

HCP SDK Documentation

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PREFACE

1.1 Intention

There are several needs that led to the creation of the HCP SDK:

- Blueprint implementation of a connector module to access HCPs authenticated *namespaces* in a language that is easy enough to understand for any developers, whatever language she/he normally uses, to provide a base for own development.
- Showcase for coding guidelines outlined below.
- Demonstration material for developer trainings.
- And last, but not least, a replacement for the various modules the author used in the past for his own coding projects.

1.2 About HCP

Hitachi Content Platform (HCP) is a distributed object storage system designed to support large, growing repositories of fixed-content data. An HCP system consists of both hardware (physical or virtual) and software.

HCP stores objects that include both data and metadata that describes that data. HCP distributes these objects across the storage space. HCP represents objects either as URLs or as files in a standard file system. An HCP repository is partitioned into namespaces. Each *namespace* consists of a distinct logical grouping of objects with its own directory structure. *Namespaces* are owned and managed by *tenants*.

HCP provides access to objects through a variety of industry-standard protocols, as well as through a native http[s]/reST interface.

1.3 Focus

hcpsdk primarily focuses on HCP version 3 and above, and the *authenticated Namespaces* invented with version 3.

For using **hcpsdk** with the *Default Namespace*, see *Appendix 1* (page 45).

Using the **hcpsdk.mapi.replication** class needs functionality invented with HCP version 7.

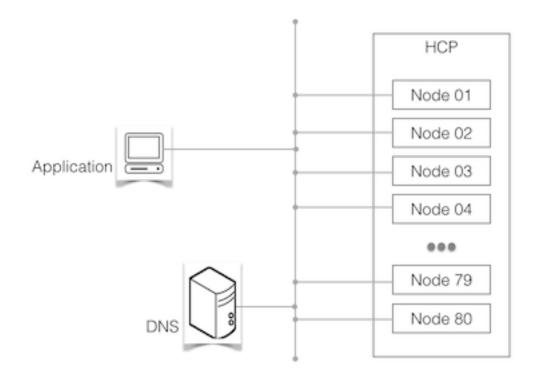


Figure 1.1: A simple HCP environment

1.4 Coding for HCP

Even as HCP might behave like a web server at first glance, it has some very different characteristics when it comes to coding against it, using one of the http/reST based interfaces (native http/reST, HS3 and HSwift). This isn't really relevant for an application doing a single request from time to time, but it is critical for an application designated for high load / high performance HCP access.

To create an application optimized for optimal HCP access for the latter case:

- 1. Use threading or multiprocessing to access HCP using multiple connections in parallel
- 2. Use all available nodes, in conjunction with (1.)
- 3. Keep connections persistent, as connection setup is an expensive operation, especially when using https. Nevertheless, release connections if unused for some time, as one should not block an HCP connection slot permanently without using it.
- 4. If there's no urgent need for an human-readable structure, use a structure optimized for HCP, as demonstrated with the *hcpsdk.pathbuilder unique object names* (page 23) subpackage

There are some additional suggestions not aiming at performance, but for reliability:

- 5. If there is no load balancer in the data path to HCP, cache HCPs IP addresses in the application and use them to access all nodes in a round-robin fashion. Refresh the cached address pool from time to time and on a failed Connection, too. *Depending on how HCP has been integrated with the corporate DNS, this can lower network traffic overhead significantly.*
- 6. If there is a replication target HCP, make the application replica-aware at least, allow the application to read from the replica.
- 7. As a last resort, make sure the application can survive some time of not being able to connect to HCP by caching content locally to a certain degree (this is not covered by this SDK).

STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION

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- Handle HCP as a *Target* object, responsible for IP address resolution (by-passing the local *DNS* cache, per default) and assigning IP addresses out of an internally cached pool to *Connection* objects. As of today, it handles the native http/*reST* interface. Support for *HS3* and *HSwift* is planned.
 - Support for automated usage of a replicated HCP will be implemented soon, with various usage strategies available.
- Supports verification of SSL certificates presented by HCP when using https against a private CA chain file or the system's trusted CA store. Default is not to verify certificates.
- Provide *Connection* objects related to *Target* objects, responsible for traffic handling, service time measurement as well as handling of errors and timeouts. Connections are persistent for a configurable idle time, and are automatically re-connected on next use, if they timed out on idle.
- Easy access to *namespace* information and statistics.
- The *pathbuilder* (page 23) subpackage builds a path/name combination to be used to store an object into HCP, keeping the number of needed folders low.
- Provide convenience methods for the *Management API (MAPI)*. This is a bit limited today, but will be extended primarily on the authors needs. Available today:
 - Replication link information, link failover/failback.

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INSTALLATION

3.1 Dependencies

hcpsdk depends on these packages:

- dnspython3¹ Used for non-cached name resolution when bypassing the system's resolver.
- sphinx² Used to build this documentation from source code and *.rst files.
- alabaster³ the html template used for documentation

Thanks for creating those great packages!

3.2 Installation

Install **hcpsdk** by running:

```
pip install hcpsdk
-or-
```

- get the source from GitHub (https://github.com/Simont3/hcpsdk/archive/master.zip)
- unzip the archive
- run python3 setup.py install

-or-

• Fork at Github (https://github.com/Simont3/hcpsdk)

3.3 Contribute

- Fork at Github (https://github.com/Simont3/hcpsdk)
- Submit a pull request

¹http://www.dnspython.org

²http://sphinx-doc.org

³https://github.com/bitprophet/alabaster

3.4 Support

If you find any bugs, please let us know via the Issue Tracker⁴; if you have comments or suggestions, send an email to mailto:sw@snomis.de

⁴https://github.com/simont3/hcpsdk/issues

HCPSDK — OBJECT ACCESS

hcpsdk provides access to HCP through http[s]/reST dialects.

Setup is easy (see example below (page 12)):

- 1. Instantiate an *Authorization* object with the required credentials.
 - This class will be queried by *Target* objects for authorization tokens.
- 2. **Optional:** create an *SSL context* if you want to have certificates presented by HCP validated.
- 3. Instantiate a *Target* class with HCPs *Full Qualified Domain Name*, the port to be used, the *Authorization* object, optionally the *SSL context* created in 2. and -eventually- the *FQDN* of a replica HCP.
- 4. Instantiate one or more *Connection* objects.

These objects are the workhorses of the *hcpsdk* - they are providing the access methods needed. You'll need to consult the respective HCP manuals to find out how to frame the required requests.

Connection objects will open a session to HCP as soon as needed, but not before. After use, they keep the session open for an adjustable amount of time, helping to speed up things for an subsequent request.

Don't forget to close *Connection* objects when finished with them!

4.1 Methods

hcpsdk.version()

Return the full version of the HCPsdk (0.9.2-14).

4.2 Classes

class hcpsdk . NativeAuthorization (user, password)

Authorization for native http/REST access to HCP.

