Schematics Documentation

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Basics

Python Data Structures for Humans™.

CHAPTER 1

Install Guide

Tagged releases are available from PyPI:

```
$ pip install schematics
```

The latest development version can be obtained via git:

```
$ pip install git+https://github.com/schematics/schematics.git#egg=schematics
```

Schematics currently supports Python versions 2.6, 2.7, 3.3, and 3.4.

Dependencies

The only dependency is six for Python 2+3 support.

Installing from GitHub

The canonical repository for Schematics is hosted on GitHub.

Getting a local copy is simple:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/schematics/schematics.git
```

If you are planning to contribute, first create your own fork of Schematics on GitHub and clone the fork:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/YOUR-USERNAME/schematics.git
```

Then add the main Schematics repository as another remote called *upstream*:

```
$ git remote add upstream https://github.com/schematics/schematics.git
```

See also *Developer's Guide*.

CHAPTER 2

Quickstart Guide

Working with Schematics begins with modeling the data, so this tutorial will start there.

After that we will take a quick look at serialization, validation, and what it means to save this data to a database.

Simple Model

Let's say we want to build a structure for storing weather data. At it's core, we'll need a way to represent some temperature information and where that temp was found.

```
import datetime
from schematics.models import Model
from schematics.types import StringType, DecimalType, DateTimeType

class WeatherReport(Model):
    city = StringType()
    temperature = DecimalType()
    taken_at = DateTimeType(default=datetime.datetime.now)
```

That'll do.

Here's what it looks like use it.

```
>>> t1 = WeatherReport({'city': 'NYC', 'temperature': 80})
>>> t2 = WeatherReport({'city': 'NYC', 'temperature': 81})
>>> t3 = WeatherReport({'city': 'NYC', 'temperature': 90})
>>> (t1.temperature + t2.temperature + t3.temperature) / 3
Decimal('83.66666666666666666666666667')
```

And remember that `DateTimeType` we set a default callable for?

```
>>> t1.taken_at
datetime.datetime(2013, 8, 21, 13, 6, 38, 11883)
```

Validation

Validating data is fundamentally important for many systems.

This is what it looks like when validation succeeds.

```
>>> t1.validate()
>>>
```

And this is what it looks like when validation fails.

```
>>> t1.taken_at = 'whatever'
>>> t1.validate()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "schematics/models.py", line 229, in validate
    raise ModelValidationError(e.messages)
schematics.exceptions.ModelValidationError: {'taken_at': [u'Could not parse whatever.␣
↪Should be ISO8601.']}
```

Serialization

Serialization comes in two primary forms. In both cases the data is produced as a dictionary.

The `to_primitive()` function will reduce the native Python types into string safe formats. For example, the `DateTimeType` from above is stored as a Python `datetime`, but it will serialize to an ISO8601 format string.

```
>>> t1.to_primitive()
{'city': u'NYC', 'taken_at': '2013-08-21T13:04:19.074808', 'temperature': u'80'}
```

Converting to JSON is then a simple task.

```
>>> json_str = json.dumps(t1.to_primitive())
>>> json_str
'{"city": "NYC", "taken_at": "2013-08-21T13:04:19.074808", "temperature": "80"}'
```

Instantiating an instance from JSON is not too different.

```
>>> t1_prime = WeatherReport(json.loads(json_str))
>>> t1_prime.taken_at
datetime.datetime(2013, 8, 21, 13, 4, 19, 074808)
```

Persistence

In many cases, persistence can be as easy as converting the model to a dictionary and passing that into a query.

First, to get at the values we'd pass into a SQL database, we might call `to_native()`.

Let's get a fresh `WeatherReport` instance.

```
>>> wr = WeatherReport({'city': 'NYC', 'temperature': 80})
>>> wr.to_native()
{'city': u'NYC', 'taken_at': datetime.datetime(2013, 8, 27, 0, 25, 53, 185279),
↪'temperature': Decimal('80')}
```

With PostgreSQL

You'll want to create a table with this query:

```
CREATE TABLE weatherreports(
    city varchar,
    taken_at timestamp,
    temperature decimal
);
```

Inserting

Then, from Python, an insert statement could look like this:

```
>>> q = "INSERT INTO weatherreports (city, taken_at, temperature) VALUES ('%s', '%s',
↪'%s');"
>>> query = q % (wr.city, wr.taken_at, wr.temperature)
>>> query
u"INSERT INTO temps (city, taken_at, temperature) VALUES ('NYC', '2013-08-29 17:49:41.
↪284189', '80');"
```

Let's insert that into PostgreSQL using the `psycopg2` driver.

```
>>> import psycopg2
>>> db_conn = psycopg2.connect("host='localhost' dbname='mydb'")
>>> cursor = db_conn.cursor()
>>> cursor.execute(query)
>>> db_conn.commit()
```

Reading

Reading isn't much different.

```
>>> query = "SELECT city,taken_at,temperature FROM weatherreports;"
>>> cursor = db_conn.cursor()
>>> cursor.execute(query)
>>> rows = dbc.fetchall()
```

Now to translate that data into instances

```
>>> instances = list()
>>> for row in rows:
...     (city, taken_at, temperature) = row
...     instance = WeatherReport()
...     instance.city = city
...     instance.taken_at = taken_at
...     instance.temperature = temperature
...     instances.append(instance)
...
>>> instances
[<WeatherReport: WeatherReport object>]
```

CHAPTER 3

About

Schematics is a Python library to combine types into structures, validate them, and transform the shapes of your data based on simple descriptions.

The internals are similar to ORM type systems, but there is no database layer in Schematics. Instead, we believe that building a database layer is made significantly easier when Schematics handles everything but writing the query.

Further, it can be used for a range of tasks where having a database involved may not make sense.

