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# **subliminal Documentation**

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Subliminal is a python library to search and download subtitles.

It uses video hashes and the powerful [guessit](#) library that extracts informations from filenames or filepaths to ensure you have the best subtitles. It also relies on [enzyme](#) to detect embedded subtitles and avoid duplicates.



# FEATURES

Multiple subtitles services are available:

- Addic7ed
- BierDopje
- OpenSubtitles
- SubsWiki
- Subtitulos
- TheSubDB
- TvSubtitles

You can use main subliminal's functions with a **file path**, a **file name** or a **folder path**.

## 1.1 CLI

Download english subtitles:

```
$ subliminal -l en The.Big.Bang.Theory.S05E18.HDTV.x264-LOL.mp4
*****
Downloaded 1 subtitle(s) for 1 video(s)
The.Big.Bang.Theory.S05E18.HDTV.x264-LOL.srt from opensubtitles
*****
```

## 1.2 Module

List english subtitles:

```
>>> subliminal.list_subtitles('The.Big.Bang.Theory.S05E18.HDTV.x264-LOL.mp4', ['en'])
```

## 1.3 Multi-threaded use

Use 4 workers to achieve the same result:

```
>>> with subliminal.Pool(4) as p:
...     p.list_subtitles('The.Big.Bang.Theory.S05E18.HDTV.x264-LOL.mp4', ['en'])
```





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# USER GUIDE

This part of the documentation details how to use subliminal for most common tasks

There are 4 different ways of using subliminal and each one is described in a dedicated section below.

First, here are some basics

## 2.1 Basics

### 2.1.1 Services

You can use subliminal with multiple services to get the best result. Current available services are available in the `subliminal.SERVICES` variable.

```
subliminal.SERVICES = ['opensubtitles', 'bierdopje', 'subswiki', 'subtitulos', 'thesubdb', 'addic7ed', 'tvsubtitles']  
list() -> new empty list list(iterable) -> new list initialized from iterable's items
```

### 2.1.2 Languages

Subliminal supports multiple languages representations based on [ISO-639](#) and [ISO-3166](#). Any single ISO-639 string or combination of ISO-639 and ISO-3166 is acceptable. For example, you can use `pt-br` for Portuguese (Brazil) or `en` for English.

### 2.1.3 Paths

All paths parameters in subliminal most common functions can be either *a file path*, *a file name* or *a folder path*

- File path (existing): hashes of the file will be computed and used during the search for services that supports this functionality.
- File name (or non-existing file path): the guessit python library will be used to guess informations and a text-based search will be done with services.
- Folder path (containing video files): the given folder will be searched for video files using their `MIMETYPES` and/or `EXTENSIONS`. The default maximum depth to scan is 3

## 2.2 CLI

Subliminal is shipped with a Command Line Interface that allows you to download subtitles for one or more videos in a multithreaded way.

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**Note:** The cache directory defaults to `~/.config/subliminal`. Even on Windows

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### 2.2.1 Usage

You can have the documentation of the CLI using `subliminal --help`:

```
usage: subliminal [-h] [-l LG] [-s NAME] [-m] [-f] [-w N] [-a AGE] [-c]
                  [-q | -v] [--cache-dir DIR | --no-cache-dir] [--version]
                  PATH [PATH ...]
```

Subtitles, faster than your thoughts

positional arguments:

PATH path to video file or folder

optional arguments:

-h, --help show this help message and exit  
-l LG, --language LG wanted language (ISO 639-1)  
-s NAME, --service NAME service to use  
-m, --multi download multiple subtitle languages  
-f, --force replace existing subtitle file  
-w N, --workers N use N threads (default: 4)  
-a AGE, --age AGE scan only for files newer or older (prefix with +)  
than AGE (e.g. 12h, 1w2d, +3d6h)  
-c, --compatibility try not to use unicode (use this if you have encoding  
errors)  
-q, --quiet disable output  
-v, --verbose verbose output  
--cache-dir DIR cache directory to use  
--no-cache-dir do not use cache directory (some services may not  
work)  
--version show program's version number and exit

