fbchat Documentation

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Release v1.5.0. (Installation) Facebook Chat (Messenger) for Python. This project was inspired by facebook-chat-api.

No XMPP or API key is needed. Just use your email and password.

Currently fbchat support Python 2.7, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6:

fbchat works by emulating the browser. This means doing the exact same GET/POST requests and tricking Facebook into thinking it's accessing the website normally. Therefore, this API requires the credentials of a Facebook account.

Note: If you're having problems, please check the FAQ, before asking questions on Github

Warning: We are not responsible if your account gets banned for spammy activities, such as sending lots of messages to people you don't know, sending messages very quickly, sending spammy looking URLs, logging in and out very quickly... Be responsible Facebook citizens.

Note: Facebook now has an official API for chat bots, so if you're familiar with node.js, this might be what you're looking for.

If you're already familiar with the basics of how Facebook works internally, go to *Examples* to see example usage of *fbchat*

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CHAPTER 1

Overview

1.1 Installation

1.1.1 Pip Install fbchat

To install fbchat, run this command:

```
$ pip install fbchat
```

If you don't have pip installed, this Python installation guide can guide you through the process.

1.1.2 Get the Source Code

fbchat is developed on GitHub, where the code is always available.

You can either clone the public repository:

```
$ git clone git://github.com/carpedm20/fbchat.git
```

Or, download a tarball:

```
$ curl -OL https://github.com/carpedm20/fbchat/tarball/master # optionally, zipball is also available (for Windows users).
```

Once you have a copy of the source, you can embed it in your own Python package, or install it into your site-packages easily:

```
$ python setup.py install
```

1.2 Introduction

fbchat uses your email and password to communicate with the Facebook server. That means that you should always store your password in a separate file, in case e.g. someone looks over your shoulder while you're writing code. You should also make sure that the file's access control is appropriately restrictive

1.2.1 Logging In

Simply create an instance of Client. If you have two factor authentication enabled, type the code in the terminal prompt (If you want to supply the code in another fashion, overwrite Client.on2FACode):

```
from fbchat import Client
from fbchat.models import *
client = Client('<email>', '<password>')
```

Replace <email> and <password> with your email and password respectively

Note: For ease of use then most of the code snippets in this document will assume you've already completed the login process Though the second line, from fbchat.models import *, is not strictly necessary here, later code snippets will assume you've done this

If you want to change how verbose fbchat is, change the logging level (in Client)

Throughout your code, if you want to check whether you are still logged in, use Client.isLoggedIn. An example would be to login again if you've been logged out, using Client.login:

```
if not client.isLoggedIn():
    client.login('<email>', '<password>')
```

When you're done using the client, and want to securely logout, use Client.logout:

```
client.logout()
```

1.2.2 Threads

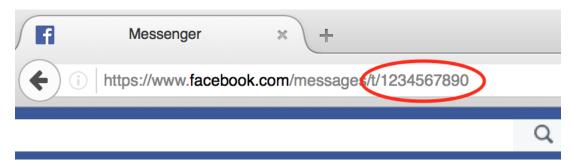
A thread can refer to two things: A Messenger group chat or a single Facebook user

models. ThreadType is an enumerator with two values: USER and GROUP. These will specify whether the thread is a single user chat or a group chat. This is required for many of *fbchat*'s functions, since Facebook differentiates between these two internally

Searching for group chats and finding their ID can be done via. Client.searchForGroups, and searching for users is possible via. Client.searchForUsers. See Fetching Information

You can get your own user ID by using Client.uid

Getting the ID of a group chat is fairly trivial otherwise, since you only need to navigate to https://www.facebook.com/messages/, click on the group you want to find the ID of, and then read the id from the address bar. The URL will look something like this: https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/1234567890, where 1234567890 would be the ID of the group. An image to illustrate this is shown below:



The same method can be applied to some user accounts, though if they've set a custom URL, then you'll just see that URL instead

Here's an snippet showing the usage of thread IDs and thread types, where <user id> and <group id> corresponds to the ID of a single user, and the ID of a group respectively:

```
client.send(Message(text='<message>'), thread_id='<user id>', thread_type=ThreadType.

→USER)
client.send(Message(text='<message>'), thread_id='<group id>', thread_type=ThreadType.

→GROUP)
```

Some functions (e.g. Client.changeThreadColor) don't require a thread type, so in these cases you just provide the thread ID:

```
client.changeThreadColor(ThreadColor.BILOBA_FLOWER, thread_id='<user id>')
client.changeThreadColor(ThreadColor.MESSENGER_BLUE, thread_id='<group id>')
```

1.2.3 Message IDs

Every message you send on Facebook has a unique ID, and every action you do in a thread, like changing a nickname or adding a person, has a unique ID too.

Some of *fbchat*'s functions require these ID's, like *Client.reactToMessage*, and some of then provide this ID, like *Client.sendMessage*. This snippet shows how to send a message, and then use the returned ID to react to that message with a emoji:

1.2.4 Interacting with Threads

fbchat provides multiple functions for interacting with threads

Most functionality works on all threads, though some things, like adding users to and removing users from a group chat, logically only works on group chats

The simplest way of using *fbchat* is to send a message. The following snippet will, as you've probably already figured out, send the message *test message* to your account:

You can see a full example showing all the possible thread interactions with *fbchat* by going to *Examples*

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1.2.5 Fetching Information

You can use *fbchat* to fetch basic information like user names, profile pictures, thread names and user IDs

You can retrieve a user's ID with Client.searchForUsers. The following snippet will search for users by their name, take the first (and most likely) user, and then get their user ID from the result:

```
users = client.searchForUsers('<name of user>')
user = users[0]
print("User's ID: {}".format(user.uid))
print("User's name: {}".format(user.name))
print("User's profile picture url: {}".format(user.photo))
print("User's main url: {}".format(user.url))
```

Since this uses Facebook's search functions, you don't have to specify the whole name, first names will usually be enough

You can see a full example showing all the possible ways to fetch information with *fbchat* by going to *Examples*

1.2.6 Sessions

fbchat provides functions to retrieve and set the session cookies. This will enable you to store the session cookies in a separate file, so that you don't have to login each time you start your script. Use *Client.getSession* to retrieve the cookies:

```
session_cookies = client.getSession()
```

Then you can use Client.setSession:

```
client.setSession(session_cookies)
```

Or you can set the session_cookies on your initial login. (If the session cookies are invalid, your email and password will be used to login instead):

```
client = Client('<email>', '<password>', session_cookies=session_cookies)
```

Warning: You session cookies can be just as valueable as you password, so store them with equal care

1.2.7 Listening & Events

To use the listening functions *fbchat* offers (like *Client.listen*), you have to define what should be executed when certain events happen. By default, (most) events will just be a *logging.info* statement, meaning it will simply print information to the console when an event happens

Note: You can identify the event methods by their on prefix, e.g. onMessage

The event actions can be changed by subclassing the Client, and then overwriting the event methods:

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```
pass
client = CustomClient('<email>', '<password>')
```

Notice: The following snippet is as equally valid as the previous one:

```
class CustomClient(Client):
    def onMessage(self, message_object, author_id, thread_id, thread_type, **kwargs):
        # Do something with message_object here
        pass
client = CustomClient('<email>', '<password>')
```

The change was in the parameters that our *onMessage* method took: message_object and author_id got swapped, and mid, ts, metadata and msg got removed, but the function still works, since we included **kwargs

Note: Therefore, for both backwards and forwards compatability, the API actually requires that you include **kwargs as your final argument.

View the *Examples* to see some more examples illustrating the event system

1.3 Examples

These are a few examples on how to use *fbchat*. Remember to swap out *<email>* and *<password>* for your email and password

1.3.1 Basic example

This will show basic usage of fbchat

```
# -*- coding: UTF-8 -*-

from fbchat import Client
from fbchat.models import *

client = Client('<email>', '<password>')

print('Own id: {}'.format(client.uid))

client.send(Message(text='Hi me!'), thread_id=client.uid, thread_type=ThreadType.USER)

client.logout()
```

1.3.2 Interacting with Threads

This will interact with the thread in every way *fbchat* supports

```
# -*- coding: UTF-8 -*-

from fbchat import Client

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```

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```
from fbchat.models import *
client = Client("<email>", "<password>")
thread_id = '1234567890'
thread_type = ThreadType.GROUP
# Will send a message to the thread
client.send(Message(text='<message>'), thread_id=thread_id, thread_type=thread_type)
# Will send the default `like` emoji
client.send(Message(emoji_size=EmojiSize.LARGE), thread_id=thread_id, thread_
→type=thread_type)
# Will send the emoji ``
client.send(Message(text='', emoji_size=EmojiSize.LARGE), thread_id=thread_id, thread_
→type=thread_type)
# Will send the sticker with ID `767334476626295`
client.send(Message(sticker=Sticker('767334476626295')), thread_id=thread_id, thread_
→type=thread_type)
# Will send a message with a mention
client.send(Message(text='This is a @mention', mentions=[Mention(thread_id, offset=10,
→ length=8)]), thread_id=thread_id, thread_type=thread_type)
# Will send the image located at `<image path>`
client.sendLocalImage('<image path>', message=Message(text='This is a local image'),_
→thread_id=thread_id, thread_type=thread_type)
# Will download the image at the url `<image url>`, and then send it
client.sendRemoteImage('<image url>', message=Message(text='This is a remote image'),_
→thread_id=thread_id, thread_type=thread_type)
# Only do these actions if the thread is a group
if thread_type == ThreadType.GROUP:
   # Will remove the user with ID `<user id>` from the thread
   client.removeUserFromGroup('<user id>', thread_id=thread_id)
    # Will add the user with ID `<user id>` to the thread
   client.addUsersToGroup('<user id>', thread_id=thread_id)
    # Will add the users with IDs `<1st user id>`, `<2nd user id>` and `<3th user id>
\hookrightarrow ` to the thread
   client.addUsersToGroup(['<1st user id>', '<2nd user id>', '<3rd user id>'],...
→thread_id=thread_id)
# Will change the nickname of the user `<user_id>` to `<new nickname>`
client.changeNickname('<new nickname>', '<user id>', thread_id=thread_id, thread_
→type=thread_type)
# Will change the title of the thread to `<title>`
client.changeThreadTitle('<title>', thread_id=thread_id, thread_type=thread_type)
# Will set the typing status of the thread to `TYPING`
```

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1.3.3 Fetching Information

This will show the different ways of fetching information about users and threads

```
# -*- coding: UTF-8 -*-
from fbchat import Client
from fbchat.models import *
client = Client('<email>', '<password>')
# Fetches a list of all users you're currently chatting with, as `User` objects
users = client.fetchAllUsers()
print("users' IDs: {}".format([user.uid for user in users]))
print("users' names: {}".format([user.name for user in users]))
# If we have a user id, we can use `fetchUserInfo` to fetch a `User` object
user = client.fetchUserInfo('<user id>')['<user id>']
# We can also query both mutiple users together, which returns list of `User` objects
users = client.fetchUserInfo('<1st user id>', '<2nd user id>', '<3rd user id>')
print("user's name: {}".format(user.name))
print("users' names: {}".format([users[k].name for k in users]))
# `searchForUsers` searches for the user and gives us a list of the results,
# and then we just take the first one, aka. the most likely one:
user = client.searchForUsers('<name of user>')[0]
print('user ID: {}'.format(user.uid))
print("user's name: {}".format(user.name))
print("user's photo: {}".format(user.photo))
print("Is user client's friend: {}".format(user.is_friend))
# Fetches a list of the 20 top threads you're currently chatting with
threads = client.fetchThreadList()
# Fetches the next 10 threads
threads += client.fetchThreadList(offset=20, limit=10)
print("Threads: {}".format(threads))
```

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```
# Gets the last 10 messages sent to the thread
messages = client.fetchThreadMessages(thread_id='<thread_id>', limit=10)
# Since the message come in reversed order, reverse them
messages.reverse()
# Prints the content of all the messages
for message in messages:
   print (message.text)
# If we have a thread id, we can use `fetchThreadInfo` to fetch a `Thread` object
thread = client.fetchThreadInfo('<thread id>')['<thread id>']
print("thread's name: {}".format(thread.name))
print("thread's type: {}".format(thread.type))
# `searchForThreads` searches works like `searchForUsers`, but gives us a list of ...
→threads instead
thread = client.searchForThreads('<name of thread>')[0]
print("thread's name: {}".format(thread.name))
print("thread's type: {}".format(thread.type))
# Here should be an example of `getUnread`
```

1.3.4 Echobot

This will reply to any message with the same message

```
# -*- coding: UTF-8 -*-

from fbchat import log, Client

# Subclass fbchat.Client and override required methods

class EchoBot(Client):
    def onMessage(self, author_id, message_object, thread_id, thread_type, **kwargs):
        self.markAsDelivered(thread_id, message_object.uid)
        self.markAsRead(thread_id)

        log.info("{} from {} in {}".format(message_object, thread_id, thread_type.

--name))

# If you're not the author, echo
    if author_id != self.uid:
        self.send(message_object, thread_id, thread_type=thread_type)

client = EchoBot("<email>", "<password>")
client.listen()
```

1.3.5 Remove Bot

This will remove a user from a group if they write the message Remove me!

```
# -*- coding: UTF-8 -*-
from fbchat import log, Client
from fbchat.models import *
class RemoveBot (Client):
   def onMessage(self, author_id, message_object, thread_id, thread_type, **kwargs):
        # We can only kick people from group chats, so no need to try if it's a user,
→chat
        if message_object.text == 'Remove me!' and thread_type == ThreadType.GROUP:
            log.info('{} will be removed from {}'.format(author_id, thread_id))
            self.removeUserFromGroup(author_id, thread_id=thread_id)
        else:
            # Sends the data to the inherited onMessage, so that we can still see,
→when a message is recieved
            super(RemoveBot, self).onMessage(author_id=author_id, message_
→object=message_object, thread_id=thread_id, thread_type=thread_type, **kwargs)
client = RemoveBot("<email>", "<password>")
client.listen()
```