Some common use cases:

- Design and document specific *data structures*
- *Convert structures* to and from different formats such as JSON or MsgPack
- *Validate* API inputs
- *Remove fields based on access rights* of some data's recipient
- Define message formats for communications protocols, like an RPC
- Custom *persistence layers*

CHAPTER 4

Example

This is a simple Model.

```
>>> from schematics.models import Model
>>> from schematics.types import StringType, URLType
>>> class Person(Model):
...     name = StringType(required=True)
...     website = URLType()
...
>>> person = Person({'name': u'Joe Strummer',
...                  'website': 'http://soundcloud.com/joestrummer'})
>>> person.name
u'Joe Strummer'
```

Serializing the data to JSON.

```
>>> import json
>>> json.dumps(person.to_primitive())
{"name": "Joe Strummer", "website": "http://soundcloud.com/joestrummer"}
```

Let's try validating without a name value, since it's required.

```
>>> person = Person()
>>> person.website = 'http://www.amontobin.com/'
>>> person.validate()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "schematics/models.py", line 231, in validate
    raise ModelValidationError(e.messages)
schematics.exceptions.ModelValidationError: {'name': [u'This field is required.']}
```

Add the field and validation passes:

```
>>> person = Person()
>>> person.name = 'Amon Tobin'
>>> person.website = 'http://www.amontobin.com/'
```

```
>>> person.validate()
>>>
```

CHAPTER 5

Installing

Install stable releases of Schematics with pip.

```
$ pip install schematics
```

See the *Install Guide* for more detail.

CHAPTER 6

Getting Started

New Schematics users should start with the *Quickstart Guide*. That is the fastest way to get a look at what Schematics does.

CHAPTER 7

Documentation

Schematics exists to make a few concepts easy to glue together. The types allow us to describe units of data, models let us put them together into structures with fields. We can then import data, check if it looks correct, and easily serialize the results into any format we need.

The User's Guide provides the high-level concepts, but the API documentation and the code itself provide the most accurate reference.

Types

Types are the smallest definition of structure in Schematics. They represent structure by offering functions to inspect or mutate the data in some way.

According to Schematics, a type is an instance of a way to do three things:

1. Coerce the data type into an appropriate representation in Python
2. Convert the Python representation into other formats suitable for serialization
3. Offer a precise method of validating data of many forms

These properties are implemented as `to_native`, `to_primitive`, and `validate`.

Coercion

A simple example is the `DateTimeType`.

```
>>> from schematics.types import DateTimeType
>>> dt_t = DateTimeType()
```

The `to_native` function transforms an ISO8601 formatted date string into a Python `datetime.datetime`.

```
>>> dt = dt_t.to_native('2013-08-31T02:21:21.486072')
>>> dt
datetime.datetime(2013, 8, 31, 2, 21, 21, 486072)
```

Conversion

The `to_primitive` function changes it back to a language agnostic form, in this case an ISO8601 formatted string, just like we used above.

```
>>> dt_t.to_primitive(dt)
'2013-08-31T02:21:21.486072'
```

Validation

Validation can be as simple as successfully calling `to_native`, but sometimes more is needed. data or behavior during a typical use, like serialization.

Let's look at the `StringType`. We'll set a `max_length` of 10.

```
>>> st = StringType(max_length=10)
>>> st.to_native('this is longer than 10')
u'this is longer than 10'
```

It converts to a string just fine. Now, let's attempt to validate it.

```
>>> st.validate('this is longer than 10')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "schematics/types/base.py", line 164, in validate
    raise ValidationError(errors)
schematics.exceptions.ValidationError: [u'String value is too long.']
```

Custom types

If the types provided by the schematics library don't meet all of your needs, you can also create new types. Do so by extending `schematics.types.BaseType`, and decide which based methods you need to override.

to_native

By default, this method on `schematics.types.BaseType` just returns the primitive value it was given. Override this if you want to convert it to a specific native value. For example, suppose we are implementing a type that represents the net-location portion of a URL, which consists of a hostname and optional port number:

```
>>> from schematics.types import BaseType
>>> class NetlocType(BaseType):
...     def to_native(self, value):
...         if ':' in value:
...             return tuple(value.split(':', 1))
...         return (value, None)
```

to_primitive

By default, this method on `schematics.types.BaseType` just returns the native value it was given. Override this to convert any non-primitive values to primitive data values. The following types can pass through safely:

- int
- float
- bool
- basestring
- NoneType
- lists or dicts of any of the above or containing other similarly constrained lists or dicts

To cover values that fall outside of these definitions, define a primitive conversion:

```
>>> from schematics.types import BaseType
>>> class NetlocType(BaseType):
...     def to_primitive(self, value):
...         host, port = value
...         if port:
...             return u'{0}:{1}'.format(host, port)
...         return host
```

validation

The base implementation of *validate* runs individual validators defined:

- At type class definition time, as methods named in a specific way
- At instantiation time as arguments to the type's init method.

The second type is explained by `schematics.types.BaseType`, so we'll focus on the first option.

Declared validation methods take names of the form *validate_constraint(self, value)*, where *constraint* is an arbitrary name you give to the check being performed. If the check fails, then the method should raise `schematics.exceptions.ValidationError`:

```
>>> from schematics.exceptions import ValidationError
>>> from schematics.types import BaseType
>>> class NetlocType(BaseType):
...     def validate_netloc(self, value):
...         if ':' not in value:
...             raise ValidationError('Value must be a valid net location of the form␣
↪host[:port]')
```

However, schematics types do define an organized way to define and manage coded error messages. By defining a *MESSAGES* dict, you can assign error messages to your constraint name. Then the message is available as *self.message['my_constraint']* in validation methods. Sub-classes can add messages for new codes or replace messages for existing codes. However, they will inherit messages for error codes defined by base classes.

