t want progress to be shown when it has already completed.

    Returns
    Either a context-manager object or a coroutine.
Example

```python
# Type for 2 seconds, then send a message
async with client.action(chat, 'typing'):
    await asyncio.sleep(2)
    await client.send_message(chat, 'Hello world! I type slow ^^')

# Cancel any previous action
await client.action(chat, 'cancel')

# Upload a document, showing its progress (most clients ignore this)
async with client.action(chat, 'document') as action:
    await client.send_file(chat, zip_file, progress_callback=action.
                        progress)
```

```python
def edit_admin(entity: hints.EntityLike, user: hints.EntityLike, *, change_info: bool = None,
               post_messages: bool = None, edit_messages: bool = None, delete_messages: bool = None,
               ban_users: bool = None, invite_users: bool = None, pin_messages: bool = None,
               add_admins: bool = None, is_admin: bool = None, title: str = None) ->
    telethon.tl.types.Updates
Edits admin permissions for someone in a chat.

Raises an error if a wrong combination of rights are given (e.g. you don’t have enough permissions to
grant one).

Unless otherwise stated, permissions will work in channels and megagroups.

Arguments

entity (entity): The channel, megagroup or chat where the promotion should happen.
user (entity): The user to be promoted.
change_info (bool, optional): Whether the user will be able to change info.
post_messages (bool, optional): Whether the user will be able to post in the channel. This will
only work in broadcast channels.
edit_messages (bool, optional): Whether the user will be able to edit messages in the channel. This
will only work in broadcast channels.
delete_messages (bool, optional): Whether the user will be able to delete messages.
ban_users (bool, optional): Whether the user will be able to ban users.
invite_users (bool, optional): Whether the user will be able to invite users. Needs some testing.
pin_messages (bool, optional): Whether the user will be able to pin messages.
add_admins (bool, optional): Whether the user will be able to add admins.
is_admin (bool, optional): Whether the user will be an admin in the chat. This will only work in
small group chats. Whether the user will be an admin in the chat. This is the only permission
available in small group chats, and when used in megagroups, all non-explicitly set permissions
will have this value.

Essentially, only passing is_admin=True will grant all permissions, but you can still disable
those you need.
title (str, optional): The custom title (also known as “rank”) to show for this admin. This text will
be shown instead of the “admin” badge. This will only work in channels and megagroups.

When left unspecified or empty, the default localized “admin” badge will be shown.
Returns The resulting Updates object.

Example

```python
# Allowing 'user' to pin messages in 'chat'
await client.edit_admin(chat, user, pin_messages=True)

# Granting all permissions except for 'add_admins'
await client.edit_admin(chat, user, is_admin=True, add_admins=False)
```


Edits user restrictions in a chat.

Set an argument to `False` to apply a restriction (i.e. remove the permission), or omit them to use the default `True` (i.e. don’t apply a restriction).

Raises an error if a wrong combination of rights are given (e.g. you don’t have enough permissions to revoke one).

By default, each boolean argument is `True`, meaning that it is true that the user has access to the default permission and may be able to make use of it.

If you set an argument to `False`, then a restriction is applied regardless of the default permissions.

It is important to note that `True` does *not* mean grant, only “don’t restrict”, and this is where the default permissions come in. A user may have not been revoked the `pin_messages` permission (it is `True`) but they won’t be able to use it if the default permissions don’t allow it either.

Arguments

- `entity (entity): The channel or megagroup where the restriction should happen.`
- `user (entity, optional): If specified, the permission will be changed for the specific user. If left as None, the default chat permissions will be updated.`
- `until_date (DateLike, optional): When the user will be unbanned.`
  - If the due date or duration is longer than 366 days or shorter than 30 seconds, the ban will be forever. Defaults to 0 (ban forever).
- `view_messages (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to view messages or not. Forbidding someone from viewing messages equals to banning them. This will only work if user is set.`
- `send_messages (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to send messages or not.`
- `send_media (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to send media or not.`
- `send_stickers (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to send stickers or not.`
- `send_gifs (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to send animated gifs or not.`
- `send_games (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to send games or not.`
- `send_inline (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to use inline bots or not.`
- `send_polls (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to send polls or not.`
- `change_info (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to change info or not.`
- `invite_users (bool, optional): Whether the user is able to invite other users or not.`
**pin_messages (bool, optional):** Whether the user is able to pin messages or not.

**Returns** The resulting `Updates` object.

**Example**

```python
from datetime import timedelta

# Banning `user` from `chat` for 1 minute
await client.edit_permissions(chat, user, timedelta(minutes=1), view_messages=False)

# Banning `user` from `chat` forever
await client.edit_permissions(chat, user, view_messages=False)

# Kicking someone (ban + un-ban)
await client.edit_permissions(chat, user, view_messages=False)
await client.edit_permissions(chat, user)
```

**get_admin_log (entity: hints.EntityLike, limit: float = None, *, max_id: int = 0, min_id: int = 0, search: str = None, admins: hints.EntitiesLike = None, join: bool = None, leave: bool = None, invite: bool = None, restrict: bool = None, unrestrict: bool = None, ban: bool = None, unban: bool = None, promote: bool = None, demote: bool = None, info: bool = None, settings: bool = None, pinned: bool = None, edit: bool = None, delete: bool = None) → telethon.client.chats._AdminLogIter**

Same as `iter_admin_log()`, but returns a list instead.

**Example**

```python
# Get a list of deleted message events which said "heck"
events = await client.get_admin_log(channel, search='heck', delete=True)

# Print the old message before it was deleted
print(events[0].old)
```

**get_participants (entity: hints.EntityLike, limit: float = None, *, search: str = "", filter: types.TypeChannelParticipantsFilter = None, aggressive: bool = False) → telethon.client.chats._ParticipantsIter**

Same as `iter_participants()`, but returns a `TotalList` instead.

**Example**

```python
users = await client.get_participants(chat)
print(users[0].first_name)
for user in users:
    if user.username is not None:
        print(user.username)
```

**get_profile_photos (entity: hints.EntityLike, limit: int = None, *, offset: int = 0, max_id: int = 0) → telethon.client.chats._ProfilePhotoIter**

Same as `iter_profile_photos()`, but returns a `TotalList` instead.

**Example**

```python
# Get the photos of a channel
photos = await client.get_profile_photos(channel)

# Download the oldest photo
await client.download_media(photos[-1])
```
iter_admin_log(entity: hints.EntityLike, limit: float = None, *, max_id: int = 0, min_id: int = 0, search: str = None, admins: hints.EntitiesLike = None, join: bool = None, leave: bool = None, invite: bool = None, restrict: bool = None, unrestrict: bool = None, ban: bool = None, unban: bool = None, promote: bool = None, demote: bool = None, info: bool = None, settings: bool = None, pinned: bool = None, edit: bool = None, delete: bool = None) → telethon.client.chats._AdminLogIter

Iterator over the admin log for the specified channel.

The default order is from the most recent event to the oldest.

Note that you must be an administrator of it to use this method.

If none of the filters are present (i.e. they all are None), all event types will be returned. If at least one of them is True, only those that are true will be returned.

Arguments

entity (entity): The channel entity from which to get its admin log.

limit (int | None, optional): Number of events to be retrieved.

The limit may also be None, which would eventually return the whole history.

max_id (int): All the events with a higher (newer) ID or equal to this will be excluded.

min_id (int): All the events with a lower (older) ID or equal to this will be excluded.

search (str): The string to be used as a search query.

admins (entity | list): If present, the events will be filtered by these admins (or single admin) and only those caused by them will be returned.

join (bool): If True, events for when a user joined will be returned.

leave (bool): If True, events for when a user leaves will be returned.

invite (bool): If True, events for when a user joins through an invite link will be returned.

restrict (bool): If True, events with partial restrictions will be returned. This is what the API calls “ban”.

unrestrict (bool): If True, events removing restrictions will be returned. This is what the API calls “unban”.

ban (bool): If True, events applying or removing all restrictions will be returned. This is what the API calls “kick” (restricting all permissions removed is a ban, which kicks the user).

unban (bool): If True, events removing all restrictions will be returned. This is what the API calls “unkick”.

promote (bool): If True, events with admin promotions will be returned.

demote (bool): If True, events with admin demotions will be returned.

info (bool): If True, events changing the group info will be returned.

settings (bool): If True, events changing the group settings will be returned.

pinned (bool): If True, events of new pinned messages will be returned.

edit (bool): If True, events of message edits will be returned.

delete (bool): If True, events of message deletions will be returned.

Yields Instances of AdminLogEvent.

Example
async for event in client.iter_admin_log(channel):
    if event.changed_title:
        print('The title changed from', event.old, 'to', event.new)

iter_participants (entity: hints.EntityLike, limit: float = None, *, search: str = '', filter:
    types.TypeChannelParticipantsFilter = None, aggressive: bool = False) →
    telethon.client.chats._ParticipantsIter

Iterator over the participants belonging to the specified chat.

The order is unspecified.

Arguments

entity (entity): The entity from which to retrieve the participants list.

limit (int): Limits amount of participants fetched.

search (str, optional): Look for participants with this string in name/username.

If aggressive is True, the symbols from this string will be used.

filter (ChannelParticipantsFilter, optional): The filter to be used, if you want e.g. only admins

Note that you might not have permissions for some filter. This has no effect for normal chats or

users.

Note: The filter ChannelParticipantsBanned will return restricted users. If you want banned

users you should use ChannelParticipantsKicked instead.

aggressive (bool, optional): Aggressively looks for all participants in the chat.

This is useful for channels since 20 July 2018, Telegram added a server-side limit where only the

first 200 members can be retrieved. With this flag set, more than 200 will be often be retrieved.

This has no effect if a filter is given.

Yields The User objects returned by GetParticipantsRequest with an additional .participant attribute

which is the matched ChannelParticipant type for channels/megagroups or ChatParticipants for nor-

mal chats.

Example

# Show all user IDs in a chat
async for user in client.iter_participants(chat):
    print(user.id)

# Search by name
async for user in client.iter_participants(chat, search='name'):
    print(user.username)

# Filter by admins
from telethon.tl.types import ChannelParticipantsAdmins
async for user in client.iter_participants(chat, filter=ChannelParticipantsAdmins):
    print(user.first_name)

iter_profile_photos (entity: hints.EntityLike, limit: int = None, *, offset: int = 0, max_id: int =
    0) → telethon.client.chats._ProfilePhotoIter

Iterator over a user’s profile photos or a chat’s photos.

The order is from the most recent photo to the oldest.
Arguments

entity (entity): The entity from which to get the profile or chat photos.

limit (int | None, optional): Number of photos to be retrieved.

The limit may also be None, which would eventually all the photos that are still available.

offset (int): How many photos should be skipped before returning the first one.

max_id (int): The maximum ID allowed when fetching photos.

Yields Instances of Photo.

Example

```python
# Download all the profile photos of some user
async for photo in client.iter_profile_photos(user):
    await client.download_media(photo)
```

kick_participant (entity: hints.EntityLike, user: typing.Optional[hints.EntityLike])

Kicks a user from a chat.

Kicking yourself ('me') will result in leaving the chat.

Note: Attempting to kick someone who was banned will remove their restrictions (and thus unbanning them), since kicking is just ban + unban.

Arguments

entity (entity): The channel or chat where the user should be kicked from.

user (entity, optional): The user to kick.

Example

```python
# Kick some user from some chat
await client.kick_participant(chat, user)

# Leaving chat
await client.kick_participant(chat, 'me')
```

class telethon.client.dialogs.DialogMethods

Bases: object

__weakref__

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

conversation (entity: hints.EntityLike, *, timeout: float = 60, total_timeout: float = None, max_messages: int = 100, exclusive: bool = True, replies_are_responses: bool = True) → telethon.tl.custom.conversation.Conversation

Creates a Conversation with the given entity.

This is not the same as just sending a message to create a “dialog” with them, but rather a way to easily send messages and await for responses or other reactions. Refer to its documentation for more.

Arguments

entity (entity): The entity with which a new conversation should be opened.
timeout (int | float, optional): The default timeout (in seconds) per action to be used. You may also override this timeout on a per-method basis. By default each action can take up to 60 seconds (the value of this timeout).

total_timeout (int | float, optional): The total timeout (in seconds) to use for the whole conversation. This takes priority over per-action timeouts. After these many seconds pass, subsequent actions will result in asyncio.TimeoutError.

max_messages (int, optional): The maximum amount of messages this conversation will remember. After these many messages arrive in the specified chat, subsequent actions will result in ValueError.

exclusive (bool, optional): By default, conversations are exclusive within a single chat. That means that while a conversation is open in a chat, you can’t open another one in the same chat, unless you disable this flag.

If you try opening an exclusive conversation for a chat where it’s already open, it will raise AlreadyInConversationError.

replies_are_responses (bool, optional): Whether replies should be treated as responses or not.

If the setting is enabled, calls to conv.get_response and a subsequent call to conv.get_reply will return different messages, otherwise they may return the same message.

Consider the following scenario with one outgoing message, 1, and two incoming messages, the second one replying:

```
Hello! <1
2> (reply to 1) Hi!
3> (reply to 1) How are you?
```

And the following code:

```python
async with client.conversation(chat) as conv:
    msg1 = await conv.send_message('Hello!')
    msg2 = await conv.get_response()
    msg3 = await conv.get_reply()
```

With the setting enabled, msg2 will be 'Hi!' and msg3 be 'How are you?' since replies are also responses, and a response was already returned.

With the setting disabled, both msg2 and msg3 will be 'Hi!' since one is a response and also a reply.

Returns A Conversation.

Example

```python
# <you> denotes outgoing messages you sent
# <usr> denotes incoming response messages
with bot.conversation(chat) as conv:
    # <you> Hi!
    conv.send_message('Hi!')

    # <usr> Hello!
    hello = conv.get_response()

    # <you> Please tell me your name
    conv.send_message('Please tell me your name')
```

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```python
# <usr> ?
name = conv.get_response().raw_text

while not any(x.isalpha() for x in name):
    # <you> Your name didn't have any letters! Try again
    conv.send_message("Your name didn't have any letters! Try again")

    # <usr> Lonami
    name = conv.get_response().raw_text

    # <you> Thanks Lonami!
    conv.send_message('Thanks {}!'.format(name))
```

**delete_dialog** *(entity: hints.EntityLike, *, revoke: bool = False)*

Deletes a dialog (leaves a chat or channel).

This method can be used as a user and as a bot. However, bots will only be able to use it to leave groups and channels (trying to delete a private conversation will do nothing).

See also `Dialog.delete()`.

**Arguments**

- **entity (entities)**: The entity of the dialog to delete. If it’s a chat or channel, you will leave it. Note that the chat itself is not deleted, only the dialog, because you left it.

- **revoke (bool, optional)**: On private chats, you may revoke the messages from the other peer too. By default, it’s `False`. Set it to `True` to delete the history for both.

  This makes no difference for bot accounts, who can only leave groups and channels.

**Returns** The `Updates` object that the request produces, or nothing for private conversations.

**Example**

```python
# Deleting the first dialog
dialogs = await client.get_dialogs(5)
await client.delete_dialog(dialogs[0])

# Leaving a channel by username
await client.delete_dialog('username')
```

**edit_folder** *(entity: hints.EntitiesLike = None, folder: Union[int, Sequence[int]] = None, *, unpack=None) → telethon.tl.types.Updates*

Edits the folder used by one or more dialogs to archive them.

**Arguments**

- **entity (entities)**: The entity or list of entities to move to the desired archive folder.

- **folder (int)**: The folder to which the dialog should be archived to.

  If you want to “archive” a dialog, use `folder=1`.

  If you want to “un-archive” it, use `folder=0`.

  You may also pass a list with the same length as `entities` if you want to control where each entity will go.

- **unpack (int, optional)**: If you want to unpack an archived folder, set this parameter to the folder number that you want to delete.

  When you unpack a folder, all the dialogs inside are moved to the folder number 0.
You can only use this parameter if the other two are not set.

**Returns** The `Updates` object that the request produces.

**Example**

```python
# Archiving the first 5 dialogs
dialogs = await client.get_dialogs(5)
await client.edit_folder(dialogs, 1)

# Un-archiving the third dialog (archiving to folder 0)
await client.edit_folder(dialogs[2], 0)

# Moving the first dialog to folder 0 and the second to 1
dialogs = await client.get_dialogs(2)
await client.edit_folder(dialogs, [0, 1])

# Un-archiving all dialogs
await client.archive(unpack=1)
```

```python
get_dialogs(limit: float = None, *, offset_date: hints.DateLike = None, offset_id: int = 0, offset_peer: hints.EntityLike = <telethon.tl.types.InputPeerEmpty object>, ignore_pinned: bool = False, ignore_migrated: bool = False, folder: int = None, archived: bool = None) → telethon.client.dialogs._DialogsIter
```

Same as `iter_dialogs()`, but returns a `TotalList` instead.

**Example**

```python
# Get all open conversation, print the title of the first
dialogs = await client.get_dialogs()
first = dialogs[0]
print(first.title)

# Use the dialog somewhere else
await client.send_message(first, 'hi')

# Getting only non-archived dialogs (both equivalent)
non_archived = await client.get_dialogs(folder=0)
non_archived = await client.get_dialogs(archived=False)

# Getting only archived dialogs (both equivalent)
archived = await client.get_dialogs(folder=1)
non_archived = await client.get_dialogs(archived=True)
```

```python
get_drafts(entity: hints.EntitiesLike = None) → hints.TotalList
```

Same as `iter_drafts()`, but returns a list instead.