### 2.2.2 Cron job

This CLI is well suited for automatic subtitles downloads. For example, to download english and french subtitles for videos newer than one week under `/path/to/videos/` each day at 1:00AM with a single worker, you can use the following crontab line:

```
0 1 * * * user /path/to/subliminal -m -l en -l fr -w 1 -a 1w -q /path/to/videos/
```

## 2.3 Simple module use

Subliminal comes with two basic functions to search and download subtitles. For example, you can do:

```
>>> subliminal.list_subtitles('The.Big.Bang.Theory.S05E18.HDTV.x264-LOL.mp4', ['en'])
```

```
subliminal.list_subtitles(paths, languages=None, services=None, force=True, multi=False,
                           cache_dir=None, max_depth=3, scan_filter=None)
```

List subtitles in given paths according to the criteria

#### Parameters

- **paths** (*string or list*) – path(s) to video file or folder
- **languages** (list of Language or string) – languages to search for, in preferred order
- **services** (*list*) – services to use for the search, in preferred order
- **force** (*bool*) – force searching for subtitles even if some are detected
- **multi** (*bool*) – search multiple languages for the same video
- **cache\_dir** (*string*) – path to the cache directory to use
- **max\_depth** (*int*) – maximum depth for scanning entries
- **scan\_filter** (*function*) – filter function that takes a path as argument and returns a boolean indicating whether it has to be filtered out (True) or not (False)

**Returns** found subtitles

**Return type** dict of Video => [ResultSubtitle]

Or even download missing subtitles for each episodes under the given folders in two different languages:

```
>>> subliminal.download_subtitles(['/mnt/videos/BBT/Season 05', '/mnt/videos/HIMYM/Season 07'],
...                               ['en', 'fr'], force=False, multi=True)
```

```
subliminal.download_subtitles(paths, languages=None, services=None, force=True,
                              multi=False, cache_dir=None, max_depth=3, scan_filter=None,
                              order=None)
```

Download subtitles in given paths according to the criteria

#### Parameters

- **paths** (*string or list*) – path(s) to video file or folder
- **languages** (list of Language or string) – languages to search for, in preferred order
- **services** (*list*) – services to use for the search, in preferred order
- **force** (*bool*) – force searching for subtitles even if some are detected
- **multi** (*bool*) – search multiple languages for the same video
- **cache\_dir** (*string*) – path to the cache directory to use
- **max\_depth** (*int*) – maximum depth for scanning entries
- **scan\_filter** (*function*) – filter function that takes a path as argument and returns a boolean indicating whether it has to be filtered out (True) or not (False)
- **order** – preferred order for subtitles sorting

**Returns** downloaded subtitles

**Return type** dict of Video => [ResultSubtitle]

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**Note:** If you use `multi=True`, `LANGUAGE_INDEX` has to be the first item of the `order` list or you might get unexpected results.

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## 2.4 Multi-threaded module use

You can call the same functions on a `subliminal.Pool` object previously created with the appropriate number of workers.

```
class subliminal.Pool (size)
    Pool of workers

    start ()
        Start workers

    stop ()
        Stop workers

    join ()
        Join the task queue

    collect ()
        Collect available results

        Returns results of tasks

        Return type list of Task

    list_subtitles (paths, languages=None, services=None, force=True, multi=False,
                    cache_dir=None, max_depth=3, scan_filter=None)
        See subliminal.list_subtitles()

    download_subtitles (paths, languages=None, services=None, force=True, multi=False,
                        cache_dir=None, max_depth=3, scan_filter=None, order=None)
        See subliminal.download_subtitles()
```