Parameters

- user the data access user
- password his password

class hcpsdk.DummyAuthorization

Dummy authorization for the *Default Namespace*.

class hcpsdk.Target (fqdn, authorization, port=443, dnscache=False, sslcontext=<ssl.SSLContext object at 0x10352b818>, interface='I_NATIVE', replica_fqdn=None, replica_strategy=None)

This is the a central access point to an HCP target (and its replica, eventually). It caches the FQDN and the port and queries the provided *Authorization* object for the required authorization token.

Parameters

- fqdn ([namespace.]tenant.hcp.loc)
- authorization an instance of one of BaseAuthorization's subclasses
- port port number (443, 8000 and 9090 are seen as ports using ssl)
- **dnscache** if True, use the system resolver (which **might** do local caching), else use an internal resolver, bypassing any cache available
- **sslcontext** the context used to handle https requests; defaults to no certificate verification
- **interface** the HCP interface to use (I NATIVE)
- replica_fqdn the replica HCP's FQDN (not yet implemented)
- replica_strategy ORed combination of the RS_* modes

Raises ips. Ips Error if DNS query fails, HcpsdkError in all other fault cases

Class constants:

I NATIVE

HCP's http/REST dialect for access to HCPs authenticated *namespaces*.

I DUMMY

HCP's http dialect for access to HCPs Default Namespace.

RS READ ALLOWED

Allow to read from replica (always)

RS_READ_ON_FAILOVER

Automatically read from replica when failed over

RS_WRITE_ALLOWED

Allow write to replica (always, A/A links only)

RS_WRITE_ON_FAILOVER

Allow write to replica when failed over

Read-only class attributes:

fqdn

The *FQDN* for which the Target was initialized (string).

port

The port used by the Target (int).

ssl

Target initialized for SSL (bool).

addresses

The IP addresses used by this Target (list).

headers

The http headers prepared for this Target (dictionary).

replica

The replica Target, if available (an *hcpsdk.Target* object or None).

Class methods:

getaddr()

Convenience method to get an IP address out of the pool.

Returns an IP address (as string)

class hcpsdk . Connection (target, timeout=30, idletime=30, retries=0, debuglevel=0)

This class represents a Connection to HCP, caching the related parameters.

Parameters

- target an initialized Target object
- **timeout** the timeout for this Connection (secs)
- idletime the time the Connection shall stay persistence when idle (secs)
- retries the number of retries until giving up on a Request
- **debuglevel** 0..9 -see-> http.client.HTTPconnection¹

Connection() retries request()s if:

- 1. the underlying connection has been closed by HCP before *idletime* has passed (the request will be retried using the existing connection context) or
- 2. a timeout emerges during an active request, in which case the connection is closed, *Target()* is urged to refresh its cache of IP addresses, a fresh IP address is acquired from the cache and the connection is setup from scratch.

Read-only class attributes:

address

The IP address used for this Connection.

Response

Exposition of the http.client.Response object for the last Request.

response_status

The HTTP status code of the last Request.

response_reason

The corresponding HTTP status message.

connect_time

The time the last connect took.

service time1

The time the last action on a Request took. This can be the initial part of PUT/GET/etc. or a single (possibly incomplete) read from a Response.

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¹https://docs.python.org/3/library/http.client.html?highlight=http.client#http.client.HTTPConnection.set_debuglevel

service time2

Duration of the complete Request up to now. Sum of all service_time1 during handling a Request.

Class methods:

request (method, url, body=None, params=None, headers=None)

Wraps the *http.client.HTTP[s]Connection.Request()* method to be able to catch any exception that might happen plus to be able to trigger hcpsdk.Target to do a new DNS query.

Url and *params* will be urlencoded, by default.

Beside of *method*, all arguments are valid for the convenience methods, too.

Parameters

- **method** any valid http method (GET,HEAD,PUT,POST,DELETE)
- url the url to access w/o the server part (i.e: /rest/path/object)
- **body** the payload to send (see *http.client* documentation for details)
- params a dictionary with parameters to be added to the Request:

```
{'verbose': 'true', 'retention': 'A+10y', ...}
or a list of 2-tuples:
[('verbose', 'true'), ('retention', 'A+10y'), ...]
```

• **headers** – a dictionary holding additional key/value pairs to add to the autoprepared header

Returns the original *Response* object received from *http.client.HTTP[s]Connection.requests()*.

```
getheader (*args, **kwargs)
```

Used to get a single *Response* header. Wraps *http.client.Response.getheader()*. Arguments are simply passed through.

getheaders()

Used to get a the *Response* headers. Wraps *http.client.Response.getheaders()*.

```
PUT (url, body=None, params=None, headers=None)
```

Convenience method for Request() - PUT an object. Cleans up and leaves the Connection ready for the next Request. For parameter description see *Request()*.

```
GET (url, params=None, headers=None)
```

Convenience method for Request() - GET an object. You need to fully .read() the requested content from the Connection before it can be used for another Request. For parameter description see Request().

```
HEAD (url, params=None, headers=None)
```

Convenience method for Request() - HEAD - get metadata of an object. Cleans up and leaves the Connection ready for the next Request. For parameter description see *Request()*.

```
POST (url, body=None, params=None, headers=None)
```

Convenience method for Request() - POST metadata. Does no clean-up, as a POST can have a response body! For parameter description see *Request()*.

DELETE (url, params=None, headers=None)

Convenience method for Request() - DELETE an object. Cleans up and leaves the Connection ready for the next Request. For parameter description see *Request()*.

read (amt=None)

Read amt # of bytes (or all, if amt isn't given) from a Response.

Parameters amt – number of bytes to read

Returns the requested number of bytes; fewer (or zero) bytes signal end of transfer, which means that the Connection is ready for another Request.

close()

Close the Connection. **It is essential to close the Connection**, as open connections might keep the program from terminating for at max *timeout* seconds, due to the fact that the timer used to keep the Connection persistent runs in a separate thread, which will be canceled on *close()*.

4.3 Exceptions

exception hcpsdk.HcpsdkError(reason)

Subclasses that define an __init__ must call Exception.__init__ or define self.args. Otherwise, str() will fail.

Used to signal a generic error in hcpsdk.

reason

An error description.

exception hcpsdk . HcpsdkCantConnectError (reason)

Raised if we can't connect to the HCP node

Used to signal that a connection couldn't be established.

reason

An error description.

exception hcpsdk . HcpsdkTimeoutError (reason)

Raised if we have a timeout

Used to signal a Connection timeout.

reason

An error description.

exception hcpsdk . HcpsdkCertificateError (reason)

Raised if we can't verify against the presented ssl certificate

Raised if the SSL context could doesn't verify a certificate presented by HCP.

reason

An error description.

exception hcpsdk.HcpsdkReplicaInitError(reason)

Raised if we can't setup the internal Target for the replica HCP

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Used to signal that the Target for a replica HCP couldn't be initialized (typically, this is a name resolution problem). **If this exception is raised, the primary Target's init failed, too.** You'll need to retry!

reason

An error description.

