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python-valve is a Python library which aims to provide the ability to interface with various Valve services and products, including: the Steam web API, locally installed Steam clients, Source servers and the Source master server.

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## CHAPTER 1

### Interacting with Source Servers

Source provides the "A2S" protocol for querying game servers. This protocol is used by the Steam and in-game server browsers to list information about servers such as their name, player count and whether or not they're password protected. valve.source.a2s provides a client implementation of A2S.

class valve.source.a2s.ServerQuerier (address, timeout=5.0)
 Implements the A2S Source server query protocol.

https://developer.valvesoftware.com/wiki/Server\_queries

**Note:** Instantiating this class creates a socket. Be sure to close the querier once finished with it. See *valve.* source.BaseQuerier.

### info()

Retreive information about the server state

This returns the response from the server which implements  $\__{getitem}$  for accessing response fields. For example:

```
with ServerQuerier(...) as server:
    print(server.info()["server_name"])
```

The following fields are available on the response:

Field	Description		
re-	Always 0x49		
sponse_type			
server_name	e The name of the server		
map	The name of the map being ran by the server		
folder	The gamedir if the modification being ran by the server. E.g. tf, cstrike, csgo.		
game	A string identifying the game being ran by the server		
app_id	The numeric application ID of the game ran by the server. Note that this is the app ID of		
	the client, not the server. For example, for Team Fortress 2 440 is returned instead of		
	232250 which is the ID of the server software.		
player_count Number of players currently connected. See players () for caveats about the accuracy			
	of this field.		
max_players	max_players The number of player slots available. Note that player_count may exceed this value		
	under certain circumstances. See players ().		
bot_count	The number of AI players present		
server_type			
	non-dedicated or Source TV relay.		
platform	A util.Platform instances representing the platform the server is running on. E.g.		
	Windows, Linux or Mac OS X.		
pass-	Whether or not a password is required to connect to the server.		
word_protected			
vac_enabled	Whether or not Valve anti-cheat (VAC) is enabled		
version	The version string of the server software		

Currently the extra data field (EDF) is not supported.

### ping()

Ping the server, returning the round-trip latency in milliseconds

The A2A\_PING request is deprecated so this actually sends a A2S\_INFO request and times that. The time difference between the two should be negligible.

### players()

Retrive a list of all players connected to the server

The following fields are available on the response:

Field	Description	
response_type	Always 0x44	
player_count	The number of players listed	
players	A list of player entries	

The players field is a list that contains player\_count number of messages.PlayerEntry instances which have the same interface as the top-level response object that is returned.

The following fields are available on each player entry:

Field	Description
name	The name of the player
score	Player's score at the time of the request. What this relates to is dependant on the gamemode
	of the server.
dura-	Number of seconds the player has been connected as a float
tion	

**Note:** Under certain circumstances, some servers may return a player list which contains empty name fields. This can lead to player\_count being misleading.

Filtering out players with empty names may yield a more accurate enumeration of players:

```
with ServerQuerier(...) as query:
    players = []
    for player in query.players()["players"]:
        if player["name"]:
            players.append(player)
    player_count = len(players)
```

### rules()

Retreive the server's game mode configuration

This method allows you capture a subset of a server's console variables (often referred to as 'cvars',) specifically those which have the FCVAR\_NOTIFY flag set on them. These cvars are used to indicate game mode's configuration, such as the gravity setting for the map or whether friendly fire is enabled or not.

The following fields are available on the response:

Field	Description
response_type	Always 0x56
rule_count	The number of rules
rules	A dictionary mapping rule names to their corresponding string value

### **Example**

In this example we will query a server, printing out it's name and the number of players currently conected. Then we'll print out all the players sorted score-decesending.

### **Queriers and Exceptions**

Both valve.source.a2s.ServerQuerier and valve.source.master\_server. MasterServerQuerier are based on a common querier interface. They also raise similar exceptions. All of these live in the valve.source module.

```
class valve.source.BaseQuerier (address, timeout=5.0)
Base class for implementing source server queriers.
```

When an instance of this class is initialised a socket is created. It's important that, once a querier is to be discarded, the associated socket be closed via close(). For example:

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```
querier = valve.source.BaseQuerier(('...', 27015))
try:
   querier.request(...)
finally:
   querier.close()
```

When server queriers are used as context managers, the socket will be cleaned up automatically. Hence it's preferably to use the *with* statement over the *try-finally* pattern described above:

```
with valve.source.BaseQuerier(('...', 27015)) as querier:
   querier.request(...)
```

Once a querier has been closed, any attempts to make additional requests will result in a <code>QuerierClosedError</code> to be raised.

### **Variables**

- host Host requests will be sent to.
- port Port number requests will be sent to.
- **timeout** How long to wait for a response to a request.

#### close()

Close the querier's socket.

It is safe to call this multiple times.

### get\_response()

Wait for a response to a request.

#### Raises

- NoResponseError If the configured timeout is reached before a response is received.
- QuerierClosedError If the querier has been closed.

**Returns** The raw response as a bytes.

```
request (*request)
```

Issue a request.

The given request segments will be encoded and combined to form the final message that is sent to the configured address.

Parameters request (valve.source.messages.Message) - Request message segments.

**Raises** *QuerierClosedError* – If the querier has been closed.

```
exception valve.source.NoResponseError
```

Raised when a server querier doesn't receive a response.