You have to call the `start()` method before any actions and `stop()` before exiting your program:

```
>>> p = subliminal.Pool(4)
... p.start()
... p.list_subtitles('The.Big.Bang.Theory.S05E18.HDTV.x264-LOL.mp4', ['en'])
... p.stop()
```

To make the use of `Pool` easier, you can use the `with` statement that takes care of that for you:

```
>>> with subliminal.Pool(4) as p:
...     p.list_subtitles('The.Big.Bang.Theory.S05E18.HDTV.x264-LOL.mp4', ['en'])
```

# DEVELOPER GUIDE

This part of the documentation explains internal behavior of subliminal and its algorithms

This guide is going to explain the main logic of subliminal and detail every class or function.

## 3.1 Services

Subliminal aims at downloading subtitles. Over the web, one can find subtitles combining different websites but there is no guarantee of a perfect match. Even if OpenSubtitles has a gigantic subtitles database, you may not be able to find a subtitle on it but you will find it elsewhere, say BierDopje. Sometimes, it just takes some time before it shows up on a website even if already available on another, but you do not want to wait to watch the latest Big Bang Theory, right?

Given this, to be reliable, subliminal has to use different `services` and use a unified method to gather them all. The `ServiceBase` class will achieve this.

```
class subliminal.services.ServiceBase (config=None)
    Service base class

        Parameters config (ServiceConfig) – service configuration

    server_url = ''
        URL to the service server

    user_agent = 'subliminal v0.6'
        User Agent for any HTTP-based requests

    api_based = False
        Whether based on an API or not

    timeout = 5
        Timeout for web requests

    languages = language_set([])
        language_set of available languages

    language_map = {}
        Map between language objects and language codes used in the service

    language_code = 'alpha2'
        Default attribute of a Language to get with get_code ()

    videos = []
        Accepted video classes (Episode, Movie, UnknownVideo)

    require_video = False
        Whether the video has to exist or not
```

**required\_features = None**

List of required features for BeautifulSoup

**init()**

Initialize connection

**init\_cache()**

Initialize cache, make sure it is loaded from disk

**terminate()**

Terminate connection

**get\_code(language)**

Get the service code for a Language

It uses the `language_map` and if there's no match, falls back on the `language_code` attribute of the given Language

**get\_language(code)**

Get a Language from a service code

It uses the `language_map` and if there's no match, uses the given code as `language` parameter for the Language constructor

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**Note:** A warning is emitted if the generated Language is "Undetermined"

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**query(\*args)**

Make the actual query

**list(video, languages)**

List subtitles

As a service writer, you can either override this method or implement `list_checked()` instead to have the languages pre-filtered for you

**list\_checked(video, languages)**

List subtitles without having to check parameters for validity

**download(subtitle)**

Download a subtitle

**classmethod check\_validity(video, languages)**

Check for video and languages validity in the Service

#### Parameters

- **video** (`video`) – the video to check
- **languages** (`Language`) – languages to check

**Return type** `bool`

**download\_file(url, filepath)**

Attempt to download a file and remove it in case of failure

#### Parameters

- **url** (`string`) – URL to download
- **filepath** (`string`) – destination path

**download\_zip\_file(url, filepath)**

Attempt to download a zip file and extract any subtitle file from it, if any. This cleans up after itself if anything fails.

#### Parameters

- **url** (*string*) – URL of the zip file to download
- **filepath** (*string*) – destination path for the subtitle

**class** `subliminal.services.ServiceConfig` (*multi=False, cache\_dir=None*)  
Configuration for any Service

#### Parameters

- **multi** (*bool*) – whether to download one subtitle per language or not
- **cache\_dir** (*string*) – cache directory

## 3.2 Languages

To be able to support many languages, subliminal makes heavy use of ISO-3166 and ISO-639 in a dedicated module.

