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# **fixedrec Documentation**

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# CHAPTER 1

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## Installing from PyPI

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This is what you want if you just want to use fixedrec:

```
pip install fixedrec
```





## CHAPTER 2

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### As a source package

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This is what you want if you are developing fixedrec or want to make local changes to the source code.

```
pip install -e <path>
```



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### Developing fixedrec

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**Note:** if you're using this as a template for new projects, remember to *python setup.py register <projectname>* before you upload to PyPi.

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### Uploading to PyPi

- only source distribution:

```
python setup.py sdist upload
```

- source and windows installer:

```
python setup.py sdist bdist_wininst upload
```

- source, windows, and wheel installer:

```
python setup.py sdist bdist_wininst bdist_wheel upload
```

- create a documentation bundle to upload to PyPi:

```
cd build/sphinx/html && zip -r ../../../../pypi-docs.zip *
```

### Running tests

One of:

```
python setup.py test
py.test fixedrec
python runtests.py
```

with coverage (one of):

```
py.test --cov=.
python runtests.py --cov=.
coverage run runtests.py && coverage report
```

## Building documentation

```
python setup.py build_sphinx
```

## RecordFile

**class** `fixedrec.fixedrec.RecordFile (fname, blocksize=4, overwrite=False)`

Low level fixed-size record file. Record numbers are zero-based.

**close ()**

Close file and write statusrec.

**count ()**

Return number of records in the file.

**create\_new\_file (fname)**

Create a new keystore file (overwriting/deleting any existing file).

**Args:** `fname` (str): Filename to use.

**Returns:** (file): The created file.

**curpos**

Return the current position.

**goto\_first\_record ()**

Go to start of first record.

**goto\_last\_record ()**

Go to the starting position of the last record.

**goto\_recnum (n)**

Position the file at record *n*, if *n* == -1, then go to the end of the file (writing then becomes appending). It is possible to go past the end of the file and write a record, causing the file to grow.

**goto\_recnum\_relative (n)**

Advance forward or backward (negative *n*) *n* records.

**open (fname, overwrite)**

Open or create the file.

**open\_existing\_file** (*fname*)  
Open the file for read and write if possible.

**read** ()  
Read a block at the current position.

**swap** (*a*, *b*)  
Swap records at positions *a* and *b*.

**truncate** (*recnum=None*)  
Truncate the file at *recnum* (ie. *recnum* will be gone).

**write** (*data*, *flush=True*)  
Write data to file at current position.

**exception** `fixedrec.fixedrec.RecordFileError`  
Base Exception for block files.

## Layout

This module contains enough knowledge about *struct* format strings to figure out size and position of fields.

**class** `fixedrec.layout.Field` (*\*\*kw*)  
Representation of a field defined in a *struct* format string. (should only be created from *Layout*).

**get\_value** (*data*)  
Get this field's value from *data*.

**set\_value** (*data*, *value*)  
Set this field to *value* in *data*.

**class** `fixedrec.layout.Layout` (*layout*, *\*names*, *\*\*kw*)  
Record layout.

Usage:

```
record_layout = Layout(  
    '=12x?3sQ16s16s68s128sHcc',  
    'pad',  
    'local',  
    'rectype',  
    'timestamp',  
    'salt',  
    'digest',  
    'key',  
    'data',  
    'chksum',  
    'cr',  
    'nl',  
    name="Record"  
)
```

**layout\_re** = `<_sre.SRE_Pattern object>`  
regex matching one field in a struct format string

**record\_prefix** = `{'!': 'network-endian', '@': 'native aligned', '=': 'native', '<': 'little-endian', '>': 'big-endian'}`  
legal struct format string record prefixes

**split** (*data*)  
Split the byte string *data* into a list of substrings holding the data for each field.

```
struct_field_sizes = {'Q': 8, 'c': 1, 'b': 1, 'd': 8, 'P': 4, 'f': 4, 'i': 4, 'h': 2, 'l': 4, 'p': 1, 'L': 4, 'q': 8, 'T': 4, 'N': 4, ...}
byte sizes corresponding to struct character codes

struct_field_types = {'Q': 'unsigned long long', 'c': 'char', 'b': 'signed char', 'd': 'double', 'P': 'void *', 'f': 'float', ...}
types corresponding to struct character codes
```

## Record

**class** fixedrec.record.**Record**(layout, data=None, \*\*kw)  
Record base class, providing attribute access and pretty printing.

Usage:

```
@register_record
class StatusRecord(Record):
    RECTYPE = 'ver'
    layout = Layout(
        '=4sQ10sH12xHcc',
        'rectype',
        'timestamp',
        'version',
        'reclen',
        'pad'
        'chksum',
        'cr',
        'nl',
        name="StatusRecord"
    )

    def __init__(self, data=None, **kw):
        super(StatusRecord, self).__init__(
            StatusRecord.layout, data, **kw
        )
        if data is None:
            self.rectype = StatusRecord.RECTYPE
            self.version = '1.0.0'
            self.reclen = len(StatusRecord.layout)
            self.cr = b'\r'
            self.nl = b'\n'
            self.set_checksum()

    def set_checksum(self):
        # checksum of all preceeding fields.
        cksm_field = self._layout['chksum']
        cksm = utils.bsd_checksum(self._data[:cksm_field.position])
        cksm_field.set_value(self._data, cksm)
```

**as\_dict**()

Or at least as close to a dict as we can get and still preserve field order.

**parts**()

Return data for each field of the layout.

**pretty\_parts**()

Make binary data more readable by converting padding bytes in string fields to underscore (\_) and padding fields to star (\*).

`fixedrec.rectypes.record_type(rtype)`

Return the constructor for the record type.

`fixedrec.rectypes.register_record(cls)`

Decorator that add the client record class *cls* to the record type registry (as a constructor).

`fixedrec.rectypes.valid_rectype(rtype)`

Is the record type registered with a constructor?

## Utility functions

Utility functions.

`fixedrec.utils.n_(s, replacement='_')`

Make binary fields more readable.

`fixedrec.utils.pad(data, size, padchar='')`

Pad the *data* to exactly length = *size*.

**class** `fixedrec.utils.pset(*args, **kws)`

A property set is an OrderedDict with prettier string display (useful when working with record lengths that are wider than your terminal).

`fixedrec.utils.split_fields(s, sizes)`

Split a string into fields based on field *sizes*.

`fixedrec.utils.split_string(s, *ndx)`

String sub-class with a `split()` method that splits a given indexes.

Usage:

```
>>> print split_string('D2008022002', 1, 5, 7, 9)
['D', '2008', '02', '20', '02']
```

This is a Python implementation of the bsd 16 bit checksum algorithm.

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`fixedrec.bsd_checksum.bsd_checksum(data)`

Implementation of the bsd 16-bit checksum algorithm.



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