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A graph based queryable object persistence framework built on top of Neo4j.

CHAPTER 1

Neo4j visualization style

The bookmarklet below adds Kaiso styles to the Neo4j data browser's visualizer.

Apply `kaiso-neo4j` style

Add it to your bookmarks and load it when you're inside Neo's webadmin. A `kaiso` profile will become available under the Style button.

API Reference

kaiso Package

A graph based query and persistence framework for objects and their relationships.

TODO: describe the architecture

connection Module

descriptors Module

exceptions Module

Provides all the exceptions that may be raised.

exception `kaiso.exceptions.CannotUpdateType`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Raised when trying to update a type defined in code

exception `kaiso.exceptions.ConnectionError`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Raised when an error occurs connecting to the Neo4j Database

exception `kaiso.exceptions.DeserialisationError`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Raised when trying to deserialise a dict with no `__type__` key

exception `kaiso.exceptions.MultipleObjectsFound`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Raised when a caller of a RelationshipManager expected a single object, but multiple were returned.

exception `kaiso.exceptions.NoResultFound`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Raised when a call expected at least one object, but none was found.

exception `kaiso.exceptions.NoUniqueAttributeError`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Raised when trying to uniquely identify an object which has no unique attributes

exception `kaiso.exceptions.TypeAlreadyCollected`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

exception `kaiso.exceptions.TypeAlreadyRegistered`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

exception `kaiso.exceptions.TypeNotPersistedError` (*type_id*)

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Raised when trying to save an instance of a type that is not yet persisted

exception `kaiso.exceptions.UnknownType`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Raised when trying to deserialise a class that hasn't been registered

exception `kaiso.exceptions.UnsupportedTypeError`

Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Raised when trying to interact with a non-Persistable type

iter_helpers Module

`kaiso.iter_helpers.unique` (*fn*)

Wraps a function to return only unique items. The wrapped function must return an iterable object. When the wrapped function is called, each item from the iterable will be yielded only once and duplicates will be ignored.

Args: *fn*: The function to be wrapped.

Returns: A wrapper function for *fn*.

persistence Module

class `kaiso.persistence.Manager` (*connection_uri*, *skip_setup=False*)

Bases: `object`

Manage the interface to graph-based queryable object store.

The any object can be saved as long as its type is registered. This includes instances of Entity, PersistableType and subclasses of either.

InstanceOf and IsA relationships are automatically generated when persisting an object.

change_instance_type (*obj*, *type_id*, *updated_values=None*)

create_type (*name*, *bases*, *attrs*)

Creates a new class given the name, bases and attrs given.

delete (*obj*)

Deletes an object from the store.

Args: *obj*: The object to delete.

Returns: A tuple: with (number of nodes removed, number of rels removed)

deserialize (*object_dict*)

Deserialize *object_dict* to an object.

Args: *object_dict*: A serialized object dictionary

Returns: An object deserialized using the type registry

destroy ()

Removes all nodes, relationships and indexes in the store. This object will no longer be usable after calling this method. Construct a new Manager to re-initialise the database for kaiso.

WARNING: This will destroy everything in your Neo4j database.

get (*cls*, ***attr_filter*)

get_by_unique_attr (*cls*, *attr_name*, *values*)

Bulk load entities from a list of values for a unique attribute

Returns: A generator (*obj1*, *obj2*, ...) corresponding to the *values* list

If any values are missing in the index, the corresponding obj is None

get_related_objects (*rel_cls*, *ref_cls*, *obj*)

get_type_hierarchy (*start_type_id=None*)

Returns the entire type hierarchy defined in the database if *start_type_id* is None, else returns from that type.

Returns: A generator yielding tuples of the form (*type_id*, *bases*, *attrs*) where

- *type_id* identifies the type
- *bases* lists the *type_ids* of the type's bases
- *attrs* lists the attributes defined on the type

invalidate_type_system ()

query (*query*, ***params*)

Queries the store given a parameterized cypher query.

Args: *query*: A parameterized cypher query. *params*: query: A parameterized cypher query.

Returns: A generator with tuples containing stored objects or values.

WARNING: If you use this method to modify the type hierarchy (i.e. types, their declared attributes or their relationships), ensure to call `manager.invalidate_type_hierarchy()` afterwards. Otherwise managers will continue to use cached versions. Instances can be modified without changing the type hierarchy.

query_single (*query*, ***params*)

Convenience method for queries that return a single item

reload_types ()

Reload the type registry for this instance from the graph database.

save (*persistable*)

Stores the given *persistable* in the graph database. If a matching object (by unique keys) already exists, it will update it with the modified attributes.

save_collected_classes (*collection*)

serialize (*obj*, *for_db=False*)
Serialize *obj* to a dictionary.

