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# **py\_wlc Documentation**

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### 1.1.1 Subpackages

#### py\_wlc.data package

##### Submodules

#### py\_wlc.data.webtag\_data module

Exposes the parsed WebTAG data as *py\_wlc* objects.

**class** `py_wlc.data.webtag_data.WebTagData` (*base\_year, released, version, source, \*\*data*)  
Bases: `object`

Holds the data extracted from WebTAG.

**classmethod** `from_json` (*file*)

Extract data from the specified JSON.

**Parameters** **file** (`str`) – The file to import from.

**Returns** `class:~.WebTagData`: A new class instance.

**Return type** `:py`

**classmethod** `from_latest_json` (*dir\_*)

Extract data from the most recent JSON in the directory.

**Parameters** **dir** (`str`) – The directory to start searching from.

**Returns** `class:~.WebTagData`: A new class instance.

**Return type** `:py`

#### py\_wlc.data.webtag\_parser module

WebTAG Parser - functionality for extracting from the Data Book.

This class parses the databook to a more convenient JSON format for use by *WebTagData*.

```
class py_wlc.data.webtag_parser.WebTagParser(filename)
```

Bases: object

Class to handle access to a WebTAG Databook Excel file.

The class is designed to operate as a context manager if needed.

Where possible, the workbook is opened in `on_demand` mode, to avoid loading all worksheets at once. `extract_data()` will load and unload the appropriate worksheets as required.

**Parameters** `filename` (str) – The WebTAG Databook file to open.

**book**

xlrd.Workbook

The Excel workbook.

**date**

datetime.datetime

The release date of the databook.

**filename**

str

The name of the file to open.

**version**

str

The version of the databook.

**BASE = ('User Parameters', 0, 11, 'Price year')**

Where to find the base year.

**CHECK = ('Cover', 2, 0, 'WebTAG Databook')**

Defines the check for a valid WebTAG workbook.

**DATE = ('Audit', 0, 2)**

Where to locate the workbook date.

**LOCATIONS = {'rail\_electricity\_price': ('A1.3.7', 27, 1, 7), 'discount\_rate': ('A1.1.1', 24, 1, 3), 'rail\_diesel\_price': ('A1.3.7', 27, 1, 7)}**

Locations of defined data series for extraction.

**VERSION = ('Cover', 3, 0)**

Where to locate the workbook version.

**close()**

Release the `book` resources.

**extract\_all(verbose=False)**

Extract all data from `LOCATIONS` and useful metadata.

**Parameters** `verbose` (bool, optional) – Whether to report progress. Implemented primarily for `cli()` usage. Defaults to False.

**Returns** The data extracted from the `book`.

**Return type** dict

**extract\_data(sheet\_name, start\_row, key\_col, value\_col)**

Extract data from the specified worksheet.

Assumes that cell A3 contains the worksheet title and that cell A4 contains the table name.

**Parameters**



- **sheet\_name** (str) – The name of the worksheet.
- **start\_row** (int) – The first row to extract data from.
- **key\_col** (int) – The column to extract keys from.
- **value\_col** (int) – The column to extract values from.

**Returns** The extracted data

**Return type** dict

**extract\_named\_data** (name)

Extract a named data series from `LOCATIONS`.

**Parameters** **name** (str) – The name of the data series (must be in `Locations`).

**Returns** The extracted data series.

**Return type** dict

**Raises** `KeyError` – If name is not in `Locations`.

`py_wlc.data.webtag_parser.cli` (args)

Provide a CLI for the [WebTagParser](#).

Will either output to a specified file (with optional verbose reporting) or dump the JSON data to `stdout`.

**Parameters** **args** (`argparse.Namespace`) – The parsed command line arguments.

**Raises** `ValueError` – If `-v` is supplied without `-o`.

`py_wlc.data.webtag_parser.parse_args` (args)

Parse the arguments for `cli` ().

**Parameters** **args** (list of str) – Arguments from command line.

**Returns** The parsed arguments.

**Return type** `argparse.Namespace`

**Raises** `ArgumentError` – If `-v` is supplied without `-o`.

## Module contents

`py_wlc.data` provides external data handling functionality.

Various sources of external data may be required for carrying out economic appraisals; this module provides convenience functions and classes for handling that data.