```
exception valve.source.QuerierClosedError
```

Raised when attempting to use a querier after it's closed.

### **Identifying Server Platforms**

valve.source.util provides a handful of utility classes which are used when querying Source servers.

class valve.source.util.Platform(value)

A Source server platform identifier

This class provides utilities for representing Source server platforms as returned from a A2S\_INFO request. Each platform is ultimately represented by one of the following integers:

ID	Platform
76	Linux
108	Linux
109	Mac OS X
111	Mac OS X
119	Windows

**Note:** Starbound uses 76 instead of 108 for Linux in the old GoldSource style.

```
\underline{\phantom{a}}eq\underline{\phantom{a}} (other)
```

Check for equality between two platforms

If other is not a Platform instance then an attempt is made to convert it to one using same approach as \_\_init\_\_ (). This means platforms can be compared against integers and strings. For example:

```
>>>Platform(108) == "linux"
True
>>>Platform(109) == 109
True
>>>Platform(119) == "w"
True
```

Despite the fact there are two numerical identifers for Mac (109 and 111) comparing either of them together will yield True.

```
>>>Platform(109) == Platform(111)
True
```

```
__init__(value)
```

Initialise the platform identifier

The given value will be mapped to a numeric identifier. If the value is already an integer it must then it must exist in the table above else ValueError is returned.

If value is a one character long string then it's ordinal value as given by ord() is used. Alternately the string can be either of the following:

- •Linux
- •Mac OS X
- •Windows

### \_\_weakref\_

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

### os\_name

Convenience mapping to names returned by os.name

```
{\bf class} \; {\tt valve.source.util.ServerType} \; ({\it value})
```

A Source server platform identifier

This class provides utilities for representing Source server types as returned from a A2S\_INFO request. Each server type is ultimately represented by one of the following integers:

ID	Server type
68	Dedicated
100	Dedicated
108	Non-dedicated
112	SourceTV

**Note:** Starbound uses 68 instead of 100 for a dedicated server in the old GoldSource style.

```
\_\_eq\_\_(other)
```

Check for equality between two server types

If other is not a ServerType instance then an attempt is made to convert it to one using same approach as \_\_init\_\_(). This means server types can be compared against integers and strings. For example:

```
>>>Server(100) == "dedicated"
True
>>>Platform(108) == 108
True
>>>Platform(112) == "p"
True
```

### \_\_init\_\_(value)

Initialise the server type identifier

The given value will be mapped to a numeric identifier. If the value is already an integer it must then it must exist in the table above else ValueError is returned.

If value is a one character long string then it's ordinal value as given by ord() is used. Alternately the string can be either of the following:

- •Dedicated
- •Non-Dedicated
- SourceTV

### \_\_weakref\_

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

## CHAPTER 2

### Querying the Source Master Server

When a Source server starts it can optionally add it self to an index of live servers to enable players to find the server via matchmaking and the in-game server browsers. It does this by registering it self with the "master server". The master server is hosted by Valve but the protocol used to communicate with it is *reasonably* well documented.

Clients can request a list of server addresses from the master server for a particular region. Optionally, they can also specify a filtration criteria to restrict what servers are returned. valve.source.master\_server provides an interface for interacting with the master server.

**Note:** Although "master server" is used in a singular context there are in fact multiple servers. By default valve.source.master\_server.MasterServerQuerier will lookup hl2master.steampowered.com which, at the time of writing, has three A entries.

Implements the Source master server query protocol

https://developer.valvesoftware.com/wiki/Master\_Server\_Query\_Protocol

**Note:** Instantiating this class creates a socket. Be sure to close the querier once finished with it. See *valve*. source.BaseQuerier.

\_\_\_iter\_\_()

An unfitlered iterator of all Source servers

This will issue a request for an unfiltered set of server addresses for each region. Addresses are received in batches but returning a completely unfiltered set will still take a long time and be prone to timeouts.

**Note:** If a request times out then the iterator will terminate early. Previous versions would propagate a NoResponseError.

See find() for making filtered requests.

**find** (region='all', duplicates=<Duplicates.KEEP: 'keep'>, \*\*filters)

Find servers for a particular region and set of filtering rules

This returns an iterator which yields (host, port) server addresses from the master server.

region specifies what regions to restrict the search to. It can either be a REGION\_ constant or a string identifying the region. Alternately a list of the strings or REGION\_ constants can be used for specifying multiple regions.

The following region identification strings are supported:

String	Region(s)	
na-east	East North America	
na-west	West North America	
na	East North American, West North America	
sa	South America	
eu	Europe	
as	Asia, the Middle East	
oc	Oceania/Australia	
af	Africa	
rest	Unclassified servers	
all	All of the above	

**Note:** "rest" corresponds to all servers that don't fit with any other region. What causes a server to be placed in this region by the master server isn't entirely clear.

The region strings are not case sensitive. Specifying an invalid region identifier will raise a ValueError.

As well as region-based filtering, alternative filters are supported which are documented on the Valve developer wiki.

https://developer.valvesoftware.com/wiki/Master\_Server\_Query\_Protocol#Filter

This method accepts keyword arguments which are used for building the filter string that is sent along with the request to the master server. Below is a list of all the valid keyword arguments:

Filter	Description		
type	Server type, e.g. "dedicated". This can be a ServerType instance or any value that can		
	be converted to a ServerType.		
secure	Servers using Valve anti-cheat (VAC). This should be a boolean.		
gamedir	A string specifying the mod being ran by the server. For example: tf, cstrike, csgo,		
	etc		
map	Which map the server is running.		
linux	Servers running on Linux. Boolean.		
empty	Servers which are not empty. Boolean.		
full	Servers which are full. Boolean.		
proxy	SourceTV relays only. Boolean.		
napp	Servers not running the game specified by the given application ID. E.g. 440 would		
	exclude all TF2 servers.		
noplay-	Servers that are empty. Boolean		
ers			
white	Whitelisted servers only. Boolean.		
game-	Server which match <i>all</i> the tags given. This should be set to a list of strings.		
type			
game-	Servers which match <i>all</i> the given hidden tags. Only applicable for L4D2 servers.		
data			
game-	Servers which match <i>any</i> of the given hidden tags. Only applicable to L4D2 servers.		
dataor			

**Note:** Your mileage may vary with some of these filters. There's no real guarantee that the servers returned by the master server will actually satisfy the filter. Because of this it's advisable to explicitly check for compliance by querying each server individually. See *valve.source.a2s*.

The master server may return duplicate addresses. By default, these duplicates will be included in the iterator returned by this method. See Duplicates for controlling this behaviour.