`subliminal.language.COUNTRIES`

ISO-3166-1 countries list from [Debian package iso-codes 3.36-1](#). Each item of this list is a tuple like ('alpha2', 'alpha3', 'numeric', 'name')

`subliminal.language.LANGUAGES`

ISO-639-2 languages list from [the official source](#). Each item of this list is a tuple like ('alpha3', 'terminologic', 'alpha2', 'name', 'french\_name')

**class** `subliminal.language.Country` (*country, countries=None*)  
Country according to ISO-3166

#### Parameters

- **country** (*string*) – country name, alpha2 code, alpha3 code or numeric code
- **countries** (see COUNTRIES) – all countries

**class** `subliminal.language.Language` (*language, country=None, languages=None, countries=None, strict=True*)

Language according to ISO-639

#### Parameters

- **language** (*string*) – language name (english or french), alpha2 code, alpha3 code, terminologic code or numeric code, eventually with a country
- **country** (`Country` or *string*) – country of the language
- **languages** (see LANGUAGES) – all languages
- **countries** (see COUNTRIES) – all countries
- **strict** (*bool*) – whether to raise a `ValueError` on unknown language or not

`Language` implements the inclusion test, with the `in` keyword:

```
>>> Language('pt-BR') in Language('pt') # Portuguese (Brazil) is included in Portuguese
True
>>> Language('pt') in Language('pt-BR') # Portuguese is not included in Portuguese (Brazil)
False
```

**class** `subliminal.language.language_set` (*iterable=None, languages=None, strict=True*)  
Set of Language with some specificities.

#### Parameters

- **iterable** (iterable of `Languages` or string) – where to take elements from
- **languages** (see `LANGUAGES`) – all languages
- **strict** (*bool*) – whether to raise a `ValueError` on invalid language or not

The following redefinitions are meant to reflect the inclusion logic in `Language`

- Inclusion test, with the `in` keyword
- Intersection
- Substraction

Here is an illustration of the previous points:

```
>>> Language('en') in language_set(['en-US', 'en-CA'])
False
>>> Language('en-US') in language_set(['en', 'fr'])
True
>>> language_set(['en']) & language_set(['en-US', 'en-CA'])
language_set([Language(English, country=Canada), Language(English, country=United States)])
>>> language_set(['en-US', 'en-CA', 'fr']) - language_set(['en'])
language_set([Language(French)])
```

**class** `subliminal.language.language_list` (*iterable=None, languages=None, strict=True*)  
List of `Language` with some specificities.

#### Parameters

- **iterable** (iterable of `Languages` or string) – where to take elements from
- **languages** (see `LANGUAGES`) – all languages
- **strict** (*bool*) – whether to raise a `ValueError` on invalid language or not

The following redefinitions are meant to reflect the inclusion logic in `Language`

- Inclusion test, with the `in` keyword
- Index

Here is an illustration of the previous points:

```
>>> Language('en') in language_list(['en-US', 'en-CA'])
False
>>> Language('en-US') in language_list(['en', 'fr-BE'])
True
>>> language_list(['en', 'fr-BE']).index(Language('en-US'))
0
```

## 3.3 Tasks

Subliminal is IO bound: it mostly waits for IO operations (web requests) to complete. Thus, subliminal is a good place for multi-threading. It works with atomic operations represented by a `Task` class which can be consumed with `consume_task()` but we'll see that later.

**class** `subliminal.tasks.Task`  
Base class for tasks to use in subliminal

**class** `subliminal.tasks.ListTask` (*video, languages, service, config*)  
List task used by the worker to search for subtitles



#### Parameters

- **video** (*Video*) – video to search subtitles for
- **languages** (*list*) – languages to search for
- **service** (*string*) – name of the service to use
- **config** (*ServiceConfig*) – configuration for the service

**class** `subliminal.tasks.DownloadTask` (*video*, *subtitles*)  
Download task used by the worker to download subtitles

#### Parameters

- **video** (*Video*) – video to download subtitles for
- **subtitles** (*list of Subtitle*) – subtitles to download in order of preference

**class** `subliminal.tasks.StopTask`  
Stop task that will stop the worker

## 3.4 Asynchronous

To consume those tasks in an asynchronous way without flooding services with requests, subliminal uses multiple instances of the `Worker` class that will consume the same task queue. Each worker will only create a single instance of each `service` and this save some initialization time. The `Pool` is here to instantiate and manage multiple workers at a time.

