

gTLV

API Documentation

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1 Module gtlv.network

gTLV networking

1.1 Class Target

Represents a client that targets a server and that can be used to send packets to that server.

1.1.1 Methods

<code>__init__(self, target_address, target_port, list_manager)</code>	
Constructor. It only saves parameters to internal attributes.	
Parameters	
target_address:	IP address of FQDN for the server. (<i>type=String.</i>)
target_port:	TCP listening port for the server. (<i>type=Integer.</i>)
list_manager:	List of available packets and attribute classes. (<i>type=Class that has a packet_list attribute of class PacketList and an attribute_list attribute of class AttributeList.</i>)

<code>send(self, packet)</code>	
Sends a given packet to the server and waits for a reply.	
Parameters	
packet:	Packet to be sent. (<i>type=Packet instance.</i>)
Return Value	
Packet return by the server.. (<i>type=Packet instance or None.</i>)	

1.2 Class Handler

SocketServer.BaseRequestHandler —
gtlv.network.Handler

Request handler for the server.

1.2.1 Methods

handle(*self*)

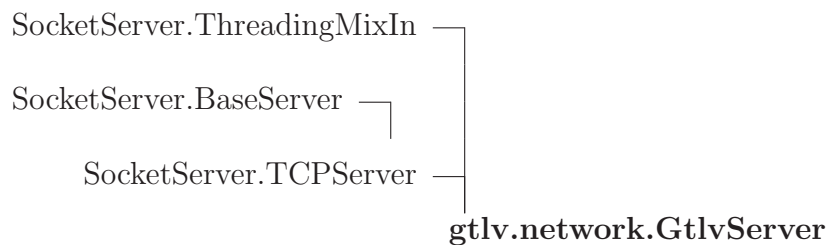
Waits until data is received, calls server's callback function and sends the result of the callback to the original sender.

Overrides: SocketServer.BaseRequestHandler.handle

Inherited from SocketServer.BaseRequestHandler

`__init__()`, `finish()`, `setup()`

1.3 Class GtlvServer



Represents a server that waits for incoming gTLV packets.

1.3.1 Methods

`__init__(self, ip, port, list_manager)`

Constructor. It only saves parameters to internal attributes and calls the constructor of its parent class.

Parameters

- `ip`:** Local IP address to bind to.
(*type=String.*)
- `port`:** Local TCP port to bind to.
(*type=Integer.*)
- `list_manager`:** List of available packets and attribute classes.
(*type=Class that has a packet_list attribute of class PacketList and an attribute_list attribute of class AttributeList.*)

Overrides: SocketServer.BaseServer.__init__

callback(*self*, *raw_packet*)

Callback function to process received packets. Needs to be overridden by subclasses.

Parameters

raw_packet: Raw packet as received on the socket.
(*type=String.*)

start(*self*)

Start the server in a new thread. Worker threads will be used to process incoming packets.

Inherited from SocketServer.ThreadingMixIn

process_request(), process_request_thread()

Inherited from SocketServer.TCPServer

close_request(), fileno(), get_request(), server_activate(), server_bind(), server_close()

Inherited from SocketServer.BaseServer

finish_request(), handle_error(), handle_request(), serve_forever(), verify_request()

1.3.2 Class Variables

Name	Description
<i>Inherited from SocketServer.ThreadingMixIn</i> daemon_threads	
<i>Inherited from SocketServer.TCPServer</i> address_family, allow_reuse_address, request_queue_size, socket_type	

2 Module gtlv.packet

gTLV packet

2.1 Functions

decode(*raw_packet*, *list_manager*)

Converts raw packet data from a socket into a Packet instance.

Parameters

raw_packet: Attribute to be added.
(type=Attribute instance.)

list_manager: List of available packets and attribute classes.
(type=Class that has a packet_list attribute of class PacketList and an attribute_list attribute of class AttributeList.)

Return Value

Packet instance that corresponds to raw packet data.
(type=Packet or None.)

2.2 Class HeaderFormat

Representation of gTLV packet header

2.2.1 Instance Variables

Name	Description
application	Format of application field. As of gTLV v1, 2 bytes. Value: 'H' <i>(type=String that corresponds to struct definition of the format.)</i>
code	Format of code field. As of gTLV v1, 1 byte. Value: 'B' <i>(type=String that corresponds to struct definition of the format.)</i>
length	Format of packet length field. As of gTLV v1, 2 bytes. Value: 'H' <i>(type=String that corresponds to struct definition of the format.)</i>

2.3 Class AttributeFormat

Representation of gTLV packet attributes

2.3.1 Instance Variables

Name	Description
type	Format of type field. As of gTLV v1, 1 byte. Value: 'B' (<i>type=String that corresponds to struct definition of the format.</i>)
length	Format of attribute length field. As of gTLV v1, 1 byte. Value: 'B' (<i>type=String that corresponds to struct definition of the format.</i>)
value	Format of value field. Not used as it depends on attribute type. Value: '' (<i>type=Empty string.</i>)

2.4 Class ClassList

Known Subclasses: gtlv.packet.AttributeList, gtlv.packet.PacketList

ClassList keeps a record of available classes to be used by the encoding/decoding engines.