```
class valve.source.master_server.Duplicates
    Bases: enum.Enum
```

Behaviour for duplicate addresses.

These values are intended to be used with MasterServerQuerier.find() to control how duplicate addresses returned by the master server are treated.

### Variables

- **KEEP** All addresses are returned, even duplicates.
- **SKIP** Skip duplicate addresses.
- **STOP** Stop returning addresses when a duplicate is encountered.

### **Example**

In this example we will list all unique European and Asian Team Fortress 2 servers running the map ctf\_2fort.

```
import valve.source.master_server
with valve.source.master_server.MasterServerQuerier() as msq:
    servers = msq.find(
        region=["eu", "as"],
```

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```
duplicates="skip",
    gamedir="tf",
    map="ctf_2fort",
)

for host, port in servers:
    print "{0}:{1}".format(host, port)
```

## CHAPTER 3

### SteamIDs

SteamID are used in many places within Valve services to identify entities such as users, groups and game servers. SteamIDs have many different representations which all need to be handled so the <code>valve.steam.id</code> module exists to provide an mechanism for representing these IDs in a usable fashion.

### The SteamID Class

Rarely will you ever want to instantiate a SteamID directly. Instead it is best to use the SteamID. from\_community\_url() and SteamID.from\_text() class methods for creating new instances.

class valve.steam.id.SteamID (account\_number, instance, type, universe)
 Represents a SteamID

A SteamID is broken up into four components: a 32 bit account number, a 20 bit "instance" identifier, a 4 bit account type and an 8 bit "universe" identifier.

There are 10 known accounts types as listed below. Generally you won't encounter types other than "individual" and "group".

Туре	Numeric value	Can be mapped to URL	Constant
Invalid	0	No	TYPE_INVALID
Individual	1	Yes	TYPE_INDIVIDUAL
Multiseat	2	No	TYPE_MULTISEAT
Game server	3	No	TYPE_GAME_SERVER
Anonymous game server	4	No	TYPE_ANON_GAME_SERVER
Pending	5	No	TYPE_PENDING
Content server	6	No	TYPE_CONTENT_SERVER
Group	7	Yes	TYPE_CLAN
Chat	8	No	TYPE_CHAT
"P2P Super Seeder"	9	No	TYPE_P2P_SUPER_SEEDER
Anonymous user	10	No	TYPE_ANON_USER

TYPE\_-prefixed constants are provided by the valve.steam.id module for the numerical values of each type.

All SteamIDs can be represented textually as well as by their numerical components. This is typically in the STEAM\_X:Y:Z form where X, Y, Z are the "universe", "instance" and the account number respectively. There are two special cases however. If the account type if invalid then "UNKNOWN" is the textual representation. Similarly "STEAM\_ID\_PENDING" is used when the type is pending.

As well as the textual representation of SteamIDs there are also the 64 and 32 bit versions which contain the SteamID components encoded into integers of corresponding width. However the 32-bit representation also includes a letter to indicate account type.

### \_\_\_int\_\_\_()

The 64 bit representation of the SteamID

64 bit SteamIDs are only valid for those with the type TYPE\_INDIVIDUAL or TYPE\_CLAN. For all other types SteamIDError will be raised.

The 64 bit representation is calculated by multiplying the account number by two then adding the "instance" and then adding another constant which varies based on the account type.

For  $TYPE\_INDIVIDUAL$  the constant is 0x011000010000000, whereas for  $TYPE\_CLAN$  it's 0x017000000000000.

### \_\_str\_\_()

The textual representation of the SteamID

This is in the STEAM\_X:Y:Z form and can be parsed by <code>from\_text()</code> to produce an equivalent instance. Alternately <code>STEAM\_ID\_PENDING</code> or <code>UNKNOWN</code> may be returned if the account type is <code>TYPE\_PENDING</code> or <code>TYPE\_INVALID</code> respectively.

**Note:** from\_text() will still handle the STEAM\_ID\_PENDING and UNKNOWN cases.

### \_\_weakref\_

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

#### as 32()

Returns the 32 bit community ID as a string

This is only applicable for TYPE\_INDIVIDUAL, TYPE\_CLAN and TYPE\_CHAT types. For any other types, attempting to generate the 32-bit representation will result in a SteamIDError being raised.

### as\_64()

Returns the 64 bit representation as a string

This is only possible if the ID type is TYPE\_INDIVIDUAL or TYPE\_CLAN, otherwise SteamIDError is raised.

### community url(*id64=True*)

Returns the full URL to the Steam Community page for the SteamID

This can either be generate a URL from the 64 bit representation (the default) or the 32 bit one. Generating community URLs is only supported for IDs of type <code>TYPE\_INDIVIDUAL</code> and <code>TYPE\_CLAN</code>. Attempting to generate a URL for any other type will result in a <code>SteamIDError</code> being raised.

