py-cidr

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PY-CIDR

1.1 Overview

py-cidr : python module providing network / CIDR tools

1.2 Key features

- Built on python's native ipaddress module
- 3 Classes : Cidr, CidrMap, CidrFile
- Cidr provides for many common operations for example:
  - Support for IPv4 and IPv6
  - compact lists of CIDRs to smallest set of CIDR blocks
  - convert an IP range to a list of CIDRs
  - Identify and validate
  - many more
- CidrFile offers common operations on files with lists of cidrs.
  - Includes atomic file writes
- CidrMap provides a class that maps CIDRs to values.
  - File cache employs locking to ensure multiple processes handle cache correctly.

See API reference documentation for more details.

1.3 New / Interesting

- Initial release

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GETTING STARTED

2.1 py-cidr module

2.1.1 module functions

The library provides the following tools:

CidrMap Class

CidrMap provides a reasonably optimized tool to cache (cidr, value) pairs. i.e. it maps a CIDR address to some value (string). These are cached to file if a cache directory is provided when instantiating the class.

Ths will create an IPv4 and an IPv6 cache file in the given directory. The code is careful about reading and writing the cache files and uses locking as well as atomic writes. For example if application starts, reads cache, updates with new items and some time later saves the cache - the module will detect if the cache changed (by another process using same cache directory) since it was read in, and merge its own changes with the changes in the cache file before writing out the updated cache. So nothing should be lost.

This was built this originally for our firewall tool, where part of the data gathering component creates maps of CIDR blocks to geolocated country codes for all CIDRs as listed by each of registries. This process can take several minutes. Run time was cut roughly in half using CidrMap() to provide a mapping of CIDR to location.

Since parallelizing can provide siginificant speedups, the CidrMap::add_cidr() method has a mechanism to allow that by avoiding multiple threads/processes updating the in memory data at the same time. It offers the ability for each thread/subprocess to add cidr blocks to thread local data. After all the threads/processes complete, then the private data maps of each of the processes can be merged together using CidrMap::merge() method.

Additional details are available in the API reference documentation.

Methods provided:

- CidrMap.lookup
- CidrMap.add_cidr
- CidrMap.merge

Static functions:

- create_private_cache

Cidr Class

See the API reference in the documentation for details. This class provides a suite of tools we found ourselves using often, so we encapsulated them in this class. All methods in the class are *@staticmethod* and thus no instance of the class is needed. Just use them as functions (*Cidr.xxx()*)

- Cidr.is_valid_ip4
- Cidr.is_valid_ip6

- Cidr.is_valid_cidr
- Cidr.cidr_iptype
- Cidr.cidr_type_network
- Cidr.cidr_to_net
- Cidr.cidrs_to_nets
- Cidr.nets_to_cidrs
- Cidr.compact_cidrs
- Cidr.ip_to_address
- Cidr.ips_to_addresses
- Cidr.addresses_to_ips
- Cidr.cidr_set_prefix
- Cidr.ipaddr_cidr_from_string
- Cidr.cidr_is_subnet
- Cidr.address_iptype
- Cidr.compact_nets
- Cidr.net_exclude
- Cidr.nets_exclude
- Cidr.cidrs_exclude
- Cidr.cidrs2_minus_cidrs1
- Cidr.cidr_exclude
- Cidr.sort_cidrs
- Cidr.sort_ips
- Cidr.get_host_bits
- Cidr.clean_cidr
- Cidr.clean_cidrs
- Cidr.range_to_cidrs
- Cidr.cidr_to_range
- Cidr.fix_cidr_host_bits
- Cidr.fix_cidrs_host_bits

CidrFile Class

This class provides a few reader/writer tools for files with lists of CIDR strings. Readers ignores comments. All methods are *@staticmethod* and thus no instance of the class is required. Simply use them as functions (*Cidr.xxx()*)

- Cidr.read_cidr_file(file:str, verb:bool=False) -> [str]:
- Cidr.read_cidr_files(targ_dir:str, file_list:[str]) -> [str]
- Cidr.write_cidr_file(cidrs:[str], pathname:str) -> bool
- Cidr.read_cidrs(fname:str|None, verb:bool=False) -> (ipv4:[str], ipv6:[str]):