**Example**

```python
# Get drafts, print the text of the first
drafts = await client.get_drafts()
print(drafts[0].text)

# Get the draft in your chat
draft = await client.get_drafts('me')
print(drafts.text)
```
iter_dialogs (limit: float = None, *, offset_date: hints.DateLike = None, offset_id: int = 0, offset_peer: hints.EntityLike = <telethon.tl.types.InputPeerEmpty object>, ignore_pinned: bool = False, ignore_migrated: bool = False, folder: int = None, archived: bool = None) → telethon.client.dialogs._DialogsIter

Iterator over the dialogs (open conversations/subscribed channels).

The order is the same as the one seen in official applications (first pinned, then from those with the most recent message to those with the oldest message).

Arguments

  limit (int | None): How many dialogs to be retrieved as maximum. Can be set to None to retrieve all dialogs. Note that this may take whole minutes if you have hundreds of dialogs, as Telegram will tell the library to slow down through a FloodWaitError.

  offset_date (datetime, optional): The offset date to be used.

  offset_id (int, optional): The message ID to be used as an offset.

  offset_peer (InputPeer, optional): The peer to be used as an offset.

  ignore_pinned (bool, optional): Whether pinned dialogs should be ignored or not. When set to True, these won’t be yielded at all.

  ignore_migrated (bool, optional): Whether Chat that have migrated to a Channel should be included or not. By default all the chats in your dialogs are returned, but setting this to True will ignore (i.e. skip) them in the same way official applications do.

  folder (int, optional): The folder from which the dialogs should be retrieved.

  If left unspecified, all dialogs (including those from folders) will be returned.

  If set to 0, all dialogs that don’t belong to any folder will be returned.

  If set to a folder number like 1, only those from said folder will be returned.

  By default Telegram assigns the folder ID 1 to archived chats, so you should use that if you need to fetch the archived dialogs.

  archived (bool, optional): Alias for folder. If unspecified, all will be returned, False implies folder=0 and True implies folder=1.

Yields Instances of Dialog.

Example

```python
# Print all dialog IDs and the title, nicely formatted
async for dialog in client.iter_dialogs():
    print('{:>14}: {}'.format(dialog.id, dialog.title))
```

iter_drafts (entity: hints.EntitiesLike = None) → telethon.client.dialogs._DraftsIter

Iterator over draft messages.

The order is unspecified.

Arguments

  entity (hints.EntitiesLike, optional): The entity or entities for which to fetch the draft messages. If left unspecified, all draft messages will be returned.

Yields Instances of Draft.

Example
```
# Clear all drafts
async for draft in client.get_drafts():
    await draft.delete()

# Getting the drafts with 'bot1' and 'bot2'
async for draft in client.iter_drafts(['bot1', 'bot2']):
    print(draft.text)
```

class telethon.client.downloads.DownloadMethods
    Bases: object

    __weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)

download_file (input_location: hints.FileLike, file: hints.OutFileLike = None, *, part_size_kb: float
    = None, file_size: int = None, progress_callback: hints.ProgressCallback = None,
    dc_id: int = None) → Optional[bytes]
Low-level method to download files from their input location.

Arguments

    input_location (InputFileLocation): The file location from which the file will be downloaded. See
    telethon.utils.get_input_location source for a complete list of supported types.

    file (str | file, optional): The output file path, directory, or stream-like object. If the path exists
    and is a file, it will be overwritten.

    If the file path is None or bytes, then the result will be saved in memory and returned as bytes.

    part_size_kb (int, optional): Chunk size when downloading files. The larger, the less requests will
    be made (up to 512KB maximum).

    file_size (int, optional): The file size that is about to be downloaded, if known. Only used if
    progress_callback is specified.

    progress_callback (callable, optional): A callback function accepting two parameters:
    (downloaded bytes, total). Note that the total is the provided file_size.

    dc_id (int, optional): The data center the library should connect to in order to download the file.
    You shouldn’t worry about this.

Example

```
# Download a file and print its header
data = await client.download_file(input_file, bytes)
print(data[:16])
```

download_media (message: hints.MessageLike, file: hints.FileLike = None, *, thumb:
    typing.Union[int, types.TypePhotoSize] = None, progress_callback:
    hints.ProgressCallback = None) → Union[str, bytes, None]
Downloads the given media from a message object.

Note that if the download is too slow, you should consider installing cryptg (through pip install
cryptg) so that decrypting the received data is done in C instead of Python (much faster).

See also Message.download_media().

Arguments

    message (Message | Media): The media or message containing the media that will be downloaded.
file (str | file, optional): The output file path, directory, or stream-like object. If the path exists and is a file, it will be overwritten. If file is the type bytes, it will be downloaded in-memory as a bytestring (e.g. file=bytes).

progress_callback (callable, optional): A callback function accepting two parameters: (received bytes, total).

thumb (int | PhotoSize, optional): Which thumbnail size from the document or photo to download, instead of downloading the document or photo itself.

If it’s specified but the file does not have a thumbnail, this method will return None.

The parameter should be an integer index between 0 and len(sizes). 0 will download the smallest thumbnail, and len(sizes) - 1 will download the largest thumbnail. You can also use negative indices.

You can also pass the PhotoSize instance to use.

In short, use thumb=0 if you want the smallest thumbnail and thumb=-1 if you want the largest thumbnail.

Returns None if no media was provided, or if it was Empty. On success the file path is returned since it may differ from the one given.

Example

```python
path = await client.download_media(message)
await client.download_media(message, filename)
# or
path = await message.download_media()
await message.download_media(filename)
```

download_profile_photo (entity: hints.EntityLike, file: hints.FileLike = None, *, download_big: bool = True) → Optional[str]

Downloads the profile photo from the given user, chat or channel.

Arguments

entity (entity): From who the photo will be downloaded.

Note: This method expects the full entity (which has the data to download the photo), not an input variant.

It’s possible that sometimes you can’t fetch the entity from its input (since you can get errors like ChannelPrivateError) but you already have it through another call, like getting a forwarded message from it.

file (str | file, optional): The output file path, directory, or stream-like object. If the path exists and is a file, it will be overwritten. If file is the type bytes, it will be downloaded in-memory as a bytestring (e.g. file=bytes).

download_big (bool, optional): Whether to use the big version of the available photos.

Returns None if no photo was provided, or if it was Empty. On success the file path is returned since it may differ from the one given.

Example

```python
# Download your own profile photo
path = await client.download_profile_photo('me')
print(path)
```
**iter_download** (file: hints.FileLike, *, offset: int = 0, stride: int = None, limit: int = None,
chunk_size: int = None, request_size: int = 524288, file_size: int = None, dc_id: int = None)

Iterates over a file download, yielding chunks of the file.

This method can be used to stream files in a more convenient way, since it offers more control (pausing, resuming, etc.)

**Note:** Using a value for offset or stride which is not a multiple of the minimum allowed request_size, or if chunk_size is different from request_size, the library will need to do a bit more work to fetch the data in the way you intend it to.

You normally shouldn’t worry about this.

**Arguments**

- **file (hints.FileLike):** The file of which contents you want to iterate over.
- **offset (int, optional):** The offset in bytes into the file from where the download should start. For example, if a file is 1024KB long and you just want the last 512KB, you would use offset=512 * 1024.
- **stride (int, optional):** The stride of each chunk (how much the offset should advance between reading each chunk). This parameter should only be used for more advanced use cases.
  
  It must be bigger than or equal to the chunk_size.
- **limit (int, optional):** The limit for how many chunks will be yielded at most.
- **chunk_size (int, optional):** The maximum size of the chunks that will be yielded. Note that the last chunk may be less than this value. By default, it equals to request_size.
- **request_size (int, optional):** How many bytes will be requested to Telegram when more data is required. By default, as many bytes as possible are requested. If you would like to request data in smaller sizes, adjust this parameter.
  
  Note that values outside the valid range will be clamped, and the final value will also be a multiple of the minimum allowed size.
- **file_size (int, optional):** If the file size is known beforehand, you should set this parameter to said value. Depending on the type of the input file passed, this may be set automatically.
- **dc_id (int, optional):** The data center the library should connect to in order to download the file.
  
  You shouldn’t worry about this.

**Yields**

- **bytes objects** representing the chunks of the file if the right conditions are met, or memoryview objects instead.

**Example**

```python
# Streaming `media` to an output file
# After the iteration ends, the sender is cleaned up
with open('photo.jpg', 'wb') as fd:
    async for chunk in client.iter_download(media):
        fd.write(chunk)

# Fetching only the header of a file (32 bytes)
```

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# You should manually close the iterator in this case.
# telethon.sync must be imported for this to work,  
# and you must not be inside an "async def".
stream = client.iter_download(media, request_size=32)
header = next(stream)
stream.close()
assert len(header) == 32

# Fetching only the header, inside of an `async def`
async def main():
    stream = client.iter_download(media, request_size=32)
    header = await stream.__anext__()
    await stream.close()
    assert len(header) == 32

class telethon.client.messageparse.MessageParseMethods
    Bases: object

    __weakref__
        list of weak references to the object (if defined)

    parse_mode
        This property is the default parse mode used when sending messages.  
        Defaults to telethon. 
        extensions.markdown. It will always be either None or an object with parse and unparse  
        methods.

        When setting a different value it should be one of:
        • Object with parse and unparse methods.
        • A callable to act as the parse method.
        • A str indicating the parse mode. For Markdown 'md' or 'markdown' may be used. For  
          HTML, 'htm' or 'html' may be used.

        The parse method should be a function accepting a single parameter, the text to parse, and returning a  
        tuple consisting of (parsed message str, [MessageEntity instances]).

        The unparse method should be the inverse of parse such that assert text ==  
        unparse(*parse(text)).

        See MessageEntity for allowed message entities.

        Example

        # Disabling default formatting
        client.parse_mode = None

        # Enabling HTML as the default format
        client.parse_mode = 'html'

class telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods
    Bases: object

    __weakref__
        list of weak references to the object (if defined)

Deletes the given messages, optionally “for everyone”.

See also Message.delete().

**Warning:** This method does not validate that the message IDs belong to the chat that you passed! It’s possible for the method to delete messages from different private chats and small group chats at once, so make sure to pass the right IDs.

**Arguments**

entity (**entity**): From who the message will be deleted. This can actually be None for normal chats, but must be present for channels and megagroups.

message_ids (**list | int | Message**): The IDs (or ID) or messages to be deleted.

revoke (**bool**, optional): Whether the message should be deleted for everyone or not. By default it has the opposite behaviour of official clients, and it will delete the message for everyone.

Since 24 March 2019, you can also revoke messages of any age (i.e. messages sent long in the past) the other person sent in private conversations (and of course your messages too).

Disabling this has no effect on channels or megagroups, since it will unconditionally delete the message for everyone.

**Returns** A list of AffectedMessages, each item being the result for the delete calls of the messages in chunks of 100 each.

**Example**

```python
await client.delete_messages(chat, messages)
```


Edits the given message to change its text or media.

See also Message.edit().

**Arguments**

entity (**entity | Message**): From which chat to edit the message. This can also be the message to be edited, and the entity will be inferred from it, so the next parameter will be assumed to be the message text.

You may also pass a InputBotInlineMessageID, which is the only way to edit messages that were sent after the user selects an inline query result.

message (**int | Message | str**): The ID of the message (or Message itself) to be edited. If the entity was a Message, then this message will be treated as the new text.

text (**str**, optional): The new text of the message. Does nothing if the entity was a Message.

parse_mode (**object**, optional): See the TelegramClient.parse_mode property for allowed values. Markdown parsing will be used by default.

link_preview (**bool**, optional): Should the link preview be shown?
file (str | bytes | file | media, optional): The file object that should replace the existing media in the message.

buttons (list, custom.Button, KeyboardButton): The matrix (list of lists), row list or button to be shown after sending the message. This parameter will only work if you have signed in as a bot. You can also pass your own ReplyMarkup here.

schedule (hints.DateLike, optional): If set, the message won’t be edited immediately, and instead it will be scheduled to be automatically edited at a later time.

Note that this parameter will have no effect if you are trying to edit a message that was sent via inline bots.

Returns The edited Message, unless entity was a InputBotInlineMessageID in which case this method returns a boolean.

Raises MessageAuthorRequiredError if you’re not the author of the message but tried editing it anyway.

MessageNotModifiedError if the contents of the message were not modified at all.

MessageIdInvalidError if the ID of the message is invalid (the ID itself may be correct, but the message with that ID cannot be edited). For example, when trying to edit messages with a reply markup (or clear markup) this error will be raised.

Example

```python
code
message = await client.send_message(chat, 'hello')
await client.edit_message(chat, message, 'hello!')
# or
await client.edit_message(chat, message.id, 'hello!!')
# or
await client.edit_message(message, 'hello!!!')
```


Forwards the given messages to the specified entity.

If you want to “forward” a message without the forward header (the “forwarded from” text), you should use send_message with the original message instead. This will send a copy of it.

See also Message.forward_to().

Arguments

dentity (entity): To which entity the message(s) will be forwarded.

messages (list | int | Message): The message(s) to forward, or their integer IDs.

from_peer (entity): If the given messages are integer IDs and not instances of the Message class, this must be specified in order for the forward to work. This parameter indicates the entity from which the messages should be forwarded.

silent (bool, optional): Whether the message should notify people with sound or not. Defaults to False (send with a notification sound unless the person has the chat muted). Set it to True to alter this behaviour.

as_album (bool, optional): Whether several image messages should be forwarded as an album (grouped) or not. The default behaviour is to treat albums specially and send outgoing requests
with as_album=True only for the albums if message objects are used. If IDs are used it will group by default.

In short, the default should do what you expect, True will group always (even converting separate images into albums), and False will never group.

**schedule (hints.DateLike, optional):** If set, the message(s) won’t forward immediately, and instead they will be scheduled to be automatically sent at a later time.

**Returns** The list of forwarded Message, or a single one if a list wasn’t provided as input.

Note that if all messages are invalid (i.e. deleted) the call will fail with MessageIdInvalidError. If only some are invalid, the list will have None instead of those messages.

**Example**

```python
# a single one
await client.forward_messages(chat, message)
# or
await client.forward_messages(chat, message_id, from_chat)
# or
await message.forward_to(chat)

# multiple
await client.forward_messages(chat, messages)
# or
await client.forward_messages(chat, message_ids, from_chat)

# Forwarding as a copy
await client.send_message(chat, message)
```

**get_messages** *(entity: hints.EntityLike, limit: float = None, *, offset_date: hints.DateLike = None, offset_id: int = 0, max_id: int = 0, min_id: int = 0, add_offset: int = 0, search: str = None, filter: typing.Union[types.TypeMessagesFilter, typing.Type[types.TypeMessagesFilter]] = None, from_user: hints.EntityLike = None, wait_time: float = None, ids: typing.Union[int, typing.Sequence[int]] = None, reverse: bool = False) → typing.Union[_MessagesIter, _IDsIter]*

Same as iter_messages(), but returns a TotalList instead.

If the limit is not set, it will be 1 by default unless both min_id and max_id are set (as named arguments), in which case the entire range will be returned.

This is so because any integer limit would be rather arbitrary and it’s common to only want to fetch one message, but if a range is specified it makes sense that it should return the entirety of it.

If ids is present in the named arguments and is not a list, a single Message will be returned for convenience instead of a list.

**Example**

```python
# Get 0 photos and print the total to show how many photos there are
from telethon.tl.types import InputMessagesFilterPhotos
photos = await client.get_messages(chat, 0, 
         →filter=InputMessagesFilterPhotos)
print(photos.total)

# Get all the photos
photos = await client.get_messages(chat, None,
         →filter=InputMessagesFilterPhotos)
```

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# Get messages by ID:

```python
message_1337 = await client.get_messages(chats, ids=1337)
```

```python
iter_messages(entity: hints.EntityLike, limit: float = None, *, offset_date: hints.DateLike = None, offset_id: int = 0, max_id: int = 0, min_id: int = 0, add_offset: int = 0, search: str = None, filter: typing.Union[type[types.TypeMessagesFilter], typing.Type[types.TypeMessagesFilter]] = None, from_user: hints.EntityLike = None, reverse: bool = False) -> typing.Union[_MessagesIter, _IDsIter]
```

Iterator over the messages for the given chat.

The default order is from newest to oldest, but this behaviour can be changed with the `reverse` parameter.

If either `search`, `filter` or `from_user` are provided, `messages.Search` will be used instead of `messages.getHistory`.

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**Note:** Telegram’s flood wait limit for `GetHistoryRequest` seems to be around 30 seconds per 10 requests, therefore a sleep of 1 second is the default for this limit (or above).

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**Arguments**

- `entity (entity)`: The entity from whom to retrieve the message history.
  
  It may be `None` to perform a global search, or to get messages by their ID from no particular chat. Note that some of the offsets will not work if this is the case.
  
  Note that if you want to perform a global search, you **must** set a non-empty `search` string.

- `limit (int | None, optional)`: Number of messages to be retrieved. Due to limitations with the API retrieving more than 3000 messages will take longer than half a minute (or even more based on previous calls).
  
  The limit may also be `None`, which would eventually return the whole history.

- `offset_date (datetime)`: Offset date (messages previous to this date will be retrieved). Exclusive.

- `offset_id (int)`: Offset message ID (only messages previous to the given ID will be retrieved). Exclusive.