## py\_wlc.economics package

### Submodules

#### py\_wlc.economics.cost module

Representation of cost objects in various bases and forms.

**class** `py_wlc.economics.cost.Cost` (value, type\_, year, discount, deflator, adjustment\_factor)

Bases: `object`

Represents costs and holds data for type conversions.

The `type_` of a cost is necessary for conversion between the different types; costs can be provide in real or nominal terms and as a factor (or “resource”) cost or a market price. Additionally, a cost can be a Present Value (discounted real factor cost or market price).

It is essential for an accurate calculation that the appropriate cost type is used for conversion to consistent output values.

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**Note:** The default assumptions for `type_` are `NOMINAL` and `FACTOR_COST`. For example:

```
Cost(100, Cost.REAL, ...)
```

is equivalent to:

```
Cost(100, Cost.REAL | Cost.FACTOR_COST, ...)
```

The exception is `PRESENT_VALUE`, which is always a real cost.

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### Parameters

- **value** (float) – The value of the cost.
- **type** (int) – The type of the cost.
- **year** (int) – The year in which the cost is incurred.
- **discount** (*Discount*) – The discount factors to use for conversion to Present Value.
- **deflator** (*GdpDeflator*) – The GDP deflator factors to use for conversion to real prices.
- **adjustment\_factor** (float) – The factor to use for conversion to market prices.

#### **cost**

float

The nominal factor cost.

#### **year**

int

The year in which the cost is incurred.

#### **discount\_factor**

float

The factor for conversion to Present Value (from real factor costs or market prices).

#### **deflation\_factor**

float

The factor for conversion to real prices (from nominal prices).

#### **adjustment\_factor**

float

The factor for conversion to market prices (from factor costs).

**Raises** `ValueError` – If the `type_` argument is invalid.

#### **FACTOR\_COST = 1**

Factor cost, excluding taxation.

**MARKET\_PRICE = 2**

Market price, including taxation.

**NOMINAL = 4**

Nominal price, as paid in the year incurred.

**PRESENT\_VALUE = 16**

Discounted real costs.

**REAL = 8**

Real price, in a constant price base year.

**RESOURCE\_COST = 1**

Synonym of *FACTOR\_COST*.

**as\_type** (*type\_*)

Convert the nominal factor cost to the specified *type\_*.

**Parameters** *type* (int) – The type to convert to.

**Returns** The converted value.

**Return type** float

**classmethod validate\_type** (*type\_*)

Validate a cost type argument.

Costs cannot be both market price and factor/resource cost, or both nominal and real. Present values are necessarily discounted real factor costs or market prices.

**Parameters** *type* (int) – The type of the cost.

**Raises** `ValueError` – If the *type\_* is invalid.

## py\_wlc.economics.discount module

*discount* enables the calculation of Present Value.

**class** `py_wlc.economics.discount.Discount` (*base\_year*, *rates=None*, *year\_zero=None*)

Bases: `py_wlc.generic.growth.IndexSeries`

Discount rates and factors for calculating Present Value.

The discount rate is assumed to be zero prior to *year\_zero*, and remain at the rate corresponding to the last year in *self.rates* indefinitely. Similarly, the factor is assumed to be 1.0 prior to the base year.

The initial rate, i.e. the rate corresponding to the smallest year in the rates dictionary, is assumed to be the rate from the *base\_year* onwards.

### Parameters

- **base\_year** (int) – The base year for discounting, i.e. the year in which the factor is 1.0.
- **rates** (dict of int: float, optional) – The discount rates, where the key is the start year and the value is the rate to apply. Defaults to HM Treasury [Green Book](#) rates.
- **year\_zero** (int, optional) – Year zero, the year from which the applicable rate is incremented. Defaults to *base\_year*.

**RATES = {0: 0.035, 201: 0.015, 76: 0.025, 301: 0.01, 126: 0.02, 31: 0.03}**

Default HM Treasury “Green Book” discount rates.

**rate** (*year*)

The rate used in the specified year.

**Parameters** **year** (*int*) – The year to retrieve the rate for.

**Returns** The rate used in that year.

**Return type** float

**rebase** (*year\_zero*)

Create a *Discount* with new *year\_zero*.

