osxphotos

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OSXPHOTOS

1.1 What is osxphotos?

OSXPhotos provides both the ability to interact with and query Apple's Photos.app library on macOS directly from your python code as well as a very flexible command line interface (CLI) app for exporting photos. You can query the Photos library database – for example, file name, file path, and metadata such as keywords/tags, persons/faces, albums, etc. You can also easily export both the original and edited photos.

1.2 Supported operating systems

Only works on macOS (aka Mac OS X). Tested on macOS Sierra (10.12.6) until macOS Catalina (10.15.7). Beta support for macOS Big Sur (10.16.01/11.01).

This package will read Photos databases for any supported version on any supported macOS version. E.g. you can read a database created with Photos 5.0 on MacOS 10.15 on a machine running macOS 10.12 and vice versa.

Requires python >= 3.7.

1.3 Installation

If you are new to python and just want to use the command line application, I recommend you to install using pipx. See other advanced options below.

1.3.1 Installation using pipx

If you aren't familiar with installing python applications, I recommend you install osxphotos with pipx. If you use pipx, you will not need to create a virtual environment as pipx takes care of this. The easiest way to do this on a Mac is to use homebrew:

- Open Terminal (search for Terminal in Spotlight or look in Applications/Utilities)
- Install homebrew according to instructions at https://brew.sh/
- Type the following into Terminal: brew install pipx
- Then type this: pipx install osxphotos
- Now you should be able to run osxphotos by typing: osxphotos

1.3.2 Installation using pip

You can also install directly from pypi:

```
pip install osxphotos
```

1.3.3 Installation from git repository

OSXPhotos uses setuptools, thus simply run:

```
git clone https://github.com/RhetTbull/osxphotos.git
cd osxphotos
python3 setup.py install
```

I recommend you create a virtual environment before installing osxphotos.

WARNING The git repo for this project is very large (> 1GB) because it contains multiple Photos libraries used for testing on different versions of macOS. If you just want to use the osxphotos package in your own code, I recommend you install the latest version from PyPI which does not include all the test libraries. If you just want to use the command line utility, you can download a pre-built executable of the latest release or you can install via pip which also installs the command line app. If you aren't comfortable with running python on your Mac, start with the pre-built executable or pipx as described above.

1.4 Command Line Usage

This package will install a command line utility called osxphotos that allows you to query the Photos database and export photos. Alternatively, you can also run the command line utility like this: python3 -m osxphotos

```
> osxphotos
Usage: osxphotos [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
Options:
 --db <Photos database path> Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos
                               library/database can be specified using either
                               --db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional
                               argument. If neither --db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY
                               provided, will attempt to find the library to
                               use in the following order: 1. last opened
                               library, 2. system library, 3.
                               ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary
 --json
                               Print output in JSON format.
 -v, --version
                               Show the version and exit.
 -h, --help
                               Show this message and exit.
Commands:
           Print information about osxphotos including license.
 about.
           Print out albums found in the Photos library.
 albums
           Print list of all photos & associated info from the Photos...
           Export photos from the Photos database.
 export
           Print help; for help on commands: help <command>.
 help
           Print out descriptive info of the Photos library database.
 info
 keywords Print out keywords found in the Photos library.
 labels Print out image classification labels found in the Photos...
 list.
           Print list of Photos libraries found on the system.
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```
persons Print out persons (faces) found in the Photos library.

places Print out places found in the Photos library.

query Query the Photos database using 1 or more search options; if...
```

To get help on a specific command, use osxphotos help <command_name>

1.4.1 Command line examples

1.4.1.1 export all photos to ~/Desktop/export group in folders by date created

```
osxphotos export --export-by-date ~/Pictures/Photos\ Library.photoslibrary ~/Desktop/export
```

Note: Photos library/database path can also be specified using --db option:

```
osxphotos export --export-by-date --db ~/Pictures/Photos\ Library. photoslibrary ~/Desktop/export
```

1.4.1.2 find all photos with keyword "Kids" and output results to json file named results.json:

```
osxphotos query --keyword Kids --json ~/Pictures/Photos\ Library.photoslibrary >results.json
```

1.4.1.3 export photos to file structure based on 4-digit year and full name of month of photo's creation date:

```
osxphotos export ~/Desktop/export --directory "{created.year}/{created.month}"
(by default, it will attempt to use the system library)
```

1.4.1.4 export photos to file structure based on 4-digit year of photo's creation date and add keywords for media type and labels (labels are only awailable on Photos 5 and higher):

```
osxphotos export ~/Desktop/export --directory "{created.year}"
--keyword-template "{label}" --keyword-template "{media_type}"
```

1.4.1.5 export default library using 'country name/year' as output directory (but use "NoCountry/year" if country not specified), add persons, album names, and year as keywords, write exif metadata to files when exporting, update only changed files, print verbose ouput

```
osxphotos export ~/Desktop/export --directory "{place.name.country, NoCountry}/ {created.year}" --person-keyword --album-keyword --keyword-template "{created.year}" --exiftool --update --verbose
```

1.5 Example uses of the package

```
""" Simple usage of the package """
import osxphotos
def main():
   photosdb = osxphotos.PhotosDB()
   print (photosdb.keywords)
   print (photosdb.persons)
   print (photosdb.album_names)
   print (photosdb.keywords_as_dict)
   print (photosdb.persons_as_dict)
   print (photosdb.albums_as_dict)
    # find all photos with Keyword = Foo and containing John Smith
   photos = photosdb.photos(keywords=["Foo"],persons=["John Smith"])
    # find all photos that include Alice Smith but do not contain the keyword Bar
    photos = [p for p in photosdb.photos(persons=["Alice Smith"])
                if p not in photosdb.photos(keywords=["Bar"]) ]
    for p in photos:
        print(
            p.uuid,
            p.filename,
            p.original_filename,
            p.date,
            p.description,
            p.title,
            p.keywords,
            p.albums,
            p.persons,
            p.path,
if __name__ == "__main__":
   main()
```

```
""" Export all photos to specified directory using album names as folders
    If file has been edited, also export the edited version,
    otherwise, export the original version
    This will result in duplicate photos if photo is in more than album """

import os.path
import pathlib
import sys

import click
from pathvalidate import is_valid_filepath, sanitize_filepath

import osxphotos

@click.command()
@click.argument("export_path", type=click.Path(exists=True))
@click.option(
    "--default-album",
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```
help="Default folder for photos with no album. Defaults to 'unfiled'",
   default="unfiled",
@click.option(
   "--library-path",
   help="Path to Photos library, default to last used library",
   default=None,
def export(export_path, default_album, library_path):
    export_path = os.path.expanduser(export_path)
    library_path = os.path.expanduser(library_path) if library_path else None
   if library_path is not None:
       photosdb = osxphotos.PhotosDB(library_path)
   else:
       photosdb = osxphotos.PhotosDB()
   photos = photosdb.photos()
   for p in photos:
        if not p.ismissing:
            albums = p.albums
            if not albums:
                albums = [default_album]
            for album in albums:
                click.echo(f"exporting {p.filename} in album {album}")
                # make sure no invalid characters in destination path (could be in.
→album name)
                album_name = sanitize_filepath(album, platform="auto")
                # create destination folder, if necessary, based on album name
                dest_dir = os.path.join(export_path, album_name)
                # verify path is a valid path
                if not is_valid_filepath(dest_dir, platform="auto"):
                    sys.exit(f"Invalid filepath {dest_dir}")
                # create destination dir if needed
                if not os.path.isdir(dest_dir):
                    os.makedirs(dest_dir)
                # export the photo
                if p.hasadjustments:
                    # export edited version
                    exported = p.export(dest_dir, edited=True)
                    edited_name = pathlib.Path(p.path_edited).name
                    click.echo(f"Exported {edited_name} to {exported}")
                # export unedited version
                exported = p.export(dest_dir)
                click.echo(f"Exported {p.filename} to {exported}")
        else:
            click.echo(f"Skipping missing photo: {p.filename}")
if __name__ == "__main__":
   export() # pylint: disable=no-value-for-parameter
```

