

This document describes the current stable version of Celery (4.2). For development docs, go here.

Configuration and defaults

This document describes the configuration options available.

If you're using the default loader, you must create the **celeryconfig.py** module and make sure it's available on the Python path.

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Example configuration file

This is an example configuration file to get you started. It should contain all you need to run a basic Celery set-up.



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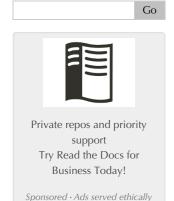
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```
## Broker settings.
broker_url = 'amqp://guest:guest@localhost:5672//'

# List of modules to import when the Celery worker starts.
imports = ('myapp.tasks',)

## Using the database to store task state and results.
result_backend = 'db+sqlite:///results.db'

task_annotations = {'tasks.add': {'rate_limit': '10/s'}}
```

New lowercase settings

Version 4.0 introduced new lower case settings and setting organization.

The major difference between previous versions, apart from the lower case names, are the renaming of some prefixes, like celerybeat_ to beat_, celeryd_ to worker_, and most of the top level celery_ settings have been moved into a new task_ prefix.

Note:

Celery will still be able to read old configuration files, so there's no rush in moving to the new settings format. Furthermore, we provide the celery upgrade command that should handle plenty of cases (including Django).

Setting name	Replace with
CELERY_ACCEPT_CONTENT	accept_content
CELERY_ENABLE_UTC	enable_utc
CELERY_IMPORTS	imports
CELERY_INCLUDE	include
CELERY_TIMEZONE	timezone
CELERYBEAT_MAX_LOOP_INTERVAL	beat_max_loop_interval
CELERYBEAT_SCHEDULE	beat_schedule
CELERYBEAT_SCHEDULER	beat_scheduler
CELERYBEAT_SCHEDULE_FILENAME	beat_schedule_filename
CELERYBEAT_SYNC_EVERY	beat_sync_every
BROKER_URL	broker_url
BROKER_TRANSPORT	broker_transport
BROKER_TRANSPORT_OPTIONS	broker_transport_options
BROKER_CONNECTION_TIMEOUT	broker_connection_timeout
BROKER_CONNECTION_RETRY	broker_connection_retry
BROKER_CONNECTION_MAX_RETRIES	broker_connection_max_retries
BROKER_FAILOVER_STRATEGY	broker_failover_strategy
BROKER_HEARTBEAT	broker_heartbeat
BROKER_LOGIN_METHOD	broker_login_method
BROKER_POOL_LIMIT	broker_pool_limit
BROKER_USE_SSL	broker_use_ssl
CELERY_CACHE_BACKEND	cache_backend
CELERY_CACHE_BACKEND_OPTIONS	cache_backend_options
CASSANDRA_COLUMN_FAMILY	cassandra_table
CASSANDRA_ENTRY_TTL	cassandra_entry_ttl
CASSANDRA_KEYSPACE	cassandra_keyspace
CASSANDRA_PORT	cassandra_port
CASSANDRA_READ_CONSISTENCY	cassandra_read_consistency
CASSANDRA_SERVERS	cassandra_servers

Setting name	Replace with
CASSANDRA WRITE CONSISTENCY	cassandra write consistency
CASSANDRA OPTIONS	cassandra_options
CELERY COUCHBASE BACKEND SETTINGS	couchbase backend settings
CELERY MONGODB BACKEND SETTINGS	mongodb backend settings
CELERY_EVENT_QUEUE_EXPIRES	event_queue_expires
CELERY EVENT QUEUE TTL	event_queue_expires
	event_queue_tti
CELERY_EVENT_QUEUE_PREFIX	
CELERY_EVENT_SERIALIZER	event_serializer
CELERY_REDIS_DB	redis_db
CELERY_REDIS_HOST	redis_host
CELERY_REDIS_MAX_CONNECTIONS	redis_max_connections
CELERY_REDIS_PASSWORD	redis_password
CELERY_REDIS_PORT	redis_port
CELERY_RESULT_BACKEND	result_backend
CELERY_MAX_CACHED_RESULTS	result_cache_max
CELERY_MESSAGE_COMPRESSION	result_compression
CELERY_RESULT_EXCHANGE	result_exchange
CELERY_RESULT_EXCHANGE_TYPE	result_exchange_type
CELERY_TASK_RESULT_EXPIRES	result_expires
CELERY_RESULT_PERSISTENT	result_persistent
CELERY_RESULT_SERIALIZER	result_serializer
CELERY_RESULT_DBURI	Use result_backend instead.
CELERY_RESULT_ENGINE_OPTIONS	database_engine_options
[]_DB_SHORT_LIVED_SESSIONS	database_short_lived_sessions
CELERY_RESULT_DB_TABLE_NAMES	database_db_names
CELERY_SECURITY_CERTIFICATE	security_certificate
CELERY_SECURITY_CERT_STORE	security_cert_store
CELERY_SECURITY_KEY	security_key
CELERY_ACKS_LATE	task_acks_late
CELERY_TASK_ALWAYS_EAGER	task_always_eager
CELERY_TASK_ANNOTATIONS	task_annotations
CELERY_TASK_COMPRESSION	task_compression
CELERY_TASK_CREATE_MISSING_QUEUES	task_create_missing_queues
CELERY_TASK_DEFAULT_DELIVERY_MODE	task_default_delivery_mode
CELERY_TASK_DEFAULT_EXCHANGE	task_default_exchange
CELERY_TASK_DEFAULT_EXCHANGE_TYPE	task_default_exchange_type
CELERY_TASK_DEFAULT_QUEUE	task_default_queue
CELERY_TASK_DEFAULT_RATE_LIMIT	task_default_rate_limit
CELERY_TASK_DEFAULT_ROUTING_KEY	task_default_routing_key
CELERY_TASK_EAGER_PROPAGATES	task_eager_propagates
CELERY_TASK_IGNORE_RESULT	task_ignore_result
CELERY_TASK_PUBLISH_RETRY	task_publish_retry
CELERY_TASK_PUBLISH_RETRY_POLICY	task_publish_retry_policy
CELERY_QUEUES	task_queues
CELERY_ROUTES	task_routes
CELERY_TASK_SEND_SENT_EVENT	task_send_sent_event
CELERY_TASK_SERIALIZER	task_serializer
CELERYD_TASK_SOFT_TIME_LIMIT	task_soft_time_limit
CELERYD_TASK_TIME_LIMIT	task_time_limit
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CELERY_TRACK_STARTED	task_track_started
CELERY_TRACK_STARTED CELERYD_AGENT	task_track_started worker_agent

Setting name	Replace with
CELERYD_AUTOSCALER	worker_autoscaler
CELERYD_CONCURRENCY	worker_concurrency
CELERYD_CONSUMER	worker_consumer
CELERY_WORKER_DIRECT	worker_direct
CELERY_DISABLE_RATE_LIMITS	worker_disable_rate_limits
CELERY_ENABLE_REMOTE_CONTROL	worker_enable_remote_control
CELERYD_HIJACK_ROOT_LOGGER	worker_hijack_root_logger
CELERYD_LOG_COLOR	worker_log_color
CELERYD_LOG_FORMAT	worker_log_format
CELERYD_WORKER_LOST_WAIT	worker_lost_wait
CELERYD_MAX_TASKS_PER_CHILD	worker_max_tasks_per_child
CELERYD_POOL	worker_pool
CELERYD_POOL_PUTLOCKS	worker_pool_putlocks
CELERYD_POOL_RESTARTS	worker_pool_restarts
CELERYD_PREFETCH_MULTIPLIER	worker_prefetch_multiplier
CELERYD_REDIRECT_STDOUTS	worker_redirect_stdouts
CELERYD_REDIRECT_STDOUTS_LEVEL	worker_redirect_stdouts_level
CELERYD_SEND_EVENTS	worker_send_task_events
CELERYD_STATE_DB	worker_state_db
CELERYD_TASK_LOG_FORMAT	worker_task_log_format
CELERYD_TIMER	worker_timer
CELERYD_TIMER_PRECISION	worker_timer_precision

Configuration Directives

General settings