- Cidr.copy_cidr_file(src_file:str, dst_file:str) -> None

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3.1 Installation

Available on * Github * Archlinux AUR

On Arch you can build using the provided PKGBUILD in the packaging directory or from the AUR. To build manually, clone the repo and :

```
rm -f dist/*
/usr/bin/python -m build --wheel --no-isolation
root_dest="/"
./scripts/do-install $root_dest
```

When running as non-root then set root_dest a user writable directory

3.2 Dependencies

Run Time :

- python (3.13 or later)
- lockmgr

Building Package :

- git
- hatch (aka python-hatch)
- wheel (aka python-wheel)
- build (aka python-build)
- installer (aka python-installer)
- rsync

Optional for building docs :

- sphinx
- python-myst-parser
- python-sphinx-autoapi
- texlive-latexextra (archlinux packaguing of texlive tools)

Building docs is not really needed since pre-built docs are provided in the git repo.

3.3 Philosophy

We follow the *live at head commit* philosophy. This means we recommend using the latest commit on git master branch. We also provide git tags.

This approach is also taken by Google[1][2].

3.4 License

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[1] https://github.com/google/googletest
[2] https://abseil.io/about/philosophy#upgrade-support

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CHANGELOG

[2.6.3] —— 2025-01-18

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Readme - removed unused (template) sections
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/_build/html Docs/py-cidr.pdf
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[2.6.2] —— 2025-01-18

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fix readme rst syntax
update Docs/Changelog.rst Docs/_build/html Docs/py-cidr.pdf
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[2.6.1] —— 2025-01-18

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Small change to readme
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[2.6.0] —— 2025-01-18

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Initial release
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HOW TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT

Thank you for your interest in improving this project. This project is open-source under the MIT license.

6.1 Important resources

- Git Repo

6.2 Reporting Bugs or feature requests

Please report bugs on the issue tracker in the git repo. To make the report as useful as possible, please include

- operating system used
- version of python
- explanation of the problem or enhancement request.

6.3 Code Changes

If you make code changes, please update the documentation if it's appropriate.

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CONTRIBUTOR COVENANT CODE OF CONDUCT

7.1 Our Pledge

In the interest of fostering an open and welcoming environment, we as contributors and maintainers pledge to making participation in our project and our community a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of age, body size, disability, ethnicity, sex characteristics, gender identity and expression, level of experience, education, socio-economic status, nationality, personal appearance, race, religion, or sexual identity and orientation.

7.2 Our Standards

Examples of behavior that contributes to creating a positive environment include:

- Using welcoming and inclusive language
- Being respectful of differing viewpoints and experiences
- Gracefully accepting constructive criticism
- Focusing on what is best for the community
- Showing empathy towards other community members

Examples of unacceptable behavior by participants include:

- The use of sexualized language or imagery and unwelcome sexual attention or advances
- Trolling, insulting/derogatory comments, and personal or political attacks
- Public or private harassment
- Publishing others' private information, such as a physical or electronic address, without explicit permission
- Other conduct which could reasonably be considered inappropriate in a professional setting

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7.6 Attribution

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7.7 Interpretation

The interpretation of this document is at the discretion of the project team.

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API REFERENCE

This page contains auto-generated API reference documentation[1].

8.1 py_cidr

Public Methods py_cidr

8.1.1 Classes

Cidr	Class provides common CIDR tools
CidrMap	Class provides map(cidr) -> value
CidrCache	Class provides a cache which maps cidrs to values.
CidrFile	Class provides common CIDR string file reader/writer tools.

8.1.2 Package Contents

class py_cidr.**Cidr**

Class provides common CIDR tools All mathods are (static) and are thus called withoue instantiating the class. for example :

net = Cidr.cidr_to_net(cidr_string)

Notation:

- cidr means a string
- net means ipaddress network (IPv4Network or IPv6Network)
- ip means an IP address string
- addr means an ip address (IPv4Address or IPv6Address)
- address means either a IP address or a cidr network as a string

static cidr_to_net(*cidr: str*, *strict: bool = False*) → IPvxNetwork | None

Cidr to Net

Convert cidr string to ipaddress network.

Parameters

[1] Created with sphinx-autoapi

- **cidr** – Input cidr string
- **strict** – If true then cidr is considered invalid if host bits are set. Defaults to False. (see ipaddress docs).

