
jpredapi Documentation

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CHAPTER 1

jpredapi

The *jpredapi* package provides a simple Python interface for submitting and retrieving jobs from JPred: A Protein Secondary Structure Prediction Server ([JPred](#)).

This is unofficial Python port of *jpredapi* perl script that can be found here: <http://www.compbio.dundee.ac.uk/jpred4/api.shtml>

1.1 Links

- [jpredapi @ GitHub](#)
- [jpredapi @ PyPI](#)
- [Documentation @ ReadTheDocs](#)

1.2 Installation

1.2.1 Install on Linux, Mac OS X

```
python3 -m pip install jpredapi
```

1.2.2 Install on Windows

```
py -3 -m pip install jpredapi
```

Note: Read the [User Guide](#) and [The jpredapi Tutorial](#) on [ReadTheDocs](#) to learn more and to see code examples on using the *jpredapi* as a library and as a command-line tool.

1.3 License

This package is distributed under the [MIT license](#).

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1.3.1 User Guide

Description

The *jpredapi* package provides a simple Python interface for submitting and retrieving jobs from JPRED: A Protein Secondary Structure Prediction Server ([JPRED](#)).

Installation

The *jpredapi* package runs under Python 2.7 and Python 3.4+. Starting with Python 3.4 [pip](#) is included by default. To install system-wide with [pip](#) run the following:

Install on Linux, Mac OS X

```
python3 -m pip install jpredapi
```

Install on Windows

```
py -3 -m pip install jpredapi
```

Install inside virtualenv

For an isolated install, you can run the same inside a [virtualenv](#).

```
$ virtualenv -p /usr/bin/python3 venv # create virtual environment, use python3_
↪interpreter
$ source venv/bin/activate           # activate virtual environment
$ python3 -m pip install jpredapi    # install jpredapi as usually
$ deactivate                         # if you are done working in the virtual_
↪environment
```

Dependencies

jpredapi depends on several Python libraries, it will install its dependencies automatically, but if you wish to install them manually, then run commands below:

- **docopt** for creating *jpredapi* command-line interface.
 - To install [docopt](#) run the following:

```
python3 -m pip install docopt # On Linux, Mac OS X
py -3 -m pip install docopt   # On Windows
```

- **requests** for sending HTTP/1.1 requests to JPRED server.

- To install **requests** Python library run the following:

```
python3 -m pip install requests # On Linux, Mac OS X
py -3 -m pip install requests   # On Windows
```

- **retrying** for controlling status requests.

- To install **retrying** Python library run the following:

```
python3 -m pip install retrying # On Linux, Mac OS X
py -3 -m pip install retrying   # On Windows
```

Basic usage

jpredapi can be used in several ways:

- As a library within interactive Python shell or Python script and as a command-line tool to:
 - Submit JPRED job.
 - Check status of JPRED job.
 - Retrieve results of JPRED job.

Note: Read *The jpredapi Tutorial* to learn more and see code examples on using *jpred*.

1.3.2 The jpredapi Tutorial

The *jpredapi* package provides functions to submit, check status, and retrieve results from JPred: A Secondary Structure Prediction Server (JPred).

Command Line Interface

```
jpredapi command-line interface

The RESTful API allows JPred users to submit jobs from the command-line.

Usage:
    jpredapi submit (--mode=<mode> --format=<format>) (--file=<filename> | --seq=
↪<sequence>)
                                [--email=<name@domain.com>] [--name=<name>] [--rest=<address>] [--
↪skipPDB] [--silent]
    jpredapi status (--jobid=<id>) [--results=<path>] [--wait=<interval>] [--attempts=
↪<max>]
                                [--rest=<address>] [--jpred4=<address>] [--extract] [--silent]
    jpredapi get_results (--jobid=<id>) [--results=<path>] [--wait=<interval>] [--
↪attempts=<max>]
                                [--rest=<address>] [--jpred4=<address>] [--extract] [--
↪silent]
```

