simple-salesforce Documentation

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Simple Salesforce is a basic Salesforce.com REST API client built for Python 2.6, 2.7, 3.3 and 3.4. The goal is to provide a very low-level interface to the REST Resource and APEX API, returning a dictionary of the API JSON response.

You can find out more regarding the format of the results in the Official Salesforce.com REST API Documentation Contents:

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Examples

There are two ways to gain access to Salesforce

The first is to simply pass the domain of your Salesforce instance and an access token straight to Salesforce()

For example:

```
from simple_salesforce import Salesforce
sf = Salesforce(instance='na1.salesforce.com', session_id='')
```

If you have the full URL of your instance (perhaps including the schema, as is included in the OAuth2 request process), you can pass that in instead using instance_url:

```
from simple_salesforce import Salesforce
sf = Salesforce(instance_url='https://nal.salesforce.com', session_id='')
```

There are also two means of authentication, one that uses username, password and security token and the other that uses IP filtering, username, password and organizationId

To login using the security token method, simply include the Salesforce method and pass in your Salesforce username, password and token (this is usually provided when you change your password):

To login using IP-whitelist Organization ID method, simply use your Salesforce username, password and organizationId:

If you'd like to enter a sandbox, simply add sandbox=True to your Salesforce() call.

For example:

Note that specifying if you want to use a sandbox is only necessary if you are using the built-in user-name/password/security token authentication and is used exclusively during the authentication step.

If you'd like to keep track where your API calls are coming from, simply add client_id='My App' to your Salesforce() call.

If you view the API calls in your Salesforce instance by Client Id it will be prefixed with RestForce/, for example RestForce/My App.

When instantiating a *Salesforce* object, it's also possible to include an instance of *requests.Session*. This is to allow for specialized session handling not otherwise exposed by simple_salesforce.

For example:

```
from simple_salesforce import Salesforce
import requests

session = requests.Session()
# manipulate the session instance (optional)
sf = Salesforce(
   username='user@example.com', password='password', organizationId='OrgId',
   session=session)
```

Record Management

To create a new 'Contact' in Salesforce:

```
sf.Contact.create({'LastName':'Smith','Email':'example@example.com'})
```

This will return a dictionary such as {u'errors': [], u'id': u'003e0000003GuNXAA0', u'success': True}

To get a dictionary with all the information regarding that record, use:

```
contact = sf.Contact.get('003e0000003GuNXAA0')
```

To get a dictionary with all the information regarding that record, using a **custom** field that was defined as External ID:

```
contact = sf.Contact.get_by_custom_id('My_Custom_ID__c', '22')
```

To change that contact's last name from 'Smith' to 'Jones' and add a first name of 'John' use:

```
sf.Contact.update('003e0000003GuNXAA0',{'LastName': 'Jones', 'FirstName': 'John'})
```

To delete the contact:

```
sf.Contact.delete('003e0000003GuNXAA0')
```

To retrieve a list of deleted records between 2013-10-20 to 2013-10-29 (datetimes are required to be in UTC):

To retrieve a list of updated records between 2014-03-20 to 2014-03-22 (datetimes are required to be in UTC):

Note that Update, Delete and Upsert actions return the associated Salesforce HTTP Status Code

Use the same format to create any record, including 'Account', 'Opportunity', and 'Lead'. Make sure to have all the required fields for any entry. The Salesforce API has all objects found under 'Reference -> Standard Objects' and the required fields can be found there.

Queries

It's also possible to write select queries in Salesforce Object Query Language (SOQL) and search queries in Salesforce Object Search Language (SOSL).

SOQL queries are done via:

```
sf.query("SELECT Id, Email FROM Contact WHERE LastName = 'Jones'")
```

If, due to an especially large result, Salesforce adds a nextRecordsUrl to your query result, such as "nextRecordsUrl": "/services/data/v26.0/query/01gD0000002HU6KIAW-2000", you can pull the additional results with either the ID or the full URL (if using the full URL, you must pass 'True' as your second argument)

```
sf.query_more("01gD0000002HU6KIAW-2000")
sf.query_more("/services/data/v26.0/query/01gD0000002HU6KIAW-2000", True)
```

As a convenience, to retrieve all of the results in a single local method call use

```
sf.query_all("SELECT Id, Email FROM Contact WHERE LastName = 'Jones'")
```

SOSL queries are done via:

```
sf.search("FIND {Jones}")
```

There is also 'Quick Search', which inserts your query inside the {} in the SOSL syntax. Be careful, there is no escaping!

```
sf.quick_search("Jones")
```

Search and Quick Search return None if there are no records, otherwise they return a dictionary of search results.