Returns
The ipaddress network derived from cidr string as either IPvxNetwork = IPv4Network or IPv6Network.

`static cidrs_to_nets`(*cidrs: [str]*, *strict: bool = False*) → [IPvxNetwork]

Cidrs to Nets
Convert list of cidr strings to list of IPvxNetwork

Parameters

- **cidrs** – List of cidr strings
- **strict** – If true, then any cidr with host bits is invalid. Defaults to false.

Returns
List of IPvxNetworks.

`static nets_to_cidrs`(*nets: [IPvxNetwork]*) → [str]

Nets to Strings
Convert list of ipaddress networks to list of cidr strings.

Parameters
nets – List of nets to convert

Returns
List of cidr strings

`static ip_to_address`(*ip: str*) → IPvxAddress | None

IP to Address
Return ipaddress of given ip. If IP has prefix or host bits set, we strip the prefix first and keep host bits

Parameters
ip – The IP string to convert

Returns
IPvxAddress derived from IP or None if not an IP address

`static ips_to_addresses`(*ips: [str]*) → [IPvxAddress]

IPs to Addresses
Convert list of IP strings to a list of ip addresses

Parameters
ips – List of IP strings to convert

Returns
List of IPvxAddress derived from input IPs.

static addresses_to_ips(*addresses: [IPvxAddress]*) → [str]

Address to IP strings
For list of IPs in ipaddress format, return list of ip strings

Parameters
addresses – List of IP addresses in ipaddress format

Returns
List of IP strings

static cidr_set_prefix(*cidr: str*, *prefix: int*) → str

Set Prefix
Set new prefix for cidr and return new cidr string

Parameters

- **cidr** – Cidr string to use
- **prefix** – The new prefix to use

Returns
Cidr string using the specified prefix

static ipaddr_cidr_from_string(*addr: str*, *strict: bool = False*) → ipaddress.IPv4Network | ipaddress.IPv6Network | None

IP/CIDR to IPvxNetwork
Convert string of IP address or cidr net to IPvxNetwork

Parameters

- **address** – String of IP or CIDR network.
- **strict** – If true, host bits disallowed for cidr block.

Returns
An IPvXNetwork or None if not valid.

static cidr_is_subnet(*cidr: str*, *ipa_nets: [ipaddress.IPv4Network | ipaddress.IPv6Network]*) → bool

Is Subnet:
Check if cidr is a subnet of any of the list of IPvxNetworks .

Parameters

- **cidr** – Cidr string to check.
- **ipa_nets** – List of IPvxNetworks to check in.

Returns
True if cidr is subnet of any of the ipa_nets, else False.

static address_iptype(*addr: IPvxAddress | IPvxNetwork*) → str | None

Address Type
Identify if IP address (IPvxAddres) or net (IPvxNetwork) is ipv4 or ipv6

Parameters
addr – IP address or cidr network .

Returns
'ip4', 'ip6' or None

static cidr_list_compact(*cidrs_in: [str]*, *string=True*) → [str | IPvxNetwork]

Cidr Compact:
Compact list of cidr networks to smallest list possible.

Parameters

- **cidrs_in** – List of cidr strings to compact.
- **string** – If true (default) returns list of strings, else a list of IPvxNetworks

Returns
Compressed list of cidrs as ipaddress networks (string=False) or list of strings when string=True

static compact_cidrs(*cidrs: [str]*, *nets=False*) → [str | IPvxNetwork]

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static compact_nets(*nets: [IPvxNetwork]*) → [IPvxNetwork]

combine em

static net_exclude(*net1: IPvxNetwork*, *nets2: [IPvxNetwork]*) → [IPvxNetwork]

Exclude net1 from any of networks in net2 return resulting list of nets (without net1)

static nets_exclude(*nets1: [IPvxNetwork]*, *nets2: [IPvxNetwork]*) → [IPvxNetwork]

Exclude every nets1 network from from any networks in nets2

static cidrs_exclude(*cidrs1: [str]*, *cidrs2: [str]*) → [str]

old name

static cidrs2_minus_cidrs1(*cidrs1: [str]*, *cidrs2: [str]*) → [str]

Exclude all of cidrs1 from cidrs2 i.e. return cidrs2 - cidrs1

static cidr_exclude(*cidr1: str*, *cidrs2: [str]*) → [str]