- `max_id (int)`: All the messages with a higher (newer) ID or equal to this will be excluded.

- `min_id (int)`: All the messages with a lower (older) ID or equal to this will be excluded.

- `add_offset (int)`: Additional message offset (all of the specified offsets + this offset = older messages).

- `search (str)`: The string to be used as a search query.

- `filter (MessagesFilter | type)`: The filter to use when returning messages. For instance, `InputMessagesFilterPhotos` would yield only messages containing photos.

- `from_user (entity)`: Only messages from this user will be returned. This parameter will be ignored if it is not an user.

- `wait_time (int)`: Wait time (in seconds) between different `GetHistoryRequest`. Use this parameter to avoid hitting the `FloodWaitError` as needed. If left to `None`, it will default to 1 second only if the limit is higher than 3000.
If the `ids` parameter is used, this time will default to 10 seconds only if the amount of IDs is higher than 300.

`ids (int, list)`: A single integer ID (or several IDs) for the message that should be returned. This parameter takes precedence over the rest (which will be ignored if this is set). This can for instance be used to get the message with ID 123 from a channel. Note that if the message doesn’t exist, `None` will appear in its place, so that zipping the list of IDs with the messages can match one-to-one.

**Note:** At the time of writing, Telegram will **not** return `MessageEmpty` for `InputMessageReplyTo` IDs that failed (i.e. the message is not replying to any, or is replying to a deleted message). This means that it is **not** possible to match messages one-by-one, so be careful if you use non-integers in this parameter.

`reverse (bool, optional)`: If set to `True`, the messages will be returned in reverse order (from oldest to newest, instead of the default newest to oldest). This also means that the meaning of `offset_id` and `offset_date` parameters is reversed, although they will still be exclusive. `min_id` becomes equivalent to `offset_id` instead of being `max_id` as well since messages are returned in ascending order.

You cannot use this if both `entity` and `ids` are `None`.

Yields **Instances of** `Message`.

**Example**

```python
# From most-recent to oldest
async for message in client.iter_messages(chat):
    print(message.id, message.text)

# From oldest to most-recent
async for message in client.iter_messages(chat, reverse=True):
    print(message.id, message.text)

# Filter by sender
async for message in client.iter_messages(chat, from_user='me'):
    print(message.text)

# Server-side search with fuzzy text
async for message in client.iter_messages(chat, search='hello'):
    print(message.id)

# Filter by message type:
from telethon.tl.types import InputMessagesFilterPhotos
async for message in client.iter_messages(chat, filter=InputMessagesFilterPhotos):
    print(message.photo)
```


Pins or unpins a message in a chat.

The default behaviour is to **not** notify members, unlike the official applications.

See also `Message.pin()`.

**Arguments**

`entity (entity)`: The chat where the message should be pinned.
**message** (int | Message): The message or the message ID to pin. If it’s None, the message will be unpinned instead.

**notify** (bool, optional): Whether the pin should notify people or not.

**Example**

```python
# Send and pin a message to annoy everyone
message = await client.send_message(chat, 'Pinotifying is fun!')
await client.pin_message(chat, message, notify=True)
```


Sends a message to the specified user, chat or channel.

The default parse mode is the same as the official applications (a custom flavour of markdown). **bold**, `code` or __italic__ are available. In addition you can send [links](https://example.com) and [mentions](@username) (or using IDs like in the Bot API: [mention](tg://user?id=123456789)) and pre blocks with three backticks.

Sending a /start command with a parameter (like ?start=data) is also done through this method. Simply send '/start data' to the bot.

See also Message.respond() and Message.reply().

**Arguments**

**entity (entity):** To who will it be sent.

**message (str | Message):** The message to be sent, or another message object to resend.

The maximum length for a message is 35,000 bytes or 4,096 characters. Longer messages will not be sliced automatically, and you should slice them manually if the text to send is longer than said length.

**reply_to (int | Message, optional):** Whether to reply to a message or not. If an integer is provided, it should be the ID of the message that it should reply to.

**parse_mode (object, optional):** See the TelegramClient.parse_mode property for allowed values. Markdown parsing will be used by default.

**link_preview (bool, optional):** Should the link preview be shown?

**file (file, optional):** Sends a message with a file attached (e.g. a photo, video, audio or document). The message may be empty.

**force_document (bool, optional):** Whether to send the given file as a document or not.

**clear_draft (bool, optional):** Whether the existing draft should be cleared or not. Has no effect when sending a file.

**buttons (list, custom.Button, KeyboardButton):** The matrix (list of lists), row list or button to be shown after sending the message. This parameter will only work if you have signed in as a bot. You can also pass your own ReplyMarkup here.

All the following limits apply together:

- There can be 100 buttons at most (any more are ignored).
- There can be 8 buttons per row at most (more are ignored).
• The maximum callback data per button is 64 bytes.
• The maximum data that can be embedded in total is just over 4KB, shared between inline callback data and text.

**silent (bool, optional):** Whether the message should notify people in a broadcast channel or not. Defaults to False, which means it will notify them. Set it to True to alter this behaviour.

**schedule (hints.DateLike, optional):** If set, the message won’t send immediately, and instead it will be scheduled to be automatically sent at a later time.

**Returns** The sent custom.Message.

**Example**

```
# Markdown is the default
await client.send_message('lonami', 'Thanks for the **Telethon** library!
˓
→
)

# Default to another parse mode
client.parse_mode = 'html'

await client.send_message('me', 'Some <b>bold</b> and <i>italic</i> text')

# code and pre tags also work, but those break the documentation :
await client.send_message('me', '<a href="tg://user?id=me">Mentions</a>')

# Explicit parse mode
# No parse mode by default
client.parse_mode = None

# ...but here I want markdown
await client.send_message('me', 'Hello, **world**!', parse_mode='md')

# ...and here I need HTML
await client.send_message('me', 'Hello, <i>world</i>!', parse_mode='html')

# If you logged in as a bot account, you can send buttons
from telethon import events, Button

@client.on(events.CallbackQuery)
async def callback(event):
    await event.edit('Thank you for clicking {}!'.format(event.data))

# Single inline button
await client.send_message(chat, 'A single button, with "clk1" as data',
    buttons=Button.inline('Click me', b'clk1'))

# Matrix of inline buttons
await client.send_message(chat, 'Pick one from this grid', buttons=[
    [Button.inline('Left'), Button.inline('Right')],
    [Button.url('Check this site!', 'https://lonamiwebs.github.io')]
])

# Reply keyboard
await client.send_message(chat, 'Welcome', buttons=[
    Button.text('Thanks!', resize=True, single_use=True),
    Button.request_phone('Send phone'),
    Button.request_location('Send location')
])
```

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# Forcing replies or clearing buttons.
await client.send_message(chat, 'Reply to me', buttons=Button.force_reply())
await client.send_message(chat, 'Bye Keyboard!', buttons=Button.clear())

# Scheduling a message to be sent after 5 minutes
from datetime import timedelta
await client.send_message(chat, 'Hi, future!', schedule=timedelta(minutes=5))

Marks messages as read and optionally clears mentions.
This effectively marks a message as read (or more than one) in the given conversation.
If neither message nor maximum ID are provided, all messages will be marked as read by assuming that max_id = 0.
See also Message.mark_read().

Arguments

- entity (entity): The chat where these messages are located.
- message (list | Message): Either a list of messages or a single message.
- max_id (int): Overrides messages, until which message should the acknowledge should be sent.
- clear_mentions (bool): Whether the mention badge should be cleared (so that there are no more mentions) or not for the given entity.

If no message is provided, this will be the only action taken.

Example

# using a Message object
await client.send_read_acknowledge(chat, message)
# ...or using the int ID of a Message
await client.send_read_acknowledge(chat, message_id)
# ...or passing a list of messages to mark as read
await client.send_read_acknowledge(chat, messages)

class telethon.client.updates.EventBuilderDict (client: TelegramClient, update, others)
Bases: object
Helper “dictionary” to return events from types and cache them.

__getitem__(builder)
__weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)

class telethon.client.updates.UpdateMethods
Bases: object

__weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)
add_event_handler (callback: callable, event: telethon.events.common.EventBuilder = None)
Registers a new event handler callback.

The callback will be called when the specified event occurs.

Arguments

callback (callable): The callable function accepting one parameter to be used.

Note that if you have used telethon.events.register in the callback, event will be ignored, and instead the events you previously registered will be used.

event (_EventBuilder | type, optional): The event builder class or instance to be used, for instance events.NewMessage.

If left unspecified, telethon.events.raw.Raw (the Update objects with no further processing) will be passed instead.

Example

```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, events
client = TelegramClient(...)

async def handler(event):
    ...

client.add_event_handler(handler, events.NewMessage)
```

catch_up ()
“Catches up” on the missed updates while the client was offline. You should call this method after registering the event handlers so that the updates it loads can be processed by your script.

This can also be used to forcibly fetch new updates if there are any.

Example

```python
await client.catch_up()
```

list_event_handlers () → typing.Sequence[typing.Tuple[callable, EventBuilder]]
Lists all registered event handlers.

Returns A list of pairs consisting of (callback, event).

Example

```python
@client.on(events.NewMessage(pattern='hello'))
async def on_greeting(event):
    '''Greets someone'''
    await event.reply('Hi')

for callback, event in client.list_event_handlers():
    print(id(callback), type(event))
```

on (event: telethon.events.common.EventBuilder)
Decorator used to add_event_handler more conveniently.

Arguments

event (_EventBuilder | type): The event builder class or instance to be used, for instance events.NewMessage.

Example
```python
from telethon import TelegramClient, events
client = TelegramClient(...)
# Here we use client.on
@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def handler(event):
    ...

remove_event_handler(callback: callable, event: telethon.events.common.EventBuilder = None) → int
Inverse operation of add_event_handler().
If no event is given, all events for this callback are removed. Returns how many callbacks were removed.

Example

@client.on(events.Raw)
@client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def handler(event):
    ...

# Removes only the "Raw" handling
# "handler" will still receive "events.NewMessage"
client.remove_event_handler(handler, events.Raw)

# "handler" will stop receiving anything
client.remove_event_handler(handler)

run_until_disconnected()
Runs the event loop until the library is disconnected.
It also notifies Telegram that we want to receive updates as described in https://core.telegram.org/api/
updates.

Manual disconnections can be made by calling disconnect() or sending a KeyboardInterrupt
(e.g. by pressing Ctrl+C on the console window running the script).
If a disconnection error occurs (i.e. the library fails to reconnect automatically), said error will be raised
through here, so you have a chance to except it on your own code.
If the loop is already running, this method returns a coroutine that you should await on your own code.

Note: If you want to handle KeyboardInterrupt in your code, simply run the event loop in your
code too in any way, such as loop.run_forever() or await client.disconnected (e.g.
loop.run_until_complete(client.disconnected)).

Example

# Blocks the current task here until a disconnection occurs.
#
# You will still receive updates, since this prevents the
# script from exiting.
await client.run_until_disconnected()

class telethon.client.uploads.UploadMethods
    Bases: object
```

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__weakref__ list of weak references to the object (if defined)


Sends message with the given file to the specified entity.

**Note:** If the hachoir3 package (hachoir module) is installed, it will be used to determine metadata from audio and video files.

If the pillow package is installed and you are sending a photo, it will be resized to fit within the maximum dimensions allowed by Telegram to avoid errors.PhotoInvalidDimensionsError. This cannot be done if you are sending InputFile, however.

**Arguments**

- **entity (entity):** Who will receive the file.
- **file (str|bytes|file|media):** The file to send, which can be one of:
  - A local file path to an in-disk file. The file name will be the path’s base name.
  - A bytes byte array with the file’s data to send (for example, by using text. encode('utf-8')). A default file name will be used.
  - A bytes io.IOBase stream over the file to send (for example, by using open(file, 'rb')). Its .name property will be used for the file name, or a default if it doesn’t have one.
  - An external URL to a file over the internet. This will send the file as “external” media, and Telegram is the one that will fetch the media and send it.
  - A Bot API-like file_id. You can convert previously sent media to file IDs for later reusing with telethon.utils.pack_bot_file_id.
  - A handle to an existing file (for example, if you sent a message with media before, you can use its message.media as a file here).
  - A handle to an uploaded file (from upload_file).

To send an album, you should provide a list in this parameter.

If a list or similar is provided, the files in it will be sent as an album in the order in which they appear, sliced in chunks of 10 if more than 10 are given.

- **caption (str, optional):** Optional caption for the sent media message. When sending an album, the caption may be a list of strings, which will be assigned to the files pairwise.

- **force_document (bool, optional):** If left to False and the file is a path that ends with the extension of an image file or a video file, it will be sent as such. Otherwise always as a document.

- **progress_callback (callable, optional):** A callback function accepting two parameters: (sent bytes, total).

- **reply_to (int | Message):** Same as reply_to from send_message.
attributes (list, optional): Optional attributes that override the inferred ones, like DocumentAttributeFilename and so on.

thumb (str | bytes | file, optional): Optional JPEG thumbnail (for documents). Telegram will ignore this parameter unless you pass a .jpg file!

The file must also be small in dimensions and in-disk size. Successful thumbnails were files below 20kb and 200x200px. Width/height and dimensions/size ratios may be important.

allow_cache (bool, optional): Whether to allow using the cached version stored in the database or not. Defaults to True to avoid re-uploads. Must be False if you wish to use different attributes or thumb than those that were used when the file was cached.

parse_mode (object, optional): See the TelegramClient.parse_mode property for allowed values. Markdown parsing will be used by default.

voice_note (bool, optional): If True the audio will be sent as a voice note.

Set allow_cache to False if you sent the same file without this setting before for it to work.

video_note (bool, optional): If True the video will be sent as a video note, also known as a round video message.

Set allow_cache to False if you sent the same file without this setting before for it to work.

buttons (list, custom.Button, KeyboardButton): The matrix (list of lists), row list or button to be shown after sending the message. This parameter will only work if you have signed in as a bot. You can also pass your own ReplyMarkup here.

silent (bool, optional): Whether the message should notify people with sound or not. Defaults to False (send with a notification sound unless the person has the chat muted). Set it to True to alter this behaviour.

supports_streaming (bool, optional): Whether the sent video supports streaming or not. Note that Telegram only recognizes as streamable some formats like MP4, and others like AVI or MKV will not work. You should convert these to MP4 before sending if you want them to be streamable. Unsupported formats will result in VideoContentTypeError.

schedule (hints.DateLike, optional): If set, the file won’t send immediately, and instead it will be scheduled to be automatically sent at a later time.

Returns The Message (or messages) containing the sent file, or messages if a list of them was passed.

Example

```python
# Normal files like photos
await client.send_file(chat, '/my/photos/me.jpg', caption="It's me!")
# or
await client.send_message(chat, "It's me!", file='/my/photos/me.jpg')

# Voice notes or round videos
await client.send_file(chat, '/my/songs/song.mp3', voice_note=True)
await client.send_file(chat, '/my/videos/video.mp4', video_note=True)

# Custom thumbnails
await client.send_file(chat, '/my/documents/doc.txt', thumb='photo.jpg')

# Only documents
await client.send_file(chat, '/my/photos/photo.png', force_document=True)

# Albums
await client.send_file(chat, [ (continues on next page)```
Uploads a file to Telegram’s servers, without sending it.

This method returns a handle (an instance of InputFile or InputFileBig, as required) which can be later used before it expires (they are usable during less than a day).

Uploading a file will simply return a “handle” to the file stored remotely in the Telegram servers, which can be later used on. This will not upload the file to your own chat or any chat at all.

Arguments

- **file**: The path of the file, byte array, or stream that will be sent. Note that if a byte array or a stream is given, a filename or its type won’t be inferred, and it will be sent as an “unnamed application/octet-stream”.
- **part_size_kb**: Chunk size when uploading files. The larger, the less requests will be made (up to 512KB maximum).
- **file_name**: The file name which will be used on the resulting InputFile. If not specified, the name will be taken from the file and if this is not a str, it will be "unnamed".
- **use_cache**: The type of cache to use (currently either InputDocument or InputPhoto). If present and the file is small enough to need the MD5, it will be checked against the database, and if a match is found, the upload won’t be made. Instead, an instance of type use_cache will be returned.
- **progress_callback**: A callback function accepting two parameters: (sent bytes, total).

Returns InputFileBig if the file size is larger than 10MB, InputSizedFile (subclass of InputFile) otherwise.

Example

```python
# Photos as photo and document
file = await client.upload_file('photo.jpg')
await client.send_file(chat, file)        # sends as photo
await client.send_file(chat, file, force_document=True)        # sends as document

file.name = 'not a photo.jpg'
await client.send_file(chat, file, force_document=True)        # document, new name

# As song or as voice note
file = await client.upload_file('song.ogg')
await client.send_file(chat, file)        # sends as song
await client.send_file(chat, file, voice_note=True)        # sends as voice note
```