More details about syntax is available on the Salesforce Query Language Documentation Developer Website

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Other Options

To insert or update (upsert) a record using an external ID, use:

```
sf.Contact.upsert('customExtIdField__c/11999',{'LastName': 'Smith','Email':

→'smith@example.com'})
```

To retrieve basic metadata use:

```
sf.Contact.metadata()
```

To retrieve a description of the object, use:

```
sf.Contact.describe()
```

To retrieve a description of the record layout of an object by its record layout unique id, use:

```
sf.Contact.describe_layout('39wmxcw9r23r492')
```

To retrieve a list of top level description of instance metadata, user:

```
sf.describe()
for x in sf.describe()["sobjects"]:
    print x["label"]
```

Using Apex

You can also use this library to call custom Apex methods:

This would call the endpoint https://<instance>.salesforce.com/services/apexrest/User/Activity with data= as the body content encoded with json.dumps

You can read more about Apex on the Force.com Apex Code Developer's Guide

Additional Features

There are a few helper classes that are used internally and available to you.

Included in them are SalesforceLogin, which takes in a username, password, security token, optional boolean sandbox indicator and optional version and returns a tuple of (session_id, sf_instance) where session_id is the session ID to use for authentication to Salesforce and sf_instance is the domain of the instance of Salesforce to use for the session.

For example, to use SalesforceLogin for a sandbox account you'd use:

```
from simple_salesforce import SalesforceLogin
session_id, instance = SalesforceLogin(
    username='myemail@example.com.sandbox',
    password='password',
    security_token='token',
    sandbox=True)
```

Simply leave off the final True if you do not wish to use a sandbox.

Also exposed is the SFType class, which is used internally by the __getattr__() method in the Salesforce() class and represents a specific SObject type. SFType requires object_name (i.e. Contact), session_id (an authentication ID), sf instance (hostname of your Salesforce instance), and an optional sf version

To add a Contact using the default version of the API you'd use:

```
from simple_salesforce import SFType
contact = SFType('Contact','sesssionid','nal.salesforce.com')
contact.create({'LastName':'Smith','Email':'example@example.com'})
```

To use a proxy server between your client and the SalesForce endpoint, use the proxies argument when creating SalesForce object. The proxy argument is the same as what requests uses, a map of scheme to proxy URL:

```
proxies = {
    "http": "http://10.10.1.10:3128",
    "https": "http://10.10.1.10:1080",
}
SalesForce(instance='nal.salesforce.com', session_id='', proxies=proxies)
```

All results are returned as JSON converted OrderedDict to preserve order of keys from REST responses.		

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7.1 simple_salesforce package

simple_salesforce.tests package **Submodules** simple_salesforce.tests.test_api module simple_salesforce.tests.test_login module

7.1.1 Subpackages

simple_salesforce.tests.test_util module

Test a malformed request (400 code)

```
Tests for simple-salesforce utility functions
class simple_salesforce.tests.test_util.TestExceptionHandler(methodName='runTest')
     Bases: unittest.case.TestCase
     Test the exception router
         Setup the exception router tests
     test_expired_session()
         Test an expired session (401 code)
     test_generic_error_code()
         Test an error code that is otherwise not caught
     test_malformed_request()
```

```
test_multiple_records_returned()
    Test multiple records returned (a 300 code)

test_request_refused()
    Test a refused request (403 code)

test_resource_not_found()
    Test resource not found (404 code)

class simple_salesforce.tests.test_util.TestXMLParser (methodName='runTest')
    Bases: unittest.case.TestCase
    Test the XML parser utility function

test_date_to_iso8601()
    Test date conversion

test_returns_valid_value()
    Test that when given the correct XML a valid response is returned

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Simple-Salesforce Tests
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7.1.2 Submodules

simple salesforce.api module