1.6 Package Interface

Reference full documentation on GitHub

1.6.1 osxphotos command line interface (CLI)

1.6.1.1 osxphotos

```
osxphotos [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

--json

Print output in JSON format.

-v, --version

Show the version and exit.

about

Print information about osxphotos including license.

```
osxphotos about [OPTIONS]
```

albums

Print out albums found in the Photos library.

```
osxphotos albums [OPTIONS] [PHOTOS_LIBRARY]...
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

--json

Print output in JSON format.

Arguments

PHOTOS LIBRARY

Optional argument(s)

dump

Print list of all photos & associated info from the Photos library.

```
osxphotos dump [OPTIONS] [PHOTOS_LIBRARY]...
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

--json

Print output in JSON format.

--deleted

Include photos from the 'Recently Deleted' folder.

--deleted-only

Include only photos from the 'Recently Deleted' folder.

Arguments

PHOTOS LIBRARY

Optional argument(s)

export

Export photos from the Photos database. Export path DEST is required. Optionally, query the Photos database using 1 or more search options; if more than one option is provided, they are treated as "AND" (e.g. search for photos matching all options). If no query options are provided, all photos will be exported. By default, all versions of all photos will be exported including edited versions, live photo movies, burst photos, and associated raw images. See –skip-edited, –skip-live, –skip-bursts, and –skip-raw options to modify this behavior.

```
osxphotos export [OPTIONS] [PHOTOS_LIBRARY]... DEST
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

-V, --verbose

Print verbose output.

--keyword <KEYWORD>

Search for photos with keyword KEYWORD. If more than one keyword, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any keyword

--person <PERSON>

Search for photos with person PERSON. If more than one person, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any person

--album <ALBUM>

Search for photos in album ALBUM. If more than one album, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any album

--folder <FOLDER>

Search for photos in an album in folder FOLDER. If more than one folder, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos in any FOLDER. Only searches top level folders (e.g. does not look at subfolders)

--name <FILENAME>

Search for photos with filename matching FILENAME. If more than one –name options is specified, they are treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any FILENAME.

--uuid <UUID>

Search for photos with UUID(s).

--uuid-from-file <FILE>

Search for photos with UUID(s) loaded from FILE. Format is a single UUID per line. Lines preceded with # are ignored.

--title <TITLE>

Search for TITLE in title of photo.

--no-title

Search for photos with no title.

--description <DESC>

Search for DESC in description of photo.

--no-description

Search for photos with no description.

--place <PLACE>

Search for PLACE in photo's reverse geolocation info

--no-place

Search for photos with no associated place name info (no reverse geolocation info)

--label <LABEL>

Search for photos with image classification label LABEL (Photos 5 only). If more than one label, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any label

--uti <UTI>

Search for photos whose uniform type identifier (UTI) matches UTI

-i, --ignore-case

Case insensitive search for title, description, place, keyword, person, or album.

--edited

Search for photos that have been edited.

--external-edit

Search for photos edited in external editor.

--favorite

Search for photos marked favorite.

--not-favorite

Search for photos not marked favorite.

--hidden

Search for photos marked hidden.

--not-hidden

Search for photos not marked hidden.

--shared

Search for photos in shared iCloud album (Photos 5 only).

--not-shared

Search for photos not in shared iCloud album (Photos 5 only).

--burst

Search for photos that were taken in a burst.

--not-burst

Search for photos that are not part of a burst.

--live

Search for Apple live photos

--not-live

Search for photos that are not Apple live photos.

--portrait

Search for Apple portrait mode photos.

--not-portrait

Search for photos that are not Apple portrait mode photos.

--screenshot

Search for screenshot photos.

--not-screenshot

Search for photos that are not screenshot photos.

--slow-mo

Search for slow motion videos.

--not-slow-mo

Search for photos that are not slow motion videos.

--time-lapse

Search for time lapse videos.

--not-time-lapse

Search for photos that are not time lapse videos.

--hdr

Search for high dynamic range (HDR) photos.

--not-hdr

Search for photos that are not HDR photos.

--selfie

Search for selfies (photos taken with front-facing cameras).

--not-selfie

Search for photos that are not selfies.

--panorama

Search for panorama photos.

--not-panorama

Search for photos that are not panoramas.

--has-raw

Search for photos with both a jpeg and raw version

--only-movies

Search only for movies (default searches both images and movies).

--only-photos

Search only for photos/images (default searches both images and movies).

--from-date <from date>

Search by item start date, e.g. 2000-01-12T12:00:00, 2001-01-12T12:00:00-07:00, or 2000-12-31 (ISO 8601 with/without timezone).

--to-date <to_date>

Search by item end date, e.g. 2000-01-12T12:00:00, 2001-01-12T12:00:00-07:00, or 2000-12-31 (ISO 8601 with/without timezone).

--from-time <from_time>

Search by item start time of day, e.g. 12:00, or 12:00:00.

--to-time <to_time>

Search by item end time of day, e.g. 12:00 or 12:00:00.

--has-comment

Search for photos that have comments.

--no-comment

Search for photos with no comments.

--has-likes

Search for photos that have likes.

--no-likes

Search for photos with no likes.

--is-reference

Search for photos that were imported as referenced files (not copied into Photos library).

--in-album

Search for photos that are in one or more albums.

--not-in-album

Search for photos that are not in any albums.

--min-size <SIZE>

Search for photos with size >= SIZE bytes. The size evaluated is the photo's original size (when imported to

Photos). Size may be specified as integer bytes or using SI or NIST units. For example, the following are all valid and equivalent sizes: '1048576' '1.048576MB', '1 MiB'.

--max-size <SIZE>

Search for photos with size <= SIZE bytes. The size evaluated is the photo's original size (when imported to Photos). Size may be specified as integer bytes or using SI or NIST units. For example, the following are all valid and equivalent sizes: '1048576' '1.048576MB', '1 MiB'.