```python
class telethon.client.users.UserMethods
    Bases: object
```
__call__ *(request, ordered=False)*
Call self as a function.

__weakref__
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

get_entity *(entity: hints.EntitiesLike) → hints.Entity*
Turns the given entity into a valid Telegram User, Chat or Channel. You can also pass a list or iterable of entities, and they will be efficiently fetched from the network.

**Arguments**

entity *(str | int | Peer | InputPeer)*: If a username is given, the username will be resolved making an API call every time. Resolving usernames is an expensive operation and will start hitting flood waits around 50 usernames in a short period of time.

If you want to get the entity for a cached username, you should first get_input_entity(username) which will use the cache), and then use get_entity with the result of the previous call.

Similar limits apply to invite links, and you should use their ID instead.

Using phone numbers (from people in your contact list), exact names, integer IDs or Peer rely on get_input_entity first, which in turn needs the entity to be in cache, unless a InputPeer was passed.

Unsupported types will raise TypeError.

If the entity can’t be found, ValueError will be raised.

**Returns** User, Chat or Channel corresponding to the input entity. A list will be returned if more than one was given.

**Example**

```python
from telethon import utils

me = await client.get_entity('me')
print(utils.get_display_name(me))

chat = await client.get_input_entity('username')
async for message in client.iter_messages(chat):
    ...
    # Note that you could have used the username directly, but it's
good to use get_input_entity if you will reuse it a lot.
async for message in client.iter_messages('username'):
    ...
    # Note that for this to work the phone number must be in your contacts
some_id = await client.get_peer_id('+34123456789')
```

get_input_entity *(peer: hints.EntityLike) → types.TypeInputPeer*
Turns the given entity into its input entity version.

Most requests use this kind of InputPeer, so this is the most suitable call to make for those cases. Generally you should let the library do its job and don’t worry about getting the input entity first, but if you’re going to use an entity often, consider making the call:

**Arguments**
entity (str | int | Peer | InputPeer): If a username or invite link is given, the library will use the cache. This means that it’s possible to be using a username that changed or an old invite link (this only happens if an invite link for a small group chat is used after it was upgraded to a mega-group).

If the username or ID from the invite link is not found in the cache, it will be fetched. The same rules apply to phone numbers (‘+34 123456789’) from people in your contact list.

If an exact name is given, it must be in the cache too. This is not reliable as different people can share the same name and which entity is returned is arbitrary, and should be used only for quick tests.

If a positive integer ID is given, the entity will be searched in cached users, chats or channels, without making any call.

If a negative integer ID is given, the entity will be searched exactly as either a chat (prefixed with -) or as a channel (prefixed with -100).

If a Peer is given, it will be searched exactly in the cache as either a user, chat or channel.

If the given object can be turned into an input entity directly, said operation will be done.

Unsupported types will raise TypeError.

If the entity can’t be found, ValueError will be raised.

Returns InputPeerUser, InputPeerChat or InputPeerChannel or InputPeerSelf if the parameter is 'me' or 'self'.

If you need to get the ID of yourself, you should use get_me with input_peer=True) instead.

Example

```python
# If you’re going to use "username" often in your code
# (make a lot of calls), consider getting its input entity
# once, and then using the "user" everywhere instead.
user = await client.get_input_entity('username')

# The same applies to IDs, chats or channels.
chat = await client.get_input_entity(-123456789)
```

get_me (input_peer: bool = False) → typing.Union[types.User, types.InputPeerUser]

Gets “me”, the current User who is logged in.

If the user has not logged in yet, this method returns None.

Arguments

input_peer (bool, optional): Whether to return the InputPeerUser version or the normal User. This can be useful if you just need to know the ID of yourself.

Returns Your own User.

Example

```python
me = await client.get_me()
print(me.username)
```

get_peer_id (peer: hints.EntityLike, add_mark: bool = True) → int

Gets the ID for the given entity.

This method needs to be async because peer supports usernames, invite-links, phone numbers (from people in your contact list), etc.
If `add_mark` is `False`, then a positive ID will be returned instead. By default, bot-API style IDs (signed) are returned.

Example

```python
print(await client.get_peer_id('me'))
```

**is_bot() → bool**

Return `True` if the signed-in user is a bot, `False` otherwise.

Example

```python
if await client.is_bot():
    print('Beep')
else:
    print('Hello')
```

**is_user_authorized() → bool**

Returns `True` if the user is authorized (logged in).

Example

```python
if not await client.is_user_authorized():
    await client.send_code_request(phone)
    code = input('enter code: ')
    await client.sign_in(phone, code)
```

### 2.34 Update Events

Every event (builder) subclasses `common.EventBuilder`, so all the methods in it can be used from any event builder/event instance.

```python
class telethon.events.common.EventBuilder(chats=None, *, blacklist_chats=False, func=None)
```

Bases: `abc.ABC`

The common event builder, with builtin support to filter per chat.

**Args:**

- **chats** *(entity, optional)*: May be one or more entities (username/peer/etc.), preferably IDs. By default, only matching chats will be handled.

- **blacklist_chats** *(bool, optional)*: Whether to treat the chats as a blacklist instead of as a whitelist (default). This means that every chat will be handled except those specified in `chats` which will be ignored if `blacklist_chats=True`.

- **func** *(callable, optional)*: A callable function that should accept the event as input parameter, and return a value indicating whether the event should be dispatched or not (any truthy value will do, it does not need to be a `bool`). It works like a custom filter:

```python
@client.on(events.NewMessage(func=lambda e: e.is_private))
async def handler(event):
    pass  # code here
```

**__weakref__**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)
classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)

Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns None.

others are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current update.
self_id should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.

filter(event)

If the ID of event._chat_peer isn’t in the chats set (or it is but the set is a blacklist) returns None, otherwise the event.

The events must have been resolved before this can be called.

resolve(client)

Helper method to allow event builders to be resolved before usage

class telethon.events.common.EventCommon(chat_peer=None, msg_id=None, broadcast=None)

Bases: telethon.tl.custom.chatgetter.ChatGetter, abc.ABC

Intermediate class with common things to all events.

Remember that this class implements ChatGetter which means you have access to all chat properties and methods.

In addition, you can access the original_update field which contains the original Update.

__str__()

Return str(self).

client

The telethon.TelegramClient that created this event.

stringify()

to_dict()

class telethon.events.common.name_inner_event(cls)

Decorator to rename cls.Event ‘Event’ as ‘cls.Event’

class telethon.events.newmessage.NewMessage(chats=None, *, blacklist_chats=False, func=None, incoming=None, outgoing=None, from_users=None, forwards=None, pattern=None)

Bases: telethon.events.common.EventBuilder

Occurs whenever a new text message or a message with media arrives.

Args:

incoming (bool, optional): If set to True, only incoming messages will be handled. Mutually exclusive with outgoing (can only set one of either).

outgoing (bool, optional): If set to True, only outgoing messages will be handled. Mutually exclusive with incoming (can only set one of either).

from_users (entity, optional): Unlike chats, this parameter filters the senders of the message. That is, only messages sent by these users will be handled. Use chats if you want private messages with this/these users. from_users lets you filter by messages sent by one or more users across the desired chats (doesn’t need a list).

forwards (bool, optional): Whether forwarded messages should be handled or not. By default, both forwarded and normal messages are included. If it’s True only forwards will be handled. If it’s False only messages that are not forwards will be handled.
pattern (str, callable, Pattern, optional): If set, only messages matching this pattern will be handled. You can specify a regex-like string which will be matched against the message, a callable function that returns True if a message is acceptable, or a compiled regex pattern.

class Event (message)
Bases: telethon.events.common.EventCommon

Represents the event of a new message. This event can be treated to all effects as a Message, so please refer to its documentation to know what you can do with this event.

Members:

message (Message): This is the only difference with the received Message, and will return the telethon.tl.custom.message.Message itself, not the text.

See Message for the rest of available members and methods.

pattern_match (obj): The resulting object from calling the passed pattern function. Here’s an example using a string (defaults to regex match):

```python
>>> from telethon import TelegramClient, events
>>> client = TelegramClient(...)
>>> @client.on(events.NewMessage(pattern=r'hi \w+!'))
... async def handler(event):
...     # In this case, the result is a "Match" object
...     # since the 'str' pattern was converted into
...     # the "re.compile(pattern).match" function.
...     print('Welcomed', event.pattern_match.group(1))
```
action_message (**MessageAction**): The message invoked by this Chat Action.

**new_pin** (**bool**): *True* if there is a new pin.

**new_photo** (**bool**): *True* if there’s a new chat photo (or it was removed).

**photo** (**Photo**, optional): The new photo (or *None* if it was removed).

**user_added** (**bool**): *True* if the user was added by some other.

**userJoined** (**bool**): *True* if the user joined on their own.

**user_left** (**bool**): *True* if the user left on their own.

**user_kicked** (**bool**): *True* if the user was kicked by some other.

**created** (**bool**, optional): *True* if this chat was just created.

**new_title** (**str**, optional): The new title string for the chat, if applicable.

**unpin** (**bool**): *True* if the existing pin gets unpinned.

** added_by**
The user who added **users**, if applicable (*None* otherwise).

**delete** (***args**, **kwargs**)
Deletes the chat action message. You’re responsible for checking whether you have the permission to do so, or to except the error otherwise. Shorthand for **telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.delete_messages** with **entity** and **message_ids** already set.

Does nothing if no message action triggered this event.

**get_added_by()**
Returns **added_by** but will make an API call if necessary.

**get_input_user()**
Returns **input_user** but will make an API call if necessary.

**get_input_users()**
Returns **input_users** but will make an API call if necessary.

**get_kicked_by()**
Returns **kicked_by** but will make an API call if necessary.

**get_pinned_message()**
If **new_pin** is **True**, this returns the **Message** object that was pinned.

**get_user()**
Returns **user** but will make an API call if necessary.

**get_users()**
Returns **users** but will make an API call if necessary.

**Input user**
Input version of the **self.user** property.

**Input users**
Input version of the **self.users** property.

**kicked_by**
The user who kicked **users**, if applicable (*None* otherwise).

**reply** (***args**, **kwargs**)
Replies to the chat action message (as a reply). Shorthand for **telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.send_message** with both **entity** and **reply_to** already set.
Has the same effect as `respond` if there is no message.

```python
respond(*args, **kwargs)
```


**user**
The first user that takes part in this action (e.g. joined).

Might be `None` if the information can’t be retrieved or there is no user taking part.

**user_id**
Returns the marked signed ID of the first user, if any.

**user_ids**
Returns the marked signed ID of the users, if any.

**users**
A list of users that take part in this action (e.g. joined).

Might be empty if the information can’t be retrieved or there are no users taking part.

```python
classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)
```
Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns `None`.

- `others` are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current `update`.
- `self_id` should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.

```python
class telethon.events.userupdate.UserUpdate(chats=None, *, blacklist_chats=False, func=None)
```
Bases: `telethon.events.common.EventBuilder`

Occurs whenever a user goes online, starts typing, etc.

```python
class Event(user_id, *, status=None, chat_id=None, typing=None)
```

Represents the event of a user update such as gone online, started typing, etc.

**status** *(UserStatus, optional):* The user status if the update is about going online or offline.

You should check this attribute first before checking any of the seen within properties, since they will all be `None` if the status is not set.

**action** *(SendMessageAction, optional):* The “typing” action if any the user is performing if any.

You should check this attribute first before checking any of the typing properties, since they will all be `None` if the action is not set.

**audio**
True if what’s being recorded/uploaded is an audio.

**cancel**
True if the action was cancelling other actions.

**contact**
True if what’s being uploaded (selected) is a contact.

**document**
True if what’s being uploaded is document.
geo
   True if what’s being uploaded is a geo.

get_input_user()
   Alias for get_input_sender.

get_user()
   Alias for get_sender.

input_user
   Alias for input_sender.

last_seen
   Exact datetime.datetime when the user was last seen if known.

online
   True if the user is currently online,

photo
   True if what’s being uploaded is a photo.

playing
   True if the action is playing a game.

recently
   True if the user was seen within a day.

recording
   True if the action is recording something.

round
   True if what’s being recorded/uploaded is a round video.

typing
   True if the action is typing a message.

until
   The datetime.datetime until when the user should appear online.

uploading
   True if the action is uploading something.

user
   Alias for sender.

user_id
   Alias for sender_id.

video
   True if what’s being recorded/uploaded is an video.

within_months
   True if the user was seen within 30 days.

within_weeks
   True if the user was seen within 7 days.

classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)
   Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns None.

   others are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current update.

   self_id should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.
class telethon.events.messageedited.MessageEdited(chats=None, *, blacklist_chats=False, func=None, incoming=None, outgoing=None, from_users=None, forwards=None, pattern=None)

Bases: telethon.events.newmessage.NewMessage

Occurs whenever a message is edited. Just like NewMessage, you should treat this event as a Message.

**Warning:** On channels, Message.out will be True if you sent the message originally, not if you edited it! This can be dangerous if you run outgoing commands on edits.

Some examples follow:
- You send a message “A”, out is True.
- You edit “A” to “B”, out is True.
- Someone else edits “B” to “C”, out is True (be careful!).
- Someone sends “X”, out is False.
- Someone edits “X” to “Y”, out is False.
- You edit “Y” to “Z”, out is False.

Since there are useful cases where you need the right out value, the library cannot do anything automatically to help you. Instead, consider using from_users='me' (it won’t work in broadcast channels at all since the sender is the channel and not you).

class Event(message)
    Bases: telethon.events.newmessage.Event

classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)
    Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns None.

    others are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current update.

    self_id should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.

class telethon.events.messagedeleted.MessageDeleted(chats=None, *, blacklist_chats=False, func=None)

Bases: telethon.events.common.EventBuilder

Occurs whenever a message is deleted. Note that this event isn’t 100% reliable, since Telegram doesn’t always notify the clients that a message was deleted.

**Important:** Telegram does not send information about where a message was deleted if it occurs in private conversations with other users or in small group chats, because message IDs are unique and you can identify the chat with the message ID alone if you saved it previously.

Telethon does not save information of where messages occur, so it cannot know in which chat a message was deleted (this will only work in channels, where the channel ID is present).

This means that the chats= parameter will not work reliably, unless you intend on working with channels and super-groups only.

class Event(deleted_ids, peer)
    Bases: telethon.events.common.EventCommon

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```python
classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)
    Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns None.
    
    others are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current update.
    
    self_id should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.
```

```python
class telethon.events.messageread.MessageRead(chats=None, *, blacklist_chats=False, func=None, inbox=False)
    Bases: telethon.events.common.EventBuilder
    
    Occurs whenever one or more messages are read in a chat.

    Args:
        inbox (bool, optional): If this argument is True, then when you read someone else’s messages the event will be fired. By default (False) only when messages you sent are read by someone else will fire it.
```

```python
class Event(peer=None, max_id=None, out=False, contents=False, message_ids=None)
    Bases: telethon.events.common.EventCommon
    
    Represents the event of one or more messages being read.

    Members:
        max_id (int): Up to which message ID has been read. Every message with an ID equal or lower to it have been read.
        
        outbox (bool): True if someone else has read your messages.
        
        contents (bool): True if what was read were the contents of a message. This will be the case when e.g. you play a voice note. It may only be set on inbox events.
```

```python
classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)
    Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns None.
    
    others are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current update.
    
    self_id should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.
```
filter (event)
If the ID of event._chat.peer isn’t in the chats set (or it is but the set is a blacklist) returns None, otherwise the event.

The events must have been resolved before this can be called.

class telethon.events.callbackquery.CallbackQuery(chats=None, *, blacklist_chats=False, func=None, data=None, pattern=None)

Bases: telethon.events.common.EventBuilder

Occurs whenever you sign in as a bot and a user clicks one of the inline buttons on your messages.

Note that the chats parameter will not work with normal IDs or peers if the clicked inline button comes from a “via bot” message. The chats parameter also supports checking against the chat_instance which should be used for inline callbacks.

Args:

data (bytes, str, callable, optional): If set, the inline button payload data must match this data. A UTF-8 string can also be given, a regex or a callable. For instance, to check against 'data_1' and 'data_2' you can use re.compile(b'data_').

pattern (bytes, str, callable, Pattern, optional): If set, only buttons with payload matching this pattern will be handled. You can specify a regex-like string which will be matched against the payload data, a callable function that returns True if a the payload data is acceptable, or a compiled regex pattern.

class Event (query, peer, msg_id)

Represents the event of a new callback query.

Members:

query (UpdateBotCallbackQuery): The original UpdateBotCallbackQuery.

data_match (obj, optional): The object returned by the data= parameter when creating the event builder, if any. Similar to pattern_match for the new message event.

pattern_match (obj, optional): Alias for data_match.

answer (message=None, cache_time=0, *, url=None, alert=False)
Answers the callback query (and stops the loading circle).

Args:

message (str, optional): The toast message to show feedback to the user.

cache_time (int, optional): For how long this result should be cached on the user’s client. Defaults to 0 for no cache.

url (str, optional): The URL to be opened in the user’s client. Note that the only valid URLs are those of games your bot has, or alternatively a ‘t.me/your_bot?start=xyz’ parameter.

alert (bool, optional): Whether an alert (a pop-up dialog) should be used instead of showing a toast. Defaults to False.

chat_instance
Unique identifier for the chat where the callback occurred. Useful for high scores in games.

data
Returns the data payload from the original inline button.

delete (*args, **kwargs)
If you need to delete more than one message at once, don’t use this `delete` method. Use a
`telethon.client.telegramclient.TelegramClient` instance directly.

This method also creates a task to `answer` the callback.

This method will likely fail if `via_inline` is `True`.

```
edit (*args, **kwargs)
```

Edits the message. Shorthand for `telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.edit_message` with the `entity` set to the correct `InputBotInlineMessageID`.

Returns `True` if the edit was successful.

This method also creates a task to `answer` the callback.

