

# The WatchDog API Module

This library contains implementation of Linux watchdog device API for Python (see Documentation/watchdog/watchdog-api.txt in Linux kernel source tree).

The built-in type included in extension module provides wrapper methods for ioctl commands as well as simple write access to the device.

## The Module interface

<code>keep_alive()</code>	feed the dog to prevent the reset, return value None
<code>get_status()</code>	get the current status of the dog, return value 0
<code>get_boot_status()</code>	get boot status of the dog, return value 0
<code>get_timeout()</code>	get the dog timeout value
<code>set_timeout(int timeout)</code>	set the dog timeout value. max is 65
<code>magic_close</code>	turn off the dog reset mechanism

Make sure your watchdog driver is loaded and /dev/watchdog exists and is writeable. After that you should be able to import the module and open the watchdog device:

## The example

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root@hezhi:/#  
root@hezhi:/# python  
Python 2.7.12 (default, Apr 28 2020, 14:46:50)  
[GCC 4.8.3] on linux2  
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more  
information.  
>>> from watchdogapi import *  
>>> wdt = watchdog('/dev/watchdog')  
>>> wdt.get_timeout()  
65
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>>> wdt.get_status()
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0
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>>> wdt.get_boot_status()
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0
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>>> wdt.keep_alive()
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>>> wdt.set_timeout(60)
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>>> wdt.magic_close()
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>>>
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