```
Core classes and exceptions for Simple-Salesforce
```

```
class simple_salesforce.api.PerAppUsage (used, total, name)
    Bases: tuple

name
    Alias for field number 2

total
    Alias for field number 1

used
    Alias for field number 0

class simple_salesforce.api.SFType (object_name, session_id, sf_instance, sf_version='38.0', proxies=None, session=None)

Bases: object
    An interface to a specific type of SObject
    __init__ (object_name, session_id, sf_instance, sf_version='38.0', proxies=None, session=None)
    Initialize the instance with the given parameters.

Arguments:
```

- Arguments:
 - object_name the name of the type of SObject this represents, e.g. Lead or Contact
 - session id the session ID for authenticating to Salesforce
 - sf_instance the domain of the instance of Salesforce to use
 - sf_version the version of the Salesforce API to use
 - proxies the optional map of scheme to proxy server

• session – Custom requests session, created in calling code. This enables the use of requests Session features not otherwise exposed by simple_salesforce.

create (data, headers=None)

Creates a new SObject using a POST to .../{object_name}/.

Returns a dict decoded from the JSON payload returned by Salesforce.

Arguments:

- data a dict of the data to create the SObject from. It will be JSON-encoded before being transmitted.
- headers a dict with additional request headers.

delete (record_id, raw_response=False, headers=None)

Deletes an SObject using a DELETE to .../{object_name}//record_id}.

If *raw_response* is false (the default), returns the status code returned by Salesforce. Otherwise, return the *requests.Response* object.

Arguments:

- record_id the Id of the SObject to delete
- raw_response a boolean indicating whether to return the response directly, instead of the status code.
- headers a dict with additional request headers.

deleted (start, end, headers=None)

Gets a list of deleted records

Use the SObject Get Deleted resource to get a list of deleted records for the specified object. .../deleted/?start=2013-05-05T00:00:00+00:00&end=2013-05-10T00:00:00+00:00

- start start datetime object
- end end datetime object
- headers a dict with additional request headers.

describe (headers=None)

Returns the result of a GET to .../{object_name}/describe as a dict decoded from the JSON payload returned by Salesforce.

Arguments:

• headers – a dict with additional request headers.

describe layout (record id, headers=None)

Returns the layout of the object

Returns the result of a GET to .../{object_name}/describe/layouts/<recordid> as a dict decoded from the JSON payload returned by Salesforce.

Arguments:

- record_id the Id of the SObject to get
- headers a dict with additional request headers.

get (record_id, headers=None)

Returns the result of a GET to .../{object_name}/{record_id} as a dict decoded from the JSON payload returned by Salesforce.

Arguments:

- record_id the Id of the SObject to get
- headers a dict with additional request headers.

get_by_custom_id (custom_id_field, custom_id, headers=None)

Return an SFType by custom ID

Returns the result of a GET to .../{object_name}/{custom_id_field}/{custom_id} as a dict decoded from the JSON payload returned by Salesforce.

Arguments:

- custom_id_field the API name of a custom field that was defined as an External ID
- custom_id the External ID value of the SObject to get
- headers a dict with additional request headers.

metadata (headers=None)

Returns the result of a GET to .../{object_name}/ as a dict decoded from the JSON payload returned by Salesforce.

Arguments:

• headers – a dict with additional request headers.

request

Deprecated access to self.session for backwards compatibility

update (record_id, data, raw_response=False, headers=None)

Updates an SObject using a PATCH to .../{object_name}/{record_id}.

If *raw_response* is false (the default), returns the status code returned by Salesforce. Otherwise, return the *requests.Response* object.

Arguments:

- record_id the Id of the SObject to update
- data a dict of the data to update the SObject from. It will be JSON-encoded before being transmitted.
- raw_response a boolean indicating whether to return the response directly, instead of the status code.
- headers a dict with additional request headers.

updated(start, end, headers=None)

Gets a list of updated records

Use the SObject Get Updated resource to get a list of updated (modified or added) records for the specified object.

.../updated/?start=2014-03-20T00:00:00+00:00&end=2014-03-22T00:00:00+00:00

- start start datetime object
- end end datetime object
- headers a dict with additional request headers.

upsert (record_id, data, raw_response=False, headers=None)

Creates or updates an SObject using a PATCH to .../{object_name}/{record_id}.

If *raw_response* is false (the default), returns the status code returned by Salesforce. Otherwise, return the *requests.Response* object.

Arguments:

- record_id an identifier for the SObject as described in the Salesforce documentation
- data a dict of the data to create or update the SObject from. It will be JSON-encoded before being transmitted.
- raw_response a boolean indicating whether to return the response directly, instead of the status code.
- headers a dict with additional request headers.

Bases: object

Salesforce Instance