--query-eval <CRITERIA>

Evaluate CRITERIA to filter photos. CRITERIA will be evaluated in context of the following python list comprehension: *photos = [photo for photo in photos if CRITERIA]* where photo represents a PhotoInfo object. For example: *—query-eval photo.favorite* returns all photos that have been favorited and is equivalent to —favorite. You may specify more than one CRITERIA by using —query-eval multiple times. CRITERIA must be a valid python expression. See https://rhettbull.github.io/osxphotos/ for additional documentation on the PhotoInfo class.

--missing

Export only photos missing from the Photos library; must be used with -download-missing.

--deleted

Include photos from the 'Recently Deleted' folder.

--deleted-only

Include only photos from the 'Recently Deleted' folder.

--update

Only export new or updated files. See notes below on export and -update.

--ignore-signature

When used with '-update', ignores file signature when updating files. This is useful if you have processed or edited exported photos changing the file signature (size & modification date). In this case, '-update' would normally re-export the processed files but with '-ignore-signature', files which exist in the export directory will not be re-exported. If used with '-sidecar', '-ignore-signature' has the following behavior: 1) if the metadata (in Photos) that went into the sidecar did not change, the sidecar will not be updated; 2) if the metadata (in Photos) that went into the sidecar did change, a new sidecar is written but a new image file is not; 3) if a sidecar does not exist for the photo, a sidecar will be written whether or not the photo file was written or updated.

--only-new

If used with –update, ignores any previously exported files, even if missing from the export folder and only exports new files that haven't previously been exported.

--dry-run

Dry run (test) the export but don't actually export any files; most useful with -verbose.

--export-as-hardlink

Hardlink files instead of copying them. Cannot be used with –exiftool which creates copies of the files with embedded EXIF data. Note: on APFS volumes, files are cloned when exporting giving many of the same advantages as hardlinks without having to use –export-as-hardlink.

--touch-file

Sets the file's modification time to match photo date.

--overwrite

Overwrite existing files. Default behavior is to add (1), (2), etc to filename if file already exists. Use this with caution as it may create name collisions on export. (e.g. if two files happen to have the same name)

--retry <RETRY>

Automatically retry export up to RETRY times if an error occurs during export. This may be useful with network drives that experience intermittent errors.

--export-by-date

Automatically create output folders to organize photos by date created (e.g. DEST/2019/12/20/photoname.jpg).

--skip-edited

Do not export edited version of photo if an edited version exists.

--skip-original-if-edited

Do not export original if there is an edited version (exports only the edited version).

--skip-bursts

Do not export all associated burst images in the library if a photo is a burst photo.

--skip-live

Do not export the associated live video component of a live photo.

--skip-raw

Do not export associated raw images of a RAW+JPEG pair. Note: this does not skip raw photos if the raw photo does not have an associated jpeg image (e.g. the raw file was imported to Photos without a jpeg preview).

--current-name

Use photo's current filename instead of original filename for export. Note: Starting with Photos 5, all photos are renamed upon import. By default, photos are exported with the the original name they had before import.

--convert-to-jpeg

Convert all non-jpeg images (e.g. raw, HEIC, PNG, etc) to JPEG upon export. Only works if your Mac has a GPU.

--jpeg-quality <jpeg_quality>

Value in range 0.0 to 1.0 to use with –convert-to-jpeg. A value of 1.0 specifies best quality, a value of 0.0 specifies maximum compression. Defaults to 1.0

--download-missing

Attempt to download missing photos from iCloud. The current implementation uses Applescript to interact with Photos to export the photo which will force Photos to download from iCloud if the photo does not exist on disk. This will be slow and will require internet connection. This obviously only works if the Photos library is synched to iCloud. Note: —download-missing does not currently export all burst images; only the primary photo will be exported—associated burst images will be skipped.

--sidecar <FORMAT>

Create sidecar for each photo exported; valid FORMAT values: xmp, json, exiftool; –sidecar xmp: create XMP sidecar used by Digikam, Adobe Lightroom, etc. The sidecar file is named in format photoname.ext.xmp The XMP sidecar exports the following tags: Description, Title, Keywords/Tags, Subject (set to Keywords + Person-InImage), PersonInImage, CreateDate, ModifyDate, GPSLongitude, Face Regions (Metadata Working Group and Microsoft Photo). –sidecar json: create JSON sidecar useable by exiftool (https://exiftool.org/) The sidecar file can be used to apply metadata to the file with exiftool, for example: "exiftool -j=photoname.jpg.json photoname.jpg" The sidecar file is named in format photoname.ext.json; format includes tag groups (equivalent to running 'exiftool -G -j'). –sidecar exiftool: create JSON sidecar compatible with output of 'exiftool -j'. Unlike '–sidecar json', '–sidecar exiftool' does not export tag groups. Sidecar filename is in format photoname.ext.json; For a list of tags exported in the JSON and exiftool sidecar, see '–exiftool'. See also '–ignore-signature'.

Options xmp | json | exiftool

--sidecar-drop-ext

Drop the photo's extension when naming sidecar files. By default, sidecar files are named in format 'photo_filename.photo_ext.sidecar_ext', e.g. 'IMG_1234.JPG.xmp'. Use '-sidecar-drop-ext' to ignore the photo extension. Resulting sidecar files will have name in format 'IMG_1234.xmp'. Warning: this may result in sidecar filename collisions if there are files of different types but the same name in the output directory, e.g. 'IMG_1234.JPG' and 'IMG_1234.MOV'.

--exiftool

Use exiftool to write metadata directly to exported photos. To use this option, exiftool exiftool may be installed from https://exiftool.org/. must be installed and in the path. not be used with -export-as-hardlink. Writes the following metadata: EXIF:ImageDescription, XMP:Description (see also –description-template); XMP:Title; XMP:TagsList, IPTC:Keywords, XMP:Subject (see also -keyword-template, -person-keyword, -album-keyword); XMP:PersonInImage; EXIF:GPSLatitudeRef: EXIF:GPSLongitudeRef; EXIF:GPSLatitude: EXIF: GPSLongitude: EXIF:GPSPosition; EXIF:DateTimeOriginal; EXIF:OffsetTimeOriginal; EXIF:ModifyDate (see -ignoredate-modified); IPTC:DateCreated; IPTC:TimeCreated; (video files only): QuickTime:CreationDate; Quick-Time:CreateDate; QuickTime:ModifyDate (see also -ignore-date-modified); QuickTime:GPSCoordinates; UserData:GPSCoordinates.

--exiftool-path <EXIFTOOL_PATH>

Optionally specify path to exiftool; if not provided, will look for exiftool in \$PATH.

--exiftool-option <OPTION>

Optional flag/option to pass to exiftool when using –exiftool. For example, –exiftool-option '-m' to ignore minor warnings. Specify these as you would on the exiftool command line. See exiftool docs at https://exiftool.org/exiftool_pod.html for full list of options. More than one option may be specified by repeating the option, e.g. –exiftool-option '-m' –exiftool-option '-F'.

--exiftool-merge-keywords

Merge any keywords found in the original file with keywords used for '-exiftool' and '-sidecar'.