### classmethod from\_community\_url (id, universe=0)

Parse a Steam community URL into a SteamID instance

This takes a Steam community URL for a profile or group and converts it to a SteamID. The type of the ID is inferred from the type character in 32-bit community urls ([U:1:1] for example) or from the URL path (/profile or /groups) for 64-bit URLs.

As there is no way to determine the universe directly from URL it must be expliticly set, defaulting to UNIVERSE INDIVIDUAL.

Raises SteamIDError if the URL cannot be parsed.

```
classmethod from_text (id, type=1)
```

Parse a SteamID in the STEAM X:Y:Z form

Takes a teaxtual SteamID in the form STEAM\_X:Y:Z and returns a corresponding SteamID instance. The X represents the account's 'universe,' Z is the account number and Y is either 1 or 0.

As the account type cannot be directly inferred from the SteamID it must be explicitly specified, defaulting to TYPE INDIVIDUAL.

The two special IDs STEAM\_ID\_PENDING and UNKNOWN are also handled returning SteamID instances with the appropriate types set (TYPE\_PENDING and TYPE\_INVALID respectively) and with all other components of the ID set to zero.

#### type\_name

The account type as a string

### **Exceptions**

```
exception \ \verb"valve.steam.id.SteamIDError" \\
```

Bases: ValueError

Raised when parsing or building invalid SteamIDs

### **Useful Constants**

As well as providing the SteamID class, the valve.steam.id module also contains numerous constants which relate to the contituent parts of a SteamID. These constants map to their numeric equivalent.

### **Account Types**

The following are the various account types that can be encoded into a SteamID. Many of them are seemingly no longer in use – at least not in public facing services – and you're only likely to come across TYPE\_INDIVIDUAL, TYPE\_CLAN and possibly TYPE\_GAME\_SERVER.

```
valve.steam.id.TYPE_INVALID = 0 int(x=0) -> integer int(x, base=10) -> integer
```

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>> int('0b100', base=0) 4

```
valve.steam.id.TYPE_INDIVIDUAL = 1 int(x=0) -> integer int(x, base=10) -> integer
```

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The

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base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>> int('0b100', base=0) 4

```
valve.steam.id.TYPE_MULTISEAT = 2
```

 $int(x=0) \rightarrow integer int(x, base=10) \rightarrow integer$ 

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>> int('0b100', base=0) 4

### valve.steam.id.TYPE\_GAME\_SERVER = 3

 $int(x=0) \rightarrow integer int(x, base=10) \rightarrow integer$ 

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal.  $>>> \inf('0b100', base=0) 4$ 

### valve.steam.id.TYPE\_ANON\_GAME\_SERVER = 4

 $int(x=0) \rightarrow integer int(x, base=10) \rightarrow integer$ 

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>>  $\inf('0b100', base=0) 4$ 

### valve.steam.id.TYPE\_PENDING = 5

 $int(x=0) \rightarrow integer int(x, base=10) \rightarrow integer$ 

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>>  $\inf('0b100', base=0) 4$ 

### valve.steam.id.TYPE CONTENT SERVER = 6

int(x=0) ->  $integer\ int(x, base=10)$  -> integer

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>>  $\inf('0b100', base=0) 4$ 

### valve.steam.id.TYPE\_CLAN = 7

 $int(x=0) \rightarrow integer int(x, base=10) \rightarrow integer$ 

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>> int('0b100', base=0) 4

```
valve.steam.id.TYPE_CHAT = 8

int(x=0) -> integer int(x, base=10) -> integer
```

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal.  $>>> \inf('0b100', base=0) 4$ 

```
valve.steam.id.TYPE_P2P_SUPER_SEEDER = 9 int(x=0) -> integer int(x, base=10) -> integer
```

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>>  $\inf('0b100', base=0) 4$ 

```
valve.steam.id.TYPE_ANON_USER = 10 int(x=0) -> integer int(x, base=10) -> integer
```

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>> int('0b100', base=0) 4

### **Universes**

A SteamID "universe" provides a way of grouping IDs. Typically you'll only ever come across the UNIVERSE INDIVIDUAL universe.

```
valve.steam.id.UNIVERSE_INDIVIDUAL = 0 int(x=0) -> integer int(x, base=10) -> integer
```

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>> int('0b100', base=0) 4

```
valve.steam.id.UNIVERSE_PUBLIC = 1 int(x=0) -> integer int(x, base=10) -> integer
```

3.3. Useful Constants

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>> int('0b100', base=0) 4

### valve.steam.id.UNIVERSE BETA = 2

 $int(x=0) \rightarrow integer int(x, base=10) \rightarrow integer$ 

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>>  $\inf('0b100', base=0) 4$ 

### valve.steam.id.UNIVERSE\_INTERNAL = 3

 $int(x=0) \rightarrow integer int(x, base=10) \rightarrow integer$ 

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>>  $\inf('0b100', base=0) 4$ 

### valve.steam.id.UNIVERSE\_DEV = 4

 $int(x=0) \rightarrow integer int(x, base=10) \rightarrow integer$ 

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>> int('0b100', base=0) 4

### valve.steam.id.UNIVERSE RC = 5

 $int(x=0) \rightarrow integer int(x, base=10) \rightarrow integer$ 

Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return x.\_\_int\_\_(). For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.

If x is not a number or if base is given, then x must be a string, bytes, or bytearray instance representing an integer literal in the given base. The literal can be preceded by '+' or '-' and be surrounded by whitespace. The base defaults to 10. Valid bases are 0 and 2-36. Base 0 means to interpret the base from the string as an integer literal. >>> int('0b100', base=0) 4

## CHAPTER 4

### Source Remote Console (RCON)

Source remote console (or RCON) provides a way for server operators to administer and interact with their servers remotely in the same manner as the console provided by **srcds**. The *valve.rcon* module provides an implementation of the RCON protocol.