4.4 Example

```
>>> import hcpsdk
>>> hcpsdk.version()
'0.9.0-2'
>>> auth = hcpsdk.NativeAuthorization('n', 'n01')
>>> t = hcpsdk.Target('n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local', auth, port=443)
>>> c = hcpsdk.Connection(t)
>>> c.connect_time
'0.000000000010'
>>> r = c.PUT('/rest/hcpsdk/test1.txt', body='This is an example',
              params={'index': 'true'})
>>> c.response status, c.response reason
(201, 'Created')
>>>
>>> r = c.HEAD('/rest/hcpsdk/test1.txt')
>>> c.response_status, c.response_reason
(200, 'OK')
>>> c.getheaders()
[('Date', 'Sat, 31 Jan 2015 20:34:53 GMT'),
 ('Server', 'HCP V7.1.0.10'),
 ('X-RequestId', '38AD86EF250DEB35'),
 ('X-HCP-ServicedBySystem', 'hcp1.snomis.local'),
 ('X-HCP-Time', '1422736493'),
 ('X-HCP-SoftwareVersion', '7.1.0.10'),
 ('ETag', '"68791e1b03badd5e4eb9287660f67745"'),
 ('Cache-Control', 'no-cache, no-store'),
 ('Pragma', 'no-cache'),
 ('Expires', 'Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT'),
 ('Content-Type', 'text/plain'),
 ('Content-Length', '18'),
 ('X-HCP-Type', 'object'),
 ('X-HCP-Size', '18'),
 ('X-HCP-Hash', 'SHA-256 47FB563CC8F86DC37C86D08BC542968F7986ACD81C97B'
                'F76DB7AD744407FE117'),
 ('X-HCP-VersionId', '91055133849537'),
 ('X-HCP-IngestTime', '1422736466'),
 ('X-HCP-RetentionClass', ''),
 ('X-HCP-RetentionString', 'Deletion Allowed'),
 ('X-HCP-Retention', '0'),
 ('X-HCP-IngestProtocol', 'HTTP'),
 ('X-HCP-RetentionHold', 'false'),
 ('X-HCP-Shred', 'false'),
 ('X-HCP-DPL', '2'),
 ('X-HCP-Index', 'true'),
 ('X-HCP-Custom-Metadata', 'false'),
 ('X-HCP-ACL', 'false'),
 ('X-HCP-Owner', 'n'),
```

```
('X-HCP-Domain', ''),
 ('X-HCP-UID', ''),
 ('X-HCP-GID', ''),
 ('X-HCP-CustomMetadataAnnotations', ''),
 ('X-HCP-Replicated', 'false'),
 ('X-HCP-ReplicationCollision', 'false'),
('X-HCP-ChangeTimeMilliseconds', '1422736466446.00'),
 ('X-HCP-ChangeTimeString', '2015-01-31T21:34:26+0100'),
 ('Last-Modified', 'Sat, 31 Jan 2015 20:34:26 GMT')
]
>>>
>>> r = c.GET('/rest/hcpsdk/test1.txt')
>>> c.response_status, c.response_reason
(200, 'OK')
>>> c.read()
b'This is an example'
>>> c.service_time2
0.0005471706390380859
>>> r = c.DELETE('/rest/hcpsdk/test1.txt')
>>> c.response_status, c.response_reason
(200, 'OK')
>>> c.service_time2
0.0002570152282714844
>>>
>>> c.close()
>>>
```

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SSL CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION

Warning: hcpsdk doesn't verify SSL certificates presented by HCP, per default.

For the case that SSL certificate verification is desired, **hcpsdk** allows to do so without excessive effort:

- Make sure the SSL certificate presented by HCP contains the IP addresses (!) of all HCP nodes as *Subject Alternative Names*.
- Create an *SSL context* and assign it to the **Target** object during creation. Each **Connection** created using that **Target** will automatically inherit the *SSL context*.

Here are some hints:

• This example creates an *SSL context* with the recommended security settings for client sockets, including automatic certificate verification against the system's trusted CA store:

• Alternatively, you can create an SSL context that verifies certificates against a local CA file:

If you want to have more control about the protocol and/or the cipher suites in use, follow the Python documentation about SSL context creation¹.

¹https://docs.python.org/3/library/ssl.html?highlight=ssl.sslcontext#ssl.SSLContext

HCPSDK. IPS - NAME RESOLUTION

hcpsdk.ips provides name resolution service and IP address caching. Used by *hcpsdk* internally; exposed here as it might be useful alone.

6.1 Classes

class hcpsdk.ips.Circle (fqdn, port=443, dnscache=False)

Resolve an FQDN (through query()), cache the acquired IP addresses and yield them round-robin.

Parameters

- fqdn the FQDN to be resolved
- port the port to be used by the hcpsdk. Target object
- **dnscache** if True, use the system resolver (which **might** do local caching), else use an internal resolver, bypassing any cache available

Read-only class attributes:

_addresses

List of the cached IP addresses

Class methods:

```
refresh()
```

Force a fresh DNS query and rebuild the cached list of IP addresses

class hcpsdk.ips.Response(fqdn, cache)

DNS query Response object, returned by the query() function.

Parameters

- fqdn the FQDN for the Response
- cache Response from a query by-passing the local DNS cache (False) or using the system resolver (True)

Read-only class attributes:

ips

List of resolved IP addresses (as strings)

fqdn

The *FQDN* for which the resolve happened.

cache

False if the local *DNS* cache has been by-passed, True if the system-default resolver was used.

raised

Empty string when no Exception were raised, otherwise the Exception's error message.

6.2 Functions

hcpsdk.ips.query(fqdn, cache=False)

Submit a DNS query, using *socket.getaddrinfo()* if cache=True, or *dns.resolver.query()* if cache=False.

Parameters

- fqdn a FQDN to query DNS -or- a Request object
- **cache** if True, use the system resolver (which might do local caching), else use an internal resolver, bypassing any cache available

Returns an hcpsdk.ips.Response object

Raises should never raise, as Exceptions are signaled through the **Response.raised** attribute

6.3 Exceptions

```
exception hcpsdk.ips.IpsError(reason)
```

Signal an error in 'ips' - typically a name resolution problem.

reason

An error description.

HCPSDK.NAMESPACE — NAMESPACE INFORMATION

hcpsdk.namespace provides access to the actual Namespace's parameters and statistics. The **hcpsdk.Target** object must have been instantiated with a *Namespace FQDN*.