**Note:** This method won’t respect the previous message unlike `Message.edit`, since the message object is normally not present.

```
get_message()
```

Returns the message to which the clicked inline button belongs.

```
id
```

Returns the query ID. The user clicking the inline button is the one who generated this random ID.

```
message_id
```

Returns the message ID to which the clicked inline button belongs.

```
reply (*args, **kwargs)
```

Replies to the message (as a reply). Shorthand for `telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.send_message` with both `entity` and `reply_to` already set.

This method also creates a task to `answer` the callback.

This method will likely fail if `via_inline` is `True`.

```
respond (*args, **kwargs)
```


This method also creates a task to `answer` the callback.

This method will likely fail if `via_inline` is `True`.

```
via_inline
```

Whether this callback was generated from an inline button sent via an inline query or not. If the bot sent the message itself with buttons, and one of those is clicked, this will be `False`. If a user sent the message coming from an inline query to the bot, and one of those is clicked, this will be `True`.

If it’s `True`, it’s likely that the bot is not in the chat, so methods like `respond` or `delete` won’t work (but `edit` will always work).

```
classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)
```

Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns `None`.

`others` are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current `update`.

`self_id` should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.

```
filter (event)
```

If the ID of `event._chat_peer` isn’t in the chats set (or it is but the set is a blacklist) returns `None`, otherwise the event.
The events must have been resolved before this can be called.

```python
class telethon.events.inlinequery.InlineQuery(users=None, *, blacklist_users=False, func=None, pattern=None)
Bases: telethon.events.common.EventBuilder
```

Occurs whenever you sign in as a bot and a user sends an inline query such as @bot query.

**Args:**

- `users (entity, optional)`: May be one or more entities (username/peer/etc.), preferably IDs. By default, only inline queries from these users will be handled.

- `blacklist_users (bool, optional)`: Whether to treat the users as a blacklist instead of as a whitelist (default). This means that every chat will be handled except those specified in `users` which will be ignored if `blacklist_users=True`.

- `pattern (str, callable, Pattern, optional)`: If set, only queries matching this pattern will be handled. You can specify a regex-like string which will be matched against the message, a callable function that returns `True` if a message is acceptable, or a compiled regex pattern.

```python
class Event(query)
```

Represents the event of a new callback query.

**Members:**

- `query (UpdateBotCallbackQuery)`: The original UpdateBotCallbackQuery. Make sure to access the `text` of the query if that's what you want instead working with this.

- `pattern_match (obj, optional)`: The resulting object from calling the passed `pattern` function, which is `re.compile(...) .match` by default.

- `answer (results=None, cache_time=0, *, gallery=False, next_offset=None, private=False, switch_pm=None, switch_pm_param=”)` Answers the inline query with the given results.

**Args:**

- `results (list, optional)`: A list of InputBotInlineResult to use. You should use `builder` to create these:

```python
builder = inline.builder
r1 = builder.article('Be nice', text='Have a nice day')
r2 = builder.article('Be bad', text="I don't like you")
await inline.answer([r1, r2])
```

You can send up to 50 results as documented in https://core.telegram.org/bots/api#answerinlinequery. Sending more will raise ResultsTooMuchError, and you should consider using `next_offset` to paginate them.

- `cache_time (int, optional)`: For how long this result should be cached on the user’s client. Defaults to 0 for no cache.

- `gallery (bool, optional)`: Whether the results should show as a gallery (grid) or not.

- `next_offset (str, optional)`: The offset the client will send when the user scrolls the results and it repeats the request.

- `private (bool, optional)`: Whether the results should be cached by Telegram (not private) or by the user’s client (private).

- `switch_pm (str, optional)`: If set, this text will be shown in the results to allow the user to switch to private messages.
**switch_pm_param (str, optional):** Optional parameter to start the bot with if `switch_pm` was used.

Example:

```python
@bot.on(events.InlineQuery)
async def handler(event):
    builder = event.builder
    rev_text = event.text[::-1]
    await event.answer([builder.article('Reverse text', text=rev_text),
                        builder.photo('/path/to/photo.jpg')])
```

`builder`

Returns a new `InlineBuilder` instance.

`geo`

If the user location is requested when using inline mode and the user’s device is able to send it, this will return the `GeoPoint` with the position of the user.

`id`

Returns the unique identifier for the query ID.

`offset`

The string the user’s client used as an offset for the query. This will either be empty or equal to offsets passed to `answer`.

`text`

Returns the text the user used to make the inline query.

**classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)**

Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns None.

`others` are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current `update`.

`self_id` should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.

`filter(event)`

If the ID of `event._chat_peer` isn’t in the chats set (or it is but the set is a blacklist) returns `None`, otherwise the event.

The events must have been resolved before this can be called.

**class telethon.events.album.Album(chats=None, *, blacklist_chats=False, func=None)**

**Bases:** `telethon.events.common.EventBuilder`

Occurs whenever you receive an album. This event only exists to ease dealing with an unknown amount of messages that belong to the same album.

**class Event(messages)**

**Bases:** `telethon.events.common.EventCommon`, `telethon.tl.custom.sendergetter.SenderGetter`

Represents the event of a new album.

**Members:**

- **messages (Sequence[Message]):** The list of messages belonging to the same album.

- **__getitem__(n)**
  Access the n’th message in the album.
Equivalent to `event.messages[n]`.

```python
__iter__()
Iterate over the messages in the album.
Equivalent to `iter(self.messages)`.
```

```python
__len__()
Return the amount of messages in the album.
Equivalent to `len(self.messages)`.
```

```python
delete(*args, **kwargs)
Deletes the entire album. You're responsible for checking whether you have the permission to do so, or to except the error otherwise. Shorthand for `telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.delete_messages` with entity and message_ids already set.
```

```python
edit(*args, **kwargs)
Edits the first caption or the message, or the first messages’ caption if no caption is set, iff it’s out-going. Shorthand for `telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.edit_message` with both entity and message already set.

Returns `None` if the message was incoming, or the edited `Message` otherwise.
```

**Note:** This is different from `client.edit_message` and **will respect** the previous state of the message. For example, if the message didn’t have a link preview, the edit won’t add one by default, and you should force it by setting it to `True` if you want it.

This is generally the most desired and convenient behaviour, and will work for link previews and message buttons.

```python
forward
The `Forward` information for the first message in the album if it was forwarded.
```

```python
forward_to(*args, **kwargs)
Forwards the entire album. Shorthand for `telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.forward_messages` with both messages and from_peer already set.
```

```python
get_reply_message()
The `Message` that this album is replying to, or `None`.

The result will be cached after its first use.
```

```python
grouped_id
The shared grouped_id between all the messages.
```

```python
is_reply
True if the album is a reply to some other message.

Remember that you can access the ID of the message this one is replying to through `reply_to_msg_id`, and the `Message` object with `get_reply_message()`.
```

```python
mark_read()
Marks the entire album as read. Shorthand for `client.send_read_acknowledge()` with both entity and message already set.
```

```python
pin(*, notify=False)
 Pins the first photo in the album. Shorthand for `telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.pin_message` with both entity and message already set.
```
The raw message text of the first photo with a caption, ignoring any formatting.

```python
reply(*args, **kwargs)
```

Replies to the first photo in the album (as a reply). Shorthand for `telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.send_message` with both `entity` and `reply_to` already set.

```python
respond(*args, **kwargs)
```


The message text of the first photo with a caption, formatted using the client’s default parse mode.

```python
classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)
```

Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns None.

- `others` are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current `update`.
- `self_id` should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.

```python
class telethon.events.raw.Raw(types=None, *, func=None)
```

Raw events are not actual events. Instead, they are the raw `Update` object that Telegram sends. You normally shouldn’t need these.

**Args:**

- `types (list | tuple | type, optional)`: The type or types that the `Update` instance must be. Equivalent to `if not isinstance(update, types): return`.

```python
classmethod build(update, others=None, self_id=None)
```

Builds an event for the given update if possible, or returns None.

- `others` are the rest of updates that came in the same container as the current `update`.
- `self_id` should be the current user’s ID, since it is required for some events which lack this information but still need it.

```python
filter(event)
```

If the ID of `event._chat_peer` isn’t in the chats set (or it is but the set is a blacklist) returns `None`, otherwise the event.

The events must have been resolved before this can be called.

```python
resolve(client)
```

Helper method to allow event builders to be resolved before usage.

**exception telethon.events.StopPropagation**

**Bases:** Exception

If this exception is raised in any of the handlers for a given event, it will stop the execution of all other registered event handlers. It can be seen as the `StopIteration` in a for loop but for events.

Example usage:

```python
>>> from telethon import TelegramClient, events
>>> client = TelegramClient(...)
>>> @client.on(events.NewMessage)
```
async def delete(event):
    await event.delete()
    # No other event handler will have a chance to handle this event
    raise StopPropagation

>>> @client.on(events.NewMessage)
async def _(event):
    # Will never be reached, because it is the second handler
    pass

__weakref__
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

telethon.events.is_handler(callback)
Returns True if the given callback is an event handler (i.e. you used register on it).

telethon.events.list(callback)
Returns a list containing the registered event builders inside the specified callback handler.

telethon.events.register(event=None)
Decorator method to register event handlers. This is the client-less add_event_handler() variant.

Note that this method only registers callbacks as handlers, and does not attach them to any client. This is useful for external modules that don’t have access to the client, but still want to define themselves as a handler.

Example:

```python
>>> from telethon import events
>>> @events.register(events.NewMessage)
... async def handler(event):
...     ...
... # (somewhere else)
>>> from telethon import TelegramClient
>>> client = TelegramClient(...)
>>> client.add_event_handler(handler)
```

Remember that you can use this as a non-decorator through register(event)(callback).

Args:

- event (EventBuilder | type): The event builder class or instance to be used, for instance events.NewMessage.

telethon.events.unregister(callback, event=None)
Inverse operation of register (though not a decorator). Client-less remove_event_handler variant.

Note that this won’t remove handlers from the client, because it simply can’t, so you would generally use this before adding the handlers to the client.

This method is here for symmetry. You will rarely need to unregister events, since you can simply just not add them to any client.

If no event is given, all events for this callback are removed. Returns how many callbacks were removed.

2.34. Update Events
2.35 Custom package

The `telethon.tl.custom` package contains custom classes that the library uses in order to make working with Telegram easier. Only those that you are supposed to use will be documented here. You can use undocumented ones at your own risk.

More often than not, you don’t need to import these (unless you want type hinting), nor do you need to manually create instances of these classes. They are returned by client methods.

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#### 2.35.1 AdminLogEvent

class telethon.tl.custom.adminlogevent.AdminLogEvent (original, entities)
Bases: object

Represents a more friendly interface for admin log events.

Members:

- **original** (`ChannelAdminLogEvent`): The original `ChannelAdminLogEvent`.
- **entities** (`dict`): A dictionary mapping user IDs to `User`.
  
  When `old` and `new` are `ChannelParticipant`, you can use this dictionary to map the `user_id`, `kicked_by`, `inviter_id` and `promoted_by` IDs to their `User`.
  
  **user** (`User`): The user that caused this action (`entities[original.user_id]`).
  
  **input_user** (`InputPeerUser`): Input variant of `user`.

__str__()

Return `str(self)`.
__weakref__
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

action
The original ChannelAdminLogEventAction.

changed_about
Whether the channel’s about was changed or not.
If True, old and new will be present as str.

changed_admin
Whether the permissions for an admin in this channel changed or not.
If True, old and new will be present as ChannelParticipant.

changed_default_banned_rights
Whether the default banned rights were changed or not.
If True, old and new will be present as ChatBannedRights.

changed_hide_history
Whether hiding the previous message history for new members in the channel was toggled or not.
If True, old and new will be present as bool.

changed_invites
Whether the invites in the channel were toggled or not.
If True, old and new will be present as bool.

changed_location
Whether the location setting of the channel has changed or not.
If True, old and new will be present as ChannelLocation.

changed_message
Whether a message in this channel was edited or not.
If True, old and new will be present as Message.

changed_photo
Whether the channel’s photo was changed or not.
If True, old and new will be present as Photo.

changed_pin
Whether a new message in this channel was pinned or not.
If True, new will be present as Message.

changed_restrictions
Whether a message in this channel was edited or not.
If True, old and new will be present as ChannelParticipant.

changed_signatures
Whether the message signatures in the channel were toggled or not.
If True, old and new will be present as bool.

changed_sticker_set
Whether the channel’s sticker set was changed or not.
If True, old and new will be present as InputStickerSet.
changed_title
Whether the channel’s title was changed or not.
If True, old and new will be present as str.

changed_username
Whether the channel’s username was changed or not.
If True, old and new will be present as str.

date
The date when this event occurred.

deleted_message
Whether a message in this channel was deleted or not.
If True, old will be present as Message.

id
The ID of this event.

joined
Whether user joined through the channel’s public username or not.

joined_invite
Whether a new user joined through an invite link to the channel or not.
If True, new will be present as ChannelParticipant.

left
Whether user left the channel or not.

new
The new value present in the event.

old
The old value from the event.

stopped_poll
Whether a poll was stopped or not.
If True, new will be present as Message.

stringify()

user_id
The ID of the user that triggered this event.

2.35.2 Button

class telethon.tl.custom.button.Button (button, *, resize, single_use, selective)
Bases: object

Note: This class is used to define reply markups, e.g. when sending a message or replying to events. When you access Message.buttons they are actually MessageButton, so you might want to refer to that class instead.

Helper class to allow defining reply_markup when sending a message with inline or keyboard buttons.
You should make use of the defined class methods to create button instances instead making them yourself (i.e. don’t do Button(...) but instead use methods line Button.inline(...) etc.)
You can use `inline`, `switch_inline` and `url` together to create inline buttons (under the message).

You can use `text`, `request_location` and `request_phone` together to create a reply markup (replaces the user keyboard). You can also configure the aspect of the reply with these.

You cannot mix the two type of buttons together, and it will error if you try to do so.

The text for all buttons may be at most 142 characters. If more characters are given, Telegram will cut the text to 128 characters and add the ellipsis (…) character as the 129.

```
__weakref__

list of weak references to the object (if defined)
```

```
static auth (text, url=None, *, bot=None, write_access=False, fwd_text=None)

Creates a new inline button to authorize the user at the given URL.

You should set the `url` to be on the same domain as the one configured for the desired `bot` via @BotFather using the /setdomain command.

For more information about letting the user login via Telegram to a certain domain, see https://core.telegram.org/widgets/login.

If no `url` is specified, it will default to `text`.

Args:

- `bot (hints.EntityLike)`: The bot that requires this authorization. By default, this is the bot that is currently logged in (itself), although you may pass a different input peer.

  Note: For now, you cannot use ID or username for this argument. If you want to use a different bot than the one currently logged in, you must manually use `client.get_input_entity()`.

- `write_access (bool)`: Whether write access is required or not. This is `False` by default (read-only access).

- `fwd_text (str)`: The new text to show in the button if the message is forwarded. By default, the button text will be the same.

```
static clear ()

Clears all keyboard buttons after sending a message with this markup. When used, no other button should be present or it will be ignored.
```

```
static force_reply ()

Forces a reply to the message with this markup. If used, no other button should be present or it will be ignored.
```

```
static inline (text, data=None)

Creates a new inline button with some payload data in it.

If `data` is omitted, the given `text` will be used as `data`. In any case `data` should be either `bytes` or `str`.

Note that the given `data` must be less or equal to 64 bytes. If more than 64 bytes are passed as data, `ValueError` is raised.
```

```
classmethod request_location (text, *, resize=None, single_use=None, selective=None)

Creates a new keyboard button to request the user’s location on click.