--exiftool-merge-persons

Merge any persons found in the original file with persons used for '-exiftool' and '-sidecar'.

--ignore-date-modified

If used with -exiftool or -sidecar, will ignore the photo modification date and set EXIF:ModifyDate to EXIF:DateTimeOriginal; this is consistent with how Photos handles the EXIF:ModifyDate tag.

--person-keyword

Use person in image as keyword/tag when exporting metadata.

--album-keyword

Use album name as keyword/tag when exporting metadata.

--keyword-template <TEMPLATE>

For use with -exiftool, -sidecar; specify a template string to use as keyword in the form '{name,DEFAULT}' This is the same format as -directory. For example, if you wanted to add the full path to the folder and album photo is contained in as a keyword when exporting you could specify -keyword-template "{folder_album}" You may specify more than one template, for example -keyword-template "{folder_album}" -keyword-template "{created.year}". See '-replace-keywords' and Templating System below.

--replace-keywords

Replace keywords with any values specified with –keyword-template. By default, –keyword-template will add keywords to any keywords already associated with the photo. If –replace-keywords is specified, values from –keyword-template will replace any existing keywords instead of adding additional keywords.

--description-template <TEMPLATE>

For use with –exiftool, –sidecar; specify a template string to use as description in the form '{name,DEFAULT}' This is the same format as –directory. For example, if you wanted to append 'exported with osxphotos on [today's date]' to the description, you could specify –description-template "{descr} exported with osxphotos on {today.date}" See Templating System below.

--finder-tag-template <TEMPLATE>

Set MacOS Finder tags to TEMPLATE. These tags can be searched in the Finder or Spotlight with 'tag:tagname' format. For example, '-finder-tag-template "{label}" to set Finder tags to photo labels. You may specify

multiple TEMPLATE values by using '-finder-tag-template' multiple times. See also '-finder-tag-keywords and Extended Attributes below.'.

--finder-tag-keywords

Set MacOS Finder tags to keywords; any keywords specified via '-keyword-template', '-person-keyword', etc. will also be used as Finder tags. See also '-finder-tag-template and Extended Attributes below.'.

--xattr-template <ATTRIBUTE TEMPLATE>

Set extended attribute ATTRIBUTE to TEMPLATE value. Valid attributes are: 'authors', 'comment', 'copyright', 'description', 'findercomment', 'headline', 'keywords'. For example, to set Finder comment to the photo's title and description: '-xattr-template findercomment "{title}; {descr}" See Extended Attributes below for additional details on this option.

--directory <DIRECTORY>

Optional template for specifying name of output directory in the form '{name,DEFAULT}'. See below for additional details on templating system.

--filename <FILENAME>

Optional template for specifying name of output file in the form '{name,DEFAULT}'. File extension will be added automatically—do not include an extension in the FILENAME template. See below for additional details on templating system.

--jpeg-ext <EXTENSION>

Specify file extension for JPEG files. Photos uses .jpeg for edited images but many images are imported with .jpg or .JPG which can result in multiple different extensions used for JPEG files upon export. Use –jpeg-ext to specify a single extension to use for all exported JPEG images. Valid values are jpeg, jpg, JPEG, JPG; e.g. '–jpeg-ext jpg' to use '.jpg' for all JPEGs.

Options jpeg | jpg | JPEG | JPG

--strip

Optionally strip leading and trailing whitespace from any rendered templates. For example, if –filename template is "{title,} {original_name}" and image has no title, resulting file would have a leading space but if used with –strip, this will be removed.

--edited-suffix <SUFFIX>

Optional suffix template for naming edited photos. Default name for edited photos is in form 'photon-ame_edited.ext'. For example, with '-edited-suffix _bearbeiten', the edited photo would be named 'photon-ame_bearbeiten.ext'. The default suffix is '_edited'. Multi-value templates (see Templating System) are not permitted with -edited-suffix.

--original-suffix <SUFFIX>

Optional suffix template for naming original photos. Default name for original photos is in form 'filename.ext'. For example, with '-original-suffix _original', the original photo would be named 'filename_original.ext'. The default suffix is '' (no suffix). Multi-value templates (see Templating System) are not permitted with -original-suffix.

--use-photos-export

Force the use of AppleScript or PhotoKit to export even if not missing (see also '-download-missing' and '-use-photokit').

--use-photokit

Use with '-download-missing' or '-use-photos-export' to use direct Photos interface instead of AppleScript to export. Highly experimental alpha feature; does not work with iTerm2 (use with Terminal.app). This is faster and more reliable than the default AppleScript interface.

--report <path to export report>

Write a CSV formatted report of all files that were exported.

--cleanup

Cleanup export directory by deleting any files which were not included in this export set. For example, photos which had previously been exported and were subsequently deleted in Photos. WARNING: —cleanup will delete any files in the export directory that were not exported by osxphotos, for example, your own scripts or other files. Be sure this is what you intend before using —cleanup. Use —dry-run with —cleanup first if you're not certain.

--exportdb <EXPORTDB_FILE>

Specify alternate name for database file which stores state information for export and –update. If –exportdb is not specified, export database will be saved to '.osxphotos_export.db' in the export directory. Must be specified as filename only, not a path, as export database will be saved in export directory.

```
--load-config <config file path>
```

Load options from file as written with —save-config. This allows you to save a complex export command to file for later reuse. For example: 'osxphotos export <lots of options here> —save-config osxphotos.toml' then 'osxphotos export /path/to/export —load-config osxphotos.toml'. If any other command line options are used in conjunction with —load-config, they will override the corresponding values in the config file.

```
--save-config <config file path>
```

Save options to file for use with –load-config. File format is TOML.

Arguments

PHOTOS LIBRARY

Optional argument(s)

DEST

Required argument

help

Print help; for help on commands: help <command>.

```
osxphotos help [OPTIONS] [TOPIC]
```

Arguments

TOPIC

Optional argument

info

Print out descriptive info of the Photos library database.

```
osxphotos info [OPTIONS] [PHOTOS_LIBRARY]...
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

--json

Print output in JSON format.

Arguments

PHOTOS_LIBRARY

Optional argument(s)

keywords

Print out keywords found in the Photos library.

```
osxphotos keywords [OPTIONS] [PHOTOS_LIBRARY]...
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

--json

Print output in JSON format.

Arguments

PHOTOS_LIBRARY

Optional argument(s)

labels

Print out image classification labels found in the Photos library.

```
osxphotos labels [OPTIONS] [PHOTOS_LIBRARY]...
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

--json

Print output in JSON format.

Arguments

PHOTOS_LIBRARY

Optional argument(s)

list

Print list of Photos libraries found on the system.

```
osxphotos list [OPTIONS]
```

Options

--json

Print output in JSON format.

persons

Print out persons (faces) found in the Photos library.

```
osxphotos persons [OPTIONS] [PHOTOS_LIBRARY]...
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

--json

Print output in JSON format.