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```
class hcpsdk.namespace.Info(target, debuglevel=0)
Class to access namespaces metadata information
```

Parameters

- target an hcpsdk.Target object
- **debuglevel** 0..9 (propagated to *http.client*)

nsstatistics()

Query for namespace statistic information

Returns a dict holding the stats

Raises hcpsdk.HcpsdkError()

returned dictionary (example):

```
{'customMetadataObjectBytes': 13542405,
'customMetadataObjectCount': 380107,
'namespaceName': 'n1',
'objectCount': 402403,
'shredObjectBytes': 0,
'shredObjectCount': 0,
'softQuotaPercent': 85,
'totalCapacityBytes': 53687091200,
'usedCapacityBytes': 13792362496}
```

listaccessiblens (all=False)

List the settings of the actual (or all accessible namespace(s).

Parameters all – list all accessible namespaces if True, else list the actual one, only.

Returns a dict holding a dict per namespace

```
returned dictionary (example):
```

```
{'n2': {'defaultIndexValue': True,
        'defaultRetentionValue': 0,
        'defaultShredValue': False,
        'description': ['replicated', 'search', 'versioning'],
        'dpl': 2,
        'hashScheme': 'SHA-256',
        'name': 'n2',
        'nameIDNA': 'n2',
        'retentionMode': 'enterprise',
        'searchEnabled': True,
        'versioningEnabled': True},
 'n1': {'defaultIndexValue': True,
        'defaultRetentionValue': 0,
        'defaultShredValue': False,
        'description': ['replicated', 'search', 'no versioning'],
        'dpl': 2,
        'hashScheme': 'SHA-256',
        'name': 'n1',
        'nameIDNA': 'n1',
        'retentionMode': 'enterprise',
        'searchEnabled': True,
        'versioningEnabled': False}}
```

listretentionclasses()

List the Retention Classes available for the actual namespace.

Returns a dict holding a dict per Retention Class

returned dictionary (example):

```
{'initial_unspecified': {'autoDelete': False,
                         'description': 'Retention Class with '
                                         'an initial unspecifie'
                                         'd value.',
                         'name': 'initial_unspecified',
                         'value': -2},
'deletion_prohibited': {'autoDelete': False,
                         'description': 'Class which prohibits'
                                         ' deletion.',
                         'name': 'deletion_prohibited',
                         'value': -1},
 'TAX_DATA': {'autoDelete': True,
              'description': 'Class for tax data - actually 10'
                             ' years.',
              'name': 'TAX DATA',
              'value': 'A+10y'}}
```

listpermissions()

List the namespace and user permissions for the actual namespace.

Returns a dict holding a dict per permission domain

```
returned dictionary (example):
```

```
{'namespacePermissions': {'browse': True,
                           'changeOwner': True,
                           'delete': True,
                           'privileged': True,
                           'purge': True,
                           'read': True,
                           'readAcl': True,
                           'search': True,
                           'write': True,
                           'writeAcl': True},
 'namespaceEffectivePermissions': {'browse': True,
                                     'changeOwner': True,
                                     'delete': True,
                                     'privileged': True,
                                     'purge': True,
                                     'read': True,
                                     'readAcl': True,
                                     'search': True,
                                     'write': True,
                                     'writeAcl': True},
 'userPermissions': {'browse': True,
                      'changeOwner': True,
                      'delete': True,
                      'privileged': True,
                      'purge': True,
                      'read': True,
                      'readAcl': True,
                      'search': True,
                      'write': True,
                      'writeAcl': True},
 'userEffectivePermissions': {'browse': True,
                               'changeOwner': True,
                               'delete': True,
                                'privileged': True,
                                'purge': True,
                                'read': True,
                               'readAcl': True,
                               'search': True,
                               'write': True,
                               'writeAcl': True}}
```

7.2 Example

```
>>> import hcpsdk.namespace
>>> from pprint import pprint
>>> auth = hcpsdk.NativeAuthorization('n', 'n01')
>>> t = hcpsdk.Target('n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local', auth, port=443)
>>> n = hcpsdk.namespace.Info(t)
>>> pprint(n.nsstatistics())
{'customMetadataObjectBytes': 0,
'customMetadataObjectCount': 0,
'namespaceName': 'n1',
'objectCount': 0,
'shredObjectBytes': 0,
```

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```
'shredObjectCount': 0,
'softQuotaPercent': 85,
'totalCapacityBytes': 53687091200,
'usedCapacityBytes': 0}
>>>
```

HCPSDK.PATHBUILDER — UNIQUE OBJECT NAMES

Due to its internals, bulk ingest activity into HCP delivers best possible performance if multiple parallel writes are directed to different folders take place.

This subpackage offers functionality to create an unique object name along with a pseudo-random path to a folder to store the object in.

The object name generated is an UUID version 1, as defined in RFC 4122¹. The algorithm uses (one of) the servers MAC addresses, along with the system time to create the UUID.

8.1 Intended Use

Applications typically utilize a database to keep reference pointers to objects they stored to HCP. Instead of storing a full path as a reference to each object (i.e.: https://ns.tenant.hcp.domain.com/rest/mypath/myfile), applications should define a data pool that describes the storage target (i.e.: https://ns.tenant.hcp.domain.com, startpath='/rest/myapp').

When storing a reference, an application should store the name generated by **hcpsdk.pathbuilder.PathBuilder.getunique()**, along with a reference to the *data pool* used.

Benefits are:

- Reasonable space usage in the applications database
- The actual content address (the full URL) is easily computable from the *data pool* and **hcpsdk.pathbuilder.PathBuilder.getpath**(**reference**)
- In case the applications data needs to be migrated to a different storage system or a different *namespace* within HCP, it's just a matter of migrating the data in the background and then changing the *data pool* definition, keeping application disturbence extremly low.

8.2 Classes

class hcpsdk.pathbuilder.PathBuilder(initialpath='/rest/hcpsdk', annotation=False)

Conversion of a filename into a unique object name and a proper path for HCPs needs. Reconversion of a unique object name to the path where the object can be found in HCP.

Parameters

¹http://tools.ietf.org/pdf/rfc4122.pdf

- initialpath the leading part of the path
- **annotation** if True, create an XML structure to be used as custom metadata annotation containing a tag with the original filename of the object.

```
getunique (filename)
```

Build a unique path / object name scheme.

The path is build from **initialpath** given during class instantiation plus byte 4 and 3 of the UUID in hexadecimal.

If **annotation** is True during class instantiation, there will be a third element in the returned tuple, containing an XML structure that can be used as custom metadata annotation for the object.

Parameters filename – the filename to be transformed

Returns a tuple consisting of path, unique object name and -eventually- an annotation string.

Raises hcpsdk.pathbuilder.pathbuilderError

Example:

getpath (objectname)

From a unique object name, retrieve the path in which the object was stored.

Parameters objectname – an unique object name

Returns the full path to the object (including its name)

Raises hcpsdk.pathbuilder.pathbuilderError

Example:

```
>>> p.getpath('8ac8ecb4-9f1e-11e4-a524-98fe94437d8c')
'/rest/mypath/b4/ec/8ac8ecb4-9f1e-11e4-a524-98fe94437d8c'
>>>
```

8.3 Exceptions

```
exception hcpsdk.pathbuilder.PathBuilderError(reason)
```

Used to signal an error during unique object name generation or object name to path mapping.

reason

An error description.