So, to enhance the prior example:

```
>>> from schematics.exceptions import ValidationError
>>> from schematics.types import BaseType
>>> class NetlocType(BaseType):
...     MESSAGES = {
...         'netloc': 'Value must be a valid net location of the form host[:port]'
```

```
...     }
...     def validate_netloc(self, value):
...         if ':' not in value:
...             raise ValidationError(self.messages['netloc'])
```

Parameterizing types

There may be times when you want to override *__init__* and parameterize your type. When you do so, just ensure two things:

- Don't redefine any of the initialization parameters defined for `schematics.types.BaseType`.
- After defining your specific parameters, ensure that the base parameters are given to the base init method. The simplest way to ensure this is to accept **args* and ***kwargs* and pass them through to the super init method, like so:

```
>>> from schematics.types import BaseType
>>> class NetlocType(BaseType):
...     def __init__(self, verify_location=False, *args, **kwargs):
...         super(NetlocType, self).__init__(*args, **kwargs)
...         self.verify_location = verify_location
```

More Information

To learn more about **Types**, visit the *Types API*

Models

Schematics models are the next form of structure above types. They are a collection of types in a class. When a *Type* is given a name inside a *Model*, it is called a *field*.

Simple Model

Let's say we want to build a social network for weather. At its core, we'll need a way to represent some temperature information and where that temperature was found.

```
import datetime
from schematics.models import Model
from schematics.types import StringType, DecimalType, DateTimeType

class WeatherReport(Model):
    city = StringType()
    temperature = DecimalType()
    taken_at = DateTimeType(default=datetime.datetime.now)
```

That'll do. Let's try using it.

```
>>> wr = WeatherReport({'city': 'NYC', 'temperature': 80})
>>> wr.temperature
Decimal('80.0')
```

And remember that `DateTimeType` we set a default callable for?

```
>>> wr.taken_at
datetime.datetime(2013, 8, 21, 13, 6, 38, 11883)
```

Model Configuration

Models offer a few configuration options. Options are attached in the form of a class.

```
class Whatever(Model):
    ...
    class Options:
        option = value
```

`namespace` is a namespace identifier that can be used with persistence layers.

```
class Whatever(Model):
    ...
    class Options:
        namespace = "whatever_bucket"
```

`roles` is a dictionary that stores whitelists and blacklists.

```
class Whatever(Model):
    ...
    class Options:
        roles = {
            'public': whitelist('some', 'fields'),
            'owner': blacklist('some', 'internal', 'stuff'),
        }
```

`serialize_when_none` can be `True` or `False`. It's behavior is explained here: *Serialize When None*.

```
class Whatever(Model):
    ...
    class Options:
        serialize_when_none = False
```

Model Mocking

Testing typically involves creating lots of fake (but plausible) objects. Good tests use random values so that multiple tests can run in parallel without overwriting each other. Great tests exercise many possible valid input values to make sure the code being tested can deal with various combinations.

Schematics models can help you write great tests by automatically generating mock objects. Starting with our `WeatherReport` model from earlier:

```
class WeatherReport(Model):
    city = StringType()
    temperature = DecimalType()
    taken_at = DateTimeType(default=datetime.datetime.now)
```

we can ask Schematic to generate a mock object with reasonable values:

```
>>> WeatherReport.get_mock_object().to_primitive()
{'city': u'zLmeEt7OAGOWI', 'temperature': u'8', 'taken_at': '2014-05-06T17:34:56.
↪396280'}
```

If you've set a constraint on a field that the mock can't satisfy - such as putting a `max_length` on a URL field so that it's too small to hold a randomly-generated URL - then `get_mock_object` will raise a `MockCreationError` exception:

```
from schematics.types import URLType

class OverlyStrict(Model):
    url = URLType(max_length=11, required=True)

>>> OverlyStrict.get_mock_object()
...
schematics.exceptions.MockCreationError: url: This field is too short to hold the␣
↪mock data
```

More Information

To learn more about **Models**, visit the *Models API*

Exporting

To export data is to go from the Schematics representation of data to some other form. It's also possible you want to adjust some things along the way, such as skipping over some fields or providing empty values for missing fields.

The general mechanism for data export is to call a function on every field in the model. The function probably converts the field's value to some other format, but you can easily modify it.

We'll use the following model for the examples:

```
from schematics.models import Model
from schematics.types import StringType, DateTimeType
from schematics.transforms import blacklist

class Movie(Model):
    name = StringType()
    director = StringType()
    release_date = DateTimeType
    personal_thoughts = StringType()
    class Options:
        roles = {'public': blacklist('personal_thoughts')}
```

Terminology

To *serialize* data is to convert from the way it's represented in Schematics to some other form. That might be a reduction of the `Model` into a `dict`, but it might also be more complicated.

A field can be serialized if it is an instance of `BaseType` or if a function is wrapped with the `@serializable` decorator.

A `Model` instance may be serialized with a particular *context*. A context is a `dict` passed through the model to each of its fields. A field may use values from the context to alter how it is serialized.

Converting Data

To export data is basically to convert from one form to another. Schematics can convert data into simple Python types or a language agnostic format. We refer to the native serialization as *to_native*, but we refer to the language agnostic format as *primitive*, since it has removed all dependencies on Python.

Native Types

The fields in a model attempt to use the best Python representation of data whenever possible. For example, the DateTimeType will use Python's `datetime.datetime` module.