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```
jpredapi quota (--email=<name@domain.com>) [--silent]
jpredapi check_rest_version [--rest=<address>] [--silent]
jpredapi -h | --help
jpredapi -v | --version
```

Options:

-h, --help	Show this help message.
-v, --version	Show jpredapi package version.
--silent	Do not print messages.
--extract	Extract results tar.gz archive.
--skipPDB	PDB check.
--mode=<mode>	Submission mode, possible values: single, batch, msa.
--format=<format>	Submission format, possible values: raw, fasta, msf, _
↪ blc.	
--file=<filename>	Filename of a file with the job input (sequence(s)).
--seq=<sequence>	Instead of passing input file, for single-sequence _
↪ submission.	
--email=<name@domain.com>	E-mail address where job report will be sent (optional _
↪ for all but batch submissions).	
--name=<name>	Job name.
--jobid=<id>	Job id.
--results=<path>	Path to directory where to save archive with results.
--rest=<address>	REST address of server [default: http://www.compbio.
↪ dundee.ac.uk/jpred4/cgi-bin/rest].	
--jpred4=<address>	Address of Jpred4 server [default: http://www.compbio.
↪ dundee.ac.uk/jpred4].	
--wait=<interval>	Wait interval before retrying to check job status in _
↪ seconds [default: 60].	
--attempts=<max>	Maximum number of attempts to check job status _
↪ [default: 10].	

Print jpredapi help message

```
$ python3 -m jpredapi --help
```

Print jpredapi version

```
$ python3 -m jpredapi --version
```

Submit jobs to JPred server**Submit single sequence in raw format using --seq parameter:**

```
python3 -m jpredapi submit --mode=single --format=raw --seq=MQVWPIEGIKKFETLSYLP
```

Submit single sequence in raw format using --file parameter:

```
python3 -m jpredapi submit --mode=single --format=raw --file=tests/example_data/
↳ single_raw.example
```

Content of single_raw.example file:

```
MQVWPIEGIKKFETLSYLPPLTVEDLLKQIEYLLRSKWVPCLEFSKVGfVYRENHRSPGYDGRYWTMWKLPmFGCTDATQVLKELEEAKKAYPDafvRI
```

Submit single sequence in fasta format using --file parameter:

```
python3 -m jpredapi submit --mode=single --format=fasta --file=tests/example_data/
↳ single_fasta.example
```

Content of single_fasta.example file:

```
>my test sequence
MQVWPIEGIKKFETLSYLPPLTVEDLLKQIEYLLRSKWVPCLEFSKVGfVYRENHRSPGYDGRYWTMWKLPmFGCTDATQVLKELEEAKKAYPDafvRI
```

Submit multiple sequences in fasta format using --file parameter:

```
python3 -m jpredapi submit --mode=batch --format=fasta --file=tests/example_data/
↳ batch_fasta.example --email=name@domain.com
```

Content of batch_fasta.example file:

```
>my_seq1
MKFLVLLFNILCLFPILGADELVMSPIPTTDVQPKVTFDINSEVSSGPLYLNPVEMAGVK
YLQLQRQPGVQVHKVVEGDIVIWENEEMPLYTCAIVTQNEVPYMayVELLEDpDLIFFLK
EGDQWAPIPEDQYLARLQQLRQQIHTEsFFSLNLSFQHENyKYEMVSSfQHSIKMVVFTP
KNGHICKMVYDKNIRIFKALYNEYVTSVIGFFRGLKLLLLNIFVIDDRGMIGNKYfQLLD
DKYAPISVQGYVATIPKLKDFAEpYHPiILDISDIDYVNFYLGDATYHDPGfKIVPKTPQ
CITKVVDGNEVIYESSNpSVECVYKVtYYDKKNESMLRLDLNHSPpSYTSyYAKREGVWV
TSTYIDLEEKIEELQDHRSTELdVMfMSDKDLNVVPLTNGNLEyFMVTPKPhRDiiIVFD
GSEVLWYYEGLENHLVCTWiiYVTEGAPRLVHLRVKDRIPQNTDIYMVKfGEYWVRISKtQ
>my_seq2
MASVKSSSSSSSSSFISLLLLILLVIVLQSQVIECQPQQSCTASLTGLNVCApFLVPGSP
TASTECCNAVQSINHDCMCNTMRiAAQIPAQCnLPPLSCSAN
>my_seq3
MEKKSIAGLCFLFLVLFVAQEVVQSEAKTCENLVDTYRGPCFTTGSCDDHCKNKEHLLS
GRCRDDVRCWCTRNC
```

Submit multiple sequence alignment files in fasta format:

```
python3 -m jpredapi submit --mode=msa --format=fasta --file=tests/example_data/msa_
↳ fasta.example --email=name@domain.com
```

Content of msa_fasta.example file:

```
>QUERY_1
MQVWPIEGIKKFETLSYLPPLTVEDLLKQIEYLLRSKWVPCLEFSKVGfVYRENHRSPGYDGRYWTMWKLP
MFGCTDATQVLKELEEAKKAYPDAFVRIIGFDNVRQVQLISFIAYKPPGC
>UniRef90_Q40250_2
MKVWPPIGLKKYETLSYLPPLSDEALSKEIDYLIRNKWIPCLEFEEHGFVYREHHHSPGYDGRYWTMWKLP
MFGCTDSAQVMKEVGECKKEYPNAFIRVIGFDNIRQVQCISFIVAKPPGV
>UniRef90_A7YVW5_3
MQVWPPPLGKRKFETLSYLPPLPVDALLKQIDYLIRSGWIPCIETVEGFVYREHHHSPGYDGRYWTMWKLP
MYGCTDSTQVLAEEVANKKEYPNSYIRIIGFDNKRQVQCVSFIVHTPPS-
>UniRef90_P04714_4
MQVWPPYGKKKYETLSYLPDLTDEQLLKEIEYLLNKGWVPCLEFTEHGFVYREYHASPRYYDGRYWTMWKLP
MFGCTDATQVLGELQEAKKAYPNAWIRIIGFDNVRQVQCISFIAYKPPG-
>UniRef90_W9RUU9_5
MQVWPPRGKLFETLSYLPDLTDEQLLKEIDYLLRSNWIPCLEFEVKAHIYRENNRSPGYDGRYWTMWKLP
MFGCTDATQVLAEVQETKKAYPDAHVRIIGFDNNRQVQCISFIAYKPPA-
```

Submit multiple sequence alignment files in msf format:

```
python3 -m jpredapi submit --mode=msa --format=msf --file=tests/example_data/msa_msf.
→example --email=name@domain.com
```

Content of msa_msf.example file:

```
/tmp/filelPdICy MSF: 108 Type: N January 01, 1776 12:00 Check: 2741 ..

Name: 0_1a Len: 108 Check: 4063 Weight: 1.00
Name: 1_MA Len: 108 Check: 4875 Weight: 1.00
Name: 2_KE Len: 108 Check: 449 Weight: 1.00
Name: 3_NC Len: 108 Check: 3354 Weight: 1.00

//

0_1a APAFSVSPAS GASDGQSVSV SVAAAGETYY IAQCAPVGGQ DACNPATATS
1_MA APGVTITPAT GLSNGQITVTV SATTPGTVYH VGQCAVVEGV IGCDAITSTD
2_KE SAAVSVSPAT GLADGATVTV SASATSTSAT ALQCAILAGR GACNVAEFHD
3_NC APTATVTPSS GLSDGTVVKV AGAQAGTAYD VGQCAWVDGV LACNPADFSS

0_1a FTTDASGAAS FSFTVRKSYA GQTPSGTPVG SVDCAIDACN LGAGNSGLNL
1_MA VTADAAGKIT AQLKVHSSFQ AVVANGTPWG TVNCKVVSCS AGLGSDSGEG
2_KE FSLSG.GEGT TSVVVRSSFT GYVPDGPVVG AVDCDTAPCE IVVGGNTGEY
3_NC VTADANGSAS TSLTVRRSFE GFLFDGTRWG TVDCTTAACQ VGLSDAAGNG

0_1a GHVALTFG
1_MA AAQAITFA
2_KE GNAAISFG
3_NC PGVAISFN
```

Submit multiple sequence alignment files in b1c format:

```
python3 -m jpredapi submit --mode=msa --format=b1c --file=tests/example_data/msa_b1c.
→example --email=name@domain.com
```

Content of msa_b1c.example file:

```
>0_1a  Name
>1_MA  Name
>2_KE  Name
>3_NC  Name
* iteration 1
AASA
PPAP
AGAT
FVVA
STST
VVVV
STST
PPPP
AAAS
*
```

Check job status on JPred server

Check single job status using jobid:

```
python3 -m jpredapi status --jobid=jp_K46D05A
```

Check single job status using jobid and retrieve results:

```
python3 -m jpredapi status --jobid=jp_K46D05A --results=jpred_sspped/results
```

Check single job status using jobid, retrieve results, and decompress archive:

```
python3 -m jpredapi status --jobid=jp_K46D05A --results=jpred_sspped/results --extract
```

Retrieve results from JPred server

Retrieve results using jobid:

```
python3 -m jpredapi get_results --jobid=jp_K46D05A --results=jpred_sspped/results
```

Retrieve results using jobid and decompress archive:

```
python3 -m jpredapi get_results --jobid=jp_K46D05A --results=jpred_sspped/results --
↪extract
```

Check how many jobs you have already submitted on a given day:

```
python3 -m jpredapi quota --email=name@domain.com
```

Using jpredapi as a library

Importing jpredapi module

If *jpredapi* package is installed on the system, it can be imported:

```
>>> import jpredapi
>>>
```

Submit jobs to JPred server

Submit single sequence in **raw** format using **seq** parameter:

```
>>> import jpredapi
>>>
>>> jpredapi.submit(mode="single", user_format="raw", seq="MQVWPIEGIKKFETLSYLPP")
>>>
```

Submit single sequence in **raw** format using **file** parameter:

```
>>> jpredapi.submit(mode="single", user_format="raw", file="tests/example_data/single_
↳ raw.example")
>>>
```

Submit single sequence in **fasta** format using **file** parameter:

```
>>> jpredapi.submit(mode="single", user_format="fasta", file="tests/example_data/
↳ single_fasta.example")
>>>
```

Submit multiple sequences in **fasta** format using **file** parameter:

```
>>> jpredapi.submit(mode="batch", user_format="fasta", file="tests/example_data/batch_
↳ fasta.example", email="name@domain.com")
>>>
```

Submit multiple sequence alignment files in **fasta** format:

```
>>> jpredapi.submit(mode="msa", user_format="fasta", file="tests/example_data/msa_
↳ fasta.example", email="name@domain.com")
>>>
```

Submit multiple sequence alignment files in msf format:

```
>>> jpredapi.submit(mode="msa", user_format="msf", file="tests/example_data/msa_msf.
↳ example", email="name@domain.com")
>>>
```

Submit multiple sequence alignment files in b1c format:

```
>>> jpredapi.submit(mode="msa", user_format="b1c", file="tests/example_data/msa_b1c.
↳ example", email="name@domain.com")
>>>
```

Check job status on JPred server

Check single job status using jobid:

```
>>> import jpredapi
>>>
>>> jpredapi.status(jobid="jp_K46D05A")
>>>
```

Check single job status using jobid and retrieve results:

```
>>> jpredapi.status(jobid="jp_K46D05A", results_dir_path="jpred_sspped/results")
>>>
```

Check single job status using jobid, retrieve results, and decompress archive:

```
>>> jpredapi.status(jobid="jp_K46D05A", results_dir_path="jpred_sspped/results",
↳ extract=True)
>>>
```

Retrieve results from JPred server

Retrieve results using jobid:

```
>>> import jpredapi
>>>
>>> jpredapi.get_results(jobid="jp_K46D05A", results_dir_path="jpred_sspped/results")
>>>
```

Retrieve results using `jobid` and decompress archive:

```
>>> jpredapi.get_results(jobid="jp_K46D05A", results_dir_path="jpred_sspped/results",  
↳extract=True)  
>>>
```

Check how many jobs you have already submitted on a given day:

```
>>> import jpredapi  
>>>  
>>> jpredapi.quota(email="name@domain.com")  
>>>
```

1.3.3 The jpredapi API Reference

jpredapi Python library

The JPred API allows users to submit jobs from the command-line.

Usage example for command-line:

```
python3 -m jpredapi --help  
python3 -m jpredapi --version  
python3 -m jpredapi submit --mode=single --format=raw --  
↳seq=MQVWPIEGIKKFETLSYLPP  
python3 -m jpredapi status --jobid=jp_K46D05A  
python3 -m jpredapi get_results --jobid=jp_K46D05A --results=jpred_sspped/  
↳results  
python3 -m jpredapi quota --email=name@domain.com  
python3 -m jpredapi check_rest_version
```

Usage example for interactive Python shell:

```
>>> import jpredapi  
>>>  
>>> jpredapi.submit(mode="single", user_format="raw", seq="MQVWPIEGIKKFETLSYLPP")  
>>>  
>>> jpredapi.status(jobid="jp_K46D05A")  
>>>  
>>> jpredapi.get_results(jobid="jp_K46D05A", results_dir_path="jpred_sspped/results")  
>>>  
>>> jpredapi.quota(email="name@domain.com")  
>>>  
>>> jpredapi.check_rest_version()  
>>>
```

`jpredapi.api.check_rest_version` (*host*='http://www.compbio.dundee.ac.uk/jpred4/cgi-bin/rest',
suffix='version', *silent*=False)

Check version of JPred REST interface.

Parameters

- **host** (*str*) – JPred host address.
- **suffix** (*str*) – Host address suffix.

- **silent** (*True* or *False*) – Should the work be done silently?

Returns Version of JPred REST API.

Return type *str*

```
jpredapi.api.quota(email, host='http://www.compbio.dundee.ac.uk/jpred4/cgi-bin/rest',
                    suffix='quota', silent=False)
```

Check how many jobs you have already submitted on a given day (out of 1000 maximum allowed jobs per user per day).

Parameters

- **email** (*str*) – E-mail address.
- **host** (*str*) – JPred host address.
- **suffix** (*str*) – Host address suffix.
- **silent** (*True* or *False*) – Should the work be done silently?

Returns Response.

Return type *requests.Response*

```
jpredapi.api.submit(mode, user_format, file=None, seq=None, skipPDB=True, email=None,
                    name=None, silent=False, host='http://www.compbio.dundee.ac.uk/jpred4/cgi-
                    bin/rest')
```

Submit job to JPred REST API.

Parameters

- **mode** (*str*) – Submission mode, possible values: *single*, *batch*, *msa*.
- **user_format** (*str*) – Submission format, possible values: *raw*, *fasta*, *msf*, *blc*.
- **file** (*str*) – File path to a file with the job input (sequence or msa).
- **seq** (*str*) – Alternatively, amino acid sequence passed as string of single-letter code without spaces, e.g. `-seq=ATWFGTHY`
- **skipPDB** (*True* or *False*) – Should the PDB query be skipped?
- **email** (*str*) – For a batch job submission, where to send the results?
- **name** (*str*) – A name for the job.
- **silent** (*True* or *False*) – Should the work be done silently?

Returns Response.

Return type *requests.Response*

```
jpredapi.api.status(*args, **kw)
```

Check status of the submitted job.

Parameters

- **jobid** (*str*) – Job id.
- **results_dir_path** (*str*) – Directory path where to save results if job is finished.
- **extract** (*True* or *False*) – Extract (True) or not (False) results into directory.
- **silent** (*True* or *False*) – Should the work be done silently?
- **host** (*str*) – JPred host address.
- **jpred4** (*str*) – JPred address for results retrieval.

Returns Response.

Return type `requests.Response`

```
jpredapi.api.get_results(jobid, results_dir_path=None, extract=False, silent=False,  
                        host='http://www.compbio.dundee.ac.uk/jpred4/cgi-bin/rest',  
                        jpred4='http://www.compbio.dundee.ac.uk/jpred4')
```

Download results from JPred server.

Parameters

- **jobid** (*str*) – Job id.
- **results_dir_path** (*str*) – Directory path where to save results if job is finished.
- **extract** (*True* or *False*) – Extract (*True*) or not (*False*) results into directory.
- **silent** (*True* or *False*) – Should the work be done silently?
- **host** (*str*) – JPred host address.
- **jpred4** (*str*) – JPred address for results retrieval.

Returns Response.

Return type `requests.Response`

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