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HCPSDK.MAPI — MAPI ACCESS

hcpsdk.mapi provides access to selected MAPI functions.

9.1 Classes

class hcpsdk.mapi.Replication (target, debuglevel=0)

Access replication link information, modify the replication link state.

Parameters

- target an hcpsdk.Target object
- **debuglevel** 0..9 (used in *http.client*)

Class constants:

Link types:

R_ACTIVE_ACTIVE

Active/Active link

R_OUTBOUND

Outbound link (active/passive)

R INBOUND

Inbound link (active/passive)

Link activities:

R SUSPEND

Suspend a link (all link types)

R_RESUME

Resume a suspended link (all link types)

R_RESTORE

Restore a link (all link types)

R_FAILOVER

Initiate a failover (all link types)

R FAILBACK

Initiate a failback (ACTIVE/ACTIVE links only)

R BEGINRECOVERY

Begin recovery (INBOUND links only)

R COMPLETERECOVERY

Complete recovery (INBOUND links only)

```
Class methodes:
```

```
getreplicationsettings()
```

Query MAPI for the general settings of the replication service.

Returns a dict containing the settings

Raises HcpsdkError

returned dictionary (example):

```
{'allowTenantsToMonitorNamespaces': 'true',
  'enableDNSFailover': 'true',
  'enableDomainAndCertificateSynchronization': 'true',
  'network': '[hcp_system]'}
```

getlinklist()

Query MAPI for a list of replication links.

Returns a list with the names of replication links

Raises HcpsdkError

returned list (example):

```
['hcp1-a-a-hcp2']
```

getlinkdetails(link)

Query MAPI for the details of a replication link.

Parameters link – the name of the link as retrieved by getlinklist()

Returns a dict holding the details

Raises HcpsdkError

the returned dictionary (example):

```
'priority': 'OLDEST_FIRST',
'statistics': {'bytesPending': '0',
                'bytesPendingRemote': '0',
                'bytesPerSecond': '0.0',
                'bytesReplicated': '0',
                'errors': '0',
                'errorsPerSecond': '0.0',
                'objectsPending': '0',
                'objectsPendingRemote': '0',
                'objectsReplicated': '0',
                'operationsPerSecond': '0.0',
                'upToDateAsOfMillis': '1419975449113',
                'upToDateAsOfString': '2014-12-30T22:37:29+0100'},
'status': 'GOOD',
'statusMessage': 'Synchronizing data',
'suspended': 'false',
'type': 'ACTIVE_ACTIVE'}
```

$\verb|setreplicationlinkstate| (linkname, action, linktype=None)|$

Failover and failback a replication link.

Parameters

- linkname name of the link to change the state
- linktype one of [R_ACTIVE_ACTIVE, R_OUTBOUND, R_INBOUND]; not required for [R_SUSPEND, R_RESUME, R_RESTORE]
- action one of [R_SUSPEND, R_RESUME, R_RESTORE, R_FAILOVER, R_FAILBACK, R_BEGINRECOVERY, R_COMPLETERECOVERY]

Raises HcpsdkError

9.2 Exceptions

exception hcpsdk.mapi.ReplicationSettingsError(reason)

Indicate an invalid action for the given link type (R_BEGINRECOVERY or R_COMPLETERECOVERY on a R_ACTIVE_ACTIVE link, R_FAILBACK on an R_OUTBOUND or R_INBOUND link).

reason

An error description.

9.3 Example

```
>>> import hcpsdk.mapi
>>> from pprint import pprint
>>>
>>> auth = hcpsdk.NativeAuthorization('service', 'service01')
>>> t = hcpsdk.Target('admin.hcp1.snomis.local', auth, port=9090)
>>> r = hcpsdk.mapi.Replication(t)
>>> l = r.getlinklist()
```

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```
>>> 1
['hcp1--<-->--hcp2']
>>> d = r.getlinkdetails(1[0])
>>> pprint(d)
{'compression': 'false',
 'connection': {'localHost': '192.168.0.52, 192.168.0.53, '
                               '192.168.0.54, 192.168.0.55',
                 'localPort': '5748',
                 'remoteHost': '192.168.0.56, 192.168.0.57, '
                                '192.168.0.58, 192.168.0.59',
                 'remotePort': '5748'},
 'description': 'active/active replication between HCP1 and HCP2',
 'encryption': 'false',
 'failoverSettings': {'local': {'autoFailover': 'false',
                                  'autoFailoverMinutes': '120'},
                       'remote': {'autoFailover': 'false',
                                   'autoFailoverMinutes': '120'}},
 'id': '81b6df01-2bda-4094-aed8-0c47e68bd820',
 'name': 'hcp1--<-->--hcp2',
 'priority': 'OLDEST_FIRST',
 'statistics': {'bytesPending': '0',
                 'bytesPendingRemote': '0',
                 'bytesPerSecond': '0.0',
                 'bytesReplicated': '0',
                 'errors': '0',
                 'errorsPerSecond': '0.0',
                 'objectsPending': '0',
                 'objectsPendingRemote': '0',
                 'objectsReplicated': '0',
                 'operationsPerSecond': '0.0',
'upToDateAsOfMillis': '1422701963994',
                 'upToDateAsOfString': '2015-01-31T11:59:23+0100'},
 'status': 'GOOD',
 'statusMessage': 'Synchronizing data',
 'suspended': 'false',
 'type': 'ACTIVE_ACTIVE'}
>>>
```

CHAPTER

TEN

CODE SAMPLES

10.1 Simple object I/O without replica

10.1.1 Code sample

This code sample shows basic usage of the SDK - ingest an object, retrieve its metadata, read and delete it. It also shows how to retrieve request timers and how to enable debug logging.

First, we import the needed packages and setup a few constants with the parameters needed to access HCP. We also make sure that this program only runs if called as such:

```
import sys
from os.path import normpath
from pprint import pprint
import hcpsdk

# HCP Connection details - you'll need to adopt this to your environment!
# -- primary HCP
P_FQDN = 'n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local'
P_USER = 'n'
P_PASS = 'n01'
P_PORT = 443
# -- file to be used for the test (read-only)
P_FILE = normpath('../testfiles/128kbfile')
# -- debug mode
P_DEBUG = True

if __name__ == '__main__':
```

We need to create an authorization object, which converts the user credentials into the authorization token needed for HCP access.

```
# Setup an authorization object:
auth = hcpsdk.NativeAuthorization(P_USER, P_PASS)
print('*I_NATIVE* authorization initialized')
print('')
```

Now, we initialize a **Target** object with the parameters and the authorization object created in the steps before. Notice that we do this within a try/except clause, as we need to be able to react on errors that might happen during initialization.

