
tailchaser

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Overview

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the ultimate tailer

- Free software: BSD license

1.1 Installation

```
pip install tailchaser
```

Usage

```
:: $ tailchaser /wher/my/logs/*.log
```

```
$ tailchaser -h
```

```
usage: tailer [options] source_pattern
```

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positional arguments:

source_pattern source pattern is the glob path to a file to be tailed plus its rotated versions

optional arguments:

-h, --help	show this help message and exit
--verbose	prints a lot crap, default is: False
--dryrun	prints a lot crap and no hand-off, default is: False
--dont_backfill	don't backfill with rolled logs, default is: False
--dont_follow	don't follow when you reach the end of the file exit, default is: False
--clear_checkpoint	clears the checkpoint and lets you start from the begining, default:False
--read_period READ_PERIOD	time given to read, default: 1.0
--read_pause READ_PAUSE	time to pause between reads, default: 0

To use tailchaser in a project:

```
#
# Example 1 - Tail to Elastic
#

import requests

import tailchaser

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# Example 2 - Tail to Kafka - shows how to add your own arguments and then send messages to kafka.
#

import msgpack
import tailchaser
from kafka import KafkaProducer

class TailToKafka(tailchaser.Tailer):
    def add_arguments(cls, parser=None):
        parser = super(TailToKafka, cls).add_arguments(parser)

    HOSTS = 'localhost:1234'
    TOPIC = 'log'
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2.1 Documentation

<https://tailchaser.readthedocs.org/>

2.2 Development

To run the all tests run:

```
tox
```

Note, to combine the coverage data from all the tox environments run:

Windows	set PYTEST_ADDOPTS=--cov-append tox
Other	PYTEST_ADDOPTS=--cov-append tox

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Reference

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Contributing

Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given.

6.1 Bug reports

When [reporting a bug](#) please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

6.2 Documentation improvements

tailchaser could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official tailchaser docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

6.3 Feature requests and feedback

The best way to send feedback is to file an issue at <https://github.com/thanos/tailchaser/issues>.

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that code contributions are welcome :)

6.4 Development

To set up *tailchaser* for local development:

1. Fork [tailchaser](#) (look for the “Fork” button).
2. Clone your fork locally:

```
git clone git@github.com:your_name_here/tailchaser.git
```

3. Create a branch for local development:

```
git checkout -b name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

Now you can make your changes locally.

4. When you're done making changes, run all the checks, doc builder and spell checker with `tox` one command:

```
tox
```

5. Commit your changes and push your branch to GitHub:

```
git add .
git commit -m "Your detailed description of your changes."
git push origin name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

6. Submit a pull request through the GitHub website.

6.4.1 Pull Request Guidelines

If you need some code review or feedback while you're developing the code just make the pull request.

For merging, you should:

1. Include passing tests (run `tox`)¹.
2. Update documentation when there's new API, functionality etc.
3. Add a note to `CHANGELOG.rst` about the changes.
4. Add yourself to `AUTHORS.rst`.

6.4.2 Tips

To run a subset of tests:

```
tox -e envname -- py.test -k test_myfeature
```

To run all the test environments in *parallel* (you need to `pip install detox`):

```
detox
```

¹ If you don't have all the necessary python versions available locally you can rely on Travis - it will [run the tests](#) for each change you add in the pull request.
It will be slower though ...

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Changelog

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- First release on PyPI.

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