RCON is a simple, TCP-based request-response protocol with support for basic authentication. The RCON client initiates a connection to a server and attempts to authenticate by submitting a password. If authentication succeeds then the client is free to send further requests. These subsequent requests are interpreted the same way as if you were to type them into the **srcds** console.

**Warning:** Passwords and console commands are sent in plain text. Tunneling the connection through a secure channel may be advisable where possible.

**Note:** Multiple RCON authentication failures in a row from a single host will result in the Source server automatically banning that IP, preventing any subsequent connection attempts.

### **High-level API**

The valve.rcon module provides a number of ways to interact with RCON servers. The simplest is the execute () function which executes a single command on the server and returns the response as a string.

In many cases this may be sufficient but it's important to consider that <code>execute()</code> will create a new, temporary connection for every command. If order to reuse a connection the <code>RCON</code> class should be used directly.

Also note that <code>execute()</code> only returns Unicode strings which may prove problematic in some cases. See *Unicode* and String Encoding.

valve.rcon.execute (address, password, command)
Execute a command on an RCON server.

This is a *very* high-level interface which connects to the given RCON server using the provided credentials and executes a command.

#### **Parameters**

- address the address of the server to connect to as a tuple containing the host as a string and the port as an integer.
- **password** (str) the password to use to authenticate the connection.
- **command** (str) the command to execute on the server.

#### Raises

- **UnicodeDecodeError** if the response could not be decoded into Unicode.
- **RCONCommunicationError** if a connection to the RCON server could not be made.
- RCONAuthenticationError if authentication failed, either due to being banned or providing the wrong password.
- **RCONMessageError** if the response body couldn't be decoded into a Unicode string.

**Returns** the response to the command as a Unicode string.

### Core API

The core API for the RCON implementation is split encapsulated by two distinct classes: RCONMessage and RCON.

### **Representing RCON Messages**

Each RCON message, whether a request or a response, is represented by an instance of the RCONMessage class. Each message has three fields: the message ID, type and contents or body. The message ID of a request is reflected back to the client when the server returns a response but is otherwise unsued by this implementation. The type is one of four constants (represented by three distinct values) which signifies the semantics of the message's ID and body. The body it self is an opaque string; its value depends on the type of message.

```
class valve.rcon.RCONMessage (id_, type_, body_or_text)
```

Represents a RCON request or response.

### classmethod decode (buffer\_)

Decode a message from a bytestring.

This will attempt to decode a single message from the start of the given buffer. If the buffer contains more than a single message then this must be called multiple times.

**Raises** MessageError – if the buffer doesn't contain a valid message.

**Returns** a tuple containing the decoded *RCONMessage* and the remnants of the buffer. If the buffer contained exactly one message then the remaining buffer will be empty.

### encode()

Encode message to a bytestring.

#### text

Get the body of the message as Unicode.

Raises UnicodeDecodeError – if the body cannot be decoded as ASCII.

**Returns** the body of the message as a Unicode string.

**Note:** It has been reported that some servers may not return valid ASCII as they're documented to do so. Therefore you should always handle the potential UnicodeDecodeError.

If the correct encoding is known you can manually decode body for your self.

### **Unicode and String Encoding**

The type of the body field of RCON messages is documented as being a double null-terminated, ASCII-encoded string. At the Python level though both Unicode strings and raw byte string interfaces are provided by RCONMessage.text and RCONMessage.body respectively.

In Python you are encouraged to deal with text (a.k.a. Unicode strings) in preference to raw byte strings unless strictly neccessary. However, it has been reported that under some conditions RCON servers may return invalid ASCII sequences in the response body. Therefore it is possible that the textual representation of the body cannot be determined and attempts to access RCONMessage.text will fail with a UnicodeDecodeError being raised.

It appears – but is not conclusively determined – that RCON servers in fact return UTF-8-encoded message bodies, hence why ASCII seems to to work in most cases. Until this can be categorically proven as the behaviour that should be expected Python-valve will continue to attempt to process ASCII strings.

If you come across UnicodeDecodeError whilst accessing response bodies you will instead have to make-do and handle the raw byte strings manually. For example:

```
response = rcon.execute("command")
response_text = response.body.decode("utf-8")
```

If this is undesirable it is also possible to globally set the encoding used by RCONMessage but this not particularly encouraged:

```
import valve.rcon
valve.rcon.RCONMessage.ENCODING = "utf-8"
```

### **Creating RCON Connections**

```
class valve.rcon.RCON (address, password, timeout=None)
Represents an RCON connection.
```

```
__call__(command)
Invoke a command.
```

This is a higher-level version of execute () that always blocks and only returns the response body.

Raises RCONMessageError – if the response body couldn't be decoded into a Unicode string.

**Returns** the response to the command as a Unicode string.

```
authenticate(timeout=None)
```

Authenticate with the server.

This sends an authentication message to the connected server containing the password. If the password is correct the server sends back an acknowledgement and will allow all subsequent commands to be executed.

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However, if the password is wrong the server will either notify the client or immediately drop the connection depending on whether the client IP has been banned or not. In either case, the client connection will be closed and an exception raised.

**Note:** Client banning IP banning happens automatically after a few failed attempts at authentication. Assuming you can direct access to the server's console you can unban the client IP using the removeip command:

```
Banning xxx.xxx.xx for rcon hacking attempts
] removeip xxx.xxx.xxx
removeip: filter removed for xxx.xxx.xxx
```

**param timeout** the number of seconds to wait for a response. If not given the connection-global timeout is used.

**raises RCONAuthenticationError** if authentication failed, either due to being banned or providing the wrong password.

raises RCONTimeoutError if the server takes too long to respond. The connection will be closed in this case as well.