```
accept content
```

Default: {'json'} (set, list, or tuple).

A white-list of content-types/serializers to allow.

If a message is received that's not in this list then the message will be discarded with an error.

By default only json is enabled but any content type can be added, including pickle and yaml; when this is the case make sure untrusted parties don't have access to your broker. See Security for more.

Example:

```
# using serializer name
accept_content = ['json']

# or the actual content-type (MIME)
accept_content = ['application/json']
```

Time and date settings

New in version 2.5.

Default: Enabled by default since version 3.0.

If enabled dates and times in messages will be converted to use the UTC timezone.

Note that workers running Celery versions below 2.5 will assume a local timezone for all messages, so only enable if all workers have been upgraded.

timezone

New in version 2.5.

Default: "UTC".

Configure Celery to use a custom time zone. The timezone value can be any time zone supported by the pytz library.

If not set the UTC timezone is used. For backwards compatibility there's also a **enable_utc** setting, and when this is set to false the system local timezone is used instead.

Task settings

task annotations

New in version 2.5.

Default: None.

This setting can be used to rewrite any task attribute from the configuration. The setting can be a dict, or a list of annotation objects that filter for tasks and return a map of attributes to change.

This will change the rate_limit attribute for the tasks.add task:

```
task_annotations = {'tasks.add': {'rate_limit': '10/s'}}
```

or change the same for all tasks:

```
task_annotations = {'*': {'rate_limit': '10/s'}}
```

You can change methods too, for example the on_failure handler:

```
def my_on_failure(self, exc, task_id, args, kwargs, einfo):
    print('Oh no! Task failed: {0!r}'.format(exc))

task_annotations = {'*': {'on_failure': my_on_failure}}
```

If you need more flexibility then you can use objects instead of a dict to choose the tasks to annotate:

```
class MyAnnotate(object):

    def annotate(self, task):
        if task.name.startswith('tasks.'):
            return {'rate_limit': '10/s'}

task_annotations = (MyAnnotate(), {other,})
```

Default: None

Default compression used for task messages. Can be gzip, bzip2 (if available), or any custom compression schemes registered in the Kombu compression registry.

The default is to send uncompressed messages.

task protocol

Default: 2 (since 4.0).

Set the default task message protocol version used to send tasks. Supports protocols: 1 and 2.

Protocol 2 is supported by 3.1.24 and 4.x+.

task serializer

Default: "json" (since 4.0, earlier: pickle).

A string identifying the default serialization method to use. Can be *json* (default), *pickle*, *yaml*, *msgpack*, or any custom serialization methods that have been registered with **kombu.serialization.registry**.

See also:

Serializers.

task publish retry

New in version 2.2.

Default: Enabled.

Decides if publishing task messages will be retried in the case of connection loss or other connection errors. See also **task publish retry policy**.

task publish retry policy

New in version 2.2.

Default: See Message Sending Retry.

Defines the default policy when retrying publishing a task message in the case of connection loss or other connection errors.

Task execution settings

task always eager

Default: Disabled.

If this is **True**, all tasks will be executed locally by blocking until the task returns. apply_async() and Task.delay() will return an **EagerResult** instance, that emulates the API and behavior of **AsyncResult**, except the result is already evaluated.

That is, tasks will be executed locally instead of being sent to the queue.

task eager propagates

Default: Disabled.

If this is **True**, eagerly executed tasks (applied by *task.apply()*, or when the **task_always_eager** setting is enabled), will propagate exceptions.

It's the same as always running apply() with throw=True.

task remote tracebacks

Default: Disabled.

If enabled task results will include the workers stack when re-raising task errors.

This requires the tblib library, that can be installed using **pip**:

```
$ pip install celery[tblib]
```

See Bundles for information on combining multiple extension requirements.

task_ignore_result

Default: Disabled.

Whether to store the task return values or not (tombstones). If you still want to store errors, just not successful return values, you can set

task_store_errors_even_if_ignored.

task store errors even if ignored

Default: Disabled.

If set, the worker stores all task errors in the result store even if **Task.ignore_result** is on.

task track started

Default: Disabled.

If **True** the task will report its status as 'started' when the task is executed by a worker. The default value is **False** as the normal behavior is to not report that level of granularity. Tasks are either pending, finished, or waiting to be retried. Having a 'started' state can be useful for when there are long running tasks and there's a need to report what task is currently running.

task_time_limit

Default: No time limit.

Task hard time limit in seconds. The worker processing the task will be killed and replaced with a new one when this is exceeded.

task soft time limit

Default: No soft time limit.

Task soft time limit in seconds.

The **SoftTimeLimitExceeded** exception will be raised when this is exceeded. For

example, the task can catch this to clean up before the hard time limit comes:

```
from celery.exceptions import SoftTimeLimitExceeded

@app.task
def mytask():
    try:
        return do_work()
    except SoftTimeLimitExceeded:
        cleanup_in_a_hurry()
```

task_acks_late

Default: Disabled.

Late ack means the task messages will be acknowledged **after** the task has been executed, not *just before* (the default behavior).

See also:

FAQ: Should I use retry or acks_late?.

```
task_reject_on_worker_lost
```

Default: Disabled.

Even if **task_acks_late** is enabled, the worker will acknowledge tasks when the worker process executing them abruptly exits or is signaled (e.g., **KILL/INT**, etc).

Setting this to true allows the message to be re-queued instead, so that the task will execute again by the same worker, or another worker.

Warning:

Enabling this can cause message loops; make sure you know what you're doing.

task default rate limit

Default: No rate limit.

The global default rate limit for tasks.

This value is used for tasks that doesn't have a custom rate limit

See also:

The setting:worker_disable_rate_limits setting can disable all rate limits.

Task result backend settings

result backend

Default: No result backend enabled by default.

The backend used to store task results (tombstones). Can be one of the following:

• rpc

Send results back as AMQP messages See RPC backend settings.

• database

Use a relational database supported by SQLAlchemy. See Database backend settings.

• redis

Use Redis to store the results. See Redis backend settings.

• cache

Use Memcached to store the results. See Cache backend settings.

• cassandra

Use Cassandra to store the results. See Cassandra backend settings.

• elasticsearch

Use Elasticsearch to store the results. See Elasticsearch backend settings.

• ironcache

Use IronCache to store the results. See IronCache backend settings.

• couchbase

Use Couchbase to store the results. See Couchbase backend settings.

• couchdb

Use CouchDB to store the results. See CouchDB backend settings.

• filesystem

Use a shared directory to store the results. See File-system backend settings.

• consul

Use the Consul K/V store to store the results See Consul K/V store backend settings.

result_backend_transport_options

Default: {} (empty mapping).

A dict of additional options passed to the underlying transport.

See your transport user manual for supported options (if any).

Example setting the visibility timeout (supported by Redis and SQS transports):

```
result_backend_transport_options = {'visibility_timeout': 18000} # 5 ho
```

result serializer

Default: json since 4.0 (earlier: pickle).

Result serialization format.

See Serializers for information about supported serialization formats.

result compression

Default: No compression.

Optional compression method used for task results. Supports the same options as the **task_serializer** setting.

result expires

Default: Expire after 1 day.

Time (in seconds, or a **timedelta** object) for when after stored task tombstones will be deleted.

A built-in periodic task will delete the results after this time (celery.backend_cleanup), assuming that celery beat is enabled. The task runs daily at 4am.

A value of **None** or 0 means results will never expire (depending on backend specifications).

Note:

For the moment this only works with the AMQP, database, cache, and Redis backends.

When using the database backend, **celery beat** must be running for the results to be expired.

result cache max

Default: Disabled by default.

Enables client caching of results.

This can be useful for the old deprecated 'amqp' backend where the result is unavailable as soon as one result instance consumes it.

This is the total number of results to cache before older results are evicted. A value of 0 or None means no limit, and a value of **-1** will disable the cache.

Disabled by default.

Database backend settings

Database URL Examples

To use the database backend you have to configure the **result_backend** setting with a connection URL and the db+ prefix:

```
result_backend = 'db+scheme://user:password@host:port/dbname'
```

Examples:

```
# sqlite (filename)
result_backend = 'db+sqlite:///results.sqlite'

# mysql
result_backend = 'db+mysql://scott:tiger@localhost/foo'

# postgresql
result_backend = 'db+postgresql://scott:tiger@localhost/mydatabase'

# oracle
result_backend = 'db+oracle://scott:tiger@l27.0.0.1:1521/sidname'
```

Please see Supported Databases for a table of supported databases, and Connection String for more information about connection strings (this is the part of the URI that comes after the db+ prefix).

database engine options

Default: {} (empty mapping).

To specify additional SQLAlchemy database engine options you can use the **sqlalchmey_engine_options** setting:

```
# echo enables verbose logging from SQLAlchemy.
app.conf.database_engine_options = {'echo': True}
```

database short lived sessions

Default: Disabled by default.

Short lived sessions are disabled by default. If enabled they can drastically reduce performance, especially on systems processing lots of tasks. This option is useful on low-traffic workers that experience errors as a result of cached database connections going stale through inactivity. For example, intermittent errors like (*OperationalError*) (2006, 'MySQL server has gone away') can be fixed by enabling short lived sessions. This option only affects the database backend.

database table names

Default: {} (empty mapping).

When SQLAlchemy is configured as the result backend, Celery automatically creates two tables to store result meta-data for tasks. This setting allows you to customize the table names:

```
# use custom table names for the database result backend.
database_table_names = {
    'task': 'myapp_taskmeta',
    'group': 'myapp_groupmeta',
}
```

RPC backend settings

result_persistent

Default: Disabled by default (transient messages).

If set to **True**, result messages will be persistent. This means the messages won't be lost after a broker restart.

Example configuration

```
result_backend = 'rpc://'
result_persistent = False
```

Cache backend settings

Note:

The cache backend supports the pylibmc and python-memcached libraries. The latter is used only if pylibmc isn't installed.

Using a single Memcached server:

```
result_backend = 'cache+memcached://127.0.0.1:11211/'
```

Using multiple Memcached servers:

```
result_backend = """
    cache+memcached://172.19.26.240:11211;172.19.26.242:11211/
""".strip()
```

The "memory" backend stores the cache in memory only:

```
result_backend = 'cache'
cache_backend = 'memory'
```

cache_backend_options

Default: {} (empty mapping).

You can set pylibmc options using the **cache_backend_options** setting:

```
cache_backend_options = {
    'binary': True,
    'behaviors': {'tcp_nodelay': True},
}
```

cache_backend

This setting is no longer used as it's now possible to specify the cache backend directly in the **result_backend** setting.

Redis backend settings

Configuring the backend URL

Note:

The Redis backend requires the redis library.

To install this package use pip:

```
$ pip install celery[redis]
```

See Bundles for information on combining multiple extension requirements.

This backend requires the **result_backend** setting to be set to a Redis or Redis over TLS URL:

```
result_backend = 'redis://:password@host:port/db'
```

For example:

```
result_backend = 'redis://localhost/0'
```

is the same as:

```
result_backend = 'redis://'
```

Use the rediss:// protocol to connect to redis over TLS:

```
result_backend = 'rediss://:password@host:port/db?ssl_cert_reqs=CERT_REQ
```

The fields of the URL are defined as follows:

1. password

Password used to connect to the database.

2. host

Host name or IP address of the Redis server (e.g., localhost).

3. port

Port to the Redis server. Default is 6379.

4. db

Database number to use. Default is 0. The db can include an optional leading slash.

When using a TLS connection (protocol is rediss://), you may pass in all values in **broker_use_ssl** as query parameters. Paths to certificates must be URL encoded, and ssl cert regs is required. Example:

```
result_backend = 'rediss://:password@host:port/db?\
    ssl_cert_reqs=CERT_REQUIRED\
    &ssl_ca_certs=%2Fvar%2Fssl%2Fmyca.pem\  # /var/ssl/m
    &ssl_certfile=%2Fvar%2Fssl%2Fredis-server-cert.pem\  # /var/ssl/r
    &ssl_keyfile=%2Fvar%2Fssl%2Fprivate%2Fworker-key.pem'  # /var/ssl/p
```

redis backend use ssl

Default: Disabled.

The Redis backend supports SSL. The valid values of this options are the same as **broker_use_ssl**.

redis max connections

Default: No limit.

Maximum number of connections available in the Redis connection pool used for sending and retrieving results.

redis socket connect timeout

New in version 5.0.1.

Default: None

Socket timeout for connections to Redis from the result backend in seconds (int/float)

redis socket timeout

Default: 120.0 seconds.

Socket timeout for reading/writing operations to the Redis server in seconds (int/float), used by the redis result backend.

Cassandra backend settings

Note:

This Cassandra backend driver requires cassandra-driver.

To install, use pip:

\$ pip install celery[cassandra]

See Bundles for information on combining multiple extension requirements.

This backend requires the following configuration directives to be set.

cassandra_servers

Default: [] (empty list).

List of host Cassandra servers. For example:

```
cassandra_servers = ['localhost']
```

cassandra_port

Default: 9042.

Port to contact the Cassandra servers on.

cassandra keyspace

Default: None.

The key-space in which to store the results. For example:

```
cassandra_keyspace = 'tasks_keyspace'
```

cassandra_table

Default: None.

The table (column family) in which to store the results. For example:

```
cassandra_table = 'tasks'
```

cassandra_read_consistency

Default: None.

The read consistency used. Values can be ONE, TWO, THREE, QUORUM, ALL, LOCAL_QUORUM, EACH_QUORUM, LOCAL_ONE.

cassandra write consistency

Default: None.

The write consistency used. Values can be ONE, TWO, THREE, QUORUM, ALL, LOCAL_QUORUM, EACH_QUORUM, LOCAL_ONE.

cassandra entry ttl

Default: None.

Time-to-live for status entries. They will expire and be removed after that many seconds after adding. A value of **None** (default) means they will never expire.

cassandra_auth_provider

Default: None.

AuthProvider class within cassandra.auth module to use. Values can be PlainTextAuthProvider or SaslAuthProvider.

cassandra auth kwargs

Default: {} (empty mapping).

Named arguments to pass into the authentication provider. For example:

```
cassandra_auth_kwargs = {
    username: 'cassandra',
    password: 'cassandra'
}
```

cassandra_options

Default: {} (empty mapping).

Named arguments to pass into the cassandra.cluster class.

```
cassandra_options = {
    'cql_version': '3.2.1'
    'protocol_version': 3
}
```

Example configuration

```
cassandra_servers = ['localhost']
cassandra_keyspace = 'celery'
cassandra_table = 'tasks'
cassandra_read_consistency = 'ONE'
cassandra_write_consistency = 'ONE'
cassandra_entry_ttl = 86400
```

Elasticsearch backend settings

To use Elasticsearch as the result backend you simply need to configure the **result_backend** setting with the correct URL.

Example configuration

```
result_backend = 'elasticsearch://example.com:9200/index_name/doc_type'
```

elasticsearch_retry_on_timeout

Default: False

Should timeout trigger a retry on different node?