Args: *obj*: An object to serialize *for_db*: (Optional) bool to indicate whether we are serializing data for neo4j or for general transport. This flag propagates down all the way into `Attribute.to_primitive` and may be used by custom attributes to determine behaviour for different serialisation targets. E.g. if using a transport that supports a Decimal type, *to_primitive* can return Decimal objects if *for_db* is False, and strings otherwise (for persistence in the neo4j db).

Returns: A dictionary describing the object

update_type (*tpe*, *bases*)
Change the bases of the given *tpe*

class `kaiso.persistence.TypeSystem` (**args*, ***kwargs*)
Bases: `kaiso.types.AttributedBase`

TypeSystem is a node that represents the root of the type hierarchy.

Inside the database, the current version of the hierarchy is tracked using a `version` attribute on the TypeSystem node.

id = `<kaiso.attributes.String object>`

`kaiso.persistence.get_connection` (*uri*)

references Module

`kaiso.references.get_store_for_object` (*obj*)

`kaiso.references.set_store_for_object` (*obj*, *store*)

relationships Module

Provides Relationship classes to be used by client code.

All relationship classes must inherit from Relationship to be usable within the framework.

The IsA and InstanceOf relationships are used internally for describing inheritance relationships and are autogenerated when an object is added to the data store.

They may be used for querying and map to python's `issubclass()` and `isinstanceof()` functionality.

class `kaiso.relationships.DeclaredOn` (*start=None*, *end=None*, ***kwargs*)
Bases: `kaiso.types.Relationship`

Describes the relationship between a type and the properties that instances of that type can have.

class `kaiso.relationships.Defines` (*start=None*, *end=None*, ***kwargs*)
Bases: `kaiso.types.Relationship`

Relationship used by the TypeSystem to connect to the types it defines.

class `kaiso.relationships.InstanceOf` (*start=None*, *end=None*, ***kwargs*)
Bases: `kaiso.types.Relationship`

Describes a instance to type relationship between an object and a class.

It maps to python's `isinstance(obj, the_class)` as `InstanceOf(obj, the_class)`.

```
class kaiso.relationships.IsA(start=None, end=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.types.Relationship

    Describes a sub-class relationship between two classes.

    It maps to python's issubclass(sub_class, base_class) as IsA(sub_class, base_class).

    base_index = <kaiso.attributes.Integer object>
```

types Module

```
class kaiso.types.Attribute(unique=False, required=False)
    Bases: kaiso.types.AttributeBase

    required = None

    unique = None

class kaiso.types.AttributeBase
    Bases: object

    name = None

    classmethod to_primitive(value, for_db)
        Serialize value to a primitive type suitable for inserting into the database or passing to e.g. json.dumps

    classmethod to_python(value)

class kaiso.types.AttributedBase(*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.types.Persistable

    The base class for objects that can have Attributes.

    Sets default values during instance creation and applies kwargs passed to __init__.

class kaiso.types.DefaultableAttribute(default=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.types.Attribute

    default = None

class kaiso.types.Descriptor(cls)
    Bases: object

    Provides information about the types of persistable objects.

    Its main purpose is to provide type names and attribute information of persistable types(classes).

    attributes

    class_attributes

    declared_attributes

    declared_class_attributes

    relationships

class kaiso.types.Entity(*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.types.AttributedBase

class kaiso.types.Persistable
    Bases: object

    The base of all persistable objects.
```

Any object stored in the db must inherit from this class. Any object having Persistable as it's base are considered persistable.

class `kaiso.types.PersistableType`
Bases: `type`, `kaiso.types.Persistable`

Metaclass for static persistable types.

Collects classes as they are declared so that they can be registered with the TypeRegistry later.

Collection can be controlled using the `collector` context manager.

class `kaiso.types.Relationship` (*start=None, end=None, **kwargs*)
Bases: `kaiso.types.AttributedBase`

class `kaiso.types.StaticClassCollector`
Bases: `object`

add_class (*cls*)

dump_state ()

get_classes ()

get_descriptors ()

get_relationships ()

load_state (*state*)

reset_state ()

class `kaiso.types.TypeRegistry`
Bases: `object`

Keeps track of statically and dynamically declared types.

clone ()

Return a copy of this TypeRegistry that maintains an independent dynamic type registry

create_type (*cls_id, bases, attrs*)

Create and register a dynamic type

dict_to_object (*properties*)

Converts a dict into a persistable object.

The properties dict needs at least a `__type__` key containing the name of any registered class. The type key defines the type of the object to return.

If the registered class for the `__type__` is a meta-class, i.e. a subclass of `<type>`, a name key is assumed to be present and the registered class identified by it's value is returned.

If the registered class for the `__type__` is standard class, i.e. an instance of `<type>`, and object of that class will be created with attributes as defined by the remaining key-value pairs.

Args: properties: A dict like object.

Returns: A persistable object.

get_class_by_id (*cls_id*)

Return the class for a given `cls_id`, preferring statically registered classes.

Returns the statically registered class with the given `cls_id`, if one exists, and otherwise returns any dynamically registered class with that id.