#### Raises

- RCONError if closed.
- **RCONError** if not connected.

#### authenticated

Determine if the connection is authenticated.

### close()

Close connection to a server.

### closed

Determine if the connection has been closed.

#### connect()

Create a connection to a server.

### Raises

- RCONError if closed.
- RCONError if connected.

#### connected

Determine if a connection has been made.

**Note:** Strictly speaking this does not guarantee that any subsequent attempt to execute a command will succeed as the underlying socket may be closed by the server at any time. It merely indicates that a previous call to <code>connect()</code> was successful.

#### cvarlist()

Get all ConVars for an RCON connection.

This will issue a cvarlist command to it in order to enumerate all available ConVars.

**Returns** an iterator of :class: ConVar's which may be empty.

**execute** (command, block=True, timeout=None)
Invoke a command.

Invokes the given command on the conncted server. By default this will block (up to the timeout) for a response. This can be disabled if you don't care about the response.

param str command the command to execute.

param bool block whether or not to wait for a response.

**param timeout** the number of seconds to wait for a response. If not given the connection-global timeout is used.

**raises RCONCommunicationError** if the socket is closed or in any other erroneous state whilst issuing the request or receiving the response.

raises RCONTimeoutError if the timeout is reached waiting for a response. This doesn't close the connection but the response is lost.

**returns** the response to the command as a *RCONMessage* or None depending on whether block was True or not.

#### Raises

- **RCONError** if not authenticated.
- RCONError if not connected.

### **Example**

```
import valve.rcon

address = ("rcon.example.com", 27015)
password = "top-secrect-password"
with valve.rcon.RCON(address, password) as rcon:
    response = rcon.execute("echo Hello, world!")
    print(response.text)
```

### **Command-line Client**

As well as providing means to programatically interact with RCON servers, the *valve.rcon* module also provides an interactive, command-line client. A client shell can be started by calling *shell()* or running the *valve.rcon* module.

```
valve.rcon.shell (address=None, password=None)
A simple interactive RCON shell.
```

This will connect to the server identified by the given address using the given password. If a password is not given then the shell will prompt for it. If no address is given, then no connection will be made automatically and the user will have to do it manually using !connect.

Once connected the shell simply dispatches commands and prints the response to stdout.

#### **Parameters**

- address a network address tuple containing the host and port of the RCON server.
- password (str) the password for the server. This is ignored if address is not given.

### **Using the RCON Shell**

When *shell()* is executed, an interactive RCON shell is created. This shell reads commands from stdin, passes them to a connected RCON server then prints the response to stdout in a conventional read-eval-print pattern.

By default, commands are treated as plain RCON commmands and are passed directly to the connected server for evaluation. However, commands prefixed with an exclamation mark are interpreted by the shell it self:

!connect Connect to an RCON server. This command accepts two space-separated arguments: the address of the server and the corresponding password; the latter is optional. If the password is not given the user is prompted for it

If the shell is already connected to a server then it will disconnect first before connecting to the new one.

!disconnect Disconnect from the current RCON server.

**!shutdown** Shutdown the RCON server. This actually just sends an exit command to the server. This must be used instead of exit as its behaviour could prove confusing with !exit otherwise.

!exit Exit the shell. This *does not* shutdown the RCON server.

Help is available via the help command. When connected, an optional argument can be provided which is the RCON command to show help for.

When connected to a server, command completions are provided via the tab key.

### **Command-line Invocation**

The *valve.rcon* module is runnable. When ran with no arguments its the same as calling *shell()* with defaults. As with *shell()*, the address and password can be provided as a part of the invoking command:

```
$ python -m valve.rcon
$ python -m valve.rcon rcon.example.com:27015
$ python -m valve.rcon rcon.example.com:27015 --password TOP-SECRET
```

**Warning:** Passing sensitive information via command-line arguments, such as your RCON password, can be *dangerous*. For example, it can show up in **ps** output.

### **Executing a Single Command**

When ran, the module has two modes of execution: the default, which will spawn an interactive RCON shell and the single command execution mode. When passed the --execute argument, **python -m valve.rcon** will run the given command and exit with a status code of zero upon completion. The command response is printed to stdout.

This can be useful for simple scripting of RCON commands outside of a Python environment, such as in a shell script.

```
$ python -m valve.rcon rcon.example.com:27015 \
    --password TOP-SECRET --execute "echo Hello, world!"
```

### **Usage**

## CHAPTER 5

Steam Web API

The Steam Web API provides a mechanism to use Steam services over an HTTP. The API is divided up into "interfaces" with each interface having a number of methods that can be performed on it. Python-valve provides a thin wrapper on top of these interfaces as well as a higher-level implementation.

Generally you'll want to use the higher-level interface to the API as it provides greater abstraction and session management. However the higher-level API only covers a few core interfaces of the Steam Web API, so it may be necessary to use the wrapper layer in some circumstances.

Although an API key is not strictly necessary to use the Steam Web API, it is advisable to get an API key. Using an API key allows access to greater functionality. Also, before using the Steam Web API it is good idea to read the Steam Web API Terms of Use and Steam Web API Documentation.

### **Low-level Wrapper**

The Steam Web API is self-documenting via the /ISteamWebAPIUtil/GetSupportedAPIList/v1/ endpoint. This enables python-valve to build the wrapper entirely automatically, which includes validating parameters and automatic generation of documentation.