An instance of Salesforce is a handy way to wrap a Salesforce session for easy use of the Salesforce REST API.

__init__ (username=None, password=None, security_token=None, session_id=None, instance=None, instance_url=None, organizationId=None, sandbox=False, version='38.0', proxies=None, session=None, client_id=None) Initialize the instance with the given parameters.

Available kwargs

Password Authentication:

- username the Salesforce username to use for authentication
- password the password for the username
- security_token the security token for the username
- sandbox True if you want to login to test.salesforce.com, False if you want to login to login.salesforce.com.

Direct Session and Instance Access:

session_id – Access token for this session

Then either * instance – Domain of your Salesforce instance, i.e.

na1.salesforce.com

OR * instance_url - Full URL of your instance i.e.

https://na1.salesforce.com

Universal Kwargs: * version - the version of the Salesforce API to use, for example

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- proxies the optional map of scheme to proxy server
- session Custom requests session, created in calling code. This enables the use of requests Session features not otherwise exposed by simple_salesforce.

apexecute (action, method='GET', data=None, **kwargs)
Makes an HTTP request to an APEX REST endpoint

Arguments:

- action The REST endpoint for the request.
- method HTTP method for the request (default GET)
- data A dict of parameters to send in a POST / PUT request
- kwargs Additional kwargs to pass to requests.request

describe()

Describes all available objects

static parse_api_usage (sforce_limit_info)

parse API usage and limits out of the Sforce-Limit-Info header

Arguments:

• sforce_limit_info: The value of response header 'Sforce-Limit-Info' Example 1: 'api-usage=18/5000' Example 2: 'api-usage=25/5000;

per-app-api-usage=17/250(appName=sample-connected-app)'

query (query, **kwargs)

Return the result of a Salesforce SOQL query as a dict decoded from the Salesforce response JSON payload.

Arguments:

• query – the SOQL query to send to Salesforce, e.g. SELECT Id FROM Lead WHERE Email = "waldo@somewhere.com"

query_all (query, **kwargs)

Returns the full set of results for the *query*. This is a convenience wrapper around *query(...)* and *query_more(...)*.

The returned dict is the decoded JSON payload from the final call to Salesforce, but with the *totalSize* field representing the full number of results retrieved and the *records* list representing the full list of records retrieved.

Arguments

• query – the SOQL query to send to Salesforce, e.g. SELECT Id FROM Lead WHERE Email = "waldo@somewhere.com"

query_more (next_records_identifier, identifier_is_url=False, **kwargs)

Retrieves more results from a query that returned more results than the batch maximum. Returns a dict decoded from the Salesforce response JSON payload.

Arguments:

- next_records_identifier either the Id of the next Salesforce object in the result, or a URL to the
 next record in the result.
- identifier_is_url True if next_records_identifier should be treated as a URL, False if next_records_identifier should be treated as an Id.

quick_search (search)

Returns the result of a Salesforce search as a dict decoded from the Salesforce response JSON payload.

Arguments:

• search – the non-SOSL search string, e.g. *Waldo*. This search string will be wrapped to read *FIND {Waldo}* before being sent to Salesforce

request

Deprecated access to self.session for backwards compatibility

restful (path, params, method='GET')

Allows you to make a direct REST call if you know the path

Arguments:

- path: The path of the request Example: sobjects/User/ABC123/password'
- params: dict of parameters to pass to the path
- method: HTTP request method, default GET

search (search)

Returns the result of a Salesforce search as a dict decoded from the Salesforce response JSON payload.

Arguments:

• search – the fully formatted SOSL search string, e.g. FIND {Waldo}

setPassword(user, password)

Sets the password of a user

salesforce dev documentation link: https://www.salesforce.com/us/developer/docs/api_rest/Content/dome_sobject_user_password.htm

Arguments:

- user: the userID of the user to set
- password: the new password

set_password (user, password)

Sets the password of a user

salesforce dev documentation link: https://www.salesforce.com/us/developer/docs/api_rest/Content/dome_sobject_user_password.htm

Arguments:

- user: the userID of the user to set
- password: the new password

class simple_salesforce.api.SalesforceAPI (username, password, security_token, sand-box=False, $sf_version=`27.0"$)

Bases: simple_salesforce.api.Salesforce

Deprecated SalesforceAPI Instance

This class implements the Username/Password Authentication Mechanism using Arguments It has since been surpassed by the 'Salesforce' class, which relies on kwargs

__init__ (username, password, security_token, sandbox=False, sf_version='27.0')
Initialize the instance with the given parameters.

Arguments:

- username the Salesforce username to use for authentication
- password the password for the username
- security_token the security token for the username
- sandbox True if you want to login to test.salesforce.com, False if you want to login to login.salesforce.com.

• sf_version - the version of the Salesforce API to use, for example "27.0"