```
# Setup an HCP Target object:
try:
    t = hcpsdk.Target(P_FQDN, auth, port=P_PORT)
```

At next, we initialize a **Connection** object, using the **Target** created before. Notice that there is no IP address assigned to the Connection at this time! This is because a connection will acquire an IP address not earlier than needed.

```
# Setup a Connection object:
try:
    c = hcpsdk.Connection(t)
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkError as e:
    sys.exit('init of *Target* failed - {}'.format(e))
else:
    print('Connection *c* uses IP address: {}'.format(c.address))
    print('')
```

Now that we have a **Connection** and its corresponding **Target**, let's write an object (the 128kb file); we'll also set some policies for it, using the *params* argument. Again, notice the exception handling! Now, we have an IP address assigned. If all's well, print the hash value HCP calculated for our object:

```
# Ingest an object:
try:
    with open (P_FILE, 'r') as infile:
        r = c.PUT('/rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt',
                  body=infile,
                  params={'index': 'true', 'shred': 'true'})
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkTimeoutError as e:
    sys.exit('PUT timed out - {}'.format(e))
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkError as e:
    sys.exit('PUT failed - {}'.format(e))
except OSError as e:
    sys.exit('failure on {} - {}'.format(P_FILE, e))
else:
    if c.response_status == 201:
        print('PUT Request was successful')
        print('used IP address: {}'.format(c.address))
        print('hash = {}'.format(c.getheader('X-HCP-Hash')))
        print('connect time:
                              {:0.12f} seconds'
              .format(c.connect time))
        print('Request duration: {:0.12f} seconds'
              .format(c.service_time2))
        print('')
    else:
        sys.exit('PUT failed - {}-{}'.format(c.response_status,
                                              c.response_reason))
```

OK, as all was well so far, let's see if our object is really there - we'll do an *HEAD* Request and if successful, print the returned headers, as they contain the objects metadata:

```
# Check an object for existence and get its metadata:
try:
    r = c.HEAD('/rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt')
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkTimeoutError as e:
    sys.exit('HEAD timed out - {}'.format(e))
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkError as e:
```

We'll read the object back and print the first few bytes of its content:

```
# Read an object:
try:
    r = c.GET('/rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt')
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkTimeoutError as e:
    sys.exit('GET timed out - {}'.format(e))
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkError as e:
    sys.exit('GET failed - {}'.format(e))
else:
    if c.response_status == 200:
        print('GET Request was successful - here\'s the content:')
        print('{}...'.format(c.read()[:40]))
        print('used IP address: {}'.format(c.address))
        print('Request duration: {:0.12f} seconds'
              .format(c.service_time2))
        print('')
    else:
        sys.exit('GET failed - {}-{}'.format(c.response_status,
                                              c.response reason))
```

Clean up by deleting the object again:

```
# Delete the object:
   r = c.DELETE('/rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt')
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkTimeoutError as e:
   sys.exit('DELETE timed out - {}'.format(e))
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkError as e:
   sys.exit('DELETE failed - {}'.format(e))
else:
   if c.response_status == 200:
       print('DELETE Request was successful')
       print('used IP address: {}'.format(c.address))
       print('Request duration: {:0.12f} seconds'
              .format(c.service_time2))
       print('')
   else:
        sys.exit('DELETE failed - {}-{}'.format(c.response_status,
                                                 c.response_reason))
```

And finally, don't forget to close the **Connection**! This will cleanly cancel the timer thread that keeps an idle connection open (persistent). Not doing so will lead to the program not finishing until the timer expires!

```
# Close the Connection:
finally:
    # noinspection PyUnboundLocalVariable
    c.close()
```

As the SDK is pre-configured for DEBUG logging using Pythons native logging facility, you simply enable it by activating a logger, set to level DEBUG. In this example, we simply set P_DEBUG to True, which will enable the logging facility:

10.1.2 Sample code output

Without debug messages

```
running *simple_primary_only.py*
*I_NATIVE* authorization initialized
Target *t* was initialized with IP addresses: ['192.168.0.53',
                                                '192.168.0.54',
                                                '192.168.0.55',
                                                '192.168.0.52']
Connection *c* uses IP address: None
PUT Request was successful
used IP address: 192.168.0.54
hash = SHA-256
       A2706A20394E48179A86C71E82C360C2960D3652340F9B9FDB355A42E3AC7691
connect time:
                  0.001283884048 seconds
Request duration: 0.079370975494 seconds
HEAD Request was successful - one of the headers:
Server: HCP V7.1.0.10
used IP address: 192.168.0.54
Request duration: 0.000217914581 seconds
GET Request was successful - here's the content:
b'0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef01234567'...
used IP address: 192.168.0.54
Request duration: 0.019832849503 seconds
DELETE Request was successful
used IP address: 192.168.0.54
Request duration: 0.000179052353 seconds
```

With debug messages

```
INFO running *simple_primary_only.py*
DEBUG *I_NATIVE* authorization initialized for user: n
DEBUG pre version 6:
                      Cookie: hcp-ns-auth=bg==:1dc7fed37e11b35093d311...
DEBUG version 6+: Authorization: HCP bg==:1dc7fed37e11b35093d311ef66928...
 INFO *I NATIVE* authorization initialized
DEBUG (re-) loaded IP address cache: ['192.168.0.52', '192.168.0.53',
                                      '192.168.0.54', '192.168.0.55'],
                                      dnscache = False
DEBUG issued IP address: 192.168.0.52
DEBUG Target initialized: n1.m.hcpl.snomis.local:443 - SSL = True
 INFO Target *t* was initialized with IP addresses: ['192.168.0.52',
                                                      '192.168.0.53',
                                                      '192.168.0.54',
                                                      '192.168.0.55']
DEBUG Connection object initialized: IP None (n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local)
                                     - timeout: 30
                                     - idletime: 30.0 - retries: 3
 INFO Connection *c* uses IP address: None
 INFO
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG URL = /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
DEBUG Connection needs to be opened
DEBUG issued IP address: 192.168.0.53
DEBUG Connection open: IP 192.168.0.53 (n1.m.hcpl.snomis.local)
                       - connect_time: 0.0016319751739501953
DEBUG PUT Request for /rest/hcpsdk/sample primary only.txt
                       - service\_time1 = 0.07865500450134277
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG idletimer started: <Timer(Thread-1, started 4350545920)>
 INFO PUT Request was successful
 INFO used IP address: 192.168.0.53
 INFO hash = SHA-256
            A2706A20394E48179A86C71E82C360C2960D3652340F9B9FDB355A42E3AC7691
 INFO connect time: 0.001631975174 seconds
 INFO Request duration: 0.078655004501 seconds
 INFO
DEBUG idletimer canceled: <Timer(Thread-1, started 4350545920)>
DEBUG URL = /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
DEBUG HEAD Request for /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
                       - service_time1 = 0.0001850128173828125
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG idletimer started: <Timer(Thread-2, started 4350545920)>
 INFO HEAD Request was successful - one of the headers:
 INFO Server: HCP V7.1.0.10
 INFO used IP address: 192.168.0.53
 INFO Request duration: 0.000185012817 seconds
 INFO
DEBUG idletimer canceled: <Timer(Thread-2, started 4350545920)>
DEBUG URL = /rest/hcpsdk/sample primary only.txt
DEBUG GET Request for /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
                      - service_time1 = 0.000186920166015625
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG idletimer started: <Timer(Thread-3, started 4350545920)>
 INFO GET Request was successful - here's the content:
```