Exclude cidr1 from any of networks in cidrs2 return resulting list of cidrs (without cidr1)

static sort_cidrs(*cidrs: [str]*) → [str]

Sort the list of cidr strings

static sort_ips(*ips: [str]*) → [str]

Sort the list of cidr strings

static get_host_bits(*ip: str*, *pfx: int = 24*)

Gets the host bits from an IP address given the netmask

static clean_cidr(*cidr: str*) → str

returns None if not valid

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static clean_cidrs(*cidrs: [str]*) → [str]

clean cidr array

static fix_cidr_host_bits(*cidr: str*, *verb: bool = False*)

zero any host bits

static fix_cidrs_host_bits(*cidrs: [str]*, *verb: bool = False*)

zero any host bits

static is_valid_ip4(*address*) → bool

check if valid address or cidr

static is_valid_ip6(*address*) → bool

check if valid address or cidr

static is_valid_cidr(*address*) → bool

Valid Address or Network

check if valid ip address or cidr network

Parameters

address – IP or Cidr string to check. Host bits being set is permitted for a cidr network.

Returns

True/False if address is valid

static cidr_iptype(*address: str*) → str | None

Determines if an IP address or CIDR string is ipv4 or ipv6

Parameters

address –

ip address or cidr string

returns

'ip4' or 'ip6' or None

static cidr_type_network(*cidr: str*)

Cidr Network Type:

Parameters

cidr – Cidr string to examine

Returns

Tuple(ip-type, net-type). ip-type is a string ('ip4', 'ip6') while network type is IPv4Network or IPv6Network

static range_to_cidrs(*addr_start: IPAddress*, *addr_end: IPAddress*, *string=False*) → [IPvxNetwork | str]

Generate a list of cidr/nets from an IP range.

Parameters

- **addr_start** – Start of IP range as IPAddress (IPv4Address, IPv6Address or string)
- **addr_end** – End of IP range as IPAddress (IPv4Address, IPv6Address or string)
- **string** – If True then returns list of cidr strings otherwise IPvxNetwork

Returns

List of cidr network blocks representing the IP range. List elements are IPvxAddress or str if parameter string=True

static net_to_range(*net: IPvxNetwork*, *string: bool = False*)

Network to IP Range

Parameters

- **net** – The ipaddress network (IPvxNetwork) to examine
- **string** – If True then returns cidr strings instead of IPvxAddress

Returns

Tuple (ip0, ip1) of first and last IP address in net (ip0, ip1) are IPvxAddress or str when string is True

static cidr_to_range(*cidr: str*, *string: bool = False*)

Cidr string to an IP Range

Parameters

- **cidr** – The cidr string to examine
- **string** – If True then returns cidr strings instead of IPvxAddress

Returns

Tuple (ip0, ip1) of first and last IP address in net (ip0, ip1) are IPvxAddress or str when string is True

class py_cidr.**CidrMap**(*cache_dir: str = None*)

Class provides map(cidr) -> value

- keeps separate ipv4 and ipv6 cache
- built on CidrCache and Cidr classes

Parameters

cache_dir – Optional directory to save cache file

get_ipt(*cidr*) → str | None

Identify cidr as "ipv4" or "ipv6" :param cidr:

Input cidr string

Returns

'ipv4' of 'ipv6' based on cidr

save_cache()

save cache files

lookup(*cidr: str*) → Any | None

Check if cidr is in cache

Parameters

cidr – Cidr value to lookup.

Returns

Result if found else None

static create_private_cache() → dict

Return private cache object to use with add_cidr() Needed if one CidrMap instance is used across multiple processes/threads Give each process/thread a private data cache and they can be merged back into the CidrMap instance after they have all completed.

add_cidr(*cidr: str*, *result: str*, *priv_data: dict = None*)

Add cidr to cache

Parameters

- **cidr** – Add this cidr string and its associated result value to the map.
- **priv_data** – If using multiple processes/threads provide this priv_data. so that changes are kept in private_data cache instead of instance cache. That way instance cache can be used across multiple processes/threads. Use CidrMap.create_private_cache() to create private_data

merge(*priv_data: dict*)

Merge private cache into our cache

Parameters

priv_data – If used private date to add (cidr, result) to the map, then this merges content of priv_data into the current data.

print()

Print the cache data

class py_cidr.**CidrCache**(*ipt*, *cache_dir=None*)

Class provides a cache which maps cidrs to values. Implemented as an ordered list of networks where each net has some assocated value Each elem in list is a pair of (cidr_net, value)

data List *must* be kept sorted and compressed (no elem can be subnet of any other element) for search to work and work efficiently.

