



# **HCP SDK Documentation**

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## 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 a 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.





## INSTALLATION

### 3.1 Dependencies

**hcpsdk** depends on these packages:

- [dnspython](http://www.dnspython.org)<sup>1</sup> - Used for non-cached name resolution when bypassing the system's resolver.
- [sphinx](http://sphinx-doc.org)<sup>2</sup> - Used to build this documentation from source code and \*.rst files.
- [alabaster](https://github.com/bitprophet/alabaster)<sup>3</sup> - 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

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.dnspython.org>

<sup>2</sup><http://sphinx-doc.org>

<sup>3</sup><https://github.com/bitprophet/alabaster>

## 3.4 Support

If you find any bugs, please let us know via the [Issue Tracker](#)<sup>4</sup>; if you have comments or suggestions, send an email to <mailto:sw@snomis.de>

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<sup>4</sup><https://github.com/simont3/hcpsdk/issues>

## HCP SDK — OBJECT ACCESS

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

Setup is easy (*see example below* (page 11)):

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 (0.9.2-6).

### 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, sslcon-
                    text=<ssl.SSLContext object at 0x102337688>, inter-
                    face='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
- **replica\_strategy** – ORed combination of the RS\_\* modes

**Raises** HcpsdkError

#### 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.HTTPConnection](#)<sup>1</sup>

**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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<sup>1</sup>[https://docs.python.org/3/library/http.client.html?highlight=http.client#http.client.HTTPConnection.set\\_debuglevel](https://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 auto-prepared 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, params=None, headers=None*)

Convenience method for `Request()` - POST metadata. Cleans up and leaves the Connection ready for the next Request. 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*)

Used to signal a generic error in **hcpsdk**.

**reason**

An error description.

**exception** `hcpsdk.HcpsdkTimeoutError` (*reason*)

Used to signal a Connection timeout.

**reason**

An error description.

**exception** `hcpsdk.HcpsdkCertificateError` (*reason*)

Raised if the *SSL context* wasn't able to verify a certificate presented by HCP.

**reason**

An error description.

**exception** `hcpsdk.HcpsdkReplicaInitError` (*reason*)

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
```

```
'0.0000000000010'
>>>
>>> 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()
>>>
```



## 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:

```
>>> context = ssl.create_default_context()
>>> auth = hcpsdk.NativeAuthorization('n', 'n01')
>>> t = hcpsdk.Target('n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local', auth,
                    port=443, sslcontext=context)
```

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

```
>>> context = ssl.create_default_context(cafile='myCA.pem')
>>> auth = hcpsdk.NativeAuthorization('n', 'n01')
>>> t = hcpsdk.Target('n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local', auth,
                    port=443, sslcontext=context)
```

If you want to have more control about the protocol and/or the cipher suites in use, follow the [Python documentation about SSL context creation](https://docs.python.org/3/library/ssl.html#ssl.SSLContext)<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup><https://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*.

### 7.1 Classes

**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,
```

```
'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 4122](http://tools.ietf.org/pdf/rfc4122)<sup>1</sup>. 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 disturbance extremely low.

### 8.2 Classes

```
class hcp sdk . path builder . Path Builder ( initial path = '/rest/hcp sdk',          annota-
                                         tion = False )
```

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

#### Parameters

---

<sup>1</sup><http://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:**

```
>>> from hcpsdk.pathbuilder import PathBuilder
>>> p = PathBuilder(initialpath='/rest/mypath', annotation=True)
>>> o = p.getunique('testfile.txt')
>>> o
('/rest/mypath/b4/ec', '8ac8ecb4-9f1e-11e4-a524-98fe94437d8c',
 '<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
  <hcpsdk_fileobject
    filename="testfile.txt"
    path="/rest/mypath/b4/ec"
    uuid="8ac8ecb4-9f1e-11e4-a524-98fe94437d8c"
  />')
>>>
```

**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.



## HCP SDK . 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 methods:****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):**

```
{'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 link between HCP1 and HCP2',  
  'encryption': 'false',  
  'failoverSettings': {'local': {'autoFailover': 'false',  
                                 'autoFailoverMinutes': '120'},  
                       'remote': {'autoFailover': 'false',  
                                 'autoFailoverMinutes': '120'}},  
  'id': 'b9c488db-f641-486e-a8b4-56810faf23cd',  
  'name': 'hcp1-a-a-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': '1419975449113',
               'upToDateAsOfString': '2014-12-30T22:37:29+0100'},
'status': 'GOOD',
'statusMessage': 'Synchronizing data',
'suspended': 'false',
'type': 'ACTIVE_ACTIVE'}

```

**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()