You can reduce a model into the native Python types by calling `to_native`.

```
>>> trainspotting = Movie()
>>> trainspotting.name = u'Trainspotting'
>>> trainspotting.director = u'Danny Boyle'
>>> trainspotting.release_date = datetime.datetime(1996, 7, 19, 0, 0)
>>> trainspotting.personal_thoughts = 'This movie was great!'
>>> trainspotting.to_native()
{
  'name': u'Trainspotting',
  'director': u'Danny Boyle',
  'release_date': datetime.datetime(1996, 7, 19, 0, 0),
  'personal_thoughts': 'This movie was great!'
}
```

Primitive Types

To present data to clients we have the `Model.to_primitive` method. Default behavior is to output the same data you would need to reproduce the model in its current state.

```
>>> trainspotting.to_primitive()
{
  'name': u'Trainspotting',
  'director': u'Danny Boyle',
  'release_date': '1996-07-19T00:00:00.000000',
  'personal_thoughts': 'This movie was great!'
}
```

Great. We got the primitive data back. It would be easy to convert to JSON from here.

```
>>> import json
>>> json.dumps(trainspotting.to_primitive())
'{
   "name": "Trainspotting",
   "director": "Danny Boyle",
   "release_date": "1996-07-19T00:00:00.000000",
   "personal_thoughts": "This movie was great!"
 }'
```

Using Contexts

Sometimes a field needs information about its environment to know how to serialize itself. For example, the `MultilingualStringType` holds several translations of a phrase:

```
>>> class TestModel(Model):
...     mls = MultilingualStringType()
...
>>> mls_test = TestModel({'mls': {
...     'en_US': 'Hello, world!',
...     'fr_FR': 'Bonjour tout le monde!',
...     'es_MX': '¡Hola, mundo!',
... }})
```

In this case, serializing without knowing which localized string to use wouldn't make sense:

```
>>> mls_test.to_primitive()
[...]
schematics.exceptions.ConversionError: [u'No default or explicit locales were given.']
```

Neither does choosing the locale ahead of time, because the same MultilingualStringType field might be serialized several times with different locales inside the same method.

However, it could use information in a *context* to return a useful representation:

```
>>> mls_test.to_primitive(context={'locale': 'en_US'})
{'mls': 'Hello, world!'}
```

This allows us to use the same model instance several times with different contexts:

```
>>> for user, locale in [('Joe', 'en_US'), ('Sue', 'es_MX')]:
...     print '%s says %s' % (user, mls_test.to_primitive(context={'locale': locale})[
↪'mls'])
...
Joe says Hello, world!
Sue says ¡Hola, mundo!
```

Compound Types

Let's complicate things and observe what happens with data exporting. First, we'll define a collection which will have a list of `Movie` instances.

First, let's instantiate another movie.

```
>>> total_recall = Movie()
>>> total_recall.name = u'Total Recall'
>>> total_recall.director = u'Paul Verhoeven'
>>> total_recall.release_date = datetime.datetime(1990, 6, 1, 0, 0)
>>> total_recall.personal_thoughts = 'Old classic.  Still love it.'
```

Now, let's define a collection, which has a list of movies in it.

```
from schematics.types.compound import ListType, ModelType

class Collection(Model):
    name = StringType()
    movies = ListType(ModelType(Movie))
    notes = StringType()
    class Options:
        roles = {'public': blacklist('notes')}
```

Let's instantiate a collection.

```
>>> favorites = Collection()
>>> favorites.name = 'My favorites'
>>> favorites.notes = 'These are some of my favorite movies'
>>> favorites.movies = [trainspotting, total_recall]
```

Here is what happens when we call `to_primitive()` on it.

```
>>> favorites.to_primitive()
{
    'notes': 'These are some of my favorite movies',
    'name': 'My favorites',
    'movies': [{
        'name': u'Trainspotting',
        'director': u'Danny Boyle',
        'personal_thoughts': 'This movie was great!',
        'release_date': '1996-07-19T00:00:00.000000'
    }, {
        'name': u'Total Recall',
        'director': u'Paul Verhoeven',
        'personal_thoughts': 'Old classic.  Still love it.',
        'release_date': '1990-06-01T00:00:00.000000'
    }]
}
```

Customizing Output

Schematics offers many ways to customize the behavior of serilaizataion

Roles

Roles offer a way to specify whether or not a field should be skipped during export. There are many reasons this might be desirable, such as access permissions or to not serialize more data than absolutely necessary.

Roles are implemented as either white lists or black lists where the members of the list are field names.

```
>>> r = blacklist('private_field', 'another_private_field')
```

Imagine we are sending our movie instance to a random person on the Internet. We probably don't want to share our personal thoughts. Recall earlier that we added a role called `public` and gave it a blacklist with `personal_thoughts` listed.

```
class Movie(Model):
    personal_thoughts = StringType()
    ...
    class Options:
        roles = {'public': blacklist('personal_thoughts')}
```

This is what it looks like to use the role, which should simply remove `personal_thoughts` from the export.

```
>>> movie.to_primitive(role='public')
{
    'name': u'Trainspotting',
    'director': u'Danny Boyle',
    'release_date': '1996-07-19T00:00:00.000000'
}
```

This works for compound types too, such as the list of movies in our `Collection` model above.

```
class Collection(Model):
    notes = StringType()
    ...
    class Options:
        roles = {'public': blacklist('notes')}
```

We expect the `personal_thoughts` field to removed from the movie data and we also expect the `notes` field to be removed from the collection data.

```
>>> favorites.to_primitive(role='public')
{
    'name': 'My favorites',
    'movies': [{
        'name': u'Trainspotting',
        'director': u'Danny Boyle',
        'release_date': '1996-07-19T00:00:00.000000'
    }, {
        'name': u'Total Recall',
        'director': u'Paul Verhoeven',
        'release_date': '1990-06-01T00:00:00.000000'
    }]
}
```

If no role is specified, the default behavior is to export all fields. This behavior can be overridden by specifying a `default` role. Renaming the `public` role to `default` in the example above yields equivalent results without having to specify `role` in the export function.

```
>>> favorites.to_primitive()
{
    'name': 'My favorites',
    'movies': [{
        'name': u'Trainspotting',
        'director': u'Danny Boyle',
        'release_date': '1996-07-19T00:00:00.000000'
    }, {
        'name': u'Total Recall',
        'director': u'Paul Verhoeven',
        'release_date': '1990-06-01T00:00:00.000000'
    }]
}
```

Serializable

Earlier we mentioned a `@serializable` decorator. You can write a function that will produce a value used during serialization with a field name matching the function name.