Arguments

PHOTOS LIBRARY

Optional argument(s)

places

Print out places found in the Photos library.

```
osxphotos places [OPTIONS] [PHOTOS_LIBRARY]...
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

--json

Print output in JSON format.

Arguments

PHOTOS_LIBRARY

Optional argument(s)

query

Query the Photos database using 1 or more search options; if more than one option is provided, they are treated as "AND" (e.g. search for photos matching all options).

```
osxphotos query [OPTIONS] [PHOTOS_LIBRARY]...
```

Options

--db <Photos database path>

Specify Photos database path. Path to Photos library/database can be specified using either —db or directly as PHOTOS_LIBRARY positional argument. If neither —db or PHOTOS_LIBRARY provided, will attempt to find the library to use in the following order: 1. last opened library, 2. system library, 3. ~/Pictures/Photos Library.photoslibrary

--json

Print output in JSON format.

--keyword <KEYWORD>

Search for photos with keyword KEYWORD. If more than one keyword, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any keyword

--person <PERSON>

Search for photos with person PERSON. If more than one person, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any person

--album <ALBUM>

Search for photos in album ALBUM. If more than one album, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any album

--folder <FOLDER>

Search for photos in an album in folder FOLDER. If more than one folder, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos in any FOLDER. Only searches top level folders (e.g. does not look at subfolders)

--name <FILENAME>

Search for photos with filename matching FILENAME. If more than one –name options is specified, they are treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any FILENAME.

--uuid <UUID>

Search for photos with UUID(s).

--uuid-from-file <FILE>

Search for photos with UUID(s) loaded from FILE. Format is a single UUID per line. Lines preceded with # are ignored.

--title <TITLE>

Search for TITLE in title of photo.

--no-title

Search for photos with no title.

--description <DESC>

Search for DESC in description of photo.

--no-description

Search for photos with no description.

--place <PLACE>

Search for PLACE in photo's reverse geolocation info

--no-place

Search for photos with no associated place name info (no reverse geolocation info)

--label <LABEL>

Search for photos with image classification label LABEL (Photos 5 only). If more than one label, treated as "OR", e.g. find photos matching any label

--uti <UTI>

Search for photos whose uniform type identifier (UTI) matches UTI

-i, --ignore-case

Case insensitive search for title, description, place, keyword, person, or album.

--edited

Search for photos that have been edited.

--external-edit

Search for photos edited in external editor.

--favorite

Search for photos marked favorite.

--not-favorite

Search for photos not marked favorite.

--hidden

Search for photos marked hidden.

--not-hidden

Search for photos not marked hidden.

--shared

Search for photos in shared iCloud album (Photos 5 only).

--not-shared

Search for photos not in shared iCloud album (Photos 5 only).

--burst

Search for photos that were taken in a burst.

--not-burst

Search for photos that are not part of a burst.

--live

Search for Apple live photos

--not-live

Search for photos that are not Apple live photos.

--portrait

Search for Apple portrait mode photos.

--not-portrait

Search for photos that are not Apple portrait mode photos.

--screenshot

Search for screenshot photos.

--not-screenshot

Search for photos that are not screenshot photos.

--slow-mo

Search for slow motion videos.

--not-slow-mo

Search for photos that are not slow motion videos.

--time-lapse

Search for time lapse videos.

--not-time-lapse

Search for photos that are not time lapse videos.

--hdr

Search for high dynamic range (HDR) photos.

--not-hdr

Search for photos that are not HDR photos.

--selfie

Search for selfies (photos taken with front-facing cameras).

--not-selfie

Search for photos that are not selfies.

--panorama

Search for panorama photos.

--not-panorama

Search for photos that are not panoramas.

--has-raw

Search for photos with both a jpeg and raw version

--only-movies

Search only for movies (default searches both images and movies).

--only-photos

Search only for photos/images (default searches both images and movies).

--from-date <from date>

Search by item start date, e.g. 2000-01-12T12:00:00, 2001-01-12T12:00:00-07:00, or 2000-12-31 (ISO 8601 with/without timezone).

--to-date <to_date>

Search by item end date, e.g. 2000-01-12T12:00:00, 2001-01-12T12:00:00-07:00, or 2000-12-31 (ISO 8601 with/without timezone).

--from-time <from_time>

Search by item start time of day, e.g. 12:00, or 12:00:00.

--to-time <to_time>

Search by item end time of day, e.g. 12:00 or 12:00:00.

--has-comment

Search for photos that have comments.

--no-comment

Search for photos with no comments.

--has-likes

Search for photos that have likes.

--no-likes

Search for photos with no likes.

--is-reference

Search for photos that were imported as referenced files (not copied into Photos library).

--in-album

Search for photos that are in one or more albums.

--not-in-album

Search for photos that are not in any albums.

--min-size <SIZE>

Search for photos with size >= SIZE bytes. The size evaluated is the photo's original size (when imported to Photos). Size may be specified as integer bytes or using SI or NIST units. For example, the following are all valid and equivalent sizes: '1048576' '1.048576MB', '1 MiB'.

--max-size <SIZE>

Search for photos with size <= SIZE bytes. The size evaluated is the photo's original size (when imported to Photos). Size may be specified as integer bytes or using SI or NIST units. For example, the following are all valid and equivalent sizes: '1048576' '1.048576MB', '1 MiB'.

--query-eval <CRITERIA>

Evaluate CRITERIA to filter photos. CRITERIA will be evaluated in context of the following python list comprehension: *photos = [photo for photo in photos if CRITERIA]* where photo represents a PhotoInfo object. For example: *-query-eval photo.favorite* returns all photos that have been favorited and is equivalent to –favorite. You may specify more than one CRITERIA by using –query-eval multiple times. CRITERIA must be a valid python expression. See https://rhettbull.github.io/osxphotos/ for additional documentation on the PhotoInfo class.

--deleted

Include photos from the 'Recently Deleted' folder.

--deleted-only

Include only photos from the 'Recently Deleted' folder.

--missing

Search for photos missing from disk.

--not-missing

Search for photos present on disk (e.g. not missing).

--cloudasset

Search for photos that are part of an iCloud library

--not-cloudasset

Search for photos that are not part of an iCloud library

--incloud

Search for photos that are in iCloud (have been synched)

--not-incloud

Search for photos that are not in iCloud (have not been synched)

Arguments

PHOTOS LIBRARY

Optional argument(s)

1.6.2 osxphotos package

1.6.2.1 osxphotos module

class osxphotos.**PhotosDB** (*dbfile=None*, *verbose=None*, *exiftool=None*)

Processes a Photos.app library database to extract information about photos

property album_info

return list of AlbumInfo objects for each album in the photos database

property album_info_shared

return list of AlbumInfo objects for each shared album in the photos database only valid for Photos 5; on Photos <= 4, prints warning and returns empty list

property albums

return list of albums found in photos database

property albums_as_dict

return albums as dict of albums, count in reverse sorted order (descending)

property albums_shared

return list of shared albums found in photos database only valid for Photos 5; on Photos <= 4, prints warning and returns empty list

property albums_shared_as_dict

returns shared albums as dict of albums, count in reverse sorted order (descending) valid only on Photos 5; on Photos <= 4, prints warning and returns empty dict

property db_path

returns path to the Photos library database PhotosDB was initialized with

property db_version

return the database version as stored in LiGlobals table

property folder_info

return list FolderInfo objects representing top-level folders in the photos database

property folders

return list of top-level folder names in the photos database

get db connection()

Get connection to the working copy of the Photos database

Returns tuple of (connection, cursor) to sqlite3 database

get_photo(uuid)

Returns a single photo matching uuid

Parameters uuid - the UUID of photo to get

Returns PhotoInfo instance for photo with UUID matching uuid or None if no match

property import_info

return list of ImportInfo objects for each import session in the database

property keywords

return list of keywords found in photos database

property keywords as dict

return keywords as dict of keyword, count in reverse sorted order (descending)

property labels

return list of all search info labels found in the library

property labels_as_dict

count in reverse sorted order (descending)

Type return labels as dict of label

property labels_normalized

return list of all normalized search info labels found in the library

property labels_normalized_as_dict

count in reverse sorted order (descending)

Type return normalized labels as dict of label

property library_path

returns path to the Photos library PhotosDB was initialized with

property person_info

return list of PersonInfo objects for each person in the photos database

property persons

return list of persons found in photos database

property persons_as_dict

return persons as dict of person, count in reverse sorted order (descending)

photos (keywords=None, uuid=None, persons=None, albums=None, images=True, movies=True, from_date=None, to_date=None, intrash=False)

Return a list of PhotoInfo objects If called with no args, returns the entire database of photos If called with args, returns photos matching the args (e.g. keywords, persons, etc.) If more than one arg, returns photos matching all the criteria (e.g. keywords AND persons) If more than one keyword, uuid, persons, albums is passed, they are treated as "OR" criteria e.g. keywords=["wedding","vacation"] returns photos matching

either keyword from_date and to_date may be either naive or timezone-aware datetime.datetime objects. If naive, timezone will be assumed to be local timezone.

Parameters

- **keywords** list of keywords to search for
- uuid list of UUIDs to search for
- **persons** list of persons to search for
- albums list of album names to search for
- images if True, returns image files, if False, does not return images; default is True
- movies if True, returns movie files, if False, does not return movies; default is True
- from_date return photos with creation date >= from_date (datetime.datetime object, default None)
- to_date return photos with creation date <= to_date (datetime.datetime object, default None)
- **intrash** if True, returns only images in "Recently deleted items" folder, if False returns only photos that aren't deleted; default is False

Returns list of PhotoInfo objects