The entry-point for using the API wrapper is by constructing a API instance. During initialisation a request is issued to the GetSupportedAPIList endpoint and the interfaces are constructed. If a Steam Web API key is specified then a wider selection of interfaces will be available. Note that this can be a relatively time consuming process as the response returned by GetSupportedAPIList can be quite large. This is especially true when an API key is given as there are more interfaces to generated.

An instance of each interface is created and bound to the API instance, as it is this API instance that will be responsible for dispatching the HTTP requests. The interfaces are made available via API. \_\_getitem\_\_(). The interface objects have methods which correspond to those returned by GetSupportedAPIList.

```
class valve.steam.api.interface.API (key=None, format='json', versions=None, inter-
faces=None)

__getitem__ (interface_name)
Get an interface instance by name
```

```
__init__(key=None, format='json', versions=None, interfaces=None)
Initialise an API wrapper
```

The API is usable without an API key but exposes significantly less functionality, therefore it's advisable to use a key.

Response formatters are callables which take the Unicode response from the Steam Web API and turn it into a more usable Python object, such as dictionary. The Steam API it self can generate responses in either JSON, XML or VDF. The formatter callables should have an attribute format which is a string indicating which textual format they handle. For convenience the format parameter also accepts the strings json, xml and vdf which are mapped to the json\_format(), etree\_format() and vdf\_format() formatters respectively.

The interfaces argument can optionally be set to a module containing BaseInterface subclasses which will be instantiated and bound to the API instance. If not given then the interfaces are loaded using ISteamWebAPIUtil/GetSupportedAPIList.

The optional versions argument allows specific versions of interface methods to be used. If given, versions should be a mapping of further mappings keyed against the interface name. The inner mapping should specify the version of interface method to use which is keyed against the method name. These mappings don't need to be complete and can omit methods or even entire interfaces. In which case the default behaviour is to use the method with the highest version number.

#### **Parameters**

- **key** (str) a Steam Web API key.
- **format** response formatter.
- **versions** the interface method versions to use.
- interfaces a module containing BaseInterface subclasses or None if they should be loaded for the first time.

### api\_root = 'https://api.steampowered.com/'

```
request (http_method, interface, method, version, params=None, format=None)
Issue a HTTP request to the Steam Web API
```

This is called indirectly by interface methods and should rarely be called directly. The response to the request is passed through the response formatter which is then returned.

#### **Parameters**

- interface (str) the name of the interface.
- **method** (str) the name of the method on the interface.
- **version** (*int*) the version of the method.
- params a mapping of GET or POST data to be sent with the request.
- **format** a response formatter callable to overide format.

### session()

Create an API sub-session without rebuilding the interfaces

This returns a context manager which yields a new API instance with the same interfaces as the current one. The difference between this and creating a new API manually is that this will avoid rebuilding the all interface classes which can be slow.

### versions()

Get the versions of the methods for each interface

This returns a dictionary of dictionaries which is keyed against interface names. The inner dictionaries map method names to method version numbers. This structure is suitable for passing in as the versions argument to \_\_init\_\_().

### **Interface Method Version Pinning**

It's important to be aware of the fact that API interface methods can have multiple versions. For example, ISteamApps/GetAppList. This means they may take different arguments and returned different responses. The default behaviour of the API wrapper is to always expose the method with the highest version number.

This is fine in most cases, however it does pose a potential problem. New versions of interface methods are likely to break backwards compatability. Therefore API provides a mechanism to manually specify the interface method versions to use via the versions argument to API.\_\_init\_\_().

The if given at all, versions is expected to be a dictionary of dictionaries keyed against interface names. The inner dictionaries map method names to versions. For example:

```
{"ISteamApps": {"GetAppList": 1}}
```

Passing this into  $API.\_init\_$  () would mean version 1 of ISteamApps/GetAppList would be used in preference to the default behaviour of using the highest version – wich at the time of writing is version 2.

It is important to pin your interface method versions when your code enters production or otherwise face the risk of it breaking in the future if and when Valve updates the Steam Web API. The API.pin\_versions() method is provided to help in determining what versions to pin. How to integrate interface method version pinning into existing code is an excersion for the reader however.

### **Response Formatters**

```
valve.steam.api.interface.json_format (response)
   Parse response as JSON using the standard Python JSON parser

   Returns the JSON object encoded in the response.

valve.steam.api.interface.etree_format (response)
   Parse response using ElementTree

   Returns a xml.etree.ElementTree.Element of the root element of the response.

valve.steam.api.interface.vdf_format (response)
   Parse response using valve.vdf

   Returns a dictionary decoded from the VDF.
```

### **Interfaces**

These interfaces are automatically wrapped and documented. The availability of some interfaces is dependant on whether or not an API key is given. It should also be noted that as the interfaces are generated automatically they do not respect the naming conventions as detailed in PEP 8.

```
class interfaces.IGCVersion_205790 (api)
GetClientVersion()
GetServerVersion()
```