2.4.1 Methods

<code>__init__(self, items)</code>
Constructor. Adds first items to the internal list.
Parameters
items: Initial list of available classes. (<i>type=Tuple of classes.</i>)
<code>append(self, items)</code>
Adds items to the internal list.
Parameters
items: List of available classes to be added. (<i>type=Tuple of classes.</i>)

find (<i>self</i> , <i>needle</i>)

Finds a given class in the internal list. Must be overridden by subclasses.

Parameters

needle : Class to be found.

(<i>type=Class.</i>)

2.5 Class *AttributeList*

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gtlv.packet.ClassList └─
                        gtlv.packet.AttributeList
  
```

Keeps a record of available attribute classes to be used by the encoding/decoding engines.

2.5.1 Methods

find (<i>self</i> , <i>needle</i>)

Finds a given attribute type in the list of available attribute classes.
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Parameters

needle : Attribute type to be found.

(<i>type=Integer.</i>)

Return Value

Attribute class found.

(<i>type=Attribute class or None.</i>)
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Overrides: <i>gtlv.packet.ClassList.find</i>
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Inherited from gtlv.packet.ClassList(Section 2.4)

`__init__()`, `append()`

2.6 Class *PacketList*

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gtlv.packet.ClassList └─
                        gtlv.packet.PacketList
  
```

Keeps a record of available packet classes to be used by the encoding/decoding engines.

2.6.1 Methods

find(*self*, *needle*)

Finds a given packet type in the list of available packet classes, based on application and code fields..

Parameters

needle: Packet application and code combination to be found in the list.

(*type=Tuple of two integers.*)

Return Value

Packet class found.

(*type=Packet class or None.*)

Overrides: gtlv.packet.ClassList.find

Inherited from gtlv.packet.ClassList(Section 2.4)

`__init__()`, `append()`

2.7 Class Attribute

Generic placeholder for TLV attributes. Subclasses must fill **type**, **typedef** and **fields** on definition and **value** on instantiation.

2.7.1 Methods

__init__(*self*)

Constructor. Does nothing for now. Subclasses must call this constructor from their constructors.

encode(*self*)

Converts attribute data into a raw string that can be inserted in a raw packet.

Return Value

Raw attribute.

(*type=String or None.*)

2.7.2 Instance Variables

Name	Description
type	Attribute type. Value: None (<i>type=Integer.</i>)
value	Attribute value. Value: None (<i>type=Depends on the attribute type.</i>)
typedef	Value data type that corresponds to the attribute type. Value: None (<i>type=String. As of gTLV v1, one of 'integer', 'boolean', 'timestamp', 'string' or 'octets'.</i>)
fields	Value format for 'octets' attributes. Value: None (<i>type=Tuple. As of gTLV v1, one of 'integer', 'boolean' or 'timestamp'.</i>)

2.8 Class Packet

Generic placeholder for TLV packets. Subclasses must fill `application`, `code`, `mandatory_attributes` and `optional_attributes` (if any) on definition.

2.8.1 Methods

<code>__init__</code> (<i>self</i>)
Constructor. Subclasses must call this constructor from their constructors.
<code>count</code> (<i>self</i> , <i>attribute_class</i>)
Count how many attributes of a given class are currently in the packet.
Parameters
<i>attribute_class</i> : Attribute class for the search. (<i>type=Attribute class.</i>)
Return Value
Number of occurrences. (<i>type=Integer.</i>)

get_values(*self*, *attribute_class*)

Get all the values of all the attributes of a given class found in the packet.

Parameters

attribute_class: Attribute class for the search.
(*type=Attribute class.*)

Return Value

List of corresponding values.
(*type=List.*)

add_attribute(*self*, *attribute*)

Add an attribute to the packet.

Parameters

attribute: Attribute to be added.
(*type=Attribute instance.*)

Return Value

True on success, False on failure.
(*type=True or False.*)

encode(*self*)

Converts packet data into a raw string that can be sent over a socket.

Return Value

Raw packet.
(*type=String or None.*)
TODO: Check that all mandatory attributes are present)

2.8.2 Instance Variables

Name	Description
application	Application identifier. Value: None (<i>type=Integer.</i>)
code	Packet code. Value: None (<i>type=Integer.</i>)
mandatory_attributes	List of mandatory attributes. Value: None (<i>type=Dictionary. Made up of attribute_class: multiplicity items.</i>)

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Name	Description
optional_attributes	List of optional attributes. Value: None (<i>type=Dictionary. Made up of</i> <i>attribute_class: multiplicity</i> items. <i>Multiplicity means maximum number of</i> <i>occurrences, like 1, 23 or float('inf').</i>)

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