```
elasticsearch max retries
```

Default: 3.

Maximum number of retries before an exception is propagated.

elasticsearch_timeout

Default: 10.0 seconds.

Global timeout, used by the elasticsearch result backend.

Riak backend settings

Note:

The Riak backend requires the riak library.

To install the this package use **pip**:

```
$ pip install celery[riak]
```

See Bundles for information on combining multiple extension requirements.

This backend requires the **result_backend** setting to be set to a Riak URL:

```
result_backend = 'riak://host:port/bucket'
```

For example:

```
result_backend = 'riak://localhost/celery
```

is the same as:

```
result_backend = 'riak://'
```

The fields of the URL are defined as follows:

1. host

Host name or IP address of the Riak server (e.g., 'localhost').

2. port

Port to the Riak server using the protobul protocol. Default is 8087.

3. bucket

Bucket name to use. Default is *celery*. The bucket needs to be a string with ASCII characters only.

Alternatively, this backend can be configured with the following configuration directives.

riak_backend_settings

Default: {} (empty mapping).

This is a dict supporting the following keys:

• host

The host name of the Riak server. Defaults to "localhost".

• port

The port the Riak server is listening to. Defaults to 8087.

bucket

The bucket name to connect to. Defaults to "celery".

• protocol

The protocol to use to connect to the Riak server. This isn't configurable via **result_backend**

AWS DynamoDB backend settings

Note:

The Dynamodb backend requires the boto3 library.

To install this package use pip:

```
$ pip install celery[dynamodb]
```

See Bundles for information on combining multiple extension requirements.

This backend requires the **result_backend** setting to be set to a DynamoDB URL:

```
result_backend = 'dynamodb://aws_access_key_id:aws_secret_access_key@reg
```

For example, specifying the AWS region and the table name:

```
result_backend = 'dynamodb://@us-east-1/celery_results
```

or retrieving AWS configuration parameters from the environment, using the default table name (celery) and specifying read and write provisioned throughput:

```
result_backend = 'dynamodb://@/?read=5&write=5'
```

or using the downloadable version of DynamoDB locally:

```
result_backend = 'dynamodb://@localhost:8000'
```

or using downloadable version or other service with conforming API deployed on any host:

```
result_backend = 'dynamodb://@us-east-1'
dynamodb_endpoint_url = 'http://192.168.0.40:8000'
```

The fields of the DynamoDB URL in result_backend are defined as follows:

```
1. aws access key id & aws secret access key
```

The credentials for accessing AWS API resources. These can also be resolved by the boto3 library from various sources, as described here.

2. region

The AWS region, e.g. us-east-1 or localhost for the Downloadable Version. See the boto3 library documentation for definition options.

3. port

The listening port of the local DynamoDB instance, if you are using the downloadable version. If you have not specified the region parameter as localhost, setting this parameter has **no effect**.

4. table

Table name to use. Default is **celery**. See the DynamoDB Naming Rules for information on the allowed characters and length.

5. read & write

The Read & Write Capacity Units for the created DynamoDB table. Default is 1 for both read and write. More details can be found in the Provisioned Throughput documentation.

IronCache backend settings

Note:

The IronCache backend requires the iron_celery library:

To install this package use pip:

\$ pip install iron_celery

IronCache is configured via the URL provided in **result_backend**, for example:

```
result_backend = 'ironcache://project_id:token@'
```

Or to change the cache name:

ironcache:://project_id:token@/awesomecache

For more information, see: https://github.com/iron-io/iron_celery

Couchbase backend settings

Note:

The Couchbase backend requires the couchbase library.

To install this package use **pip**:

\$ pip install celery[couchbase]

See Bundles for instructions how to combine multiple extension requirements.

This backend can be configured via the **result_backend** set to a Couchbase URL:

result_backend = 'couchbase://username:password@host:port/bucket'

couchbase backend settings

Default: {} (empty mapping).

This is a dict supporting the following keys:

• host

Host name of the Couchbase server. Defaults to localhost.

• port

The port the Couchbase server is listening to. Defaults to 8091.

bucket

The default bucket the Couchbase server is writing to. Defaults to default.

• username

User name to authenticate to the Couchbase server as (optional).

• password

Password to authenticate to the Couchbase server (optional).

CouchDB backend settings

Note:

The CouchDB backend requires the pycouchdb library:

To install this Couchbase package use **pip**:

\$ pip install celery[couchdb]

See Bundles for information on combining multiple extension requirements.

This backend can be configured via the **result_backend** set to a CouchDB URL:

```
result_backend = 'couchdb://username:password@host:port/container'
```

The URL is formed out of the following parts:

• username

User name to authenticate to the CouchDB server as (optional).

• password

Password to authenticate to the CouchDB server (optional).

host

Host name of the CouchDB server. Defaults to localhost.

• port

The port the CouchDB server is listening to. Defaults to 8091.

• container

The default container the CouchDB server is writing to. Defaults to default.

File-system backend settings

This backend can be configured using a file URL, for example:

```
CELERY_RESULT_BACKEND = 'file:///var/celery/results'
```

The configured directory needs to be shared and writable by all servers using the backend.

If you're trying Celery on a single system you can simply use the backend without any further configuration. For larger clusters you could use NFS, GlusterFS, CIFS, HDFS (using FUSE), or any other file-system.

Consul K/V store backend settings

The Consul backend can be configured using a URL, for example:

```
CELERY_RESULT_BACKEND = 'consul://localhost:8500/'
```

The backend will storage results in the K/V store of Consul as individual keys.

The backend supports auto expire of results using TTLs in Consul.

Message Routing

task queues

Default: **None** (queue taken from default queue settings).

Most users will not want to specify this setting and should rather use the automatic routing facilities.

If you really want to configure advanced routing, this setting should be a list of **kombu.Queue** objects the worker will consume from.

Note that workers can be overridden this setting via the **_Q** option, or individual queues from this list (by name) can be excluded using the **_X** option.

Also see Basics for more information.

The default is a queue/exchange/binding key of celery, with exchange type direct.

See also task_routes

task routes

Default: None.

A list of routers, or a single router used to route tasks to queues. When deciding the final destination of a task the routers are consulted in order.

A router can be specified as either:

- A function with the signature (name, args, kwargs, options, task=None, **kwargs)
- A string providing the path to a router function.
- A dict containing router specification:

Will be converted to a **celery.routes.MapRoute** instance.

• A list of (pattern, route) tuples:

Will be converted to a **celery.routes.MapRoute** instance.

Examples:

Where myapp.tasks.route task could be:

```
def route_task(self, name, args, kwargs, options, task=None, **kw):
    if task == 'celery.ping':
        return {'queue': 'default'}
```

route_task may return a string or a dict. A string then means it's a queue name in
task_queues, a dict means it's a custom route.

When sending tasks, the routers are consulted in order. The first router that doesn't return **None** is the route to use. The message options is then merged with the found route settings, where the routers settings have priority.

Example if **apply_async()** has these arguments:

and a router returns:

```
{'immediate': True, 'exchange': 'urgent'}
```

the final message options will be:

```
immediate=True, exchange='urgent', routing_key='video.compress'
```

(and any default message options defined in the **Task** class)

Values defined in **task_routes** have precedence over values defined in **task_queues** when merging the two.

With the follow settings:

```
task_queues = {
    'cpubound': {
        'exchange': 'cpubound',
        'routing_key': 'cpubound',
    },
}

task_routes = {
    'tasks.add': {
        'queue': 'cpubound',
        'routing_key': 'tasks.add',
        'serializer': 'json',
    },
}
```

The final routing options for tasks.add will become:

```
{'exchange': 'cpubound',
  'routing_key': 'tasks.add',
  'serializer': 'json'}
```

See Routers for more examples.

```
task queue ha policy
```

brokers: RabbitMQ

Default: None.

This will set the default HA policy for a queue, and the value can either be a string (usually all):

```
task_queue_ha_policy = 'all'
```

Using 'all' will replicate the queue to all current nodes, Or you can give it a list of nodes to replicate to:

```
task_queue_ha_policy = ['rabbit@host1', 'rabbit@host2']
```

Using a list will implicitly set x-ha-policy to 'nodes' and x-ha-policy-params to the given list of nodes.

See http://www.rabbitmq.com/ha.html for more information.

```
task_queue_max_priority
```

brokers: RabbitMQ

Default: None.

See RabbitMQ Message Priorities.

worker direct

Default: Disabled.

This option enables so that every worker has a dedicated queue, so that tasks can be routed to specific workers.

The queue name for each worker is automatically generated based on the worker hostname and a $\cdot dq$ suffix, using the $C \cdot dq$ exchange.

For example the queue name for the worker with node name w1@example.com

becomes:

```
w1@example.com.dq
```

Then you can route the task to the task by specifying the hostname as the routing key and the C.dq exchange:

```
task_routes = {
    'tasks.add': {'exchange': 'C.dq', 'routing_key': 'w1@example.com'}
}
```

task create missing queues

Default: Enabled.

If enabled (default), any queues specified that aren't defined in **task_queues** will be automatically created. See Automatic routing.

task_default_queue

Default: "celery".

The name of the default queue used by .apply_async if the message has no route or no custom queue has been specified.

This queue must be listed in **task_queues**. If **task_queues** isn't specified then it's automatically created containing one queue entry, where this name is used as the name of that queue.

See also:

Changing the name of the default queue

task default exchange

Default: "celery".

Name of the default exchange to use when no custom exchange is specified for a key in the **task_queues** setting.

task default exchange type

Default: "direct".

Default exchange type used when no custom exchange type is specified for a key in the **task_queues** setting.

task default routing key

Default: "celery".

The default routing key used when no custom routing key is specified for a key in the **task_queues** setting.

task_default_delivery mode

Default: "persistent".

Can be transient (messages not written to disk) or persistent (written to disk).

Broker Settings

```
broker url
```

Default: "amqp://"

Default broker URL. This must be a URL in the form of:

```
transport://userid:password@hostname:port/virtual_host
```

Only the scheme part (transport://) is required, the rest is optional, and defaults to the specific transports default values.

The transport part is the broker implementation to use, and the default is amqp, (uses librabbitmq if installed or falls back to pyamqp). There are also other choices available, including; redis://, sqs://, and qpid://.

The scheme can also be a fully qualified path to your own transport implementation:

```
broker_url = 'proj.transports.MyTransport://localhost'
```

More than one broker URL, of the same transport, can also be specified. The broker URLs can be passed in as a single string that's semicolon delimited:

```
broker_url = 'transport://userid:password@hostname:port//;transport://us
```

Or as a list:

```
broker_url = [
    'transport://userid:password@localhost:port//',
    'transport://userid:password@hostname:port//'
]
```

The brokers will then be used in the broker_failover_strategy.

See URLs in the Kombu documentation for more information.

```
broker_read_url / broker_write_url
```

Default: Taken from broker_url.

These settings can be configured, instead of **broker_url** to specify different connection parameters for broker connections used for consuming and producing.

Example:

```
broker_read_url = 'amqp://user:pass@broker.example.com:56721'
broker_write_url = 'amqp://user:pass@broker.example.com:56722'
```

Both options can also be specified as a list for failover alternates, see **broker_url** for more information.