1.3.6 "Prevent changes"-Bot

This will prevent chat color, emoji, nicknames and chat name from being changed. It will also prevent people from being added and removed

```
# -*- coding: UTF-8 -*-
from fbchat import log, Client
from fbchat.models import *
# Change this to your group id
old_thread_id = '1234567890'
# Change these to match your liking
old_color = ThreadColor.MESSENGER_BLUE
old_emoji = ''
old_title = 'Old group chat name'
old_nicknames = {
   '12345678901': "User nr. 1's nickname",
   '12345678902': "User nr. 2's nickname",
    '12345678903': "User nr. 3's nickname",
    '12345678904': "User nr. 4's nickname"
class KeepBot (Client):
    def onColorChange(self, author_id, new_color, thread_id, thread_type, **kwargs):
        if old_thread_id == thread_id and old_color != new_color:
            log.info("{} changed the thread color. It will be changed back".
→format(author_id))
            self.changeThreadColor(old_color, thread_id=thread_id)
    def onEmojiChange(self, author_id, new_emoji, thread_id, thread_type, **kwargs):
        if old thread id == thread id and new emoji != old emoji:
            log.info("{} changed the thread emoji. It will be changed back".
→format(author_id))
```

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```
self.changeThreadEmoji(old_emoji, thread_id=thread_id)
   def onPeopleAdded(self, added_ids, author_id, thread_id, **kwargs):
        if old_thread_id == thread_id and author_id != self.uid:
            log.info("{} got added. They will be removed".format(added_ids))
            for added_id in added_ids:
                self.removeUserFromGroup(added_id, thread_id=thread_id)
   def onPersonRemoved(self, removed_id, author_id, thread_id, **kwargs):
        # No point in trying to add ourself
        if old_thread_id == thread_id and removed_id != self.uid and author_id !=_
⇒self.uid:
            log.info("{} got removed. They will be re-added".format(removed_id))
            self.addUsersToGroup(removed_id, thread_id=thread_id)
   def onTitleChange(self, author_id, new_title, thread_id, thread_type, **kwargs):
        if old_thread_id == thread_id and old_title != new_title:
            log.info("{} changed the thread title. It will be changed back".
→format(author_id))
            self.changeThreadTitle(old_title, thread_id=thread_id, thread_type=thread_

→type)

    def onNicknameChange(self, author_id, changed_for, new_nickname, thread_id,_
→thread_type, **kwargs):
        if old_thread_id == thread_id and changed_for in old_nicknames and old_
→nicknames[changed_for] != new_nickname:
            log.info("{} changed {}'s' nickname. It will be changed back".
→format(author_id, changed_for))
            self.changeNickname(old_nicknames[changed_for], changed_for, thread_
→id=thread_id, thread_type=thread_type)
client = KeepBot("<email>", "<password>")
client.listen()
```

1.4 Testing

To use the tests, copy tests/data.json to tests/my_data.json or type the information manually in the terminal prompts.

- email: Your (or a test user's) email / phone number
- password: Your (or a test user's) password
- group_thread_id: A test group that will be used to test group functionality
- user_thread_id: A person that will be used to test kick/add functionality (This user should be in the group)

Please remember to test all supported python versions. If you've made any changes to the 2FA functionality, test it with a 2FA enabled account.

If you only want to execute specific tests, pass the function names in the command line (not including the *test_* prefix). Example:

```
$ python tests.py sendMessage sessions sendEmoji
```

Warning: Do not execute the full set of tests in too quick succession. This can get your account temporarily blocked for spam! (You should execute the script at max about 10 times a day)

1.5 Full API

If you are looking for information on a specific function, class, or method, this part of the documentation is for you.

1.5.1 Client

This is the main class of *fbchat*, which contains all the methods you use to interact with Facebook. You can extend this class, and overwrite the events, to provide custom event handling (mainly used while listening)

Parameters

- email Facebook *email*, *id* or *phone number*
- password Facebook account password
- **user_agent** Custom user agent to use when sending requests. If *None*, user agent will be chosen from a premade list (see *utils.USER_AGENTS*)
- max_tries (int) Maximum number of times to try logging in
- **session_cookies** (dict) Cookies from a previous session (Will default to login if these are invalid)
- logging_level (int) Configures the logging level. Defaults to INFO

Raises FBchatException on failed login

acceptUsersToGroup (user_ids, thread_id=None)

Accepts users to the group from the group's approval

Parameters

- user_ids One or more user IDs to accept
- thread_id Group ID to accept users to. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

addGroupAdmins (admin_ids, thread_id=None)

Sets specifed users as group admins.

Parameters

- admin ids One or more user IDs to set admin
- thread_id Group ID to remove people from. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

addUsersToGroup (*user_ids*, *thread_id=None*)
Adds users to a group.

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Parameters

- user_ids (list) One or more user IDs to add
- thread_id Group ID to add people to. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

blockUser(user_id)

Blocks messages from a specifed user

Parameters user_id – The ID of the user that you want to block

Returns Whether the request was successful

Raises FBchatException if request failed

changeGroupApprovalMode (require_admin_approval, thread_id=None)

Changes group's approval mode

Parameters

- require_admin_approval True or False
- **thread_id** Group ID to remove people from. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

changeGroupImageLocal (image_path, thread_id=None)

Changes a thread image from a local path

Parameters

- image_path Path of an image to upload and change
- thread_id User/Group ID to change image. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

changeGroupImageRemote (image_url, thread_id=None)

Changes a thread image from a URL

Parameters

- image_url URL of an image to upload and change
- thread_id User/Group ID to change image. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

 $\textbf{changeNickname} \ (\textit{nickname}, \textit{user_id}, \textit{thread_id=None}, \textit{thread_type=ThreadType.USER})$

Changes the nickname of a user in a thread

Parameters

- nickname New nickname
- user_id User that will have their nickname changed
- thread_id User/Group ID to change color of. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Raises FBchatException if request failed

changePlanParticipation (plan, take_part=True)

Changes participation in a plan

Parameters

• plan – Plan to take part in or not

• take_part - Whether to take part in the plan

Raises FBchatException if request failed

changeThreadColor (color, thread_id=None)

Changes thread color

Parameters

- color (models.ThreadColor) New thread color
- thread_id User/Group ID to change color of. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

changeThreadEmoji (emoji, thread_id=None)

Changes thread color

Trivia: While changing the emoji, the Facebook web client actually sends multiple different requests, though only this one is required to make the change

Parameters

- color New thread emoji
- thread_id User/Group ID to change emoji of. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

changeThreadTitle (title, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER)

Changes title of a thread. If this is executed on a user thread, this will change the nickname of that user, effectively changing the title

Parameters

- title New group thread title
- thread_id Group ID to change title of. See Threads
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Raises FBchatException if request failed

createGroup (message, user_ids)

Creates a group with the given ids

Parameters

- message The initial message
- user_ids A list of users to create the group with.

Returns ID of the new group

Raises FBchatException if request failed

createPlan (plan, thread_id=None)

Sets a plan

Parameters

- plan (models.Plan) Plan to set
- thread_id User/Group ID to send plan to. See Threads

Raises FBchatException if request failed

createPoll (poll, thread_id=None)

Creates poll in a group thread

Parameters

- poll (models.Poll) Poll to create
- thread_id User/Group ID to create poll in. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

deleteMessages (message_ids)

Deletes specifed messages

Parameters message_ids - Message IDs to delete

Returns Whether the request was successful

Raises FBchatException if request failed

deletePlan (plan)

Deletes a plan

Parameters plan - Plan to delete

Raises FBchatException if request failed

deleteThreads (thread_ids)

Deletes threads

Parameters thread ids - Thread IDs to delete. See Threads

Returns Whether the request was successful

Raises FBchatException if request failed

denyUsersFromGroup (user_ids, thread_id=None)

Denies users from the group's approval

Parameters

- user_ids One or more user IDs to deny
- thread_id Group ID to deny users from. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

doOneListen (markAlive=True)

Does one cycle of the listening loop. This method is useful if you want to control fbchat from an external event loop

Parameters markAlive (bool) – Whether this should ping the Facebook server before running

Returns Whether the loop should keep running

Return type bool

editPlan (plan, new_plan)

Edits a plan

Parameters

- plan (models.Plan) Plan to edit
- new_plan New plan

Raises FBchatException if request failed

eventReminder (thread_id, time, title, location=", location_id=")

Deprecated. Use fbchat.Client.createPlan instead

fetchAllUsers()

Gets all users the client is currently chatting with

Returns models. User objects

Return type list

Raises FBchatException if request failed

fetchGroupInfo(*group_ids)

Get groups' info from IDs, unordered

Parameters group_ids - One or more group ID(s) to query

Returns models. Group objects, labeled by their ID

Return type dict

Raises FBchatException if request failed

fetchImageUrl (image_id)

Fetches the url to the original image from an image attachment ID

Parameters $image_id(str)$ – The image you want to fethe

Returns An url where you can download the original image

Return type str

Raises FBchatException if request failed

fetchMessageInfo (mid, thread_id=None)

Fetches models. Message object from the message id

Parameters

- mid Message ID to fetch from
- thread_id User/Group ID to get message info from. See *Threads*

Returns models. Message object

Return type models.Message

Raises FBchatException if request failed

fetchPageInfo(*page_ids)

Get pages' info from IDs, unordered

Warning: Sends two requests, to fetch all available info!

Parameters page_ids – One or more page ID(s) to query

Returns models.Page objects, labeled by their ID

Return type dict

Raises FBchatException if request failed

fetchPlanInfo(plan_id)

Fetches a models.Plan object from the plan id

 ${\color{red} \textbf{Parameters plan_id}} - {\color{red} \textbf{Plan ID}} \text{ to fetch from}$

Returns models.Plan object

Return type models.Plan

Raises FBchatException if request failed

${\tt fetchPollOptions}\ (poll_id)$

Fetches list of models.PollOption objects from the poll id

Parameters poll id – Poll ID to fetch from

Return type list

Raises FBchatException if request failed

fetchThreadInfo(*thread_ids)

Get threads' info from IDs, unordered

Warning: Sends two requests if users or pages are present, to fetch all available info!

Parameters thread_ids - One or more thread ID(s) to query

Returns models. Thread objects, labeled by their ID

Return type dict

Raises FBchatException if request failed

fetchThreadList (offset=None, limit=20, thread_location=ThreadLocation.INBOX, before=None) Get thread list of your facebook account

Parameters

- offset Deprecated. Do not use!
- limit (int) Max. number of threads to retrieve. Capped at 20
- thread_location models.ThreadLocation: INBOX, PENDING, ARCHIVED or OTHER
- **before** (*int*) A timestamp (in milliseconds), indicating from which point to retrieve threads

Returns models. Thread objects

Return type list

Raises FBchatException if request failed

fetchThreadMessages (thread_id=None, limit=20, before=None)

Get the last messages in a thread

Parameters

- thread_id User/Group ID to get messages from. See *Threads*
- limit (int) Max. number of messages to retrieve
- **before** (*int*) A timestamp, indicating from which point to retrieve messages

Returns models. Message objects

Return type list

Raises FBchatException if request failed

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fetchUnread()
     Get the unread thread list
         Returns List of unread thread ids
         Return type list
         Raises FBchatException if request failed
fetchUnseen()
     Get the unseen (new) thread list
         Returns List of unseen thread ids
         Return type list
         Raises FBchatException if request failed
fetchUserInfo(*user_ids)
     Get users' info from IDs, unordered
      Warning: Sends two requests, to fetch all available info!
         Parameters user_ids - One or more user ID(s) to query
         Returns models. User objects, labeled by their ID
         Return type dict
         Raises FBchatException if request failed
friendConnect (friend_id)
     Todo: Documenting this
getSession()
     Retrieves session cookies
         Returns A dictionay containing session cookies
         Return type dict
graphql_request (query)
     Shorthand for graphql_requests(query)[0]
         Raises FBchatException if request failed
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graphql_requests (*queries)
Parameters queries (GraphQL) - Zero or more GraphQL objects
Raises FBchatException if request failed
Returns A tuple containing json graphql queries

Return type tuple

isLoggedIn()

Sends a request to Facebook to check the login status

Returns True if the client is still logged in

Return type bool

listen (markAlive=True)

Initializes and runs the listening loop continually

Parameters markAlive (bool) – Whether this should ping the Facebook server each time the loop runs

listening = False

Whether the client is listening. Used when creating an external event loop to determine when to stop listening

login (email, password, max_tries=5)

Uses *email* and *password* to login the user (If the user is already logged in, this will do a re-login)

Parameters

- email Facebook email or id or phone number
- password Facebook account password
- max_tries (int) Maximum number of times to try logging in

Raises FBchatException on failed login

logout()

Safely logs out the client

Parameters timeout – See requests timeout

Returns True if the action was successful

Return type bool

markAsDelivered (thread_id, message_id)

Mark a message as delivered

Parameters

- thread_id User/Group ID to which the message belongs. See *Threads*
- message_id Message ID to set as delivered. See *Threads*

Returns Whether the request was successful

Raises FBchatException if request failed

markAsRead (thread_ids=None)

Mark threads as read All messages inside the threads will be marked as read

Parameters thread ids – User/Group IDs to set as read. See *Threads*

Returns Whether the request was successful

Raises FBchatException if request failed

markAsSeen()

Todo: Documenting this

markAsSpam(thread_id=None)

Mark a thread as spam and delete it

Parameters thread_id - User/Group ID to mark as spam. See Threads

Returns Whether the request was successful

Raises FBchatException if request failed

markAsUnread (thread_ids=None)

Mark threads as unread All messages inside the threads will be marked as unread

Parameters thread_ids - User/Group IDs to set as unread. See Threads

Returns Whether the request was successful

Raises FBchatException if request failed

moveThreads (location, thread_ids)

Moves threads to specifed location

Parameters

- location models.ThreadLocation: INBOX, PENDING, ARCHIVED or OTHER
- thread ids Thread IDs to move. See Threads

Returns Whether the request was successful

Raises FBchatException if request failed

muteThread (mute_time=-1, thread_id=None)

Mutes thread

Parameters

- mute time Mute time in seconds, leave blank to mute forever
- thread_id User/Group ID to mute. See *Threads*

muteThreadMentions (mute=True, thread_id=None)

Mutes thread mentions

Parameters

- mute Boolean. True to mute, False to unmute
- thread_id User/Group ID to mute. See Threads

muteThreadReactions (mute=True, thread_id=None)

Mutes thread reactions

Parameters

- mute Boolean. True to mute, False to unmute
- thread id User/Group ID to mute. See *Threads*

on2FACode()

Called when a 2FA code is needed to progress

onAdminAdded (mid=None, added_id=None, author_id=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.GROUP, ts=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody adds an admin to a group thread

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- added_id The ID of the admin who got added
- author_id The ID of the person who added the admins
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*

- **ts** A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onAdminRemoved (mid=None, removed_id=None, author_id=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.GROUP, ts=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody removes an admin from a group thread

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- removed_id The ID of the admin who got removed
- author_id The ID of the person who removed the admins
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onApprovalModeChange (mid=None, approval_mode=None, author_id=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.GROUP, ts=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody changes approval mode in a group thread

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- approval_mode True if approval mode is activated
- author_id The ID of the person who changed approval mode
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onBlock (*author_id=None*, *thread_id=None*, *thread_type=None*, *ts=None*, *msg=None*) Called when the client is listening, and somebody blocks client

Parameters

- author_id The ID of the person who blocked
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **ts** A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Todo: Make this work with private calls

Called when the client is listening, and somebody ends a call in a group

Parameters

• mid - The action ID

- caller_id The ID of the person who ended the call
- is_video_call True if it was video call
- call_duration Call duration in seconds
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

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Todo: Make this work with private calls

Called when the client is listening, and somebody starts a call in a group

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- caller_id The ID of the person who started the call
- is video call True if it's video call
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts-A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onChatTimestamp (buddylist=None, msg=None)

Called when the client receives chat online presence update

Parameters

- buddylist A list of dicts with friend id and last seen timestamp
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onColorChange (mid=None, author_id=None, new_color=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER, ts=None, metadata=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody changes a thread's color

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- author_id The ID of the person who changed the color
- new_color (models.ThreadColor) The new color
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*

- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See Threads
- ts A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onEmojiChange (mid=None, author_id=None, new_emoji=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER, ts=None, metadata=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody changes a thread's emoji

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- author_id The ID of the person who changed the emoji
- new_emoji The new emoji
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **ts** A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onFriendRequest (from_id=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody sends a friend request

Parameters

- from_id The ID of the person that sent the request
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and somebody plays a game

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- author_id The ID of the person who played the game
- game_id The ID of the game
- ullet game_name Name of the game
- score Score obtained in the game
- leaderboard Actual leaderboard of the game in the thread