**Parameters** **year\_zero** (*int*) – The new *year\_zero* to use.

**Returns** class:~.Discount: The new *Discount* object.

**Return type** :py

### py\_wlc.economics.gdp\_deflator module

Provides conversion between nominal and real prices.

**class** py\_wlc.economics.gdp\_deflator.**GdpDeflator** (*base\_year, rates, extend=False*)

Bases: *py\_wlc.generic.growth.IndexSeries*

If extension beyond the specified *\_rates* is required, the *rates* argument is replaced with an *ExtendedDict*, such that the first and last rates are continued indefinitely. Otherwise, there is no growth outside the predefined data-set (i.e. assumed rate of 0.0).

#### Parameters

- **base\_year** (*int*) – The price base year to deflate to.
- **rates** (dict of *int*: *str*) – The annual rates.
- **extend** (*bool*, optional) – Whether or not to extend the rates beyond the predefined data. Defaults to *False*.

**conversion\_factor** (*year\_from, year\_to=None*)

Calculate the factor to convert costs between two years.

#### Parameters

- **year\_from** (*int*) – The year to convert from.
- **year\_to** (*int*, optional) – The year to convert to. Defaults to *base\_year*.

**Returns** The conversion factor between the two years.

**Return type** float

### py\_wlc.economics.residual\_value module

Calculation methods for residual value of assets.

**class** py\_wlc.economics.residual\_value.**ResidualValueCalculator** (*method*)

Bases: *object*

A calculator to generate residual values of assets.

**Parameters** **method** (*str*) – The method to use for the calculation (must be in *METHODS*, see [Wikipedia](#) for method details).

**Raises** *ValueError* – If method is not in *METHODS*.

**METHODS** = {'linear': 'linear', "sum of years' digits": 'sum\_of\_years', 'double-declining': 'double\_declining'}

Available methods for calculation of residual value.

**classmethod available\_methods()**

Show the methods available in *METHODS*.

**Returns** The available methods.

**Return type** list of str

**calculate**(*value*, *life*, *build\_year*, *target\_year*, *scrap\_value*=0.0)

Calculate residual value, using selected *method*.

Residual value is assumed to be the *scrap\_value* after the life expires (*build\_year* + *life*). The residual value is never allowed to fall below the *scrap\_value*.

**Parameters**

- **value** (float) – The initial asset value.
- **life** (int) – The life of the asset, in years.
- **build\_year** (int) – The year in which the asset is built.
- **target\_year** (int) – The year in which to calculate the asset's residual value.
- **scrap\_value** (float, optional) – The asset's value after life expiry. Defaults to 0.0.

**Returns** The calculated residual value.

**Return type** float

**Raises** ValueError – If *target\_year* precedes the *build\_year*.

**static double\_declining**(*value*, *life*, *build\_year*, *target\_year*, *scrap\_value*)

Calculate residual value with double-declining method.

The double-declining method, a specific *declining balance* method, assumes that the same proportion of the remaining value is lost in each year of the asset's life. In this case, the proportion is double the proportion lost in each year under the *linear()* method.

**Parameters**

- **value** (float) – The initial asset value.
- **life** (int) – The life of the asset, in years.
- **build\_year** (int) – The year in which the asset is built.
- **target\_year** (int) – The year in which to calculate the asset's residual value.
- **scrap\_value** (float) – The asset's value after life expiry.

**Returns** The calculated residual value.

**Return type** float

**static linear**(*value*, *life*, *build\_year*, *target\_year*, *scrap\_value*)

Calculate residual value with linear (straight-line) method.

The linear (or *straight-line depreciation*) method assumes that the same amount of the asset's value is lost in every year of its life.

**Parameters**

- **value** (float) – The initial asset value.
- **life** (int) – The life of the asset, in years.

- **build\_year** (`int`) – The year in which the asset is built.
- **target\_year** (`int`) – The year in which to calculate the asset’s residual value.
- **scrap\_value** (`float`) – The asset’s value after life expiry.

**Returns** The calculated residual value.

**Return type** `float`

#### **method**

The current method for residual value calculations.

**Returns** The name of the current method (read-only).

**Return type** `str`

**static** **sum\_of\_years** (*value, life, build\_year, target\_year, scrap\_value*)

Calculate residual value with sum of years’ digits method.