```
broker failover strategy
```

Default: "round-robin".

Default failover strategy for the broker Connection object. If supplied, may map to a key

in 'kombu.connection.failover_strategies', or be a reference to any method that yields a single item from a supplied list.

Example:

```
# Random failover strategy
def random_failover_strategy(servers):
    it = list(servers) # don't modify callers list
    shuffle = random.shuffle
    for _ in repeat(None):
        shuffle(it)
        yield it[0]

broker_failover_strategy = random_failover_strategy
```

broker heartbeat

transports supported:

pyamqp

Default: 120.0 (negotiated by server).

Note: This value is only used by the worker, clients do not use a heartbeat at the moment.

It's not always possible to detect connection loss in a timely manner using TCP/IP alone, so AMQP defines something called heartbeats that's is used both by the client and the broker to detect if a connection was closed.

If the heartbeat value is 10 seconds, then the heartbeat will be monitored at the interval specified by the **broker_heartbeat_checkrate** setting (by default this is set to double the rate of the heartbeat value, so for the 10 seconds, the heartbeat is checked every 5 seconds).

broker heartbeat checkrate

transports supported:

pyamqp

Default: 2.0.

At intervals the worker will monitor that the broker hasn't missed too many heartbeats. The rate at which this is checked is calculated by dividing the **broker_heartbeat** value with this value, so if the heartbeat is 10.0 and the rate is the default 2.0, the check will be performed every 5 seconds (twice the heartbeat sending rate).

broker use ssl

transports supported:

pyamqp, redis

Default: Disabled.

Toggles SSL usage on broker connection and SSL settings.

The valid values for this option vary by transport.

pyamqp

If **True** the connection will use SSL with default SSL settings. If set to a dict, will configure SSL connection according to the specified policy. The format used is Python's **ssl.wrap_socket()** options.

Note that SSL socket is generally served on a separate port by the broker.

Example providing a client cert and validating the server cert against a custom certificate authority:

```
import ssl

broker_use_ssl = {
   'keyfile': '/var/ssl/private/worker-key.pem',
   'certfile': '/var/ssl/amqp-server-cert.pem',
   'ca_certs': '/var/ssl/myca.pem',
   'cert_reqs': ssl.CERT_REQUIRED
}
```

Warning:

Be careful using broker_use_ssl=True. It's possible that your default configuration won't validate the server cert at all. Please read Python ssl module security considerations.

redis

The setting must be a dict the keys:

```
• ssl cert reqs (required): one of the SSLContext.verify mode values:
```

```
ssl.CERT_NONEssl.CERT_OPTIONALssl.CERT_REQUIRED
```

- ssl ca certs (optional): path to the CA certificate
- ssl_certfile (optional): path to the client certificate
- ssl_keyfile (optional): path to the client key

broker pool limit

New in version 2.3.

Default: 10.

The maximum number of connections that can be open in the connection pool.

The pool is enabled by default since version 2.5, with a default limit of ten connections. This number can be tweaked depending on the number of threads/green-threads (eventlet/gevent) using a connection. For example running eventlet with 1000 greenlets that use a connection to the broker, contention can arise and you should consider increasing the limit.

If set to **None** or 0 the connection pool will be disabled and connections will be established and closed for every use.

broker connection timeout

Default: 4.0.

The default timeout in seconds before we give up establishing a connection to the AMQP server. This setting is disabled when using gevent.

Note:

The broker connection timeout only applies to a worker attempting to connect to the broker. It does not apply to producer sending a task, see **broker_transport_options** for how to provide a timeout for that situation.

broker connection retry

Default: Enabled.

Automatically try to re-establish the connection to the AMQP broker if lost.

The time between retries is increased for each retry, and is not exhausted before **broker_connection_max_retries** is exceeded.

broker connection max retries

Default: 100.

Maximum number of retries before we give up re-establishing a connection to the AMQP broker.

If this is set to **0** or **None**, we'll retry forever.

broker login method

Default: "AMQPLAIN".

Set custom ampp login method.

broker transport options

New in version 2.2.

Default: {} (empty mapping).

A dict of additional options passed to the underlying transport.

See your transport user manual for supported options (if any).

Example setting the visibility timeout (supported by Redis and SQS transports):

```
broker_transport_options = {'visibility_timeout': 18000} # 5 hours
```

Worker

imports

Default: [] (empty list).

A sequence of modules to import when the worker starts.

This is used to specify the task modules to import, but also to import signal handlers and additional remote control commands, etc.

The modules will be imported in the original order.

include

Default: [] (empty list).

Exact same semantics as **imports**, but can be used as a means to have different import categories.

The modules in this setting are imported after the modules in **imports**.

worker concurrency

Default: Number of CPU cores.

The number of concurrent worker processes/threads/green threads executing tasks.

If you're doing mostly I/O you can have more processes, but if mostly CPU-bound, try to keep it close to the number of CPUs on your machine. If not set, the number of CPUs/cores on the host will be used.

worker_prefetch_multiplier

Default: 4.

How many messages to prefetch at a time multiplied by the number of concurrent processes. The default is 4 (four messages for each process). The default setting is usually a good choice, however – if you have very long running tasks waiting in the queue and you have to start the workers, note that the first worker to start will receive four times the number of messages initially. Thus the tasks may not be fairly distributed to the workers.

To disable prefetching, set **worker_prefetch_multiplier** to 1. Changing that setting to 0 will allow the worker to keep consuming as many messages as it wants.

For more on prefetching, read Prefetch Limits

Note:

Tasks with ETA/countdown aren't affected by prefetch limits.

worker_lost_wait

Default: 10.0 seconds.

In some cases a worker may be killed without proper cleanup, and the worker may have published a result before terminating. This value specifies how long we wait for any missing results before raising a **WorkerLostError** exception.