```
photos_by_uuid(uuids)
```

Returns a list of photos with UUID in uuids. Does not generate error if invalid or missing UUID passed. This is faster than using PhotosDB.photos if you have list of UUIDs. Returns photos regardless of intrash state.

Parameters uuid – list of UUIDs of photos to get

Returns list of PhotoInfo instance for photo with UUID matching uuid or [] if no match

```
class osxphotos.PhotoInfo(db=None, uuid=None, info=None)
```

Info about a specific photo, contains all the details about the photo including keywords, persons, albums, uuid, path, etc.

```
class ExifInfo (flash_fired: bool, iso: int, metering_mode: int, sample_rate: int, track_format: int, white_balance: int, aperture: float, bit_rate: float, duration: float, exposure_bias: float, focal_length: float, fps: float, latitude: float, longitude: float, shutter_speed: float, camera_make: str, camera_model: str, codec: str, lens_model: str)
```

EXIF info associated with a photo from the Photos library

aperture: float
bit_rate: float
camera_make: str
camera_model: str

codec: str

duration: float

exposure_bias: float
flash_fired: bool
focal_length: float

fps: float

iso: int

latitude: float
lens_model: str
longitude: float
metering_mode: in
sample_rate: int

shutter_speed: float
track_format: int
white balance: int

class ExportResults(exported=None, new=None, updated=None, skipped=None, exif_updated=None, touched=None, converted_to_jpeg=None, sidecar_json_skipped=None, sidecar_json_written=None, *car_exiftool_written=None*, *sidecar_exiftool_skipped=None*, sidecar_xmp_written=None, sidecar xmp skipped=None, missing=None, error=None, exiftool_warning=None, exiftool_error=None, xattr_written=None. *xattr skipped=None*, deleted files=None, deleted directories=None)

holds export results for export2

all files()

return all filenames contained in results

class ScoreInfo (overall: float, curation: float, promotion: float, highlight_visibility: float, behavioral: float, failure: float, harmonious_color: float, immersiveness: float, interaction: float, interesting_subject: float, intrusive_object_presence: float, lively_color: float, low_light: float, noise: float, pleasant_camera_tilt: float, pleasant_composition: float, pleasant_lighting: float, pleasant_pattern: float, pleasant_perspective: float, pleasant_post_processing: float, pleasant_reflection: float, pleasant_symmetry: float, sharply_focused_subject: float, tastefully_blurred: float, well_chosen_subject: float, well_framed_subject: float, well_timed_shot: float)

Computed photo score info associated with a photo from the Photos library

behavioral: float
curation: float
failure: float

harmonious color: float

highlight visibility: float

immersiveness: float
interaction: float

interesting_subject: float

intrusive_object_presence: float

lively_color: float

low_light: float

noise: float