That looks like this:

```
...
from schematics.types.serializable import serializable

class Song(Model):
    name = StringType()
    artist = StringType()
    url = URLType()
```

```
    @serializable
    def id(self):
        return u'%s/%s' % (self.artist, self.name)
```

This is what it looks like to use it.

```
>>> song = Song()
>>> song.artist = 'Fiona Apple'
>>> song.name = 'Werewolf'
>>> song.url = 'http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67KGSJVkix0'
>>> song.id
'Fiona Apple/Werewolf'
```

Or here:

```
>>> song.to_native()
{
    'id': u'Fiona Apple/Werewolf',
    'artist': u'Fiona Apple'
    'name': u'Werewolf',
    'url': u'http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67KGSJVkix0',
}
```

Serialized Name

There are times when you have one name for a field in one place and another name for it somewhere else. Schematics tries to help you by letting you customize the field names used during serialization.

That looks like this:

```
class Person(Model):
    name = StringType(serialized_name='person_name')
```

Notice the effect it has on serialization.

```
>>> p = Person()
>>> p.name = 'Ben Weinman'
>>> p.to_native()
{'person_name': u'Ben Weinman'}
```

Serialize When None

If a value is not required and doesn't have a value, it will serialize with a None value by default. This can be disabled.

```
>>> song = Song()
>>> song.to_native()
{'url': None, 'name': None, 'artist': None}
```

You can disable at the field level like this:

```
class Song(Model):
    name = StringType(serialize_when_none=False)
    artist = StringType()
```

And this produces the following:

```
>>> s = Song()
>>> s.to_native()
{'artist': None}
```

Or you can disable it at the class level:

```
class Song(Model):
    name = StringType()
    artist = StringType()
    class Options:
        serialize_when_none=False
```

Using it:

```
>>> s = Song()
>>> s.to_native()
>>>
```

More Information

To learn more about **Exporting**, visit the *Transforms API*

Importing

The general mechanism for data import is to call a function on every field in the data and coerce it into the most appropriate representation in Python. A date string, for example, would be converted to a `datetime.datetime`.

Perhaps we're writing a web API that receives song data. Let's model the song.

```
class Song(Model):
    name = StringType()
    artist = StringType()
    url = URLType()
```

This is what successful validation of the data looks like.

```
>>> song_json = '{"url": "http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67KGSJVkix0", "name":
↪"Werewolf", "artist": "Fiona Apple"}'
>>> fiona_song = Song(json.loads(song_json))
>>> fiona_song.url
u'http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67KGSJVkix0'
```

Compound Types

We could define a simple collection of songs like this:

```
class Collection(Model):
    songs = ListType(ModelType(Song))
```

Some JSON data for this type of a model might look like this:

```
>>> songs_json = '{"songs": [{"url": "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeBFEanVsp4",
↪"name": "When I Lost My Bet", "artist": "Dillinger Escape Plan"}, {"url": "http://
↪www.youtube.com/watch?v=67KGSJVkix0", "name": "Werewolf", "artist": "Fiona Apple"}]}
↪'
```

The collection has a list of models for songs, so when we import that list, that data should be converted to model instances.

```
>>> song_collection = Collection(json.loads(songs_json))
>>> song_collection.songs[0]
<Song: Song object>
>>> song_collection.songs[0].artist
u'Dillinger Escape Plan'
```

More Information

To learn more about **Importing**, visit the *Transforms API*

Validation

To validate data in Schematics is to have both a data model and some input data. The data model describes what valid data looks like in different forms.

Here's a quick glance and some of the ways you can tweak validation.

```
>>> from schematics.models import Model
>>> from schematics.types import StringType
>>> class Person(Model):
...     name = StringType()
...     bio = StringType(required=True)
...
>>> p = Person()
>>> p.name = 'Paul Eipper'
>>> p.validate()
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ModelValidationError: {'bio': [u'This field is required.']}
```

Validation Errors

Validation failures throw an exception called `ValidationError`. A description of what failed is stored in `messages`, which is a dictionary keyed by the field name with a list of reasons the field failed.

```
>>> from schematics.exceptions import ValidationError
>>> try:
...     p.validate()
... except ValidationError, e:
...     print e.messages
{'bio': [u'This field is required.']}
```

Extending Validation

Validation for both types and models can be extended. Whatever validation system you require is probably expressable via Schematics.

Type-level Validation

Here is a function that checks if a string is uppercase and throws a `ValidationError` if it is not.

```
>>> from schematics.exceptions import ValidationError
>>> def is_uppercase(value):
...     if value.upper() != value:
...         raise ValidationError(u'Please speak up!')
...     return value
...
```

And we can attach it to our StringType like this:

```
>>> class Person(Model):
...     name = StringType(validators=[is_uppercase])
...
```

Using it is built into validation.

```
>>> me = Person({'name': u'Jökull'})
>>> me.validate()
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ModelValidationError: {'name': [u'Please speak up!']}
```

It is also possible to define new types with custom validation by subclassing a type, like `BaseType`, and implementing instance methods that start with `validate_`.

```
>>> from schematics.exceptions import ValidationError
>>> class UppercaseType(StringType):
...     def validate_uppercase(self, value):
...         if value.upper() != value:
...             raise ValidationError("Value must be uppercase!")
...
```