**class** `subliminal.async.Worker` (*tasks*, *results*)  
Consume tasks and put the result in the queue

**terminate** ()  
Terminate instantiated services

**class** `subliminal.async.Pool` (*size*)  
Pool of workers

**start** ()  
Start workers

**stop** ()  
Stop workers

**join** ()  
Join the task queue

**collect** ()  
Collect available results

**Returns** results of tasks

**Return type** list of Task

**list\_subtitles** (*paths*, *languages=None*, *services=None*, *force=True*, *multi=False*,  
*cache\_dir=None*, *max\_depth=3*, *scan\_filter=None*)  
See `subliminal.list_subtitles()`

**download\_subtitles** (*paths*, *languages=None*, *services=None*, *force=True*, *multi=False*,  
*cache\_dir=None*, *max\_depth=3*, *scan\_filter=None*, *order=None*)  
See `subliminal.download_subtitles()`

## 3.5 Core

The goal of subliminal's `core` module is to merge results from consumed tasks. Merging has to be intelligent and take user preferences into account. Core module is thus responsible for the computation of a matching confidence so the user knows the chances that the `ResultSubtitle` matches the `Video`

`subliminal.core.create_list_tasks` (*paths*, *languages*, *services*, *force*, *multi*, *cache\_dir*,  
*max\_depth*, *scan\_filter*)

Create a list of `ListTask` from one or more paths using the given criteria

### Parameters

- **paths** (*string or list*) – path(s) to video file or folder
- **languages** (*set*) – languages to search for
- **services** (*list*) – services to use for the search
- **force** (*bool*) – force searching for subtitles even if some are detected
- **multi** (*bool*) – search multiple languages for the same video
- **cache\_dir** (*string*) – path to the cache directory to use
- **max\_depth** (*int*) – maximum depth for scanning entries
- **scan\_filter** (*function*) – filter function that takes a path as argument and returns a boolean indicating whether it has to be filtered out (`True`) or not (`False`)

**Returns** the created tasks

**Return type** list of `ListTask`

`subliminal.core.create_download_tasks` (*subtitles\_by\_video*, *languages*, *multi*)

Create a list of `DownloadTask` from a list results grouped by video

### Parameters

- **subtitles\_by\_video** (dict of `Video` => [`Subtitle`]) – `ListTask` results with ordered subtitles
- **languages** (*language\_list*) – languages in preferred order
- **multi** (*bool*) – download multiple languages for the same video

**Returns** the created tasks

**Return type** list of `DownloadTask`

`subliminal.core.consume_task` (*task*, *services=None*)

Consume a task. If the `services` parameter is given, the function will attempt to get the service from it. In case the service is not in `services`, it will be initialized and put in `services`

### Parameters

- **task** (`ListTask` or `DownloadTask`) – task to consume
- **services** (*dict*) – mapping between the service name and an instance of this service

**Returns** the result of the task

**Return type** list of `ResultSubtitle`

`subliminal.core.matching_confidence` (*video*, *subtitle*)

Compute the probability (confidence) that the subtitle matches the video

### Parameters

- **video** (`Video`) – video to match
- **subtitle** (`Subtitle`) – subtitle to match

**Returns** the matching probability

**Return type** float

`subliminal.core.key_subtitles` (*subtitle, video, languages, services, order*)  
Create a key to sort subtitle using the given order

**Parameters**

- **subtitle** (`ResultSubtitle`) – subtitle to sort
- **video** (`Video`) – video to match
- **languages** (*list*) – languages in preferred order
- **services** (*list*) – services in preferred order
- **order** – preferred order for subtitles sorting

**Returns** a key ready to use for subtitles sorting

**Return type** int

`subliminal.core.group_by_video` (*list\_results*)  
Group the results of `ListTasks` into a dictionary of `Video => Subtitle`

**Parameters** *list\_results* (list of result of `ListTask`) –

**Returns** subtitles grouped by videos

**Return type** dict of `Video => [Subtitle]`

## 3.6 Other objects

Subliminal uses some other self-explanatory functions and classes listed below.