```

```
>>> l
['hcp1--<-->--hcp2']
>>> d = r.getlinkdetails(l[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'}
>>>
```

## 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)
```

```
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkError as e:
    sys.exit('init of *Target* failed - {}'.format(e))
else:
    print('Target *t* was initialized with IP addresses: {}'.format(t.addresses))
```

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:
```

```

        sys.exit('HEAD failed - {}'.format(e))
    else:
        if c.response_status == 200:
            print('HEAD Request was successful - one of the headers:')
            print('Server: {}'.format(c.getheader('Server')))
            print('used IP address: {}'.format(c.address))
            print('Request duration: {:.12f} seconds'
                  .format(c.service_time2))
            print('')
        else:
            sys.exit('HEAD failed - {}-{}'.format(c.response_status,
                                                  c.response_reason))

```

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: {:.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:
try:
    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: {:.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 Python's 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:

```
if P_DEBUG:
    import logging
    logging.basicConfig(level=logging.DEBUG,
                        style='{', format='{levelname:>5s} {msg}')
    # noinspection PyShadowingBuiltins
    print = pprint = logging.info
```

## 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
INFO
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: nl.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 (nl.m.hcpl.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 (nl.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 (nl.m.hcpl.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 = 'nl.m.hcpl.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')
```



```

print('')

# Create an SSL context for server authentication, using a local CAfile
ctxt = create_default_context(cafile=P_CAFILE)

# Setup an HCP Target object:
try:
    t = hcpsdk.Target(P_FQDN, auth, port=P_PORT, sslcontext=ctxt)
except hcpsdk.HcpsdkError as e:
    sys.exit('init of *Target* failed - {}'.format(e))
else:
    print('Target *t* was initialized with IP addresses: {}'.format(t.addresses))

```

## 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
DEBUG pre version 6:      Cookie: hcp-ns-auth=bg==:1dc7fed37e11b35093d311...
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.hcpl.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.hcpl.snomis.local)
                                     - timeout: 30 - idletime: 30.0
                                     - retries: 3
DEBUG SSLcontext = <ssl.SSLContext object at 0x101a2c638>
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: 192.168.0.55
DEBUG Connection open: IP 192.168.0.55 (n1.m.hcpl.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

```

```
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 = 0.0004000663757324219
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
  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 = 0.0001838207244873047
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)

```
INFO running *simple_primary_only.py*
DEBUG *I_NATIVE* authorization initialized for user: n
DEBUG pre version 6:      Cookie: hcp-ns-auth=bg==:ldc7fed37e11b35093d311...
DEBUG version 6+: Authorization: HCP bg==:ldc7fed37e11b35093d311ef66928...
  INFO *I_NATIVE* authorization initialized
  INFO
DEBUG (re-) loaded IP address cache: ['192.168.0.53', '192.168.0.54',
                                     '192.168.0.55', '192.168.0.52'],
                                     dnscache = False

DEBUG issued IP address: 192.168.0.53
DEBUG Target initialized: n1.m.hcp1.snomis.local:443 - SSL = True
  INFO Target *t* was initialized with IP addresses: ['192.168.0.53',
                                                       '192.168.0.54',
                                                       '192.168.0.55',
```

```
                                '192.168.0.52']
DEBUG Connection object initialized: IP None (n1.m.hcpl.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.hcpl.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 can have a single annotation (custom metadata), only. You need to request it by a *GET* from */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/*.

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**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.

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#### 13.1.1 Example

```
>>> import hcpsdk
>>>
>>> auth = hcpsdk.DummyAuthorization()
>>> t = hcpsdk.Target('default.default.hcp1.snomis.local',
                    auth, port=443)
>>> c = hcpsdk.Connection(t)
>>> c.connect_time
'0.000000000010'
>>>
>>> r = c.PUT('/fcfs_data/hcpsdk/test1.txt', body='This is an example',
            params={'index': 'true'})
```

```
>>> 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; gid=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()
```

## RELEASE HISTORY

### 0.9.2-6 2015-03-08

- Fixed:  
now handling *ConnectionAbortedError* properly in `hcpsdk.Connection()` by closing and re-opening 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 caught 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 retries for `hcpsdk.Connection.request()` in case of a timeout or connection abort. A `DummyAuthorization` class for use with the Default Namespace. An appendix on the difference when working with the Default Namespace

## 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 entry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational_state_transfer)<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup>[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational\\_state\\_transfer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational_state_transfer)



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