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action

• msg – A full set of the data recieved

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Called when the client is listening, and somebody changes the image of a thread

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- new_image The ID of the new image
- author_id The ID of the person who changed the image
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **ts** A timestamp of the action

onInbox (unseen=None, unread=None, recent_unread=None, msg=None)

Todo: Documenting this

Parameters

- unseen --
- unread --
- recent_unread --
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onListenError(exception=None)

Called when an error was encountered while listening

Parameters exception – The exception that was encountered

Returns Whether the loop should keep running

onListening()

Called when the client is listening

onLiveLocation (mid=None, location=None, author_id=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=None, ts=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening and somebody sends live location info

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- location (models.LiveLocationAttachment) Sent location info
- author id The ID of the person who sent location info
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onLoggedIn (email=None)

Called when the client is successfully logged in

Parameters email - The email of the client

onLoggingIn (email=None)

Called when the client is logging in

Parameters email - The email of the client

onMarkedSeen (*threads=None*, *seen_ts=None*, *ts=None*, *metadata=None*, *msg=None*)

Called when the client is listening, and the client has successfully marked threads as seen

Parameters

- threads The threads that were marked
- author_id The ID of the person who changed the emoji
- **seen_ts** A timestamp of when the threads were seen
- **ts** A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Parameters

- mid The message ID
- author id The ID of the author
- message (deprecated. Use message_object.text instead)
- message_object (models.Message) The message (As a Message object)
- thread_id Thread ID that the message was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the message was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts The timestamp of the message
- metadata Extra metadata about the message
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onMessageDelivered(msg_ids=None,

delivered_for=None,

thread id=None,

thread_type=ThreadType.USER, ts=None, metadata=None, msg=None) Called when the client is listening, and somebody marks messages as delivered

Parameters

- msg_ids The messages that are marked as delivered
- **delivered_for** The person that marked the messages as delivered
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **ts** A timestamp of the action

- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onMessageError (exception=None, msg=None)

Called when an error was encountered while parsing recieved data

Parameters

- exception The exception that was encountered
- msg A full set of the data recieved

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Called when the client is listening, and somebody marks a message as seen

Parameters

- **seen_by** The ID of the person who marked the message as seen
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **seen_ts** A timestamp of when the person saw the message
- ts A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and someone unsends (deletes for everyone) a message

Parameters

- mid ID of the unsent message
- author_id The ID of the person who unsent the message
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and somebody changes the nickname of a person

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- author_id The ID of the person who changed the nickname
- changed_for The ID of the person whom got their nickname changed
- new_nickname The new nickname
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*

- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See Threads
- ts A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and somebody adds people to a group thread

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- added_ids The IDs of the people who got added
- author_id The ID of the person who added the people
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **ts** A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and somebody removes a person from a group thread

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- ullet removed_id The ID of the person who got removed
- author_id The ID of the person who removed the person
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onPlanCreated (mid=None, plan=None, author_id=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=None, ts=None, metadata=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody creates a plan

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- plan (models.Plan) Created plan
- author_id The ID of the person who created the plan
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **ts** A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and somebody deletes a plan

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- plan (models.Plan) Deleted plan
- author_id The ID of the person who deleted the plan
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and somebody edits a plan

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- plan (models.Plan) Edited plan
- author_id The ID of the person who edited the plan
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onPlanEnded (mid=None, plan=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=None, ts=None, metadata=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and a plan ends

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- plan (models.Plan) Ended plan
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **ts** A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and somebody takes part in a plan or not

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- plan (models.Plan) Plan
- take part (bool) Whether the person takes part in the plan or not
- author_id The ID of the person who will participate in the plan or not
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **ts** A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

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Called when the client is listening, and somebody creates a group poll

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- poll (models.Poll) Created poll
- author_id The ID of the person who created the poll
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and somebody votes in a group poll

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- poll (models.Poll) Poll, that user voted in
- author_id The ID of the person who voted in the poll
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action

- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onQprimer (ts=None, msg=None)

Called when the client just started listening

Parameters

- ts A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onReactionAdded (mid=None, reaction=None, author_id=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=None, ts=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody reacts to a message

Parameters

- mid Message ID, that user reacted to
- reaction (models.MessageReaction) Reaction
- add_reaction Whether user added or removed reaction
- author id The ID of the person who reacted to the message
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

Called when the client is listening, and somebody removes reaction from a message

Parameters

- mid Message ID, that user reacted to
- author_id The ID of the person who removed reaction
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onTitleChange (mid=None, author_id=None, new_title=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER, ts=None, metadata=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody changes the title of a thread

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- author_id The ID of the person who changed the title
- new_title The new title
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*

- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See Threads
- ts A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onTyping (author_id=None, status=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=None, msg=None) Called when the client is listening, and somebody starts or stops typing into a chat

Parameters

- author_id The ID of the person who sent the action
- **status** The typing status
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onUnblock (author_id=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=None, ts=None, msg=None)
Called when the client is listening, and somebody blocks client

Parameters

- author_id The ID of the person who unblocked
- thread id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- ts A timestamp of the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

onUnknownMesssageType (msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and some unknown data was recieved

Parameters msg – A full set of the data recieved

onUserJoinedCall (mid=None, joined_id=None, is_video_call=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=None, ts=None, metadata=None, msg=None)

Called when the client is listening, and somebody joins a group call

Parameters

- mid The action ID
- joined id The ID of the person who joined the call
- is_video_call True if it's video call
- thread_id Thread ID that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) Type of thread that the action was sent to. See *Threads*
- **ts** A timestamp of the action
- metadata Extra metadata about the action
- msg A full set of the data recieved

reactToMessage (message_id, reaction)

Reacts to a message, or removes reaction

Parameters

- message_id Message ID to react to
- reaction (models.MessageReaction or None) Reaction emoji to use, if None removes reaction

Raises FBchatException if request failed

removeFriend(friend_id=None)

Removes a specifed friend from your friend list

Parameters friend_id - The ID of the friend that you want to remove

Returns Returns error if the removing was unsuccessful, returns True when successful.

removeGroupAdmins (admin_ids, thread_id=None)

Removes admin status from specifed users.

Parameters

- admin_ids One or more user IDs to remove admin
- thread_id Group ID to remove people from. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

removeUserFromGroup (user_id, thread_id=None)

Removes users from a group.

Parameters

- user_id User ID to remove
- thread_id Group ID to remove people from. See *Threads*

Raises FBchatException if request failed

resetDefaultThread()

Resets default thread

search (query, fetch_messages=False, thread_limit=5, message_limit=5)

Searches for messages in all threads

Parameters

- query Text to search for
- fetch messages Whether to fetch models. Message objects or IDs only
- thread_limit (int) Max. number of threads to retrieve
- message_limit (int) Max. number of messages to retrieve

Returns Dictionary with thread IDs as keys and generators to get messages as values

Return type generator

Raises FBchatException if request failed

searchForGroups (name, limit=10)

Find and get group thread by its name

Parameters

name – Name of the group thread

• limit – The max. amount of groups to fetch

Returns models. Group objects, ordered by relevance

Return type list

Raises FBchatException if request failed

searchForMessageIDs (query, offset=0, limit=5, thread_id=None)

Find and get message IDs by query

Parameters

- query Text to search for
- offset (int) Number of messages to skip
- limit (int) Max. number of messages to retrieve
- thread_id User/Group ID to search in. See Threads

Returns Found Message IDs

Return type generator

Raises FBchatException if request failed

searchForMessages (query, offset=0, limit=5, thread_id=None)

Find and get models. Message objects by query

Warning: This method sends request for every found message ID.

Parameters

- query Text to search for
- offset (int) Number of messages to skip
- limit (int) Max. number of messages to retrieve
- thread_id User/Group ID to search in. See Threads

Returns Found models. Message objects

Return type generator

Raises FBchatException if request failed

searchForPages (name, limit=10)

Find and get page by its name

Parameters name – Name of the page

Returns models.Page objects, ordered by relevance

Return type list

Raises FBchatException if request failed

searchForThreads (name, limit=10)

Find and get a thread by its name

Parameters

• name - Name of the thread

• limit – The max. amount of groups to fetch

Returns models. User, models. Group and models. Page objects, ordered by relevance

Return type list

Raises FBchatException if request failed

searchForUsers (name, limit=10)

Find and get user by his/her name

Parameters

- name Name of the user
- limit The max. amount of users to fetch

Returns models. User objects, ordered by relevance

Return type list

Raises FBchatException if request failed

send (message, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER)
Sends a message to a thread

Parameters

- message (models.Message) Message to send
- thread_id User/Group ID to send to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Returns Message ID of the sent message

Raises FBchatException if request failed

sendEmoji (emoji=None, size=EmojiSize.SMALL, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER)
Deprecated. Use fbchat.Client.send instead

sendLocalFiles (file_paths, message=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER)
Sends local files to a thread

Parameters

- file_paths Paths of files to upload and send
- message Additional message
- thread id User/Group ID to send to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Returns *Message ID* of the sent files

Raises FBchatException if request failed

sendLocalImage (image_path, message=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER)
Deprecated. Use fbchat.Client.sendLocalFiles instead

Parameters

- clip_paths Paths of clips to upload and send
- message Additional message
- thread_id User/Group ID to send to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Returns *Message ID* of the sent files

Raises FBchatException if request failed

sendLocation (*location*, *thread_id=None*, *thread_type=None*)

Sends a given location to a thread as the user's current location

Parameters

- location (models.LocationAttachment) Location to send
- thread_id User/Group ID to send to. See *Threads*
- thread type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Returns Message ID of the sent message

Raises FBchatException if request failed

sendMessage (message, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER)

Deprecated. Use fbchat.Client.send instead

sendPinnedLocation (location, thread id=None, thread type=None)

Sends a given location to a thread as a pinned location

Parameters

- location (models.LocationAttachment) Location to send
- thread_id User/Group ID to send to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Returns Message ID of the sent message

Raises FBchatException if request failed

sendRemoteFiles (file_urls, message=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER)
Sends files from URLs to a thread

Parameters

- file urls URLs of files to upload and send
- message Additional message
- thread_id User/Group ID to send to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Returns Message ID of the sent files

Raises FBchatException if request failed

sendRemoteImage (image_url, message=None, thread_id=None, thread_type=ThreadType.USER)
Deprecated. Use fbchat.Client.sendRemoteFiles instead

sendRemoteVoiceClips(clip_urls, maximum)

message=None, thread_id=None,

 $thread_type=ThreadType.USER)$

Sends voice clips from URLs to a thread

Parameters

- clip_urls URLs of clips to upload and send
- message Additional message
- thread_id User/Group ID to send to. See *Threads*
- thread type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Returns *Message ID* of the sent files

Raises FBchatException if request failed

setDefaultThread (thread_id, thread_type)

Sets default thread to send messages to

Parameters

- thread_id User/Group ID to default to. See Threads
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

setSession (session cookies)

Loads session cookies

Parameters session_cookies (dict) - A dictionay containing session cookies

Returns False if session_cookies does not contain proper cookies

Return type bool

setTypingStatus (status, thread_id=None, thread_type=None)

Sets users typing status in a thread

Parameters

- status (models.TypingStatus) Specify the typing status
- thread_id User/Group ID to change status in. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Raises FBchatException if request failed

ssl_verify = True

Verify ssl certificate, set to False to allow debugging with a proxy

startListening()

Start listening from an external event loop

Raises FBchatException if request failed

stopListening()

Cleans up the variables from startListening

uid = None

The ID of the client. Can be used as *thread_id*. See *Threads* for more info.

Note: Modifying this results in undefined behaviour

unblockUser(user_id)

Unblocks messages from a blocked user

Parameters user_id - The ID of the user that you want to unblock

Returns Whether the request was successful

Raises FBchatException if request failed