```
class simple_salesforce.api.Usage (used, total)
    Bases: tuple
    total
        Alias for field number 1
```

used

Alias for field number 0

simple salesforce.bulk module

Classes for interacting with Salesforce Bulk API

Bases: object

Bulk API request handler Intermediate class which allows us to use commands,

such as 'sf.bulk.Contacts.create(...)'

This is really just a middle layer, whose sole purpose is to allow the above syntax

 $\verb|__init|_(session_id, bulk_url, proxies=None, session=None)|$

Initialize the instance with the given parameters.

Arguments:

- session_id the session ID for authenticating to Salesforce
- bulk_url API endpoint set in Salesforce instance
- proxies the optional map of scheme to proxy server
- session Custom requests session, created in calling code. This enables the use of requests Session features not otherwise exposed by simple_salesforce.

```
{\bf class} \; {\tt simple\_salesforce.bulk.SFBulkType} \; (object\_name, bulk\_url, headers, session)
```

Bases: object

Interface to Bulk/Async API functions

___init___(object_name, bulk_url, headers, session)

Initialize the instance with the given parameters.

Arguments:

- object_name the name of the type of SObject this represents, e.g. Lead or Contact
- bulk_url API endpoint set in Salesforce instance
- headers bulk API headers
- session Custom requests session, created in calling code. This enables the use of requests Session features not otherwise exposed by simple_salesforce.

```
delete(data)
```

soft delete records

hard delete(data)

hard delete records