Just like before, using it is now built in.

```
>>> class Person(Model):
...     name = UppercaseType()
...
>>> me = Person({'name': u'Jökull'})
>>> me.validate()
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ModelValidationError: {'name': ['Value must be uppercase!']}
```

Model-level Validation

What about field validation based on other model data? The order in which fields are declared is preserved inside the model. So if the validity of a field depends on another field's value, just make sure to declare it below its dependencies:

```
>>> from schematics.models import Model
>>> from schematics.types import StringType, BooleanType
>>> from schematics.exceptions import ValidationError
>>>
>>> class Signup(Model):
...     name = StringType()
...     call_me = BooleanType(default=False)
...     def validate_call_me(self, data, value):
...         if data['name'] == u'Brad' and data['call_me'] is True:
...             raise ValidationError(u'He prefers email.')
...         return value
...
>>> Signup({'name': u'Brad'}).validate()
>>> Signup({'name': u'Brad', 'call_me': True}).validate()
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ModelValidationError: {'call_me': [u'He prefers email.']}
```

More Information

To learn more about **Validation**, visit the *Validation API*

Models

class schematics.models.**FieldDescriptor**(*name*)
The FieldDescriptor serves as a wrapper for Types that converts them into fields.

A field is then the merger of a Type and it's Model.

class schematics.models.**Model**(*raw_data=None*, *deserialize_mapping=None*, *strict=True*)
Enclosure for fields and validation. Same pattern deployed by Django models, SQLAlchemy declarative extension and other developer friendly libraries.

Initial field values can be passed in as keyword arguments to __init__ to initialize the object with. Can raise ConversionError if it is not possible to convert the raw data into richer Python constructs.

classmethod allow_none(*field*)
Inspects a field and class for serialize_when_none setting.

The setting defaults to the value of the class. A field can override the class setting with it's own serialize_when_none setting.

atoms()
Iterator for the atomic components of a model definition and relevant data that creates a threeple of the field's name, the instance of it's type, and it's value.

convert(*raw_data*, ***kw*)
Converts the raw data into richer Python constructs according to the fields on the model

Parameters **raw_data** – The data to be converted

flatten(*role=None*, *prefix=''*)
Return data as a pure key-value dictionary, where the values are primitive types (string, bool, int, long).

Parameters

- **role** – Filter output by a specific role

- **prefix** – A prefix to use for keynames during flattening.

classmethod get_mock_object(*context=None*, *overrides=None*)
Get a mock object.

Parameters

- **context** (*dict*) –
- **overrides** (*dict*) – overrides for the model

import_data(*raw_data*, ***kw*)
Converts and imports the raw data into the instance of the model according to the fields in the model.

Parameters **raw_data** – The data to be imported.

to_primitive(*role=None*, *context=None*)
Return data as it would be validated. No filtering of output unless role is defined.

Parameters **role** – Filter output by a specific role

validate(*partial=False*, *strict=False*)
Validates the state of the model and adding additional untrusted data as well. If the models is invalid, raises ValidationError with error messages.

Parameters

- **partial** – Allow partial data to validate; useful for PATCH requests. Essentially drops the `required=True` arguments from field definitions. Default: False
- **strict** – Complain about unrecognized keys. Default: False

class schematics.models.**ModelMeta**
Meta class for Models.

class schematics.models.**ModelOptions**(*klass*, *namespace=None*, *roles=None*, *serialize_when_none=True*, *fields_order=None*)
This class is a container for all metaclass configuration options. Its primary purpose is to create an instance of a model's options for every instance of a model.

Usage

To learn more about how **Models** are used, visit *Using Models*

Validation

schematics.validate.**validate**(*cls*, *instance_or_dict*, *partial=False*, *strict=False*, *context=None*)
Validate some untrusted data using a model. Trusted data can be passed in the *context* parameter.

Parameters

- **cls** – The model class to use as source for validation. If given an instance, will also run instance-level validators on the data.
- **instance_or_dict** – A `dict` or `dict`-like structure for incoming data.
- **partial** – Allow partial data to validate; useful for PATCH requests. Essentially drops the `required=True` arguments from field definitions. Default: False
- **strict** – Complain about unrecognized keys. Default: False
- **context** – A `dict`-like structure that may contain already validated data.

Returns data data dict contains the valid raw_data plus the context data. If errors are found, they are raised as a ValidationError with a list of errors attached.

Usage

To learn more about how **Validation** is used, visit *Using Validation*

Transforms

class `schematics.transforms.`**`Role`**(*function*, *fields*)

A `Role` object can be used to filter specific fields against a sequence.

The `Role` is two things: a set of names and a function. The function describes how filter taking a field name as input and then returning either `True` or `False`, indicating that field should or should not be skipped.

A `Role` can be operated on as a `Set` object representing the fields is has an opinion on. When Roles are combined with other roles, the filtering behavior of the first role is used.

static `blacklist`(*name*, *value*, *seq*)

Implements the behavior of a blacklist by requesting a field be skipped whenever it's name is found in the list of fields.

Parameters

- **`k`** – The field name to inspect.
- **`v`** – The field's value.
- **`seq`** – The list of fields associated with the `Role`.

static `whitelist`(*name*, *value*, *seq*)

Implements the behavior of a whitelist by requesting a field be skipped whenever it's name is not in the list of fields.

Parameters

- **`name`** – The field name to inspect.
- **`value`** – The field's value.
- **`seq`** – The list of fields associated with the `Role`.

static `wholelist`(*name*, *value*, *seq*)

Accepts a field name, value, and a field list. This functions implements acceptance of all fields by never requesting a field be skipped, thus returns False for all input.

Parameters

- **`name`** – The field name to inspect.
- **`value`** – The field's value.
- **`seq`** – The list of fields associated with the `Role`.

`schematics.transforms.`**`allow_none`**(*cls*, *field*)

This function inspects a model and a field for a setting either at the model or field level for the `serialize_when_none` setting.

