



Release Notes

Thespian Python Actor System

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- Add loadActorSource() and unloadActorSource() to Actor API (duplicating existing Actor System API functionality).
- Internal: use distributed importlib whenever possible.
- Fix stats response for Actor Systems for Python3.
- Allow optional error strings in reporting actor creation failures.
- Better capture and reporting of loaded source instantiation errors.
- Miscellaneous test and logging updates.

2.3.0 <2015-10-04 Sun>

- Added ActorTypeDispatcher enhanced base class to facilitate dispatching of received messages based on message type.
- Ensure exceptions occurring while writing to Thespian file log do not cause failures.
- Protect against exceptions occurring when comparing messages for equality.
- Updates to testActorSystemRestart.
- Update "Thespian Generation" common Capabilities to version (2,3). Previous 2.2.0 release erroneously did not update this value.

2.2.0 <2015-09-27 Sun>

- Fix internal links in Using Thespian document.
- Add support for multiple convention notification registrations.
- Allow ActorSystem logDefs to be specified as False to suppress any logging configuration; especially useful for test log capture modes.

- Better ActorSystem startup processing to distinguish between a re-specification of the current base and a new base, and added the transientUnique startup argument to get a plain instance (a non-global-singleton instance).
- Added missing description of the ActorSystem shutdown() operation in the Using Thespian document.
- Added ability to set the maximum thesplog logging file via the THESPLOG_FILE_MAXSIZE environment variable and changed the default to 50KB.
- Added Using Thespian documentation description of logging with the THESPLOG_FILE and THESPLOG_FILE_MAXSIZE environment variable controls.

2.1.6 <2015-09-27 Sun>

- Fix imports in tests and actors.py for multiple Python versions.
- Add missing timeout to test to prevent hang.

2.1.5 <2015-09-20 Sun>

- Adds support for Python 3.3 and Python 3.4 versions, including the use of the PyPy interpreter.
- Adds the listen() API call (ask() is tell() + listen())
- Log Actor exception through normal logging channels as well as via Thespian internal logging output.
- The Thespian shell loads the TestActor via loadable sources.
- The simpleSystemBase will always apply default logging.
- The loadActorSource() call can now take a file-like object as well as a filename.
- Added the Thespian Developer's document.
- Added the Thespian In-Depth Introduction document.
- Added the Thespian Index (main pages) document.
- Added the Thespian Releases document.
- Internal updates to more gracefully handle shutdown scenarios and avoid impossible retransmits.
- Testing, documentation, and setup file updates.

2.1.4 Initial Public Release <2015-08-31 Mon>

The 2.1.4 Release represents the first publicly available release of Thespian. It includes the following features:

- System Bases: SimpleSystemBase, MultiprocTCPBase, MultiprocUDPBase, MultiprocQueueBase
- Support for Loadable Sources

2.0

The 2.0 Release was developed and used internally by GoDaddy.

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The 1.x Release series was developed and used internally by GoDaddy