### 3.6.1 Video

`subliminal.videos.EXTENSIONS` = `['.avi', '.mkv', '.mpg', '.mp4', '.m4v', '.mov', '.ogm', '.ogv', '.wmv', '.divx', '.asf']`  
Video extensions

`subliminal.videos.MIMETYPES` = `['video/mpeg', 'video/mp4', 'video/quicktime', 'video/x-ms-wmv', 'video/x-msvideo', 'video/ogg']`  
Video mimetypes

**class** `subliminal.videos.Video` (*path, guess, imdbid=None*)  
Base class for videos

**Parameters**

- **path** (*string*) – path
- **guess** (`Guess`) – guessed informations
- **imdbid** (*string*) – imdbid

**classmethod** `from_path` (*path*)  
Create a `Video` subclass guessing all informations from the given path

**Parameters** *path* (*string*) – path

**Returns** video object

**Return type** Episode or Movie or UnknownVideo

**exists**

Whether the video exists or not

**path**

Path to the video

**scan()**

Scan and return associated subtitles

**Returns** associated subtitles

**Return type** list of Subtitle

**class** subliminal.videos.**Episode**(*path, series, season, episode, title=None, guess=None, tvdbid=None, imdbid=None*)

Episode Video

**Parameters**

- **path** (*string*) – path
- **series** (*string*) – series
- **season** (*int*) – season number
- **episode** (*int*) – episode number
- **title** (*string*) – title
- **guess** (*Guess*) – guessed informations
- **tvdbid** (*string*) – tvdbid
- **imdbid** (*string*) – imdbid

**class** subliminal.videos.**Movie**(*path, title, year=None, guess=None, imdbid=None*)

Movie Video

**Parameters**

- **path** (*string*) – path
- **title** (*string*) – title
- **year** (*int*) – year
- **guess** (*Guess*) – guessed informations
- **imdbid** (*string*) – imdbid

**class** subliminal.videos.**UnknownVideo**(*path, guess, imdbid=None*)

Unknown video

subliminal.videos.**scan**(*entry, max\_depth=3, scan\_filter=None, depth=0*)

Scan a path for videos and subtitles

**Parameters**

- **entry** (*string*) – path
- **max\_depth** (*int*) – maximum folder depth
- **scan\_filter** (*function*) – filter function that takes a path as argument and returns a boolean indicating whether it has to be filtered out (`True`) or not (`False`)

- **depth** (*int*) – starting depth

**Returns** found videos and subtitles

**Return type** list of (Video, [Subtitle])

`subliminal.videos.hash_opensubtitles` (*path*)

Compute a hash using OpenSubtitles' algorithm

**Parameters** *path* (*string*) – path

**Returns** hash

**Return type** string

`subliminal.videos.hash_thesubdb` (*path*)

Compute a hash using TheSubDB's algorithm

**Parameters** *path* (*string*) – path

**Returns** hash

**Return type** string

### 3.6.2 Subtitle

**class** `subliminal.subtitles.Subtitle` (*path*, *language*)

Base class for subtitles

**Parameters**

- **path** (*string*) – path to the subtitle
- **language** (*Language*) – language of the subtitle

**exists**

Whether the subtitle exists or not

**class** `subliminal.subtitles.EmbeddedSubtitle` (*path*, *language*, *track\_id*)

Subtitle embedded in a container

**Parameters**

- **path** (*string*) – path to the subtitle
- **language** (*Language*) – language of the subtitle
- **track\_id** (*int*) – id of the subtitle track in the container