The `sum of years’ digits` method uses a “schedule of fractions” to depreciate the value, based on summing the digits of all years in the life for the denominator.

#### **Parameters**

- **value** (`float`) – The initial asset value.
- **life** (`int`) – The life of the asset, in years.
- **build\_year** (`int`) – The year in which the asset is built.
- **target\_year** (`int`) – The year in which to calculate the asset’s residual value.
- **scrap\_value** (`float`) – The asset’s value after life expiry.

**Returns** The calculated residual value.

**Return type** `float`

`py_wlc.economics.residual_value.sum_of_years_digits` (*year*)

Calculate the sum of years’ digits.

**Parameters** **year** (`int`) – The year to calculate up to.

**Returns** The sum of years’ digits.

**Return type** `int`

## **Module contents**

The `economics` module provides core economic models.

## **py\_wlc.generic package**

### **Submodules**

#### **py\_wlc.generic.growth module**

Generic functionality for modelling growth series.

**class** `py_wlc.generic.growth.IndexSeries` (*base\_year, rates, initial\_value, year\_zero=None*)

Bases: `object`

Growth rates and factors for indexation series.

The `_rates` dictionary is fully-populated at initialisation, but the `_values` dictionary is filled lazily - values are only calculated as needed.

The class supports a Mapping-like interface; factors can be accessed with `value = growth_rate[year]` or `value = growth_rate.get(year, default)`.

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**Note:** The term ‘relative year’ refers to the year relative to `year_zero` e.g. 3. The term ‘absolute year’ refers to a calendar year, e.g. 2013. Relative years are used internally, absolute years for the external interface.

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#### Parameters

- **base\_year** (*int*) – the year in which the value is equal to the `initial_value`
- **rates** (*dict of int: float*) – the growth rates to use, keyed by relative year
- **initial\_value** (*float*) – the first value for the output series.
- **year\_zero** (*int, optional*) – the zeroth year for accessing growth rates. Defaults to `base_year`.

**base\_year**

*int*

The base year for growth, i.e. the year in which the value is the `initial_value`.

**year\_zero**

*int*

The zeroth year for growth, i.e. the year from which the rates are selected from `_rates`.

**\_rates**

*dict of int: float*

The growth rates, where the key is the relative start year and the value is the rate to apply.

**\_initial\_rate**

*float*

The growth rate corresponding to the first year in the `rates` dictionary.

**\_final\_rate**

*float*

The growth rate corresponding to the last year in the `rates` dictionary.

**\_values**

*dict of int: float*

The values, keyed by year.

**get** (*year, default=None*)

Retrieve value or supplied default for given year.

#### Parameters

- **year** (*int*) – The year to retrieve the value for.
- **default** (*float or None, optional*) – The value to return if retrieval fails. Defaults to `None`.

**Returns** The retrieved or default value.

**Return type** float or None

**rate** (*year*)

The rate used in the specified year.

**Parameters** **year** (*int*) – The year to retrieve the rate for.

**Returns** The rate used in that year.

**Return type** float

## Module contents

Generic functionality supporting the core modelling.

**class** `py_wlc.generic.ExtendedDict`

Bases: `dict`

Dictionary subclass that provides values beyond defined keys.

Provides values outside the predefined range, according to the following rules:

- If the key is larger than the largest key in the dictionary, the value from the largest key is returned.
- If the key is smaller than the smallest key in the dictionary, the value from the smallest key is returned.
- If the key is between the smallest and largest keys in the dictionary but no value is found, a `KeyError` occurs.

**copy** ()

Create a copy of the extended dictionary.

**Returns** A new class instance.

**Return type** `ExtendedDict`

**get** (*key*, *default=None*)

Return either the value of the *key*, or the default.

**Parameters**

- **key** – The key to return the value of.
- **default** – The object to return if the key is not found.

**Returns** Either the value for the specified *key*, or default.

## py\_wlc.utils package

### Module contents

General useful functionality.

`py_wlc.utils.memo` (*func*)

Memoizing decorator for caching function results.

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**Note:** Currently only implemented for hashable positional arguments.

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**Parameters** **func** (*callable*) – The function to decorate.



**Returns** The decorated function.

**Return type** callable

### 1.1.2 Module contents

Functionality for whole-life costing in Python



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