The setting defaults to the value of the class. A field can override the class setting with it's own `serialize_when_none` setting.

Parameters

- **cls** – The model definition.
- **field** – The field in question.

schematics.transforms.**atoms**(*cls*, *instance_or_dict*)

Iterator for the atomic components of a model definition and relevant data that creates a threeple of the field's name, the instance of it's type, and it's value.

Parameters

- **cls** – The model definition.
- **instance_or_dict** – The structure where fields from cls are mapped to values. The only expectionation for this structure is that it implements a `dict` interface.

schematics.transforms.**blacklist**(**field_list*)

Returns a function that operates as a blacklist for the provided list of fields.

A blacklist is a list of fields explicitly named that are not allowed.

schematics.transforms.**expand**(*data*, *context=None*)

Expands a flattened structure into it's corresponding layers. Essentially, it is the counterpart to `flatten_to_dict`.

Parameters

- **data** – The data to expand.
- **context** – Existing expanded data that this function use for output

schematics.transforms.**export_loop**(*cls*, *instance_or_dict*, *field_converter*, *role=None*, *raise_error_on_role=False*, *print_none=False*)

The export_loop function is intended to be a general loop definition that can be used for any form of data shaping, such as application of roles or how a field is transformed.

Parameters

- **cls** – The model definition.
- **instance_or_dict** – The structure where fields from cls are mapped to values. The only expectionation for this structure is that it implements a `dict` interface.
- **field_converter** – This function is applied to every field found in `instance_or_dict`.
- **role** – The role used to determine if fields should be left out of the transformation.
- **raise_error_on_role** – This parameter enforces strict behavior which requires sub-structures to have the same role definition as their parent structures.
- **print_none** – This function overrides `serialize_when_none` values found either on `cls` or an instance.

schematics.transforms.**flatten**(*cls*, *instance_or_dict*, *role=None*, *raise_error_on_role=True*, *ignore_none=True*, *prefix=None*, *context=None*)

Produces a flat dictionary representation of the model. Flat, in this context, means there is only one level to the dictionary. Multiple layers are represented by the structure of the key.

Example:

```
>>> class Foo(Model):
...     s = StringType()
...     l = ListType(StringType)
```

```
>>> f = Foo()
>>> f.s = 'string'
>>> f.l = ['jms', 'was here', 'and here']
```

```
>>> flatten(Foo, f)
{'s': 'string', u'l.1': 'jms', u'l.0': 'was here', u'l.2': 'and here'}
```

Parameters

- **cls** – The model definition.
- **instance_or_dict** – The structure where fields from cls are mapped to values. The only expectionation for this structure is that it implements a `dict` interface.
- **role** – The role used to determine if fields should be left out of the transformation.
- **raise_error_on_role** – This parameter enforces strict behavior which requires substructures to have the same role definition as their parent structures.
- **ignore_none** – This ignores any `serialize_when_none` settings and forces the empty fields to be printed as part of the flattening. Default: True
- **prefix** – This puts a prefix in front of the field names during flattening. Default: None

schematics.transforms.**flatten_to_dict**(*instance_or_dict*, *prefix=None*, *ignore_none=True*)

Flattens an iterable structure into a single layer dictionary.

For example:

{ ‘s’: ‘jms was hrrr’, ‘l’: [’jms was here’, ‘here’, ‘and here’]

}

becomes

{ ‘s’: ‘jms was hrrr’, u’l.1’: ‘here’, u’l.0’: ‘jms was here’, u’l.2’: ‘and here’

}

Parameters

- **instance_or_dict** – The structure where fields from cls are mapped to values. The only expectionation for this structure is that it implements a `dict` interface.
- **ignore_none** – This ignores any `serialize_when_none` settings and forces the empty fields to be printed as part of the flattening. Default: True
- **prefix** – This puts a prefix in front of the field names during flattening. Default: None

schematics.transforms.**import_loop**(*cls*, *instance_or_dict*, *field_converter*, *context=None*, *partial=False*, *strict=False*, *mapping=None*)

The import loop is designed to take untrusted data and convert it into the native types, as described in `cls`. It does this by calling `field_converter` on every field.

Errors are aggregated and returned by throwing a `ModelConversionError`.

Parameters

- **cls** – The class for the model.
- **instance_or_dict** – A dict of data to be converted into types according to `cls`.

- **field_convert** – This function is applied to every field found in instance_or_dict.
- **context** – A dict-like structure that may contain already validated data.
- **partial** – Allow partial data to validate; useful for PATCH requests. Essentially drops the required=True arguments from field definitions. Default: False
- **strict** – Complain about unrecognized keys. Default: False

schematics.transforms.**sort_dict**(*dct*, *based_on*)

Sorts provided dictionary based on order of keys provided in based_on list.

Order is not guarantied in case if dct has keys that are not present in based_on

Parameters

- **dct** – Dictionary to be sorted.
- **based_on** – List of keys in order that resulting dictionary should have.

Returns OrderedDict with keys in the same order as provided based_on.

schematics.transforms.**to_primitive**(*cls*, *instance_or_dict*, *role=None*, *raise_error_on_role=True*, *context=None*)

Implements serialization as a mechanism to convert Model instances into dictionaries keyed by field_names with the converted data as the values.

The conversion is done by calling to_primitive on both model and field instances.

Parameters

- **cls** – The model definition.
- **instance_or_dict** – The structure where fields from cls are mapped to values. The only expectionation for this structure is that it implements a dict interface.
- **role** – The role used to determine if fields should be left out of the transformation.
- **raise_error_on_role** – This parameter enforces strict behavior which requires sub-structures to have the same role definition as their parent structures.

schematics.transforms.**whitelist**(**field_list*)

Returns a function that operates as a whitelist for the provided list of fields.