```
unmuteThread (thread_id=None)
Unmutes thread
Parameters thread_id - User/Group ID to unmute. See Threads
unmuteThreadMentions (thread_id=None)
Unmutes thread mentions
```

Parameters thread_id - User/Group ID to unmute. See Threads

unmuteThreadReactions (thread_id=None)

Unmutes thread reactions

Parameters thread_id - User/Group ID to unmute. See Threads

unsend (mid)

Unsends a message (removes for everyone)

Parameters mid - Message ID of the message to unsend

updatePollVote (poll_id, option_ids=[], new_options=[])

Updates a poll vote

Parameters

- poll_id ID of the poll to update vote
- option_ids List of the option IDs to vote
- **new_options** List of the new option names
- thread id User/Group ID to change status in. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Raises FBchatException if request failed

wave (wave_first=True, thread_id=None, thread_type=None)
Says hello with a wave to a thread!

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Parameters

- wave_first Whether to wave first or wave back
- thread_id User/Group ID to send to. See *Threads*
- thread_type (models.ThreadType) See Threads

Returns *Message ID* of the sent message

Raises FBchatException if request failed

1.5.2 Models

These models are used in various functions, both as inputs and return values. A good tip is to write from fbchat. models import * at the start of your source, so you can use these models freely

```
class fbchat.models.Attachment(uid=None)
```

Represents a Facebook attachment

uid = None

The attachment ID

Represents an audio file that has been sent as a Facebook attachment