```
overall:
                float
    pleasant_camera_tilt: float
    pleasant_composition:
                               float
    pleasant_lighting: float
    pleasant_pattern: float
    pleasant_perspective: float
    pleasant_post_processing: float
    pleasant_reflection: float
    pleasant_symmetry: float
    promotion: float
    sharply_focused_subject: float
    tastefully_blurred: float
    well_chosen_subject: float
    well_framed_subject: float
    well_timed_shot: float
class SearchInfo(photo, normalized=False)
    Info about search terms such as machine learning labels that Photos knows about a photo
    property activities
        returns list of activity names
    property all
        return all search info properties in a single list
    asdict()
        return dict of search info
    property bodies_of_water
        returns list of body of water names
    property city
        returns city/town
    property country
        returns country name
    property holidays
        returns list of holiday names
    property labels
        return list of labels associated with Photo
    property locality_names
        returns list of other locality names
    property media_types
        returns list of media types (photo, video, panorama, etc)
    property month
        returns month name
```

property neighborhoods

returns list of neighborhoods

property place_names

returns list of place names

property season

returns season name

property state

returns state name

property state_abbreviation

returns state abbreviation

property streets

returns list of street names

property venue_types

returns list of venue types

property venues

returns list of venue names

property year

returns year

property adjustments

Returns AdjustmentsInfo class for adjustment data or None if no adjustments; Photos 5+ only

property album_info

list of AlbumInfo objects representing albums the photo is contained in

property albums

list of albums picture is contained in

asdict()

return dict representation

property burst

Returns True if photo is part of a Burst photo set, otherwise False

property burst_album_info

If photo is a non-selected burst photo, returns list of AlbumInfo objects representing albums any other photos in the same burst set are contained in, otherwise returns self-album_info

property burst_albums

If photo is non-selected burst photo, list of albums any other images in the same burst set are contained in, otherwise returns self.albums

property burst_photos

If photo is a burst photo, returns list of PhotoInfo objects that are part of the same burst photo set; otherwise returns empty list. self is not included in the returned list

property burst_selected

Returns True if photo is a burst photo and has been selected from the burst set by the user, otherwise False

property comments

Returns list of Comment objects for any comments on the photo (sorted by date)

property date

image creation date as timezone aware datetime object

property date_modified

image modification date as timezone aware datetime object or None if no modification date set

property date_trashed

Date asset was placed in the trash or None

property description

long / extended description of picture

property exif_info

Returns an ExifInfo object with the EXIF data for photo Note: the returned EXIF data is the data Photos stores in the database on import; ExifInfo does not provide access to the EXIF info in the actual image file Some or all of the fields may be None Only valid for Photos 5; on earlier database returns None

property exiftool

Returns an ExifTool object for the photo requires that exiftool (https://exiftool.org/) be installed If exiftool not installed, logs warning and returns None If photo path is missing, returns None

export photo dest: must be valid destination path (or exception raised) filename: (optional): name of exported picture; if not provided, will use current filename

NOTE: if provided, user must ensure file extension (suffix) is correct. For example, if photo is .CR2 file, edited image may be .jpeg. If you provide an extension different than what the actual file is, export will print a warning but will export the photo using the incorrect file extension (unless use_photos_export is true, in which case export will use the extension provided by Photos upon export; in this case, an incorrect extension is silently ignored). e.g. to get the extension of the edited photo, reference PhotoInfo.path_edited

edited: (boolean, default=False); if True will export the edited version of the photo (or raise exception if no edited version)

live_photo: (boolean, default=False); if True, will also export the associted .mov for live photos raw_photo: (boolean, default=False); if True, will also export the associted RAW photo export_as_hardlink: (boolean, default=False); if True, will hardlink files instead of copying them overwrite: (boolean, default=False); if True will overwrite files if they alreay exist increment: (boolean, default=True); if True, will increment file name until a non-existant name is found

if overwrite=False and increment=False, export will fail if destination file already exists

sidecar_json: if set will write a json sidecar with data in format readable by exiftool sidecar filename will be dest/filename.json; includes exiftool tag group names (e.g. exiftool -G -j)

sidecar_exiftool: if set will write a json sidecar with data in format readable by exiftool sidecar filename will be dest/filename.json; does not include exiftool tag group names (e.g. *exiftool -j*)

sidecar_xmp: if set will write an XMP sidecar with IPTC data sidecar filename will be dest/filename.xmp

use_photos_export: (boolean, default=False); if True will attempt to export photo via applescript interaction with Photos timeout: (int, default=120) timeout in seconds used with use_photos_export exiftool: (boolean, default = False); if True, will use exiftool to write metadata to export file returns list of full paths to the exported files use_albums_as_keywords: (boolean, default = False); if True, will include album names in keywords when exporting metadata with exiftool or sidecar use_persons_as_keywords: (boolean, default = False); if True, will include person names in keywords when exporting metadata with

exiftool or sidecar keyword_template: (list of strings); list of template strings that will be rendered as used as keywords description_template: string; optional template string that will be rendered for use as photo description

Returns: list of photos exported

edited=False, export2 (dest, *filename, live photo=False, raw photo=False, export as hardlink=False. overwrite=False. increment=True. sidecar=0. sideexiftool=False, car drop ext=False, use photos export=False, timeout=120. use_albums_as_keywords=False, use_persons_as_keywords=False, word_template=None, description_template=None, update=False, ignore_signature=False, export db=None, fileutil=<class 'osxphotos.fileutil.FileUtil'>, dry run=False, touch_file=False, convert_to_jpeg=False, jpeg_quality=1.0, ignore_date_modified=False, use_photokit=False, verbose=None, exiftool_flags=None, merge_exif_keywords=False, merge_exif_persons=False, jpeg_ext=None, persons=True, location=True, place keywords=False)

export photo, like export but with update and dry_run options dest: must be valid destination path or exception raised filename: (optional): name of exported picture; if not provided, will use current filename

NOTE: if provided, user must ensure file extension (suffix) is correct. For example, if photo is .CR2 file, edited image may be .jpeg. If you provide an extension different than what the actual file is, will export the photo using the incorrect file extension (unless use_photos_export is true, in which case export will use the extension provided by Photos upon export. e.g. to get the extension of the edited photo, reference PhotoInfo.path_edited

edited: (boolean, default=False); if True will export the edited version of the photo (or raise exception if no edited version)

live_photo: (boolean, default=False); if True, will also export the associted .mov for live photos raw_photo: (boolean, default=False); if True, will also export the associted RAW photo export_as_hardlink: (boolean, default=False); if True, will hardlink files instead of copying them overwrite: (boolean, default=False); if True will overwrite files if they alreay exist increment: (boolean, default=True); if True, will increment file name until a non-existant name is found

if overwrite=False and increment=False, export will fail if destination file already exists

sidecar: bit field: set to one or more of SIDECAR_XMP, SIDECAR_JSON, SIDECAR_EXIFTOOL

- SIDECAR_JSON: if set will write a json sidecar with data in format readable by exiftool sidecar filename will be dest/filename.json; includes exiftool tag group names (e.g. exiftool -G -j)
- SIDECAR_EXIFTOOL: if set will write a json sidecar with data in format readable by exiftool sidecar filename will be dest/filename.json; does not include exiftool tag group names (e.g. exiftool -j)
- SIDECAR_XMP: if set will write an XMP sidecar with IPTC data sidecar filename will be dest/filename.xmp

sidecar_drop_ext: (boolean, default=False); if True, drops the photo's extension from sidecar filename (e.g. 'IMG_1234.json' instead of 'IMG_1234.JPG.json') use_photos_export: (boolean, default=False); if True will attempt to export photo via applescript interaction with Photos timeout: (int, default=120) timeout in seconds used with use_photos_export exiftool: (boolean, default = False); if True, will use exiftool to write metadata to export file use_albums_as_keywords: (boolean, default = False); if True, will include album names in keywords when exporting metadata with exiftool or sidecar use_persons_as_keywords: (boolean, default = False); if True, will include person names in keywords when exporting metadata with exiftool or sidecar keyword_template: (list of strings); list of template strings that will be rendered as used