`resize`, `single_use` and `selective` are documented in `text`.
```

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classmethod request_phone(text, *, resize=None, single_use=None, selective=None)

Creates a new keyboard button to request the user’s phone on click.

resize, single_use and selective are documented in text.

static switch_inline(text, query=None, same_peer=False)

Creates a new inline button to switch to inline query.

If query is given, it will be the default text to be used when making the inline query.

If same_peer is True the inline query will directly be set under the currently opened chat. Otherwise, the user will have to select a different dialog to make the query.

classmethod text(text, *, resize=None, single_use=None, selective=None)

Creates a new keyboard button with the given text.

Args:

resize (bool): If present, the entire keyboard will be reconfigured to be resized and be smaller if there are not many buttons.

single_use (bool): If present, the entire keyboard will be reconfigured to be usable only once before it hides itself.

selective (bool): If present, the entire keyboard will be reconfigured to be “selective”. The keyboard will be shown only to specific users. It will target users that are @mentioned in the text of the message or to the sender of the message you reply to.

static url(text, url=None)

Creates a new inline button to open the desired URL on click.

If no url is given, the text will be used as said URL instead.

You cannot detect that the user clicked this button directly.

2.35.3 ChatGetter

class telethon.tl.custom.chatgetter.ChatGetter(chat_peer=None, *, input_chat=None, chat=None, broadcast=None)

Bases: abc.ABC

Helper base class that introduces the chat, input_chat and chat_id properties and get_chat and get_input_chat methods.

__weakref__

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

chat

Returns the User, Chat or Channel where this object belongs to. It may be None if Telegram didn’t send the chat.

If you only need the ID, use chat_id instead.

If you need to call a method which needs this chat, use input_chat instead.

If you’re using telethon.events, use get_chat() instead.

chat_id

Returns the marked chat integer ID. Note that this value will be different from to_id for incoming private messages, since the chat to which the messages go is to your own person, but the chat itself is with the one who sent the message.

TL;DR: this gets the ID that you expect.
If there is a chat in the object, \texttt{chat\_id} will always be set, which is why you should use it instead of \texttt{chat\_id}.

\textbf{get\_chat}()
Returns \texttt{chat}, but will make an API call to find the chat unless it’s already cached.

If you only need the ID, use \texttt{chat\_id} instead.

If you need to call a method which needs this chat, use \texttt{get\_input\_chat}() instead.

\textbf{get\_input\_chat}()
Returns \texttt{input\_chat}, but will make an API call to find the input chat unless it’s already cached.

\textbf{input\_chat}
This InputPeer is the input version of the chat where the message was sent. Similarly to \texttt{input\_sender},
this doesn’t have things like username or similar, but still useful in some cases.

Note that this might not be available if the library doesn’t have enough information available.

\textbf{is\_channel}
\texttt{True} if the message was sent on a megagroup or channel.

\textbf{is\_group}
\texttt{True} if the message was sent on a group or megagroup.

Returns \texttt{None} if there isn’t enough information (e.g. on \texttt{events\_MessageDeleted}).

\textbf{is\_private}
\texttt{True} if the message was sent as a private message.

Returns \texttt{None} if there isn’t enough information (e.g. on \texttt{events\_MessageDeleted}).

\section{2.35.4 Conversation}

\textbf{class} \texttt{telethon.tl.custom.conversation.Conversation}(\texttt{client, input\_chat, \*, timeout, total\_timeout, max\_messages, exclusive, replies\_are\_responses})

\textbf{Bases}: \texttt{telethon.tl.custom.chatgetter.ChatGetter}

Represents a conversation inside an specific chat.

A conversation keeps track of new messages since it was created until its exit and easily lets you query the current state.

If you need a conversation across two or more chats, you should use two conversations and synchronize them as you better see fit.

\textbf{__aenter__}()

\textbf{__aexit__}(\texttt{exc\_type, exc\_val, exc\_tb})

\textbf{__enter__}()
Helps to cut boilerplate on async context managers that offer synchronous variants.

\textbf{__exit__}(\texttt{*args})

\textbf{cancel}()
Cancels the current conversation. Pending responses and subsequent calls to get a response will raise \texttt{asyncio\_CancelledError}.

This method is synchronous and should not be awaited.
cancel_all()

Calls cancel on all conversations in this chat.

Note that you should await this method, since it’s meant to be used outside of a context manager, and it needs to resolve the chat.

get_edit(message=None, *, timeout=None)

Awaits for an edit after the last message to arrive. The arguments are the same as those for get_response.

get_reply(message=None, *, timeout=None)

Gets the next message that explicitly replies to a previous one.

get_response(message=None, *, timeout=None)

Gets the next message that responds to a previous one.

Args:

- message (Message | int, optional): The message (or the message ID) for which a response is expected. By default this is the last sent message.

- timeout (int | float, optional): If present, this timeout (in seconds) will override the per-action timeout defined for the conversation.

mark_read(message=None)

Marks as read the latest received message if message is None. Otherwise, marks as read until the given message (or message ID).

This is equivalent to calling client.send_read_acknowledge.

send_file(*args, **kwargs)


send_message(*args, **kwargs)


wait_event(event, *, timeout=None)

Waits for a custom event to occur. Timeouts still apply.

Note: Only use this if there isn’t another method available! For example, don’t use wait_event for new messages, since get_response already exists, etc.

Unless you’re certain that your code will run fast enough, generally you should get a “handle” of this special coroutine before acting. Generally, you should do this:

```python
>>> from telethon import TelegramClient, events

>>> client = TelegramClient(...)  

>>> async def main(): 
...

async with client.conversation(...) as conv:
...

    response = conv.wait_event(events.NewMessage(incoming=True))

    await conv.send_message('Hi')

>>> response = await response
```

This way your event can be registered before acting, since the response may arrive before your event was registered. It depends on your use case since this also means the event can arrive before you send a previous action.
**wait_read** *(message=None, *, timeout=None)*

Awaits for the sent message to be marked as read. Note that receiving a response doesn’t imply the message was read, and this action will also trigger even without a response.

### 2.35.5 Dialog

```python
class telethon.tl.custom.dialog.Dialog(client, dialog, entities, message)
```

Custom class that encapsulates a dialog (an open “conversation” with someone, a group or a channel) providing an abstraction to easily access the input version/normal entity/message etc. The library will return instances of this class when calling `get_dialogs()`.

**Args:**

- **dialog (Dialog):** The original Dialog instance.
- **pinned (bool):** Whether this dialog is pinned to the top or not.
- **folder_id (folder_id):** The folder ID that this dialog belongs to.
- **archived (bool):** Whether this dialog is archived or not (`folder_id` is `None`).
- **message (Message):** The last message sent on this dialog. Note that this member will not be updated when new messages arrive, it’s only set on creation of the instance.
- **date (datetime):** The date of the last message sent on this dialog.
- **entity (entity):** The entity that belongs to this dialog (user, chat or channel).
- **input_entity (InputPeer):** Input version of the entity.
- **id (int):** The marked ID of the entity, which is guaranteed to be unique.
- **name (str):** Display name for this dialog. For chats and channels this is their title, and for users it’s “First-Name Last-Name”.
- **title (str):** Alias for `name`.
- **unread_count (int):** How many messages are currently unread in this dialog. Note that this value won’t update when new messages arrive.
- **unread_mentions_count (int):** How many mentions are currently unread in this dialog. Note that this value won’t update when new messages arrive.
- **draft (Draft):** The draft object in this dialog. It will not be `None`, so you can call `draft.set_message(...)`.
- **is_user (bool):** `True` if the entity is a User.
- **is_group (bool):** `True` if the entity is a Chat or a Channel megagroup.
- **is_channel (bool):** `True` if the entity is a Channel.

**__str__()**

Return `str(self)`.

**__weakref__**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**archive (folder=1)**

Archives (or un-archives) this dialog.

**Args:**
folder (**int, optional**): The folder to which the dialog should be archived to.

If you want to “un-archive” it, use folder=0.

**Returns**: The Updates object that the request produces.

Example:

```python
# Archiving
dialog.archive()

# Un-archiving
dialog.archive(0)
```

delete (**revoke=False**)

Deletes the dialog from your dialog list. If you own the channel this won’t destroy it, only delete it from the list.


**send_message** (***args, **kwargs**)

Sends a message to this dialog. This is just a wrapper around client.send_message(dialog.
input_entity, *args, **kwargs).

stringify()

to_dict()

## 2.35.6 Draft

class telethon.tl.custom.draft.Draft (**client, entity, draft**)

**Bases**: object

Custom class that encapsulates a draft on the Telegram servers, providing an abstraction to change the message conveniently. The library will return instances of this class when calling get_drafts().

**Args**:

- **date** (**datetime**): The date of the draft.
- **link_preview** (**bool**): Whether the link preview is enabled or not.
- **reply_to_msg_id** (**int**): The message ID that the draft will reply to.

__str__()

Return str(self).

__weakref__

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

delete()

Deletes this draft, and returns True on success.

entity

The entity that belongs to this dialog (user, chat or channel).

get_entity()

Returns entity but will make an API call if necessary.

get_input_entity()

Returns input_entity but will make an API call if necessary.
**input_entity**
Input version of the entity.

**is_empty**
Convenience bool to determine if the draft is empty or not.

**raw_text**
The raw (text without formatting) contained in the draft. It will be empty if there is no text (thus draft not set).

**send** (*clear=True, parse_mode=()*)
Sends the contents of this draft to the dialog. This is just a wrapper around `send_message(dialog, input_entity, *args, **kwargs)`.

**set_message** (*text=None, reply_to=0, parse_mode=(), link_preview=None*)
Changes the draft message on the Telegram servers. The changes are reflected in this object.

**Parameters**
- **text** (*str*) – New text of the draft. Preserved if left as None.
- **reply_to** (*int*) – Message ID to reply to. Preserved if left as 0, erased if set to None.
- **link_preview** (*bool*) – Whether to attach a web page preview. Preserved if left as None.
- **parse_mode** (*str*) – The parse mode to be used for the text.

**Return** bool `True` on success.

**stringify()**

**text**
The markdown text contained in the draft. It will be empty if there is no text (and hence no draft is set).

**to_dict()**

### 2.35.7 File

class telethon.tl.custom.file.File(*media*)

Bases: object

Convenience class over media like photos or documents, which supports accessing the attributes in a more convenient way.

If any of the attributes are not present in the current media, the properties will be `None`.

The original media is available through the `media` attribute.

**__weakref__**
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**duration**
The duration in seconds of the audio or video.

**emoji**
A string with all emoji that represent the current sticker.

**ext**
The extension from the mime type of this file.

If the mime type is unknown, the extension from the file name (if any) will be used.
**height**
The height in pixels of this media if it’s a photo or a video.

**id**
The bot-API style file_id representing this file.

**Note:** This file ID may not work under user accounts, but should still be usable by bot accounts. You can, however, still use it to identify a file in for example a database.

**mime_type**
The mime-type of this file.

**name**
The file name of this document.

**performer**
The performer of the song.

**size**
The size in bytes of this file.

**sticker_set**
The InputStickerSet to which the sticker file belongs.

**title**
The title of the song.

**width**
The width in pixels of this media if it’s a photo or a video.

### 2.35.8 Forward

class telethon.tl.custom.forward.Forward(client, original, entities)

Custom class that encapsulates a MessageFwdHeader providing an abstraction to easily access information like the original sender.

Remember that this class implements ChatGetter and SenderGetter which means you have access to all their sender and chat properties and methods.

Attributes:

**original_fwd** (MessageFwdHeader): The original MessageFwdHeader instance.

**Any other attribute:** Attributes not described here are the same as those available in the original MessageFwdHeader.

### 2.35.9 InlineBuilder

class telethon.tl.custom.inlinebuilder.InlineBuilder(client)
Bases: object

Helper class to allow defining InlineQuery results.

Common arguments to all methods are explained here to avoid repetition:
**Text (str, optional):** If present, the user will send a text message with this text upon being clicked.

**link_preview (bool, optional):** Whether to show a link preview in the sent text message or not.

**geo (InputGeoPoint, GeoPoint, InputMediaVenue, MessageMediaVenue, optional):** If present, it may either be a geo point or a venue.

**period (int, optional):** The period in seconds to be used for geo points.

**contact (InputMediaContact, MessageMediaContact, optional):** If present, it must be the contact information to send.

**game (bool, optional):** May be True to indicate that the game will be sent.

**buttons (list, custom.Button, KeyboardButton, optional):** Same as buttons for client.send_message().

**parse_mode (str, optional):** Same as parse_mode for client.send_message().

**id (str, optional):** The string ID to use for this result. If not present, it will be the SHA256 hexadecimal digest of converting the created InputBotInlineResult with empty ID to bytes(), so that the ID will be deterministic for the same input.

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**Note:** If two inputs are exactly the same, their IDs will be the same too. If you send two articles with the same ID, it will raise ResultIdDuplicateError. Consider giving them an explicit ID if you need to send two results that are the same.

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**__weakref__**

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**article (title, description=None, *, url=None, thumb=None, content=None, id=None, text=None, parse_mode=(), link_preview=True, geo=None, period=60, contact=None, game=False, buttons=None)**

Creates new inline result of article type.

**Args:**

- **title (str):** The title to be shown for this result.
- **description (str, optional):** Further explanation of what this result means.
- **url (str, optional):** The URL to be shown for this result.
- **thumb (InputWebDocument, optional):** The thumbnail to be shown for this result. For now it has to be a InputWebDocument if present.
- **content (InputWebDocument, optional):** The content to be shown for this result. For now it has to be a InputWebDocument if present.

**document (file, title=None, *, description=None, type=None, mime_type=None, attributes=None, force_document=False, voice_note=False, video_note=False, use_cache=True, id=None, text=None, parse_mode=(), link_preview=True, geo=None, period=60, contact=None, game=False, buttons=None)**

Creates a new inline result of document type.

**use_cache, mime_type, attributes, force_document, voice_note and video_note are described in client.send_file.**

**Args:**

- **file (obj):** Same as file for client.send_file().
- **title (str, optional):** The title to be shown for this result.
description (str, optional): Further explanation of what this result means.

type (str, optional): The type of the document. May be one of: photo, gif, mpeg4_gif, video, audio, voice, document, sticker.

See “Type of the result” in https://core.telegram.org/bots/api.

game (short_name, *, id=None, text=None, parse_mode=(), link_preview=True, geo=None, period=60, contact=None, game=False, buttons=None)
Creates a new inline result of game type.

Args:

short_name (str): The short name of the game to use.

photo (file, *, id=None, text=None, parse_mode=(), link_preview=True, geo=None, period=60, contact=None, game=False, buttons=None)
Creates a new inline result of photo type.

Args:

file (obj, optional): Same as file for client.send_file().

2.35.10 InlineResult

class telethon.tl.custom.inlineresult.InlineResult(client, original, query_id=None)

Bases: object

Custom class that encapsulates a bot inline result providing an abstraction to easily access some commonly needed features (such as clicking a result to select it).

Attributes:

result (BotInlineResult): The original BotInlineResult object.

ARTICLE = 'article'
AUDIO = 'audio'
CONTACT = 'contact'
DOCUMENT = 'document'
GAME = 'game'
GIF = 'gif'
LOCATION = 'location'
PHOTO = 'photo'
VENUE = 'venue'
VIDEO = 'video'
VIDEO_GIF = 'mpeg4_gif'

__weakref__
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

click (entity, reply_to=None, silent=False, clear_draft=False, hide_via=False)
Clicks this result and sends the associated message.

Args:

entity (entity): The entity to which the message of this result should be sent.
reply_to (int | Message, optional): If present, the sent message will reply to this ID or message.

silent (bool, optional): Whether the message should notify people with sound or not. Defaults to False (send with a notification sound unless the person has the chat muted). Set it to True to alter this behaviour.

clear_draft (bool, optional): Whether the draft should be removed after sending the message from this result or not. Defaults to False.

hide_via (bool, optional): Whether the “via @bot” should be hidden or not. Only works with certain bots (like @bing or @gif).

description
   The description for this inline result. It may be None.

document
   Returns either the WebDocument content for normal results or the Document for media results.

download_media (*args, **kwargs)
   Downloads the media in this result (if there is a document, the document will be downloaded; otherwise, the photo will if present).
   This is a wrapper around client.download_media.

message
   The always-present BotInlineMessage that will be sent if click is called on this result.

photo
   Returns either the WebDocument thumbnail for normal results or the Photo for media results.

title
   The title for this inline result. It may be None.

type
   The always-present type of this result. It will be one of: 'article', 'photo', 'gif', 'mpeg4_gif', 'video', 'audio', 'voice', 'document', 'location', 'venue', 'contact', 'game'.

   You can access all of these constants through InlineResult, such as InlineResult.ARTICLE, InlineResult.VIDEO_GIF, etc.

url
   The URL present in this inline results. If you want to “click” this URL to open it in your browser, you should use Python’s webbrowser.open(url) for such task.

2.35.11 InlineResults

class telethon.tl.custom.inlineresults.InlineResults (client, original)

   Bases: list

   Custom class that encapsulates BotResults providing an abstraction to easily access some commonly needed features (such as clicking one of the results to select it).

   Note that this is a list of InlineResult so you can iterate over it or use indices to access its elements. In addition, it has some attributes.

   Attributes:

       result (BotResults): The original BotResults object.

       query_id (int): The random ID that identifies this query.
cache_time (int): For how long the results should be considered valid. You can call results_valid at any moment to determine if the results are still valid or not.

users (User): The users present in this inline query.

gallery (bool): Whether these results should be presented in a grid (as a gallery of images) or not.

next_offset (str, optional): The string to be used as an offset to get the next chunk of results, if any.

switch_pm (InlineBotSwitchPM, optional): If presents, the results should show a button to switch to a private conversation with the bot using the text in this object.

__repr__()  
Return repr(self).

__str__()  
Return str(self).

__weakref__  
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

results_valid()  
Returns True if the cache time has not expired yet and the results can still be considered valid.

2.35.12 Message

class telethon.tl.custom.message.Message(id, to_id=None, date=None, out=None, mentioned=None, media_unread=None, silent=None, post=None, from_id=None, reply_to_msg_id=None, message=None, fwd_from=None, via_bot_id=None, media=None, reply_markup=None, entities=None, views=None, edit_date=None, post_author=None, grouped_id=None, fromScheduled=None, legacy=None, edit_hide=None, restriction_reason=None, action=None)


This custom class aggregates both Message and MessageService to ease accessing their members.

Remember that this class implements ChatGetter and SenderGetter which means you have access to all their sender and chat properties and methods.

Members:

id (int): The ID of this message. This field is always present. Any other member is optional and may be None.

out (bool): Whether the message is outgoing (i.e. you sent it from another session) or incoming (i.e. someone else sent it).

Note that messages in your own chat are always incoming, but this member will be True if you send a message to your own chat. Messages you forward to your chat are not considered outgoing, just like official clients display them.

mentioned (bool): Whether you were mentioned in this message or not. Note that replies to your own messages also count as mentions.
media_unread (bool): Whether you have read the media in this message or not, e.g. listened to the voice note media.

silent (bool): Whether the message should notify people with sound or not. Previously used in channels, but since 9 August 2019, it can also be used in private chats.

post (bool): Whether this message is a post in a broadcast channel or not.

from_scheduled (bool): Whether this message was originated from a previously-scheduled message or not.

legacy (bool): Whether this is a legacy message or not.

to_id (Peer): The peer to which this message was sent, which is either PeerUser, PeerChat or PeerChannel. This will always be present except for empty messages.

date (datetime): The UTC+0 datetime object indicating when this message was sent. This will always be present except for empty messages.

message (str): The string text of the message for Message instances, which will be None for other types of messages.

action (MessageAction): The message action object of the message for MessageService instances, which will be None for other types of messages.

from_id (int): The ID of the user who sent this message. This will be None if the message was sent in a broadcast channel.

reply_to_msg_id (int): The ID to which this message is replying to, if any.

fwd_from (MessageFwdHeader): The original forward header if this message is a forward. You should probably use the forward property instead.

via_bot_id (int): The ID of the bot used to send this message through its inline mode (e.g. “via @like”).

media (MessageMedia): The media sent with this message if any (such as photos, videos, documents, gifs, stickers, etc.).

You may want to access the photo, document etc. properties instead.

If the media was not present or it was MessageMediaEmpty, this member will instead be None for convenience.

reply_markup (ReplyMarkup): The reply markup for this message (which was sent either via a bot or by a bot). You probably want to access buttons instead.

entities (List[MessageEntity]): The list of markup entities in this message, such as bold, italics, code, hyperlinks, etc.

views (int): The number of views this message from a broadcast channel has. This is also present in forwards.

edit_date (datetime): The date when this message was last edited.

edit_hide (bool): Whether the edited mark of this message is edited should be hidden (e.g. in GUI clients) or shown.

post_author (str): The display name of the message sender to show in messages sent to broadcast channels.

grouped_id (int): If this message belongs to a group of messages (photo albums or video albums), all of them will have the same value here.

restriction_reason (List[RestrictionReason]) An optional list of reasons why this message was restricted. If the list is None, this message has not been restricted.
action_entities
Returns a list of entities that took part in this action.

Possible cases for this are MessageActionChatAddUser, types.MessageActionChatCreate, MessageActionChatDeleteUser, MessageActionChatJoinedByLink, MessageActionChatMigrateTo and MessageActionChannelMigrateFrom.

If the action is neither of those, the result will be None. If some entities could not be retrieved, the list may contain some None items in it.

audio
The Document media in this message, if it’s an audio file.

button_count
Returns the total button count (sum of all buttons rows).

buttons
Returns a list of lists of MessageButton, if any.
Otherwise, it returns None.

click (i=None, j=None, *, text=None, filter=None, data=None)
Calls button.click on the specified button.

Does nothing if the message has no buttons.

Args:

i (int): Clicks the i’th button (starting from the index 0). Will raise IndexError if out of bounds. Example:

```python
>>> message = ... # get the message somehow
>>> # Clicking the 3rd button
>>> # [button1] [button2]
>>> # [ button3 ]
>>> # [button4] [button5]
>>> await message.click(2) # index
```

j (int): Clicks the button at position (i, j), these being the indices for the (row, column) respectively. Example:

```python
>>> # Clicking the 2nd button on the 1st row.
>>> # [button1] [button2]
>>> # [ button3 ]
>>> # [button4] [button5]
>>> await message.click(0, 1) # (row, column)
```

This is equivalent to message.buttons[0][1].click().

text (str | callable): Clicks the first button with the text “text”. This may also be a callable, like a re.compile(...).match, and the text will be passed to it.

filter (callable): Clicks the first button for which the callable returns True. The callable should accept a single MessageButton argument.

data (bytes): This argument overrides the rest and will not search any buttons. Instead, it will directly send the request to behave as if it clicked a button with said data. Note that if the message does not have this data, it will raise DataInvalidError.

Example:
# Click the first button
await message.click(0)

# Click some row/column
await message.click(row, column)

# Click by text
await message.click(text='')

# Click by data
await message.click(data=b'payload')

**client**

Returns the TelegramClient that patched this message. This will only be present if you use the friendly methods, it won’t be there if you invoke raw API methods manually, in which case you should only access members, not properties.

**contact**

The MessageMediaContact in this message, if it’s a contact.

**delete** (*args, **kwargs)*

Deletes the message. You’re responsible for checking whether you have the permission to do so, or to except the error otherwise. Shorthand for telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.delete_messages with entity and message_ids already set.

If you need to delete more than one message at once, don’t use this delete method. Use a telethon.client.telegramclient.TelegramClient instance directly.

**document**

The Document media in this message, if any.

**download_media** (*args, **kwargs)*

Downloads the media contained in the message, if any. Shorthand for telethon.client.downloads.DownloadMethods.download_media with the message already set.

**edit** (*args, **kwargs)*

Edits the message iff it’s outgoing. Shorthand for telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.edit_message with both entity and message already set.

Returns None if the message was incoming, or the edited Message otherwise.

**Note:** This is different from client.edit_message and will respect the previous state of the message. For example, if the message didn’t have a link preview, the edit won’t add one by default, and you should force it by setting it to True if you want it.

This is generally the most desired and convenient behaviour, and will work for link previews and message buttons.

**file**

Returns a File wrapping the photo or document in this message. If the media type is different (polls, games, none, etc.), this property will be None.

This instance lets you easily access other properties, such as file.id, file.name, etc., without having to manually inspect the document.attributes.

**forward**

The Forward information if this message is a forwarded message.
forward_to(*args, **kwargs)
forward_messages with both messages and from_peer already set.

If you need to forward more than one message at once, don’t use this forward_to method. Use a
telethon.client.telegramclient.TelegramClient instance directly.

game
The Game media in this message, if it’s a game.

geo
The GeoPoint media in this message, if it has a location.

get_buttons()
Returns buttons when that property fails (this is rarely needed).

get_entities_text(cls=None)
Returns a list of (markup entity, inner text) (like bold or italics).

The markup entity is a MessageEntity that represents bold, italics, etc., and the inner text is the str
inside that markup entity.

For example:

```
print(repr(message.text))  # shows: 'Hello **world**!'
for ent, txt in message.get_entities_text():
    print(ent)  # shows: MessageEntityBold(offset=6, length=5)
    print(txt)  # shows: world
```

Args:

cls (type): Returns entities matching this type only. For example, the following will print the text
for all code entities:

```
>>> from telethon.tl.types import MessageEntityCode
>>> m = ...  # get the message
>>> for _, inner_text in m.get_entities_text(MessageEntityCode):
    print(inner_text)
```

get_reply_message()
The Message that this message is replying to, or None.

The result will be cached after its first use.

gif
The Document media in this message, if it’s a “gif”.

“Gif” files by Telegram are normally .mp4 video files without sound, the so called “animated” media. However, it may be the actual gif format if the file is too large.

invoice
The MessageMediaInvoice in this message, if it’s an invoice.

is_reply
True if the message is a reply to some other message.

Remember that you can access the ID of the message this one is replying to through reply_to_msg_id,
and the Message object with get_reply_message().
mark_read()
Marks the message as read. Shorthand for `client.send_read_acknowledge()` with both entity and message already set.

photo
The Photo media in this message, if any.
This will also return the photo for MessageService if its action is MessageActionChatEditPhoto, or if the message has a web preview with a photo.

pin(*, notify=False)
Pins the message. Shorthand for `telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.pin_message` with both entity and message already set.

poll
The MessageMediaPoll in this message, if it's a poll.

raw_text
The raw message text, ignoring any formatting. Will be None for MessageService.
Setting a value to this field will erase the entities, unlike changing the message member.

reply(*args, **kwargs)
Replies to the message (as a reply). Shorthand for `telethon.client.messages.MessageMethods.send_message` with both entity and reply_to already set.

respond(*args, **kwargs)

sticker
The Document media in this message, if it’s a sticker.

text
The message text, formatted using the client’s default parse mode. Will be None for MessageService.

venue
The MessageMediaVenue in this message, if it’s a venue.

via_bot
The bot User if the message was sent via said bot.
This will only be present if via_bot_id is not None and the entity is known.

via_input_bot
Returns the input variant of via_bot.

video
The Document media in this message, if it’s a video.

video_note
The Document media in this message, if it’s a video note.

voice
The Document media in this message, if it’s a voice note.

web_preview
The WebPage media in this message, if any.
2.35.13 MessageButton

class telethon.tl.custom.messagebutton.MessageButton(client, original, chat, bot, msg_id).

Bases: object

Note: Message.buttons are instances of this type. If you want to define a reply markup for e.g. sending messages, refer to Button instead.

Custom class that encapsulates a message button providing an abstraction to easily access some commonly needed features (such as clicking the button itself).

Attributes:

- **button (KeyboardButton):** The original KeyboardButton object.
- **__weakref__**
  list of weak references to the object (if defined)

- **click()**
  Emulates the behaviour of clicking this button.

  If it’s a normal KeyboardButton with text, a message will be sent, and the sent Message returned.

  If it’s an inline KeyboardButtonCallback with text and data, it will be “clicked” and the BotCallbackAnswer returned.

  If it’s an inline KeyboardButtonSwitchInline button, the StartBotRequest will be invoked and the resulting updates returned.

  If it’s a KeyboardButtonUrl, the URL of the button will be passed to webbrowser.open and return True on success.

- **client**
  Returns the telethon.client.telegramclient.TelegramClient instance that created this instance.

- **data**
  The bytes data for KeyboardButtonCallback objects.

- **inline_query**
  The query str for KeyboardButtonSwitchInline objects.

- **text**
  The text string of the button.

- **url**
  The url str for KeyboardButtonUrl objects.

2.35.14 SenderGetter

class telethon.tl.custom.sendergetter.SenderGetter(sender_id=None, *, sender=None, input_sender=None).

Bases: abc.ABC

Helper base class that introduces the sender, input_sender and sender_id properties and get_sender and get_input_sender methods.

- **__weakref__**
  list of weak references to the object (if defined)
get_input_sender()
Returns input_sender, but will make an API call to find the input sender unless it’s already cached.

get_sender()
Returns sender, but will make an API call to find the sender unless it’s already cached.
If you only need the ID, use sender_id instead.
If you need to call a method which needs this sender, use get_input_sender() instead.

input_sender
This InputPeer is the input version of the user/channel who sent the message. Similarly to input_chat, this doesn’t have things like username or similar, but still useful in some cases.
Note that this might not be available if the library can’t find the input chat, or if the message a broadcast on a channel.

sender
Returns the User or Channel that sent this object. It may be None if Telegram didn’t send the sender.
If you only need the ID, use sender_id instead.
If you need to call a method which needs this chat, use input_sender instead.
If you’re using telethon.events, use get_sender() instead.

sender_id
Returns the marked sender integer ID, if present.
If there is a sender in the object, sender_id will always be set, which is why you should use it instead of sender.id.

2.36 Utilities

These are the utilities that the library has to offer.
Utilities for working with the Telegram API itself (such as handy methods to convert between an entity like a User, Chat, etc. into its Input version)

class telethon.utils.AsyncClassWrapper(wrapped)
Bases: object
__getattr__(item)
__weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)
telethon.utils.chunks(iterable, size=100)
    Turns the given iterable into chunks of the specified size, which is 100 by default since that’s what Telegram uses the most.
telethon.utils.decode_waveform(waveform)
    Inverse operation of encode_waveform.
telethon.utils.encode_waveform(waveform)
    Encodes the input bytes into a 5-bit byte-string to be used as a voice note’s waveform. See decode_waveform for the reverse operation.

Example
```python
call = ...
file = 'my.ogg'

# Send 'my.ogg' with a ascending-triangle waveform
await client.send_file(call, file, attributes=[types.DocumentAttributeAudio(
    duration=7,
    voice=True,
    waveform=utils.encode_waveform(bytes(range(2 ** 5))) # 2**5 because 5-bit
)]

# Send 'my.ogg' with a square waveform
await client.send_file(call, file, attributes=[types.DocumentAttributeAudio(
    duration=7,
    voice=True,
    waveform=utils.encode_waveform(bytes((31, 31, 15, 15, 15, 15, 31, 31)) * 4)
])
```

```python
telethon.utils.get_appropriated_part_size(file_size)

Gets the appropriated part size when uploading or downloading files, given an initial file size.
```

```python
telethon.utils.get_attributes(file, *, attributes=None, mime_type=None,
                           force_document=False, voice_note=False, video_note=False,
                           supports_streaming=False)

Get a list of attributes for the given file and the mime type as a tuple ([attribute], mime_type).
```

```python
telethon.utils.get_display_name(entity)

Gets the display name for the given User, Chat or Channel. Returns an empty string otherwise.
```

```python
telethon.utils.get_extension(media)

Gets the corresponding extension for any Telegram media.
```

```python
telethon.utils.get_inner_text(text, entities)

Gets the inner text that’s surrounded by the given entities. For instance: text = ‘hey!’, entity = MessageEntity-Bold(2, 2) -> ‘y!’.

Parameters

- **text** – the original text.
- **entities** – the entity or entities that must be matched.

Returns a single result or a list of the text surrounded by the entities.
```

```python
telethon.utils.get_input_channel(entity)

Similar to get_input_peer(), but for InputChannel’s alone.

Important: This method does not validate for invalid general-purpose access hashes, unlike get_input_peer. Consider using instead: get_input_channel(get_input_peer(channel)).
```

```python
telethon.utils.get_input_chat_photo(photo)

Similar to get_input_peer(), but for chat photos
```

```python
telethon.utils.get_input_dialog(dialog)

Similar to get_input_peer(), but for dialogs
```

```python
telethon.utils.get_input_document(document)

Similar to get_input_peer(), but for documents
```
get_input_geo(geo)
Similar to get_input_peer(), but for geo points

get_input_location(location)
Similar to get_input_peer(), but for input messages.
Note that this returns a tuple (dc_id, location), the dc_id being present if known.

get_input_media(media, *, is_photo=False, attributes=None, force_document=False, voice_note=False, video_note=False, supports_streaming=False)
Similar to get_input_peer(), but for media.
If the media is InputFile and is_photo is known to be True, it will be treated as an InputMediaUploadedPhoto. Else, the rest of parameters will indicate how to treat it.

get_input_message(message)
Similar to get_input_peer(), but for input messages.

get_input_peer(entity, allow_self=True, check_hash=True)
Gets the input peer for the given “entity” (user, chat or channel).

A TypeError is raised if the given entity isn’t a supported type or if check_hash is True but the entity’s access_hash is None or the entity contains min information. In this case, the hash cannot be used for general purposes, and thus is not returned to avoid any issues which can derive from invalid access hashes.

Note that check_hash is ignored if an input peer is already passed since in that case we assume the user knows what they’re doing. This is key to getting entities by explicitly passing hash = 0.

get_input_photo(photo)
Similar to get_input_peer(), but for photos

get_input_user(entity)
Similar to get_input_peer(), but for InputUser’s alone.

Important: This method does not validate for invalid general-purpose access hashes, unlike get_input_peer. Consider using instead: get_input_channel(get_input_peer(channel)).

get_message_id(message)
Similar to get_input_peer(), but for message IDs.

get_peer(peer)
get_peer_id(peer, add_mark=True)
Convert the given peer into its marked ID by default.
This “mark” comes from the “bot api” format, and with it the peer type can be identified back. User ID is left unmodified, chat ID is negated, and channel ID is prefixed with -100:

• user_id
• -chat_id
• -100channel_id

The original ID and the peer type class can be returned with a call to resolve_id(marked_id)().

is_audio(file)
Returns True if the file extension looks like an audio file.

is_gif(file)
Returns True if the file extension looks like a gif file to Telegram.
telethon.utils.is_image(file)
Returns True if the file extension looks like an image file to Telegram.

telethon.utils.is_list_like(obj)
Returns True if the given object looks like a list.

Checking if hasattr(obj, '__iter__') and ignoring str/bytes is not enough. Things like open() are also iterable (and probably many other things), so just support the commonly known list-like objects.

telethon.utils.is_video(file)
Returns True if the file extension looks like a video file.

telethon.utils.pack_bot_file_id(file)
Inverse operation for resolve_bot_file_id.

The only parameters this method will accept are Document and Photo, and it will return a variable-length file_id string.

If an invalid parameter is given, it will return None.

telethon.utils.parse_phone(phone)
Parses the given phone, or returns None if it’s invalid.

telethon.utils.parse_username(username)
Parses the given username or channel access hash, given a string, username or URL. Returns a tuple consisting of both the stripped, lowercase username and whether it is a joinchat/ hash (in which case is not lowercase’d).

Returns (None, False) if the username or link is not valid.

telethon.utils.resolve_bot_file_id(file_id)
Given a Bot API-style file_id, returns the media it represents. If the file_id is not valid, None is returned instead.

Note that the file_id does not have information such as image dimensions or file size, so these will be zero if present.

For thumbnails, the photo ID and hash will always be zero.

telethon.utils.resolve_id(marked_id)
Given a marked ID, returns the original ID and its Peer type.

telethon.utils.resolve_inline_message_id(inline_msg_id)
Resolves an inline message ID. Returns a tuple of (message id, peer, dc id, access hash)

The peer may either be a PeerUser referencing the user who sent the message via the bot in a private conversation or small group chat, or a PeerChannel if the message was sent in a channel.

The access_hash does not have any use yet.

telethon.utils.resolve_invite_link(link)
Resolves the given invite link. Returns a tuple of (link creator user id, global chat id, random int).

Note that for broadcast channels, the link creator user ID will be zero to protect their identity. Normal chats and megagroup channels will have such ID.

Note that the chat ID may not be accurate for chats with a link that were upgraded to megagroup, since the link can remain the same, but the chat ID will be correct once a new link is generated.

telethon.utils.sanitize_parse_mode(mode)
Converts the given parse mode into an object with parse and unparse callable properties.
telethon.utils.stripped_photo_to_jpg(stripped)

Adds the JPG header and footer to a stripped image.

Ported from https://github.com/telegramdesktop/tdesktop/blob/bec39d89e19670eb436dc794a8f20b657cb87c71/Telegram/SourceFiles/ui/image/image.cpp#L225

# 2.37 API Errors

These are the base errors that Telegram’s API may raise.

See [RPC Errors](#) for a more friendly explanation.

Errors not related to the Telegram API itself

```python
exception telethon.errors.common.AlreadyInConversationError
    Bases: Exception

    Occurs when another exclusive conversation is opened in the same chat.