We use ipaddress network as key instead of a string to for performance reasons. This minimizes any mapping between network and string representations.

load_cache()

Read cache from file

write()

Save to cache file

sort()

sort the data by network

lookup_cidr(*cidr: str*) → str | None

Look up the value associated with cidr string

Parameters

cidr – Cidr string to lookup

Returns

Value associated with the cidr string or None if not found

lookup(*net*) → [ipaddress.IPv4Network | ipaddress.IPv6Network, str]

Lookup value for net

If net isin cache then returns pair [cache_net, value]. net is a cache_net or a subnet it. If not found [None, None] is returned.

Parameters

net – The network to lookup

Returns
List of (cahe_network, value) where net is cache_network or subnet of it. If net is not found then [None, None]

`find_nearest`(*net*, *priv_data=None*)

Find Nearest (internal)
find the index of the element (foundnet, value) where net is a subnet of foundnet or the index of the element after which net would be inserted elem[i] <= net < elem[i+1] when net = elem[i] (i.e. net is subnet of elem[i]) then ismatch is True

Returns
Tuple of (Index, ismatch). Index refers to cache list. Is match is True when net is a subnet of the cache element at index.

`add_cidr`(*cidr: str*, *value: str*, *priv_data=None*)

same as add() with input a cidr string instead of net

`add`(*net*, *value*, *priv_data: List[[ipaddress.IPv4Network | ipaddress.IPv6Network, str]] = None*)

Add (net, value) to cache where.
if priv_data provided then new data saved there instead of self.data Used when have multiple threads/processing using same CidrCache instance

Note that if add a (cidr, value) pair exists in cache but is different - then this new added version will replace the existing one.

Better name might be add_or_replace()

Parameters

- **net** – ipaddress network to add to cache
- **value** – the value to cache with net that is associated with it

Priv_data
Optional list to hold added [net, value] pairs until they can be merged into the class instance data via combine_data() method. Needed if sharing CidrCache instance across mutliple processes/threads.

When present, all additions are made to private data instead of instance data and our own data is read only until all threads/processes finish

Once all multiple threads/processes complete, then each private data cache(s) can be combined into this instance data using combine_data(priv_data)

When private data provided the dirty flag is left alone. combine() will set dirty if needed. This trackes where to save cache file if data has changed.

`compact`()

merge wherever possible - not used.

`combine_data`(*new_data*)

Combine private data into this instance data

Parameters
new_data – List of data created by add() when provided private data list. All data from new_data is combined / merged into the instance data.

print()

Print all the data

class py_cidr.**CidrFile**

Class provides common CIDR string file reader/writer tools. All methods are static so no class instance variable needed.

static read_cidrs(*fname: str | None*, *verb: bool = False*)

Read file of cidrs and return tuple of separate lists (ip4, ip6)

- if fname is None or sys.stdin then data is read from stdin.
- only column 1 of file is used.
- comments are ignored

Parameters

- **fname** – File name to read
- **verb** – More verbose output

Returns

tuple of lists of cidrs (ip4, ip6)

static read_cidr_file(*fname: str*, *verb: bool = False*) → [str]

Read file of cidrs. Comments are ignored.

Uses read_cidrs()

Parameters

- **fname** – File name to read
- **verb** – More verbose output

Returns

List of all cidrs (ip4 and ip6 combined)

static read_cidr_files(*targ_dir: str*, *file_list: [str]*) → [str]

Read set of files from a directory and return merged list of cidr strings

static write_cidr_file(*cidrs: [str]*, *pname: str*) → bool

Write list of cidrs to a file

Parameters

- **cidrs** – List of cidr strings to save
- **pname** – Path to file where cidrs are to be written

static copy_cidr_file(*src_file: str*, *dst_file: str*) → bool

Copy one file to another:

Parameters

- **src_file** – Source file to copy
- **dst_file** – Where to save copy

Returns

True if all okay else False

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