```
audio_type = None
          Audio type
     duration = None
          Duration of the audioclip in milliseconds
     filename = None
         Name of the file
     url = None
          Url of the audio file
class fbchat.models.EmojiSize(*args, **kwds)
     Used to specify the size of a sent emoji
     LARGE = '369239383222810'
     MEDIUM = '369239343222814'
     SMALL = '369239263222822'
class fbchat.models.Enum(*args, **kwds)
     Used internally by fbchat to support enumerations
exception fbchat.models.FBchatException
     Custom exception thrown by fbchat. All exceptions in the fbchat module inherits this
exception fbchat.models.FBchatFacebookError(message,
                                                                           fb_error_code=None,
                                                       fb error message=None,
                                                        quest_status_code=None)
     fb error code = None
          The error code that Facebook returned
     fb_error_message = None
          The error message that Facebook returned (In the user's own language)
     request_status_code = None
          The status code that was sent in the http response (eg. 404) (Usually only set if not successful, aka. not
          200)
exception fbchat.models.FBchatUserError
     Thrown by fbchat when wrong values are entered
class fbchat.models.FileAttachment(url=None, size=None, name=None, is_malicious=None,
                                            **kwargs)
     Represents a file that has been sent as a Facebook attachment
     is malicious = None
          Whether Facebook determines that this file may be harmful
     name = None
         Name of the file
     size = None
         Size of the file in bytes
     url = None
          Url where you can download the file
class fbchat.models.Group (uid, participants=None, nicknames=None, color=None, emoji=None,
                                 admins=None,
                                                 approval_mode=None,
                                                                        approval_requests=None,
                                 join_link=None, privacy_mode=None, **kwargs)
     Represents a Facebook group. Inherits Thread
```

```
admins = None
     approval_mode = None
     approval_requests = None
     color = None
         A ThreadColor. The groups's message color
     emoji = None
         The groups's default emoji
     join_link = None
     nicknames = None
         A dict, containing user nicknames mapped to their IDs
     participants = None
         Unique list (set) of the group thread's participant user IDs
class fbchat.models.ImageAttachment (original_extension=None, width=None, height=None,
                                             is animated=None,
                                                                          thumbnail url=None,
                                             preview=None,
                                                                large_preview=None,
                                                                                         ani-
                                             mated preview=None, **kwargs)
     Represents an image that has been sent as a Facebook attachment To retrieve the full image url, use: fbchat.
     Client.fetchImageUrl, and pass it the uid of the image attachment
     animated_preview_height = None
         Height of the animated preview image
     animated_preview_url = None
         URL to an animated preview of the image (eg. for gifs)
     animated_preview_width = None
         Width of the animated preview image
     height = None
         Height of original image
     is_animated = None
         Whether the image is animated
     large_preview_height = None
         Height of the large preview image
     large preview url = None
         URL to a large preview of the image
     large_preview_width = None
         Width of the large preview image
     original extension = None
         The extension of the original image (eg. 'png')
     preview_height = None
         Height of the medium preview image
     preview_url = None
         URL to a medium preview of the image
     preview_width = None
         Width of the medium preview image
     thumbnail_url = None
         URL to a thumbnail of the image
```

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```
Width of original image
class fbchat.models.LiveLocationAttachment (name=None,
                                                                          expiration_time=None,
                                                      is_expired=None, **kwargs)
     Represents a live user location
     expiration_time = None
         Timestamp when live location expires
     is_expired = None
          True if live location is expired
     name = None
         Name of the location
class fbchat.models.LocationAttachment(latitude=None, longitude=None, **kwargs)
     Represents a user location
     image_height = None
         Height of the image
     image_url = None
         URL of image showing the map of the location
     image_width = None
          Width of the image
     latitude = None
         Latidute of the location
     longitude = None
         Longitude of the location
     url = None
          URL to Bing maps with the location
class fbchat.models.Mention(thread_id, offset=0, length=10)
     Represents a @mention
     length = None
         The length of the mention
     offset = None
          The character where the mention starts
     thread id = None
          The thread ID the mention is pointing at
class fbchat.models.Message (text=None, mentions=None, emoji_size=None, sticker=None, attach-
                                   ments=None)
     Represents a Facebook message
     attachments = None
          A list of attachments
     author = None
         ID of the sender
     emoji_size = None
         A EmojiSize. Size of a sent emoji
```

width = None

is read = None

Whether the message is read

```
mentions = None
         A list of Mention objects
     reactions = None
         A dict with user's IDs as keys, and their MessageReaction as values
     read by = None
         A list of pepole IDs who read the message, works only with fbchat.Client.
         fetchThreadMessages
     sticker = None
         A Sticker
     text = None
         The actual message
     timestamp = None
         Timestamp of when the message was sent
     uid = None
         The message ID
     unsent = None
         Whether the message is unsent (deleted for everyone)
class fbchat.models.MessageReaction(*args, **kwds)
     Used to specify a message reaction
     ANGRY = ''
     LOVE = ''
     NO = ''
     SAD = ''
     SMILE = ''
     WOW = ''
     YES = ''
class fbchat.models.Page (uid, url=None, city=None, likes=None, sub_title=None, category=None,
                               **kwargs)
     Represents a Facebook page. Inherits Thread
     category = None
         The page's category
     city = None
         The name of the page's location city
     likes = None
         Amount of likes the page has
     sub_title = None
         Some extra information about the page
     url = None
         The page's custom url
class fbchat.models.Plan(time, title, location=None, location_id=None)
     Represents a plan
     author_id = None
         ID of the plan creator
```