    __weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)
```

```python
exception telethon.errors.common.BadMessageError(request, code)
    Bases: Exception

    Occurs when handling a bad_message_notification.

    ErrorMessages = {16: 'msg_id too low (most likely, client time is wrong it would be worthwhile to synchronize it using ... response is received with the correct salt, and the message is to be re-sent with it).', 64: 'Invalid container.'}

    __weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)
```

```python
exception telethon.errors.common.CdnFileTamperedError
    Bases: telethon.errors.common.SecurityError

    Occurs when there’s a hash mismatch between the decrypted CDN file and its expected hash.
```

```python
exception telethon.errors.common.InvalidBufferError(payload)
    Bases: BufferError

    Occurs when the buffer is invalid, and may contain an HTTP error code. For instance, 404 means “forgotten/broken authorization key”, while

    __weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)
```

```python
exception telethon.errors.common.InvalidChecksumError(checksum, valid_checksum)
    Bases: Exception

    Occurs when using the TCP full mode and the checksum of a received packet doesn’t match the expected checksum.

    __weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)
```

```python
exception telethon.errors.common.MultiError
    Bases: Exception

    Exception container for multiple TLRequest’s.

    static __new__(cls, exceptions, result, requests)
    Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.
```

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exception telethon.errors.common.ReadCancelledError
    Bases: Exception
    Occurs when a read operation was cancelled.

exception telethon.errors.common.SecurityError(*args)
    Bases: Exception
    Generic security error, mostly used when generating a new AuthKey.

exception telethon.errors.common.TypeNotFoundError(invalid_constructor_id, remaining)
    Bases: Exception
    Occurs when a type is not found, for example, when trying to read a TLObject with an invalid constructor code.

exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.AuthKeyError(request, message, code=None)
    Bases: telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError
    Errors related to invalid authorization key, like AUTH_KEY_DUPLICATED which can cause the connection to fail.
    code = 406
    message = 'AUTH_KEY'

exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.BadRequestError(request, message, code=None)
    Bases: telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError
    The query contains errors. In the event that a request was created using a form and contains user generated data, the user should be notified that the data must be corrected before the query is repeated.
    code = 400
    message = 'BAD_REQUEST'

telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.BotTimeout
    alias of telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.TimedOutError

exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.FloodError(request, message, code=None)
    Bases: telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError
    The maximum allowed number of attempts to invoke the given method with the given input parameters has been exceeded. For example, in an attempt to request a large number of text messages (SMS) for the same phone number.
    code = 420
    message = 'FLOOD'
exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.ForbiddenError(request, message, code=None)
    Bases: telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError
Privacy violation. For example, an attempt to write a message to someone who has blacklisted the current user.
    code = 403
    message = 'FORBIDDEN'

exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.InvalidDCError(request, message, code=None)
    Bases: telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError
The request must be repeated, but directed to a different data center.
    code = 303
    message = 'ERROR_SEE_OTHER'

exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.NotFoundError(request, message, code=None)
    Bases: telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError
An attempt to invoke a non-existent object, such as a method.
    code = 404
    message = 'NOT_FOUND'

exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError(request, message, code=None)
    Bases: Exception
    Base class for all Remote Procedure Call errors.
    __reduce__()
        Helper for pickle.
    __weakref__
        list of weak references to the object (if defined)
    code = None
    message = None

exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.ServerError(request, message, code=None)
    Bases: telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError
An internal server error occurred while a request was being processed for example, there was a disruption while accessing a database or file storage.
    code = 500
    message = 'INTERNAL'

exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.TimedOutError(request, message, code=None)
    Bases: telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError
Clicking the inline buttons of bots that never (or take to long to) call answerCallbackQuery will result in this “special” RPCError.
    code = 503
    message = 'Timeout'
exception telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.UnauthorizedError(request, message, code=None)

Bases: telethon.errors.rpcbaseerrors.RPCError

There was an unauthorized attempt to use functionality available only to authorized users.

code = 401
message = 'UNAUTHORIZED'

2.38 Sessions

These are the different built-in session storage that you may subclass.

class telethon.sessions.abstract.Session
    Bases: abc.ABC

    __weakref__
        list of weak references to the object (if defined)

    auth_key
        Returns an AuthKey instance associated with the saved data center, or None if a new one should be generated.

    cache_file(md5_digest, file_size, instance)
        Caches the given file information persistently, so that it doesn’t need to be re-uploaded in case the file is used again.

        The instance will be either an InputPhoto or InputDocument, both with an .id and .access_hash attributes.

    clone(to_instance=None)
        Creates a clone of this session file.

    close()
        Called on client disconnection. Should be used to free any used resources. Can be left empty if none.

    dc_id
        Returns the currently-used data center ID.

    delete()
        Called upon client.log_out(). Should delete the stored information from disk since it’s not valid anymore.

    get_file(md5_digest, file_size, cls)
        Returns an instance of cls if the md5_digest and file_size match an existing saved record.

        The class will either be an InputPhoto or InputDocument, both with two parameters id and access_hash in that order.

    get_input_entity(key)
        Turns the given key into an InputPeer (e.g. InputPeerUser). The library uses this method whenever an InputPeer is needed to suit several purposes (e.g. user only provided its ID or wishes to use a cached username to avoid extra RPC).

    get_update_state(entity_id)
        Returns the UpdateState associated with the given entity_id. If the entity_id is 0, it should return the UpdateState for no specific channel (the “general” state). If no state is known it should return None.

    list_sessions()
        Lists available sessions. Not used by the library itself.
port
Returns the port to which the library should connect to.

process_entities(tlo)
Processes the input TObject or list and saves whatever information is relevant (e.g., ID or access hash).

save()
Called whenever important properties change. It should make persist the relevant session information to disk.

takeout_id
Returns an ID of the takeout process initialized for this session, or None if there’s no were any unfinished takeout requests.

class telethon.sessions.memory.MemorySession
Bases: telethon.sessions.abstract.Session

auth_key
Returns an AuthKey instance associated with the saved data center, or None if a new one should be generated.

cache_file(md5_digest, file_size, instance)
Caches the given file information persistently, so that it doesn’t need to be re-uploaded in case the file is used again.

The instance will be either an InputPhoto or InputDocument, both with an .id and .access_hash attributes.

close()
Called on client disconnection. Should be used to free any used resources. Can be left empty if none.

dc_id
Returns the currently-used data center ID.

delete()
Called upon client.log_out(). Should delete the stored information from disk since it’s not valid anymore.

get_entity_rows_by_id(id, exact=True)
get_entity_rows_by_name(name)
get_entity_rows_by_phone(phone)
get_entity_rows_by_username(username)
get_file(md5_digest, file_size, cls)
Returns an instance of cls if the md5_digest and file_size match an existing saved record.
The class will either be an InputPhoto or InputDocument, both with two parameters id and access_hash in that order.
`get_input_entity(key)`
Turns the given key into an `InputPeer` (e.g., `InputPeerUser`). The library uses this method whenever an `InputPeer` is needed to suit several purposes (e.g., user only provided its ID or wishes to use a cached username to avoid extra RPC).

`get_update_state(entity_id)`
Returns the `UpdateState` associated with the given `entity_id`. If the `entity_id` is 0, it should return the `UpdateState` for no specific channel (the “general” state). If no state is known it should return `None`.

`port`
Returns the port to which the library should connect to.

`process_entities(tlo)`
Processes the input `TLObject` or list and saves whatever information is relevant (e.g., ID or access hash).

`save()`
Called whenever important properties change. It should make persist the relevant session information to disk.

`server_address`
Returns the server address where the library should connect to.

`set_dc(dc_id, server_address, port)`
Sets the information of the data center address and port that the library should connect to, as well as the data center ID, which is currently unused.

`set_update_state(entity_id, state)`
Sets the given `UpdateState` for the specified `entity_id`, which should be 0 if the `UpdateState` is the “general” state (and not for any specific channel).

`takeout_id`
Returns an ID of the takeout process initialized for this session, or `None` if there’s no were any unfinished takeout requests.

```
class telethon.sessions.sqlite.SQLiteSession(session_id=None)
Bases: telethon.sessions.memory.MemorySession
```
This session contains the required information to login into your Telegram account. NEVER give the saved session file to anyone, since they would gain instant access to all your messages and contacts.

If you think the session has been compromised, close all the sessions through an official Telegram client to revoke the authorization.

`auth_key`

`cache_file(md5_digest, file_size, instance)`
Caches the given file information persistently, so that it doesn’t need to be re-uploaded in case the file is used again.

The `instance` will be either an `InputPhoto` or `InputDocument`, both with an `.id` and `.access_hash` attributes.

`clone(to_instance=None)`
Creates a clone of this session file.

`close()`
Closes the connection unless we’re working in-memory

`delete()`
Deletes the current session file
**get_entity_rows_by_id**(*id*, *exact=True*)

**get_entity_rows_by_name**(*name*)

**get_entity_rows_by_phone**(*phone*)

**get_entity_rows_by_username**(*username*)

**get_file**(*md5_digest, file_size, cls*)

Returns an instance of `cls` if the `md5_digest` and `file_size` match an existing saved record. The class will either be an `InputPhoto` or `InputDocument`, both with two parameters `id` and `access_hash` in that order.

**get_update_state**(*entity_id*)

Returns the `UpdateState` associated with the given `entity_id`. If the `entity_id` is 0, it should return the `UpdateState` for no specific channel (the “general” state). If no state is known it should return `None`.

**classmethod list_sessions()**

Lists all the sessions of the users who have ever connected using this client and never logged out.

**process_entities**(*tlo*)

Processes all the found entities on the given TLObject, unless `.enabled` is False.

Returns True if new input entities were added.

**save()**

Saves the current session object as `session_user_id.session`

**set_dc**(*dc_id, server_address, port*)

Sets the information of the data center address and port that the library should connect to, as well as the data center ID, which is currently unused.

**set_update_state**(*entity_id, state*)

Sets the given `UpdateState` for the specified `entity_id`, which should be 0 if the `UpdateState` is the “general” state (and not for any specific channel).

**takeout_id**

```python
class telethon.sessions.string.StringSession(string: str = None)
Bases: telethon.sessions.memory.MemorySession
```

This session file can be easily saved and loaded as a string. According to the initial design, it contains only the data that is necessary for successful connection and authentication, so takeout ID is not stored.

It is thought to be used where you don’t want to create any on-disk files but would still like to be able to save and load existing sessions by other means.

You can use custom `encode` and `decode` functions, if present:

- `encode` definition must be `def encode(value: bytes) -> str:``
- `decode` definition must be `def decode(value: str) -> bytes:``

```python
static decode(x: str) -> bytes
static encode(x: bytes) -> str
```

**save()**

Called whenever important properties change. It should make persist the relevant session information to disk.
The only part about network that you should worry about are the different connection modes, which are the following:

```python
class telethon.network.connection.tcpfull.ConnectionTcpFull(ip, port, dc_id, *, loop, loggers, proxy=None)

Bases: telethon.network.connection.connection.Connection
```

Default Telegram mode. Sends 12 additional bytes and needs to calculate the CRC value of the packet itself.

```python
packet_codec
alias of FullPacketCodec
```

```python
class telethon.network.connection.tcpfull.FullPacketCodec(connection)
Bases: telethon.network.connection.connection.PacketCodec
```

- `encode_packet(data)`
  Encodes single packet and returns encoded bytes.

- `read_packet(reader)`
  Reads single packet from `reader` object that should have `readexactly(n)` method.

```python
tag = None
```

```python
class telethon.network.connection.tcpabridged.AbridgedPacketCodec(connection)
Bases: telethon.network.connection.connection.PacketCodec
```

- `encode_packet(data)`
  Encodes single packet and returns encoded bytes.

- `obfuscate_tag = b'\xef\xef\xef\xef'
```

- `read_packet(reader)`
  Reads single packet from `reader` object that should have `readexactly(n)` method.

```python
tag = b'\xef'
```

```python
class telethon.network.connection.tcpabridged.ConnectionTcpAbridged(ip, port, dc_id, *, loop, loggers, proxy=None)
```

This is the mode with the lowest overhead, as it will only require 1 byte if the packet length is less than 508 bytes (127 << 2, which is very common).

```python
packet_codec
alias of AbridgedPacketCodec
```

```python
class telethon.network.connection.tcpintermediate.ConnectionTcpIntermediate(ip, port, dc_id, *, loop, loggers, proxy=None)
```

Bases: telethon.network.connection.connection.Connection
Intermediate mode between ConnectionTcpFull and ConnectionTcpAbridged. Always sends 4 extra bytes for the packet length.

```python
def packet_codec
    alias of IntermediatePacketCodec
class telethon.network.connection.tcpintermediate.IntermediatePacketCodec(connection):
    Bases: telethon.network.connection.connection.PacketCodec
    encode_packet(data)
        Encodes single packet and returns encoded bytes.
    obfuscate_tag = b'\xee\xee\xee\xee'
    read_packet(reader)
        Reads single packet from reader object that should have readexactly(n) method.
    tag = b'\xee\xee\xee\xee'
class telethon.network.connection.tcpintermediate.RandomizedIntermediatePacketCodec(connection):
    Bases: telethon.network.connection.tcpintermediate.IntermediatePacketCodec
    Data packets are aligned to 4bytes. This codec adds random bytes of size from 0 to 3 bytes, which are ignored by decoder.
    encode_packet(data)
        Encodes single packet and returns encoded bytes.
    obfuscate_tag = b'\xdd\xdd\xdd\xdd'
    read_packet(reader)
        Reads single packet from reader object that should have readexactly(n) method.
    tag = None
class telethon.network.connection.tcpobfuscated.ConnectionTcpObfuscated(ip, port, dc_id, *, loop, loggers, proxy=None):
    Bases: telethon.network.connection.connection.ObfuscatedConnection
    Mode that Telegram defines as “obfuscated2”. Encodes the packet just like ConnectionTcpAbridged, but encrypts every message with a randomly generated key using the AES-CTR mode so the packets are harder to discern.
    obfuscated_io
        alias of ObfuscatedIO
    packet_codec
        alias of telethon.network.connection.tcpabridged.AbridgedPacketCodec
class telethon.network.connection.tcpobfuscated.ObfuscatedIO(connection):
    Bases: object
    __weakref__
        list of weak references to the object (if defined)
    header = None
    static init_header(packet_codec)
```

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```python
readexactly(n)
write(data)

class telethon.network.connection.http.ConnectionHttp(ip, port, dc_id, *, loop, loggers, proxy=None)
    Bases: telethon.network.connection.connection.Connection
    connect(timeout=None, ssl=None)
        Establishes a connection with the server.

    packet_codec
        alias of HttpPacketCodec

class telethon.network.connection.http.HttpPacketCodec(connection)
    Bases: telethon.network.connection.connection.PacketCodec
    encode_packet(data)
        Encodes single packet and returns encoded bytes.

    obfuscate_tag = None

    read_packet(reader)
        Reads single packet from reader object that should have readexactly(n) method.

    tag = None
```

## 2.40 Helpers

Various helpers not related to the Telegram API itself

```python
class telethon.helpers.TotalList(*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: list
    A list with an extra total property, which may not match its len since the total represents the total amount of items available somewhere else, not the items in this list.
    Examples:

    ```
    # Telethon returns these lists in some cases (for example, only when a chunk is returned, but the "total" count is available).
    result = await client.get_messages(chat, limit=10)
    print(result.total)  # large number
    print(len(result))   # 10
    print(result[0])     # latest message
    for x in result:     # show the 10 messages
        print(x.text)
    ```

    __repr__()
        Return repr(self).

    __str__()
        Return str(self).

    __weakref__
        list of weak references to the object (if defined)

    telethon.helpers.add_surrogate(text)
```

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telethon.helpers.del_surrogate(text)

telethon.helpers.ensure_parent_dir_exists(file_path)
   Ensures that the parent directory exists

telethon.helpers.generate_key_data_from_nonce(server_nonce, new_nonce)
   Generates the key data corresponding to the given nonce

telethon.helpers.generate_random_long(signed=True)
   Generates a random long integer (8 bytes), which is optionally signed

telethon.helpers.retry_range(retries)
   Generates an integer sequence starting from 1. If retries is not a zero or a positive integer value, the sequence
   will be infinite, otherwise it will end at retries + 1.

telethon.helpers.strip_text(text, entities)
   Strips whitespace from the given text modifying the provided entities.
   This assumes that there are no overlapping entities, that their length is greater or equal to one, and that their
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