```
DEBUG (partial?) read: service_time1 = 0.022004127502441406 secs
 INFO b'0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef01234567'...
 INFO used IP address: 192.168.0.53
 INFO Request duration: 0.022191047668 seconds
 INFO
DEBUG idletimer canceled: <Timer(Thread-3, started 4350545920)>
DEBUG URL = /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
DEBUG DELETE Request for /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
                         - service_time1 = 0.0001800060272216797
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG idletimer started: <Timer(Thread-4, started 4350545920)>
 INFO DELETE Request was successful
 INFO used IP address: 192.168.0.53
 INFO Request duration: 0.000180006027 seconds
 INFO
DEBUG idletimer canceled: <Timer(Thread-4, started 4350545920)>
DEBUG Connection object closed: IP 192.168.0.53 (n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local)
```

10.2 Simple object I/O without replica, with SSL certificate verification

10.2.1 Code sample

This code sample is exactly the same as the one shown as *Simple object I/O without replica* (page 31), except that we verify the SSL certificate presented by HCP against a CA certificate chain we have locally on file. So, described here are only the differences to the first code sample.

We need to import ssl.create_default_context and define a file that holds our CA certificate chain:

```
import sys
from os.path import normpath
from ssl import create_default_context
from pprint import pprint
import hcpsdk
# HCP Connection details - you'll need to adopt this to your environment!
# -- primary HCP
P_FQDN = 'n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local'
P USER = 'n'
P PASS = 'n01'
P PORT = 443
# -- file to be used for the test (read-only)
P_FILE = normpath('../testfiles/128kbfile')
# -- file holding a private CA certificate chain
P_CAFILE = normpath('../../tests/certs/failCertificate.pem')
# -- debug mode
P_DEBUG = True
if __name__ == '__main__':
```

Now, we create an SSL context and use it when instantiating our **Target** object:

```
# Setup an authorization object:
auth = hcpsdk.NativeAuthorization(P_USER, P_PASS)
print('*I_NATIVE* authorization initialized')
```

10.2.2 Sample code output

Certificate verification success, with debug messages

```
INFO running *simple_primary_only.py*
DEBUG *I_NATIVE* authorization initialized for user: n
                        Cookie: hcp-ns-auth=bg==:1dc7fed37e11b35093d311...
DEBUG pre version 6:
DEBUG version 6+: Authorization: HCP bg==:1dc7fed37e11b35093d311ef66928...
 INFO *I_NATIVE* authorization initialized
 INFO
DEBUG (re-) loaded IP address cache: ['192.168.0.54', '192.168.0.55',
                                      '192.168.0.52', '192.168.0.53'],
                                      dnscache = False
DEBUG issued IP address: 192.168.0.54
DEBUG Target initialized: n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local:443 - SSL = True
 INFO Target *t* was initialized with IP addresses: ['192.168.0.54',
                                                      '192.168.0.55',
                                                      '192.168.0.52',
                                                     '192.168.0.53']
DEBUG Connection object initialized: IP None (n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local)
                                     - timeout: 30 - idletime: 30.0
                                     - retries: 3
DEBUG SSLcontext = <ssl.SSLContext object at 0x101a2c638>
 INFO Connection *c* uses IP address: None
 TNFO
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG URL = /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
DEBUG Connection needs to be opened
DEBUG issued IP address: 192.168.0.55
DEBUG Connection open: IP 192.168.0.55 (n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local)
                       - connect_time: 3.0040740966796875e-05
DEBUG PUT Request for /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
                       - service time1 = 0.03981304168701172
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG idletimer started: <Timer(Thread-1, started 4350545920)>
 INFO PUT Request was successful
 INFO used IP address: 192.168.0.55
 INFO hash = SHA-256
             A2706A20394E48179A86C71E82C360C2960D3652340F9B9FDB355A42E3AC7691
 INFO connect time: 0.000030040741 seconds
 INFO Request duration: 0.039813041687 seconds
```

```
TNFO
DEBUG idletimer canceled: <Timer(Thread-1, started 4350545920)>
DEBUG URL = /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
DEBUG HEAD Request for /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
                       - service_time1 = 0.0004000663757324219
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG idletimer started: <Timer(Thread-2, started 4350545920)>
 INFO HEAD Request was successful - one of the headers:
 INFO Server: HCP V7.1.0.10
 INFO used IP address: 192.168.0.55
 INFO Request duration: 0.000400066376 seconds
DEBUG idletimer canceled: <Timer(Thread-2, started 4350545920)>
DEBUG URL = /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
DEBUG GET Request for /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
                      - service_time1 = 0.0001838207244873047
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG idletimer started: <Timer(Thread-3, started 4350545920)>
 INFO GET Request was successful - here's the content:
DEBUG (partial?) read: service_time1 = 0.03570699691772461 secs
 INFO b'0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef01234567'...
 INFO used IP address: 192.168.0.55
 INFO Request duration: 0.035890817642 seconds
 INFO
DEBUG idletimer canceled: <Timer(Thread-3, started 4350545920)>
DEBUG URL = /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
DEBUG DELETE Request for /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
                         - service_time1 = 0.00023102760314941406
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG idletimer started: <Timer(Thread-4, started 4350545920)>
 INFO DELETE Request was successful
 INFO used IP address: 192.168.0.55
 INFO Request duration: 0.000231027603 seconds
 INFO
DEBUG idletimer canceled: <Timer(Thread-4, started 4350545920)>
DEBUG Connection object closed: IP 192.168.0.55 (n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local)
```

Certificate verification failed, with debug messages

(**P_CAFILE** has been changed to a file holding a non-matching CA chain)