Arguments: `cls_id`: id of the class to return registry: type of registered class to prefer

Returns: The class that was registered with `cls_id`

get_constraints_for_type (*cls*)

get_descriptor (*cls*)

get_descriptor_by_id (*cls_id*)

Return the Descriptor for a given `cls_id`.

Returns the descriptor for the class registered with the given `cls_id`. If dynamic types have not been loaded yet, return the descriptor of the statically registered class.

Arguments: `cls_id`: id of the class

Returns: The Descriptor for that `cls_id`

Raises: `UnknownType` if no type has been registered with the given id.

get_labels_for_type (*cls*)

We set labels for any unique attributes

get_relationship_type_id (*neo4j_rel_name*)

get_unique_attrs (*cls*)

Generates tuples (`declaring_class`, `attribute_name`) for unique attributes

has_code_defined_attribute (*cls*, *attr_name*)

Determine whether an attribute called `attr_name` was defined in code on `cls` or one of its parent types.

is_static_type (*cls*)

object_to_dict (*obj*, *for_db=False*)

Converts a persistable object to a dict.

The generated dict will contain a `__type__` key, for which the value will be the `type_id` as given by the descriptor for `type(obj)`.

If the object is a class, dict will contain an `id`-key with the value being the `type_id` given by the descriptor for the object.

For any other object all the attributes as given by the object's type descriptor will be added to the dict and encoded as required.

Args: `obj`: A persistable object.

Returns: Dictionary with attributes encoded in basic types and type information for deserialization. e.g.

```
{
    '__type__': 'Entity', 'attr1': 1234
}
```

refresh_type (*cls*)

register (*cls*)

Register a dynamic type

`kaiso.types.cache_result` (*func*)

Cache the result of a function in `self._cache`

`kaiso.types.collector` (**args*, ***kws*)

Allows code-defined types to be collected into a custom dict.

Example:

with collector() as type_map:

```
class Foobar(Entity): pass
type_map == {'Foobar': Foobar}
kaiso.types.get_declaring_class(cls, attr_name, prefer_subclass=True)
    Returns the class in the type heirarchy of cls that defined an attribute with name attr_name.
    If prefer_subclass is false, return the last class in the MRO that defined an attribute with the given name.
kaiso.types.get_neo4j_relationship_name(cls)
kaiso.types.get_type_id(cls)
    Returns the type_id for a class.
```

Subpackages

attributes Package

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```
class kaiso.attributes.Bool(default=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.attributes.PrimitiveTypeMixin, kaiso.types.DefaultableAttribute
    primitive_type
        alias of bool

class kaiso.attributes.Choice(*choices, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.types.DefaultableAttribute
    choices = <kaiso.attributes.Tuple object>

class kaiso.attributes.DateTime(default=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.types.DefaultableAttribute
    classmethod to_primitive(value, for_db)
    classmethod to_python(value)

class kaiso.attributes.Decimal(default=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.attributes.PrimitiveTypeMixin, kaiso.types.DefaultableAttribute
    primitive_type
        alias of str
    classmethod to_python(value)

class kaiso.attributes.Float(default=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.attributes.PrimitiveTypeMixin, kaiso.types.DefaultableAttribute
    primitive_type
        alias of float

class kaiso.attributes.Incoming(relationship_class)
    Bases: kaiso.attributes.bases.RelationshipReference

class kaiso.attributes.Integer(default=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.attributes.PrimitiveTypeMixin, kaiso.types.DefaultableAttribute
    primitive_type
        alias of int

class kaiso.attributes.Outgoing(relationship_class)
    Bases: kaiso.attributes.bases.RelationshipReference
```

```
class kaiso.attributes.PrimitiveTypeMixin
    Bases: object

    Add a basic to_primitive method, coercing value to cls.primitive_type unless it is None.

    classmethod to_primitive (value, for_db)

class kaiso.attributes.String (default=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.attributes.PrimitiveTypeMixin, kaiso.types.DefaultableAttribute

    primitive_type
        alias of unicode

class kaiso.attributes.Tuple (default=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: kaiso.attributes.PrimitiveTypeMixin, kaiso.types.DefaultableAttribute

    primitive_type
        alias of list

    classmethod to_python (value)

class kaiso.attributes.Uuid (unique=False, required=False)
    Bases: kaiso.attributes.PrimitiveTypeMixin, kaiso.types.Attribute

    default

    primitive_type
        alias of str

    classmethod to_python (value)
```

bases Module

```
class kaiso.attributes.bases.RelationshipManager (obj, relationship_reference)
    Bases: object

    first ()

    one ()

    relationships

class kaiso.attributes.bases.RelationshipReference (relationship_class)
    Bases: object

    get_manager (obj)

kaiso.attributes.bases.get_attribute_for_type (cls)

kaiso.attributes.bases.wraps_type (cls)
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