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```
name = 'IGCVersion_205790'
class interfaces.IGCVersion_440 (api)
     GetClientVersion()
     GetServerVersion()
     name = 'IGCVersion_440'
class interfaces.IGCVersion_570 (api)
     GetClientVersion()
     GetServerVersion()
     name = 'IGCVersion_570'
class interfaces.IGCVersion_730 (api)
     GetServerVersion()
     name = 'IGCVersion_730'
class interfaces.IPortal2Leaderboards_620 (api)
     GetBucketizedData (leaderboardName)
             Parameters leaderboardName (string) – The leaderboard name to fetch data for.
     name = 'IPortal2Leaderboards_620'
class interfaces.IPortal2Leaderboards_841 (api)
     GetBucketizedData (leaderboardName)
             Parameters leaderboardName (string) – The leaderboard name to fetch data for.
     name = 'IPortal2Leaderboards_841'
class interfaces.ISteamApps (api)
     GetAppList()
     GetServersAtAddress (addr)
             Parameters addr (string) – IP or IP:queryport to list
     UpToDateCheck (appid, version)
             Parameters
                 • appid (uint 32) - AppID of game
                 • version (uint32) – The installed version of the game
     name = 'ISteamApps'
class interfaces.ISteamDirectory (api)
     GetCMList (cellid, maxcount=None)
```

### **Parameters**

- cellid (uint 32) Client's Steam cell ID
- maxcount (uint 32) Max number of servers to return

name = 'ISteamDirectory'

class interfaces.ISteamEnvoy (api)

PaymentOutReversalNotification()

name = 'ISteamEnvoy'

class interfaces.ISteamNews (api)

**GetNewsForApp** (appid, count=None, enddate=None, feeds=None, maxlength=None)

#### **Parameters**

- appid (uint 32) AppID to retrieve news for
- count (uint 32) # of posts to retrieve (default 20)
- enddate (uint 32) Retrieve posts earlier than this date (unix epoch timestamp)
- **feeds** (string) Comma-seperated list of feed names to return news for
- maxlength (uint32) Maximum length for the content to return, if this is 0 the full content is returned, if it's less then a blurb is generated to fit.

name = 'ISteamNews'

 ${f class}$  interfaces.  ${f ISteamRemoteStorage}\ (api)$ 

GetCollectionDetails (collectioncount, publishedfileids0)

#### **Parameters**

- collectioncount (uint32) Number of collections being requested
- publishedfileids0 (uint 64) collection ids to get the details for

 ${\tt GetPublishedFileDetails}\ (itemcount, publishedfileids 0)$ 

#### **Parameters**

- itemcount (uint32) Number of items being requested
- publishedfileids0 (uint 64) published file id to look up

name = 'ISteamRemoteStorage'

class interfaces.ISteamUserAuth(api)

 $\textbf{AuthenticateUser} \ (encrypted\_loginkey, sessionkey, steamid)$ 

#### **Parameters**

- **encrypted\_loginkey** (*rawbinary*) Should be the users hashed loginkey, AES encrypted with the sessionkey.
- **sessionkey** (*rawbinary*) Should be a 32 byte random blob of data, which is then encrypted with RSA using the Steam system's public key. Randomness is important here for security.

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```
• steamid (uint 64) – Should be the users steamid, unencrypted.
     name = 'ISteamUserAuth'
class interfaces.ISteamUserOAuth(api)
     GetTokenDetails (access token)
              Parameters access_token (string) - OAuth2 token for which to return details
     name = 'ISteamUserOAuth'
class interfaces.ISteamUserStats (api)
     GetGlobalAchievementPercentagesForApp (gameid)
              Parameters gameid (uint 64) - GameID to retrieve the achievement percentages for
     {\tt GetGlobalStatsForGame}\ (appid, count, name 0, end date = None, start date = None)
              Parameters
                  • appid (uint 32) - AppID that we're getting global stats for
                  • count (uint 32) - Number of stats get data for
                  • enddate (uint 32) – End date for daily totals (unix epoch timestamp)
                  • name0 (string) - Names of stat to get data for
                  • startdate (uint 32) – Start date for daily totals (unix epoch timestamp)
     GetNumberOfCurrentPlayers (appid)
              Parameters appid (uint 32) – AppID that we're getting user count for
     name = 'ISteamUserStats'
class interfaces.ISteamWebAPIUtil (api)
     GetServerInfo()
     GetSupportedAPIList()
     name = 'ISteamWebAPIUtil'
class interfaces.ISteamWebUserPresenceOAuth (api)
     PollStatus (message, steamid, umqid, pollid=None, secidletime=None, sectimeout=None,
                   use accountids=None)
              Parameters
                  • message (uint32) - Message that was last known to the user
                  • pollid (uint 32) - Caller-specific poll id
                  • secidletime (uint32) – How many seconds is client considering itself idle, e.g.
                   screen is off
                  • sectimeout (uint32) – Long-poll timeout in seconds
                  • steamid (string) – Steam ID of the user
                  • umqid (uint 64) - UMQ Session ID
```

```
• use_accountids (uint 32) - Boolean, 0 (default): return steamid_from in output, 1:
                  return accountid from
     name = 'ISteamWebUserPresenceOAuth'
class interfaces.ITFSystem_440 (api)
     GetWorldStatus()
     name = 'ITFSystem_440'
class interfaces.IPlayerService(api)
     RecordOfflinePlaytime (play_sessions, steamid, ticket)
             Parameters
                 • play_sessions (string) -
                 • steamid(uint64)-
                 • ticket (string) -
     name = 'IPlayerService'
class interfaces. IAccountRecoveryService (api)
     ReportAccountRecoveryData (install_config, loginuser_list, machineid, shasentryfile)
             Parameters
                 • install_config(string) -
                • loginuser_list (string) -
                 • machineid (string) -
                 • shasentryfile (string) -
     RetrieveAccountRecoveryData (requesthandle)
             Parameters requesthandle (string) -
     name = 'IAccountRecoveryService'
```

Although Python libraries *do* already exist for many aspects which python-valve aims to cover, many of them are ageing and no long maintained. python-valve hopes to change that and provide an all-in-one library for interfacing with Valve products and services that is well tested, well documented and actively maintained.

python-valve's functional test suite for its A2S implementation is actively ran against thousands of servers to ensure that if any subtle changes are made by Valve that break things they can be quickly picked up and fixed.

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