```
'192.168.0.52']
DEBUG Connection object initialized: IP None (n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local)
                                     - timeout: 30 - idletime: 30.0
                                     - retries: 3
DEBUG SSLcontext = <ssl.SSLContext object at 0x102220638>
 INFO Connection *c* uses IP address: None
 INFO
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG URL = /rest/hcpsdk/sample_primary_only.txt
DEBUG Connection needs to be opened
DEBUG issued IP address: 192.168.0.54
DEBUG Connection open: IP 192.168.0.54 (n1.m.hcpl.snomis.local)
                       - connect_time: 2.5987625122070312e-05
DEBUG Request raised exception: [SSL: CERTIFICATE_VERIFY_FAILED]
                                 certificate verify failed (_ssl.c:600)
DEBUG tried to cancel a non-existing idletimer (pretty OK)
DEBUG Connection object closed: IP 192.168.0.54 (n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local)
PUT failed - [SSL: CERTIFICATE_VERIFY_FAILED]
             certificate verify failed (_ssl.c:600)
```

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APPENDIXES

13.1 Appendix 1 - Default Namespace

hcpsdk is primarily targeting the *authenticated Namespaces* invented with HCP version 3.

Nevertheless, it is possible to use **hcpsdk** with the legacy *Default Namespace* by taking notice of a few differences:

- As there is no user authentication with the Default Namespace, use the *hcpsdk.DummyAuthorization* class as the *authorization* argument when instantiating an *hcpsdk.Target*
- Different from authenticated Namespaces, the root folder for requests is /fcfs_data (instead of /rest)
- An *HEAD* request for an object stored in the Default Namespace will yield very limited object metadata, only. If you need more, you need to request the metadata by a *GET* from /fcfs_metadata/your/path/to/object/core-metadata.xml
- The Default Namespace have single annotation (cuscan tom metadata). only. You need to request by a GETfrom /fcfs metadata/your/path/to/object/custom-metadata.xml
- Several actions you can trigger by a *POST* request to an authenticated Namespace need to be executed by a *PUT* to one of the files in /fcfs_metadata/your/path/to/object/.

Note: Consult the manual **Using the Default Namespace** available from the HCP System and Tenant Management Consoles for details about working with the Default Namespace.

13.1.1 Example

```
>>> c.response_status, c.response_reason
(201, 'Created')
>>>
>>> r = c.HEAD('/fcfs_data/hcpsdk/test1.txt')
>>> c.response_status, c.response_reason
(200, 'OK')
>>> c.getheaders()
[('Date', 'Wed, 18 Feb 2015 16:48:49 GMT'),
 ('Server', 'HCP V7.1.0.10'),
 ('X-ArcServicedBySystem', 'hcp1.snomis.local'),
 ('X-ArcClusterTime', '1424278129'),
 ('X-RequestId', '6BB17FCE72FECA84'),
 ('X-HCP-ServicedBySystem', 'hcp1.snomis.local'),
 ('X-HCP-Time', '1424278129'),
 ('X-HCP-SoftwareVersion', '7.1.0.10'),
 ('ETag', '"68791e1b03badd5e4eb9287660f67745"'),
 ('Cache-Control', 'no-cache, no-store'),
 ('Pragma', 'no-cache'),
 ('Expires', 'Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT'),
 ('Content-Type', 'text/plain'),
 ('Content-Length', '18'),
 ('X-ArcPermissionsUidGid', 'mode=0100400; uid=0; qid=0'),
 ('X-ArcTimes', 'ctime=1424278066; mtime=1424278066; '
                'atime=1424278065'),
 ('X-ArcSize', '18')]
>>>
>>> r = c.GET('/fcfs_data/hcpsdk/test1.txt')
>>> c.response_status, c.response_reason
(200, 'OK')
>>> c.read()
b'This is an example'
>>> c.service time2
0.00039696693420410156
>>>
>>> r = c.DELETE('/fcfs data/hcpsdk/test1.txt')
>>> c.response_status, c.response_reason
(200, 'OK')
>>> c.service_time2
0.0001819133758544922
>>>
>>> c.close()
```

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RELEASE HISTORY

0.9.2-14 2015-03-20

• Fixed:

hcpsdk.Connection.POST() now allows to add a body to the request.

0.9.2-13 2015-03-16

• Fixed:

Changed some unnecessary logging.error calls to logging.debug

0.9.2-12 2015-03-16

- Fixed:
 - Now raising HcpsdkReplicaInitError id a *hcpsdk.Target* is initialized with a replica HCP (not yet implemented).
 - Improved error handling in *hcpsdk*. *Connection.request()*.
 - hcpsdk.Target() will now raise ips.IpsError if DNS name resolution fails.

0.9.2-11 2015-03-12

• Fixed:

fixed an issue in hcpsdk. Connection. __str__() where a false attribute was referenced.

0.9.2-10 2015-03-11

• Fixed:

fixed an issue in *hcpsdk*. *Connection.request()* that led to situations where a failed connection wasn't recovered correctly.

0.9.2-9 2015-03-09

• Fixed:

added missing import of subpackage pathbuilder into hcpsdk.__init__.py

0.9.2-8 2015-03-09

• Fixed:

as *socket.getaddrinfo()* seems to double the resolved IP addresses under some circumstances, added a check to make sure we don't have duplicates in the result of *hcpsdk.ips.query()*

0.9.2-7 2015-03-09

• Fixed:

dependency handling, again...

0.9.2-6 2015-03-08

• Fixed:

now handling *ConnectionAbortedError* properly in hcpsdk.Connection() by closing and reopening the connection on the same target IP address

0.9.2-5 2015-03-07

• Fixed:

__all__ in several modules, some typos in comments

0.9.2-4 2015-03-06

• Fixed:

added the missing param keyword argument to hcpsdk.Connection.PUT()

0.9.2-3 2015-03-06

• Fixed:

a missing import in hcpsdk.__init__.py that led to an unrecoverable error when running on Python 3.4.3

0.9.2-1 2015-03-01

• Changed:

hcpsdk.Connection.request() now logs exception information and stack trace if a catched exception is re-raised as an *hcpsdk.[..]Error*. This will get visible only if the application has initialized the logging subsystem.

0.9.1-8 2015-02-27

• Fixed:

Fixed line width in documentation (.rst files) to match limitations for pdf generation

0.9.1-7 2015-02-27

• Fixed:

pip distribution fixed to allow auto-install of dependencies when running 'pip install hcpsdk'

0.9.1-6 2015-02-18

- Added:
 - Automatic retires for hcpsdk.Connection.request() in case of a timeout or connection abort.
 - A DummyAuthorization class for use with the Default Namespace.
 - An appendiy on the difference when working with the Default Namespace.

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GLOSSARY

Data Access Account A local user within a Tenant

Default Namespace The legacy Namespace, a relict from the time before HCP version 3. Doesn't support user authentication. Seldomly used in our days, deprecated. (*default.default.hcp.domain.com* or *www.hcp.domain.com*)

DNS Domain Name System - used to translate an *FQDN* to IP addresses

FQDN Full Qualified Domain Name (namespace.tenant.hcp.domain.com)

HS3 Amazon S3 compatible interface

HSwift OpenStack Swift compatible interface

MAPI Management API - a reSTful interface to manage HCP

Namespace A Namespace is a addressable data store, separated from other namespaces, having an individual filesystem-like structure, several access protocols along with a set of other configurables.

reST representational State Transfer

An architectural approach for client/server communication for performance, scalability, simplicity, reliability and more. See the Wikipedia entry¹ for more details.

Tenant A Tenant within HCP is an administrative entity that allows to configure and manage a set of *namespaces* within a configurable storage quota, along with the user account required to access data.

¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational_state_transfer

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