```
worker max tasks per child
```

Maximum number of tasks a pool worker process can execute before it's replaced with a new one. Default is no limit.

worker max memory per child

Default: No limit. Type: int (kilobytes)

Maximum amount of resident memory, in kilobytes, that may be consumed by a worker before it will be replaced by a new worker. If a single task causes a worker to exceed this limit, the task will be completed, and the worker will be replaced afterwards.

Example:

```
worker_max_memory_per_child = 12000 # 12MB
```

worker disable rate limits

Default: Disabled (rate limits enabled).

Disable all rate limits, even if tasks has explicit rate limits set.

worker state db

Default: None.

Name of the file used to stores persistent worker state (like revoked tasks). Can be a relative or absolute path, but be aware that the suffix .db may be appended to the file name (depending on Python version).

Can also be set via the **celery worker --statedb** argument.

worker timer precision

Default: 1.0 seconds.

Set the maximum time in seconds that the ETA scheduler can sleep between rechecking the schedule.

Setting this value to 1 second means the schedulers precision will be 1 second. If you need near millisecond precision you can set this to 0.1.

worker_enable_remote_control

Default: Enabled by default.

Specify if remote control of the workers is enabled.

Events

worker send task events

Default: Disabled by default.

Send task-related events so that tasks can be monitored using tools like *flower*. Sets the default value for the workers **–E** argument.

task send sent event

New in version 2.2.

Default: Disabled by default.

If enabled, a **task-sent** event will be sent for every task so tasks can be tracked before they're consumed by a worker.

event queue ttl

transports supported:

amqp

Default: 5.0 seconds.

Message expiry time in seconds (int/float) for when messages sent to a monitor clients event queue is deleted (x-message-ttl)

For example, if this value is set to 10 then a message delivered to this queue will be deleted after 10 seconds.

event queue expires

transports supported:

amqp

Default: 60.0 seconds.

Expiry time in seconds (int/float) for when after a monitor clients event queue will be deleted (x-expires).

event_queue_prefix

Default: "celeryev".

The prefix to use for event receiver queue names.

event serializer

Default: "json".

Message serialization format used when sending event messages.

See also:

Serializers.

Remote Control Commands

Note:

To disable remote control commands see the **worker_enable_remote_control** setting.

control queue ttl

Default: 300.0

Time in seconds, before a message in a remote control command queue will expire.

If using the default of 300 seconds, this means that if a remote control command is sent and no worker picks it up within 300 seconds, the command is discarded.

This setting also applies to remote control reply queues.

control queue expires

Default: 10.0

Time in seconds, before an unused remote control command queue is deleted from the broker.

This setting also applies to remote control reply queues.

Logging

worker hijack root logger

New in version 2.2.

Default: Enabled by default (hijack root logger).

By default any previously configured handlers on the root logger will be removed. If you want to customize your own logging handlers, then you can disable this behavior by setting <code>worker_hijack_root_logger = False</code>.

Note:

Logging can also be customized by connecting to the **celery.signals.setup_logging** signal.

```
worker_log_color
```

Default: Enabled if app is logging to a terminal.

Enables/disables colors in logging output by the Celery apps.

```
worker log format
```

Default:

```
"[%(asctime)s: %(levelname)s/%(processName)s] %(message)s"
```

The format to use for log messages.

See the Python **logging** module for more information about log formats.

```
worker_task_log_format
```

Default:

```
"[%(asctime)s: %(levelname)s/%(processName)s]
  [%(task_name)s(%(task_id)s)] %(message)s"
```

The format to use for log messages logged in tasks.

See the Python **logging** module for more information about log formats.

```
worker_redirect_stdouts
```

Default: Enabled by default.

If enabled *stdout* and *stderr* will be redirected to the current logger.

Used by celery worker and celery beat.

```
worker_redirect_stdouts_level
```

Default: **WARNING**.

The log level output to *stdout* and *stderr* is logged as. Can be one of **DEBUG**, **INFO**, **WARNING**, **ERROR**, or **CRITICAL**.

Security

```
security_key
```

Default: None.

New in version 2.5.

The relative or absolute path to a file containing the private key used to sign messages when Message Signing is used.

security_certificate

Default: None.

New in version 2.5.

The relative or absolute path to an X.509 certificate file used to sign messages when Message Signing is used.

security cert store

Default: None.

New in version 2.5.

The directory containing X.509 certificates used for Message Signing. Can be a glob with wild-cards, (for example /etc/certs/*.pem).

Custom Component Classes (advanced)

```
worker_pool
```

Default: "prefork" (celery.concurrency.prefork:TaskPool).

Name of the pool class used by the worker.

Eventlet/Gevent:

Never use this option to select the eventlet or gevent pool. You must use the **-P** option to **celery worker** instead, to ensure the monkey patches aren't applied too late, causing things to break in strange ways.

worker pool restarts

Default: Disabled by default.

If enabled the worker pool can be restarted using the **pool_restart** remote control command.

worker autoscaler

New in version 2.2.

Default: "celery.worker.autoscale:Autoscaler".

Name of the autoscaler class to use.

worker consumer

Default: "celery.worker.consumer:Consumer".

Name of the consumer class used by the worker.

worker timer

Default: "kombu.asynchronous.hub.timer:Timer".

Name of the ETA scheduler class used by the worker. Default is or set by the pool implementation.

Beat Settings (celery beat)

beat schedule

Default: {} (empty mapping).

The periodic task schedule used by **beat**. See Entries.

beat scheduler

Default: "celery.beat:PersistentScheduler".

The default scheduler class. May be set to

"django_celery_beat.schedulers:DatabaseScheduler" for instance, if used alongside django-celery-beat extension.

Can also be set via the **celery beat** -S argument.

beat schedule filename

Default: "celerybeat-schedule".

Name of the file used by *PersistentScheduler* to store the last run times of periodic tasks. Can be a relative or absolute path, but be aware that the suffix .*db* may be appended to the file name (depending on Python version).

Can also be set via the **celery beat --schedule** argument.

beat sync every

Default: 0.

The number of periodic tasks that can be called before another database sync is issued. A value of 0 (default) means sync based on timing - default of 3 minutes as determined by scheduler.sync_every. If set to 1, beat will call sync after every task message sent.

beat max loop interval

Default: 0.

The maximum number of seconds **beat** can sleep between checking the schedule.

The default for this value is scheduler specific. For the default Celery beat scheduler the value is 300 (5 minutes), but for the django-celery-beat database scheduler it's 5 seconds because the schedule may be changed externally, and so it must take changes to the schedule into account.

Also when running Celery beat embedded (**-B**) on Jython as a thread the max interval is overridden and set to 1 so that it's possible to shut down in a timely manner.