as keywords description_template: string; optional template string that will be rendered for use as photo description update: (boolean, default=False); if True export will run in update mode, that is, it will

not export the photo if the current version already exists in the destination

ignore_signature: (bool, default=False), ignore file signature when used with update (look only at file-name) export_db: (ExportDB_ABC); instance of a class that conforms to ExportDB_ABC with methods

for getting/setting data related to exported files to compare update state

fileutil: (FileUtilABC); class that conforms to FileUtilABC with various file utilities dry_run: (boolean, default=False); set to True to run in "dry run" mode touch_file: (boolean, default=False); if True, sets file's modification time upon photo date convert_to_jpeg: boolean; if True, converts non-jpeg images to jpeg_jpeg_quality: float in range 0.0 <= jpeg_quality <= 1.0. A value of 1.0 specifies use best quality, a value of 0.0 specifies use maximum compression. ignore_date_modified: for use with sidecar and exiftool; if True, sets EXIF:ModifyDate to EXIF:DateTimeOriginal even if date_modified is set verbose: optional callable function to use for printing verbose text during processing; if None (default), does not print output. exiftool_flags: optional list of flags to pass to exiftool when using exiftool option, e.g ["-m", "-F"] merge_exif_keywords: boolean; if True, merged keywords found in file's exif data (requires exiftool) merge_exif_persons: boolean; if True, merged persons found in file's exif data (requires exiftool) jpeg_ext: if set, will use this value for extension on jpegs converted to jpeg with convert_to_jpeg; if not set, uses jpeg; do not include the leading "." persons: if True, include persons in exported metadata location: if True, include location in exported metadata replace_keywords: if True, keyword_template replaces any keywords, otherwise it's additive

Returns: ExportResults class ExportResults has attributes: "exported", "new", "updated", "skipped", "exif_updated", "touched", "converted_to_jpeg", "sidecar_json_written", "sidecar_json_skipped", "sidecar_exiftool_written", "sidecar_exiftool_skipped", "sidecar_xmp_written", "sidecar_xmp_skipped", "missing", "error", "error_str", "exiftool_warning", "exiftool_error",

Note: to use dry run mode, you must set dry_run=True and also pass in memory version of export_db, and no-op fileutil (e.g. ExportDBInMemory and FileUtilNoOp)

property external_edit

Returns True if picture was edited outside of Photos using external editor

property face_info

list of FaceInfo objects for faces in picture

property favorite

True if picture is marked as favorite

property filename

filename of the picture

property has raw

returns True if photo has an associated raw image (that is, it's a RAW+JPEG pair), otherwise False

property hasadjustments

True if picture has adjustments / edits

property hdr

Returns True if photo is an HDR photo, otherwise False

property height

returns height of the current photo version in pixels

property hidden

True if picture is hidden

property import_info

ImportInfo object representing import session for the photo or None if no import session

property incloud

Returns True if photo is cloud asset and is synched to cloud False if photo is cloud asset and not yet synched to cloud None if photo is not cloud asset

property intrash

True if picture is in trash ('Recently Deleted' folder)

property iscloudasset

Returns True if photo is a cloud asset (in an iCloud library), otherwise False

property ismissing

returns true if photo is missing from disk (which means it's not been downloaded from iCloud) NOTE: the photos.db database uses an asynchrounous write-ahead log so changes in Photos

do not immediately get written to disk. In particular, I've noticed that downloading an image from the cloud does not force the database to be updated until something else e.g. an edit, keyword, etc. occurs forcing a database synch The exact process / timing is a mystery to be but be aware that if some photos were recently downloaded from cloud to local storate their status in the database might still show isMissing = 1

property ismovie

Returns True if file is a movie, otherwise False

property isphoto

Returns True if file is an image, otherwise False

property israw

returns True if photo is a raw image. For images with an associated RAW+JPEG pair, see has_raw

property isreference

Returns True if photo is a reference (not copied to the Photos library), otherwise False

json()

Return JSON representation

property keywords

list of keywords for picture

property labels

returns list of labels applied to photo by Photos image categorization only valid on Photos 5, on older libraries returns empty list

property labels_normalized

returns normalized list of labels applied to photo by Photos image categorization only valid on Photos 5, on older libraries returns empty list

property likes

Returns list of Like objects for any likes on the photo (sorted by date)

property live_photo

Returns True if photo is a live photo, otherwise False

property location

returns (latitude, longitude) as float in degrees or None

property orientation

returns EXIF orientation of the current photo version as int or 0 if current orientation cannot be determined

property original_filename

original filename of the picture Photos 5 mangles filenames upon import

property original_filesize

returns filesize of original photo in bytes as int

property original_height

returns height of the original photo version in pixels

property original_orientation

returns EXIF orientation of the original photo version as int

property original_width

returns width of the original photo version in pixels

property panorama

Returns True if photo is a panorama, otherwise False

property path

absolute path on disk of the original picture

property path_edited

absolute path on disk of the edited picture

property path_live_photo

Returns path to the associated video file for a live photo If photo is not a live photo, returns None If photo is missing, returns None

property path_raw

absolute path of associated RAW image or None if there is not one

property person_info

list of PersonInfo objects for person in picture

property persons

list of persons in picture

property place

Returns PlaceInfo object containing reverse geolocation info

property portrait

Returns True if photo is a portrait, otherwise False

property raw_original

returns True if associated raw image and the raw image is selected in Photos via "Use RAW as Original" otherwise returns False

render_template(template_str, none_str='_', path_sep=None, expand_inplace=False, in-place_sep=None, filename=False, dirname=False, strip=False)

Renders a template string for PhotoInfo instance using PhotoTemplate

Parameters

- template_str a template string with fields to render
- none_str a str to use if template field renders to None, default is "_".
- path_sep a single character str to use as path separator when joining fields like folder_album; if not provided, defaults to os.path.sep
- **expand_inplace** expand multi-valued substitutions in-place as a single string instead of returning individual strings
- inplace_sep optional string to use as separator between multi-valued keywords with expand_inplace; default is ','
- filename if True, template output will be sanitized to produce valid file name
- dirname if True, template output will be sanitized to produce valid directory name
- strip if True, strips leading/trailing white space from resulting template

Returns tuple of list of rendered strings and list of unmatched template values

Return type ([rendered_strings], [unmatched])

property score

Computed score information for a photo

Returns ScoreInfo instance

property screenshot

Returns True if photo is an HDR photo, otherwise False

property search_info

returns SearchInfo object for photo only valid on Photos 5, on older libraries, returns None

property search_info_normalized

returns SearchInfo object for photo that produces normalized results only valid on Photos 5, on older libraries, returns None

property selfie

Returns True if photo is a selfie (front facing camera), otherwise False

property shared

returns True if photos is in a shared iCloud album otherwise false Only valid on Photos 5; returns None on older versions

property slow_mo

Returns True if photo is a slow motion video, otherwise False

property time_lapse

Returns True if photo is a time lapse video, otherwise False

property title

name / title of picture

property tzoffset

timezone offset from UTC in seconds

property uti

Returns Uniform Type Identifier (UTI) for the image for example: public.jpeg or com.apple.quicktime-movie

property uti_edited

Returns Uniform Type Identifier (UTI) for the edited image if the photo has been edited, otherwise None; for example: public.jpeg

property uti_original

Returns Uniform Type Identifier (UTI) for the original image for example: public.jpeg or com.apple.quicktime-movie

property uti_raw

Returns Uniform Type Identifier (UTI) for the RAW image if there is one for example: com.canon.cr2-raw-image Returns None if no associated RAW image

property uuid

UUID of picture

property visible

True if picture is visble

property width

returns width of the current photo version in pixels

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