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# **taref\_docs Documentation**

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.. literalinclude:: introduction.rst

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### 6.1.1 atom\_extension

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@author: thomasaref

A collection of utility functions that extend Atom's functionality, used heavily by taref other modules. To maintain compatibility with Atom classes, these are defined as standalone functions rather than extending the class. Runtime also seem slightly better as standalone functions than as an extended class

`taref.core.atom_extension.call_func(obj, name, **kwargs)`

calls a func using keyword assignments. If name corresponds to a Property, calls the get func. otherwise, if name\_mangled func “\_get\_”+name exists, calls that. Finally calls just the name if these are not the case

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_all_main_params(obj)`

all members in all\_params that are not tagged as sub. Convenience function for more easily custom defining main\_params in child classes

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_all_params(obj)`

all members that are not tagged as private, i.e. not in reserved\_names and will behave as agents. order of magnitude faster when combine with private\_property

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_all_tags(obj, key, key_value=None, none_value=None, search_list=None)`

returns a list of names of parameters with a certain key\_value Shortcut retrieve members with particular meta-data. There are several variants based on inputs.

- With only obj and key specified, returns all member names who have that key
- with key\_value specified, returns all member names that have that key set to key\_value
- with key\_value and none\_value specified equal, returns all member names that have that key set to key\_value or do not have the tag
- specifying search list limits the members searched
- Finally, if key\_value is none, returns those members not matching none\_value

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_inv(obj, name, value)`  
 returns the inverse mapped value (meant for an Enum)

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_main_params(obj)`  
 returns main\_params if it exists and all possible main params if it does not

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_map(obj, name, value=None, reset=False)`  
 gets the mapped value specified by the property mapping and returns the attribute value if it doesn't exist gets the map of an Enum defined in the property name\_mapping or tag mapping. value can be used to get the map for another value besides the Enum's current one.

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_property_names(obj)`  
 returns property names that are in all\_params

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_property_values(obj)`  
 returns property values that are in all\_params

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_reserved_names(obj)`  
 reserved names not to perform standard logging and display operations on, i.e. members that are tagged as private and will behave as usual Atom members

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_run_params(f, skip_first=True)`  
 returns names of parameters a function will call, skips first parameter if skip\_first is True

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_tag(obj, name, key, none_value=None)`  
 Shortcut to retrieve metadata from an Atom member which also returns a none\_value if the metadata does not exist. This is an easy way to get a tag on a particular member and provide a default if it isn't there.

`taref.core.atom_extension.get_type(obj, name)`  
 returns type of member with given name, with possible override via tag typer

**class** `taref.core.atom_extension.instancemethod(obj, name=None)`  
 disposable decorator object for instancemethods defined outside of Atom class

`taref.core.atom_extension.log_func(func, pname=None)`  
 logging decorator for Callables that logs call if tag log!=False

`taref.core.atom_extension.lowhigh_check(obj, name, value)`  
 can specify low and high tags to keep float or int within a range.

`taref.core.atom_extension.private_property(fget)`  
 A decorator which converts a function into a cached Property tagged as private. Improves performance greatly over property!

`taref.core.atom_extension.reset_properties(obj)`  
 resets all properties that are in all\_params

`taref.core.atom_extension.set_all_tags(obj, **kwargs)`  
 Shortcut to use Atom's tag functionality to set metadata on members not marked private, i.e. all\_params. This is an easy way to set the same tag on all params

`taref.core.atom_extension.set_attr(self, name, value, **kwargs)`  
 utility function for setting tags while setting value

`taref.core.atom_extension.set_log(obj, name, value)`  
 called when parameter of given name is set to value i.e. instr.parameter=value. Customized messages for different types. Also saves data

`taref.core.atom_extension.set_tag(obj, name, **kwargs)`  
 sets the tag of a member using Atom's built in tag functionality

`taref.core.atom_extension.set_value_map(obj, name, value)`  
 checks floats and ints for low/high limits and automaps an Enum when setting. Not working for List?

**class** taref.core.atom\_extension.**tag\_Callable** (\*\*kwargs)  
disposable decorator class that returns a Callable tagged with kwargs

**class** taref.core.atom\_extension.**tag\_Property** (cached=True, \*\*kwargs)  
disposable decorator class that returns a cached Property tagged with kwargs

## 6.1.2 shower

Created on Mon Aug 24 12:38:54 2015

@author: thomasaref

taref.core.shower.**shower** (\*agents, \*\*kwargs)

A powerful showing function for any Atom object(s) specified in agents. Checks if an object has a view\_window and otherwise uses a default window for the object.

**Checks kwargs for particular keywords:**

- **start\_it**: boolean representing whether to go through first time setup prior to starting app
- **app**: defaults to existing QApplication instance and will default to a new instance if none exists

**chief\_cls**: if not included defaults to the first agent and defaults to Backbone if no agents are passed.  
**show\_log**: shows the log\_window of chief\_cls if it has one, defaults to not showing  
**show\_ipy**: shows the interactive\_window of chief\_cls if it has one, defaults to not showing  
**show\_code**: shows the code\_window of chief\_cls if it has one, defaults to not showing

shower also provides a chief\_window (generally for controlling which agents are visible) which defaults to Backbone's chief\_window if chief\_cls does not have one. attributes of chief\_window can be modified with the remaining kwargs

## 6.1.3 backbone

Created on Tue Jul 7 21:52:51 2015

@author: thomasaref

**class** taref.core.backbone.**Backbone** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Class combining primary functions for viewer operation. Extends \_\_init\_\_ to allow extra setup. extends \_\_setattr\_\_ to perform low/high check on params

**all\_main\_params**

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**app = None**

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**chief\_window = <taref.core.agent\_e.BasicView object>**

**code\_window = <taref.core.interactive\_e.CodeWindow object>**

**extra\_setup** (param, typer)

Performs extra setup during initialization where param is name of parameter and typer is it's Atom type. Can be customized in child classes. default extra setup handles units, auto tags low and high for Ranges, and makes Callables into instancemethods

**instancemethod** (*func*)

decorator for adding instancemethods defined outside of class

**interactive\_window** = <taref.core.interactive\_e.InteractiveWindow object>

**log\_window** = <taref.core.log\_e.LogWindow object>

**main\_params**

A Member which behaves similar to a Python property.

**property\_dict**

A Member which behaves similar to a Python property.

**property\_names**

A Member which behaves similar to a Python property.

**property\_values**

A Member which behaves similar to a Python property.

**reserved\_names**

A Member which behaves similar to a Python property.

**unit\_dict** = {'c': 0.01, '%': 0.01, 'nm': 1e-09, 'G': 1000000000.0, 'mm': 0.001, 'M': 1000000.0, 'k': 1000.0, 'm': 0.001,

**view\_window**

A Member which behaves similar to a Python property.

## 6.2 physics

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### 6.2.1 fundamentals

Created on Thu Jan 29 21:05:03 2015

@author: thomasaref

Gathers all useful constants and functions in one location. Also initiates a default log\_file.

`taref.physics.fundamentals.sinc(X)`

sinc function which doesn't autoinclude pi

`taref.physics.fundamentals.sinc_sq(X)`

sinc squared which doesn't autoinclude pi



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