```
insert (data)
          insert records
     query (data)
          bulk query
     update (data)
          update records
     upsert (data, external id field)
          upsert records based on a unique identifier
simple salesforce.exceptions module
All exceptions for Simple Salesforce
exception simple_salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceAuthenticationFailed(code,
                                                                                      message)
     Bases: simple_salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceError
     Thrown to indicate that authentication with Salesforce failed.
     __init__ (code, message)
exception simple_salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceError(url, status, resource_name, con-
                                                                   tent)
     Bases: exceptions. Exception
     Base Salesforce API exception
     __init__ (url, status, resource_name, content)
          Initialize the SalesforceError exception
          SalesforceError is the base class of exceptions in simple-salesforce
          Args: url: Salesforce URL that was called status: Status code of the error response resource_name: Name
              of the Salesforce resource being queried content: content of the response
     message = u'Unknown error occurred for {url}. Response content: {content}'
exception simple_salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceExpiredSession (url,
                                                                                   status,
                                                                                             re-
                                                                               source name,
                                                                               content)
     Bases: simple salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceError
     Error Code: 401 The session ID or OAuth token used has expired or is invalid. The response body contains the
     message and errorCode.
     message = u'Expired session for {url}. Response content: {content}'
exception simple_salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceGeneralError (url,
                                                                                   status,
                                                                                             re-
                                                                            source_name,
                                                                                           con-
                                                                            tent)
     Bases: simple salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceError
     A non-specific Salesforce error.
     message = u'Error Code {status}. Response content: {content}'
exception simple salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceMalformedRequest(url,
                                                                                          status,
                                                                                 resource_name,
                                                                                 content)
     Bases: simple_salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceError
```

Error Code: 400 The request couldn't be understood, usually because the JSON or XML body contains an error.

message = u'Malformed request {url}. Response content: {content}'

 $Bases: \verb|simple_sales| force.exceptions.Sales| force Error$

Error Code: 300 The value returned when an external ID exists in more than one record. The response body contains the list of matching records.

message = u'More than one record for {url}. Response content: {content}'

 $Bases: \ simple_sales force.exceptions. Sales force {\tt Error}$

Error Code: 403 The request has been refused. Verify that the logged-in user has appropriate permissions.

message = u'Request refused for {url}. Response content: {content}'

Bases: simple_salesforce.exceptions.SalesforceError

Error Code: 404 The requested resource couldn't be found. Check the URI for errors, and verify that there are no sharing issues.

message = u'Resource {name} Not Found. Response content: {content}'

simple_salesforce.login module

Login classes and functions for Simple-Salesforce

Heavily Modified from RestForce 1.0.0

```
simple_salesforce.login.SalesforceLogin (username=None, password=None, secu-
rity_token=None, organizationId=None, sand-
box=False, sf_version='38.0', proxies=None,
session=None, client id=None)
```

Return a tuple of (session_id, sf_instance) where session_id is the session ID to use for authentication to Salesforce and sf_instance is the domain of the instance of Salesforce to use for the session.

Arguments:

- username the Salesforce username to use for authentication
- password the password for the username
- security_token the security token for the username
- organizationId the ID of your organization NOTE: security_token an organizationId are mutually exclusive
- sandbox True if you want to login to test.salesforce.com, False if you want to login to login.salesforce.com.
- sf_version the version of the Salesforce API to use, for example "27.0"
- proxies the optional map of scheme to proxy server

- session Custom requests session, created in calling code. This enables the use of requets Session features not otherwise exposed by simple_salesforce.
- client id the ID of this client

simple salesforce.util module

```
Utility functions for simple-salesforce

simple_salesforce.util.call_salesforce (url, method, session, headers, **kwargs)

Utility method for performing HTTP call to Salesforce.

Returns a requests.result object.

simple_salesforce.util.date_to_iso8601 (date)

Returns an ISO8601 string from a date

simple_salesforce.util.exception_handler (result, name='')

Exception router. Determines which error to raise for bad results

simple_salesforce.util.getUniqueElementValueFromXmlString (xmlString, Name)

Extracts an element value from an XML string.

For example, invoking getUniqueElementValueFromXmlString(

'<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><foo>bar</foo>', 'foo')

should return the value 'bar'.
```

7.1.3 Module contents

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Release history

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8.1.1 Bugs

• [134] query_all changed to be non-recursive due to recursion limit being hit for large result sets.

8.2 v0.71

8.2.1 Features

• [131] Added the ability to pass custom headers through to requests

8.3 v0.70

8.3.1 Features

• [98] Requests session objects are now shared between SFType instances and the parent Salesforce object

8.4 v0.69

8.4.1 Features

• [103] Require requests[secure] to allow for system openssl, which will allow for TLSv1.2 in Python < 2.7.9 assuming system openssl is newer than Python's.

8.4.2 Other

• Replaced httpretty with responses for unit tests due to SSL-related errors in httpretty.

8.5 v0.68.2

8.5.1 Other

- [85] Added tox support, updated travis-ci config
- Added CHANGES file
- [97] _call_salesforce is now used consistently across API

Authors & License

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The latest build status can be found at Travis CI

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