**class** `subliminal.subtitles.ExternalSubtitle` (*path*, *language*)

Subtitle in a file next to the video file

**classmethod** `from_path` (*path*)

Create an ExternalSubtitle from path

**class** `subliminal.subtitles.ResultSubtitle` (*path*, *language*, *service*, *link*, *release=None*, *confidence=1*, *keywords=None*)

Subtitle found using services

**Parameters**

- **path** (*string*) – path to the subtitle
- **language** (*Language*) – language of the subtitle
- **service** (*string*) – name of the service

- **link** (*string*) – download link for the subtitle
- **release** (*string*) – release name of the video
- **confidence** (*float*) – confidence that the subtitle matches the video according to the service
- **keywords** (*set*) – keywords that describe the subtitle

**single**

Whether this is a single subtitle or not. A single subtitle does not have a language indicator in its file name

**Return type** bool

`subliminal.subtitles.get_subtitle_path(video_path, language, multi)`

Create the subtitle path from the given video path using language if multi

**Parameters**

- **video\_path** (*string*) – path to the video
- **language** (*Language*) – language of the subtitle
- **multi** (*bool*) – whether to use multi language naming or not

**Returns** path of the subtitle

**Return type** string

### 3.6.3 Utilities

`subliminal.utils.get_keywords(guess)`

Retrieve keywords from guessed informations

**Parameters** **guess** (*guessit.guess.Guess*) – guessed informations

**Returns** lower case alphanumeric keywords

**Return type** set

`subliminal.utils.split_keyword(keyword)`

Split a keyword in multiple ones on any non-alphanumeric character

**Parameters** **keyword** (*string*) – keyword

**Returns** keywords

**Return type** set

`subliminal.utils.to_unicode(data)`

Convert a basestring to unicode

**Parameters** **data** (*basestring*) – data to decode

**Returns** data as unicode

**Return type** unicode

### 3.6.4 Exceptions

**exception** `subliminal.exceptions.Error`

Base class for exceptions in subliminal

**exception** `subliminal.exceptions.ServiceError`

“Exception raised by services

**exception** `subliminal.exceptions.DownloadFailedError`  
“Exception raised when a download task has failed in service





# API DOCUMENTATION

Most common subliminal features are listed here

`subliminal.list_subtitles` (*paths*, *languages=None*, *services=None*, *force=True*, *multi=False*,  
*cache\_dir=None*, *max\_depth=3*, *scan\_filter=None*)

List subtitles in given paths according to the criteria

## Parameters

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- **services** (*list*) – services to use for the search, in preferred order
- **force** (*bool*) – force searching for subtitles even if some are detected
- **multi** (*bool*) – search multiple languages for the same video
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- **max\_depth** (*int*) – maximum depth for scanning entries
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**Returns** found subtitles

**Return type** dict of `Video` => [`ResultSubtitle`]

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**Note:** If you use `multi=True`, `LANGUAGE_INDEX` has to be the first item of the `order` list or you might get unexpected results.

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**class** `subliminal.Pool` (*size*)

Pool of workers

`Pool.collect()`

Collect available results

**Returns** results of tasks

**Return type** list of Task

`Pool.download_subtitles` (*paths*, *languages=None*, *services=None*, *force=True*, *multi=False*,  
*cache\_dir=None*, *max\_depth=3*, *scan\_filter=None*, *order=None*)

See `subliminal.download_subtitles()`

`Pool.join()`

Join the task queue

`Pool.list_subtitles` (*paths*, *languages=None*, *services=None*, *force=True*, *multi=False*,  
*cache\_dir=None*, *max\_depth=3*, *scan\_filter=None*)

See `subliminal.list_subtitles()`

`Pool.start()`

Start workers

`Pool.stop()`

Stop workers

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