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declined = None
         List of the people IDs who won't take part in the plan
     going = None
          List of the people IDs who will take part in the plan
     invited = None
          List of the people IDs who are invited to the plan
     location = None
          Plan location name
     location id = None
          Plan location ID
     time = None
          Plan time (unix time stamp), only precise down to the minute
     title = None
          Plan title
     uid = None
          ID of the plan
class fbchat.models.Poll(title, options)
     Represents a poll
     options = None
         List of PollOption, can be fetched with fbchat.Client.fetchPollOptions
     options_count = None
          Options count
     title = None
          Title of the poll
     uid = None
          ID of the poll
class fbchat.models.PollOption(text, vote=False)
     Represents a poll option
     text = None
          Text of the poll option
     uid = None
          ID of the poll option
     vote = None
          Whether vote when creating or client voted
     voters = None
          ID of the users who voted for this poll option
     votes_count = None
          Votes count
class fbchat.models.Room(uid, privacy_mode=None, **kwargs)
     Deprecated. Use Group instead
     privacy_mode = None
```

class fbchat.models.**ShareAttachment**(author=None, *url=None*, *original_url=None*, tle=None, description=None, source=None, age url=None, original image url=None, image_height=None, age_width=None, attachments=None, **kwargs) Represents a shared item (eg. URL) that has been sent as a Facebook attachment attachments = None List of additional attachments author = None ID of the author of the shared post description = None Description of the attachment image_height = None Height of the image image_url = None URL of the attachment image image_width = None Width of the image original_image_url = None URL of the original image if Facebook uses *safe_image* original_url = None Original URL if Facebook redirects the URL source = None Name of the source title = None Title of the attachment url = None Target URL class fbchat.models.Sticker(*args, **kwargs) Represents a Facebook sticker that has been sent to a Facebook thread as an attachment frame rate = None The frame rate the spritemap is intended to be played in frames_per_col = None The amount of frames present in the spritemap pr. coloumn frames_per_row = None The amount of frames present in the spritemap pr. row height = None Height of the sticker is_animated = False

Whether the sticker is animated

label = None

The sticker's label/name

large_sprite_image = None

URL to a large spritemap

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medium_sprite_image = None
         URL to a medium spritemap
    pack = None
         The sticker-pack's ID
    url = None
         URL to the sticker's image
    width = None
         Width of the sticker
class fbchat.models.Thread(_type, uid, photo=None, name=None, last_message_timestamp=None,
                                message_count=None, plan=None)
    Represents a Facebook thread
    last_message_timestamp = None
         Timestamp of last message
    message_count = None
         Number of messages in the thread
    name = None
         The name of the thread
    photo = None
         A url to the thread's picture
    plan = None
         Set Plan
    type = None
         Specifies the type of thread. Can be used a thread_type. See Threads for more info
         The unique identifier of the thread. Can be used a thread_id. See Threads for more info
class fbchat.models.ThreadColor(*args, **kwds)
    Used to specify a thread colors
    BILOBA_FLOWER = '#a695c7'
    BRILLIANT_ROSE = '#ff5ca1'
    CAMEO = '#d4a88c'
    DEEP_SKY_BLUE = '#20cef5'
    FERN = '#67b868'
    FREE_SPEECH_GREEN = '#13cf13'
    GOLDEN POPPY = '#ffc300'
    LIGHT_CORAL = '#e68585'
    MEDIUM_SLATE_BLUE = '#7646ff'
    MESSENGER_BLUE = '#0084ff'
    PICTON_BLUE = '#6699cc'
    PUMPKIN = '#ff7e29'
    RADICAL_RED = '#fa3c4c'
    SHOCKING = '#d696bb'
```

```
VIKING = '#44bec7'
class fbchat.models.ThreadLocation(*args, **kwds)
     Used to specify where a thread is located (inbox, pending, archived, other).
     ARCHIVED = 'ARCHIVED'
     INBOX = 'INBOX'
     OTHER = 'OTHER'
     PENDING = 'PENDING'
class fbchat.models.ThreadType(*args, **kwds)
     Used to specify what type of Facebook thread is being used. See Threads for more info
     GROUP = 2
     PAGE = 3
     ROOM = 2
     USER = 1
class fbchat.models.TypingStatus(*args, **kwds)
     Used to specify whether the user is typing or has stopped typing
     STOPPED = 0
     TYPING = 1
class fbchat.models.UnsentMessage(*args, **kwargs)
     Represents an unsent message attachment
class fbchat.models.User(uid, url=None, first_name=None, last_name=None, is_friend=None,
                               gender=None, affinity=None, nickname=None, own_nickname=None,
                               color=None, emoji=None, **kwargs)
     Represents a Facebook user. Inherits Thread
     affinity = None
         From 0 to 1. How close the client is to the user
     color = None
         A ThreadColor. The message color
     emoji = None
         The default emoji
     first name = None
         The users first name
     gender = None
         The user's gender
     is friend = None
         Whether the user and the client are friends
     last name = None
         The users last name
     nickname = None
         The user's nickname
     own nickname = None
         The clients nickname, as seen by the user
```

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url = None

The profile url

class fbchat.models.VideoAttachment(size=None, width=None, height=None, duration=None, preview_url=None, small_image=None,
medium_image=None, large_image=None, **kwargs)

Represents a video that has been sent as a Facebook attachment

duration = None

Length of video in milliseconds

height = None

Height of original video

large_image_height = None

Height of the large preview image

large_image_url = None

URL to a large preview image of the video

large_image_width = None

Width of the large preview image

medium_image_height = None

Height of the medium preview image

medium_image_url = None

URL to a medium preview image of the video

medium_image_width = None

Width of the medium preview image

preview_url = None

URL to very compressed preview video

size = None

Size of the original video in bytes

small_image_height = None

Height of the small preview image

small_image_url = None

URL to a small preview image of the video

small_image_width = None

Width of the small preview image

width = None

Width of original video

1.5.3 Utils

These functions and values are used internally by fbchat, and are subject to change. Do **NOT** rely on these to be backwards compatible!

class fbchat.utils.ReqUrl

A class containing all urls used by fbchat

fbchat.utils.USER_AGENTS = ['Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_10_2) AppleWebKit/5.

Default list of user agents

fbchat.utils.random() \rightarrow x in the interval [0, 1).

1.6 Todo

This page will be periodically updated to show missing features and documentation

1.6.1 Missing Functionality

- Implement Client.searchForMessage
 - This will use the graphql request API
- Implement chatting with pages properly
- Write better FAQ
- Explain usage of graphql

1.6.2 Documentation

Todo: Documenting this

(The original entry is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/fbchat/checkouts/master/fbchat/client.py:docstring of fbchat.Client.friendConnect, line 1.)

Todo: Documenting this

(The original entry is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/fbchat/checkouts/master/fbchat/client.py:docstring of fbchat.Client.markAsSeen, line 1.)

Todo: Make this work with private calls

(The original entry is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/fbchat/checkouts/master/fbchat/client.py:docstring of fbchat.Client.onCallEnded, line 1.)

Todo: Make this work with private calls

(The original entry is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/fbchat/checkouts/master/fbchat/client.py:docstring of fbchat.Client.onCallStarted, line 1.)

Todo: Documenting this

(The original entry is located in /home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/fbchat/checkouts/master/fbchat/client.py:docstring of fbchat.Client.onInbox, line 1.)

1.7 FAQ

1.7.1 Version X broke my installation

We try to provide backwards compatibility where possible, but since we're not part of Facebook, most of the things may be broken at any point in time

Downgrade to an earlier version of fbchat, run this command

```
$ pip install fbchat==<X>
```

Where you replace <X> with the version you want to use

1.7.2 Will you be supporting creating posts/events/pages and so on?

We won't be focusing on anything else than chat-related things. This API is called *fbCHAT*, after all;)

1.7.3 Submitting Issues

If you're having trouble with some of the snippets, or you think some of the functionality is broken, please feel free to submit an issue on Github. You should first login with logging_level set to logging.DEBUG:

```
from fbchat import Client
import logging
client = Client('<email>', '<password>', logging_level=logging.DEBUG)
```

Then you can submit the relevant parts of this log, and detailed steps on how to reproduce

Warning: Always remove your credentials from any debug information you may provide us. Preferably, use a test account, in case you miss anything

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