A whitelist is a list of fields explicitly named that are allowed.

schematics.transforms.**wholelist**(**field_list*)

Returns a function that evicts nothing. Exists mainly to be an explicit allowance of all fields instead of a using an empty blacklist.

Usage

To learn more about how **Transforms** are used, visit *Using Importing* and *Using Exporting*

Types

class schematics.types.base.**BaseType**(*required=False*, *default=None*, *serialized_name=None*, *choices=None*, *validators=None*, *deserialize_from=None*, *serialize_when_none=None*, *messages=None*)

A base class for Types in a Schematics model. Instances of this class may be added to subclasses of Model to

define a model schema.

Validators that need to access variables on the instance can be defined be implementing methods whose names start with `validate_` and accept one parameter (in addition to `self`)

Parameters

- **required** – Invalidate field when value is None or is not supplied. Default: False.
- **default** – When no data is provided default to this value. May be a callable. Default: None.
- **serialized_name** – The name of this field defaults to the class attribute used in the model. However if the field has another name in foreign data set this argument. Serialized data will use this value for the key name too.
- **deserialize_from** – A name or list of named fields for which foreign data sets are searched to provide a value for the given field. This only effects inbound data.
- **choices** – A list of valid choices. This is the last step of the validator chain.
- **validators** – A list of callables. Each callable receives the value after it has been converted into a rich python type. Default: []
- **serialize_when_none** – Dictates if the field should appear in the serialized data even if the value is None. Default: True
- **messages** – Override the error messages with a dict. You can also do this by subclassing the Type and defining a *MESSAGES* dict attribute on the class. A metaclass will merge all the *MESSAGES* and override the resulting dict with instance level *messages* and assign to *self.messages*.

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'required': 'This field is required.'}

allow_none()

default

mock(*context=None*)

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)
Convert untrusted data to a richer Python construct.

to_primitive(*value*, *context=None*)
Convert internal data to a value safe to serialize.

validate(*value*)
Validate the field and return a clean value or raise a `ValidationError` with a list of errors raised by the validation chain. Stop the validation process from continuing through the validators by raising `StopValidation` instead of `ValidationError`.

validate_choices(*value*)

validate_required(*value*)

class schematics.types.base.**BooleanType**(*required=False*, *default=None*, *serialized_name=None*, *choices=None*, *validators=None*, *deserialize_from=None*, *serialize_when_none=None*, *messages=None*)

A boolean field type. In addition to `True` and `False`, coerces these values:

•For `True`: "True", "true", "1"

•For `False`: "False", "false", "0"

FALSE_VALUES = ('False', 'false', '0')

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'required': 'This field is required.'}

TRUE_VALUES = ('True', 'true', '1')

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

class schematics.types.base.**DateTimeType**(*formats=None*, *serialized_format=None*, ***kwargs*)
Defaults to converting to and from ISO8601 datetime values.

Parameters

- **formats** – A value or list of values suitable for `datetime.datetime.strptime` parsing. Default: *('%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.%f', '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S', '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.%fZ', '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%SZ')*
- **serialized_format** – The output format suitable for Python `strftime`. Default: `'%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.%f'`

DEFAULT_FORMATS = ('%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.%f', '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S', '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'parse_formats': 'Could not parse {0}. Valid formats: {1}', 'parse': '

SERIALIZED_FORMAT = '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.%f'

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

to_primitive(*value*, *context=None*)

class schematics.types.base.**DateType**(***kwargs*)
Defaults to converting to and from ISO8601 date values.

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'parse': 'Could not parse {0}. Should be ISO8601 (YYYY-MM-DD).'

SERIALIZED_FORMAT = '%Y-%m-%d'

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

to_primitive(*value*, *context=None*)

class schematics.types.base.**DecimalType**(*min_value=None*, *max_value=None*, ***kwargs*)
A fixed-point decimal number field.

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'number_coerce': "Number '{0}' failed to convert to a decimal.", 'nu

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

to_primitive(*value*, *context=None*)

validate_range(*value*)

class schematics.types.base.**EmailType**(*regex=None*, *max_length=None*, *min_length=None*, ***kwargs*)
A field that validates input as an E-Mail-Address.

EMAIL_REGEX = re.compile('(^[-!#$%&\'*+/=?^_`{}|~0-9A-Z]+(\\.[-!#$%&\'*+/=?^_`{}|~0-9A-Z]+)*|^"([\\001-\\010\\013

MESSAGES = {'min_length': 'String value is too short.', 'max_length': 'String value is too long.', 'regex': 'String value di

validate_email(*value*)

class schematics.types.base.**FloatType**(**args*, ***kwargs*)
A field that validates input as a Float

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'number_max': '{0} value should be less than {1}.', 'number_min': '

class schematics.types.base.**GeoPointType**(*required=False*, *default=None*, *serialized_name=None*, *choices=None*, *validators=None*, *deserialize_from=None*, *serialize_when_none=None*, *messages=None*)

A list storing a latitude and longitude.

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'required': 'This field is required.'}

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

Make sure that a geo-value is of type (x, y)

class schematics.types.base.**HashType**(*required=False*, *default=None*, *serialized_name=None*, *choices=None*, *validators=None*, *deserialize_from=None*, *serialize_when_none=None*, *messages=None*)

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'hash_hex': 'Hash value is not hexadecimal.', 'required': 'This field i

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

class schematics.types.base.**IPv4Type**(*required=False*, *default=None*, *serialized_name=None*, *choices=None*, *validators=None*, *deserialize_from=None*, *serialize_when_none=None*, *messages=None*)

A field that stores a valid IPv4 address

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'required': 'This field is required.'}

classmethod valid_ip(*addr*)

validate(*value*)

Make sure the value is a IPv4 address: http://stackoverflow.com/questions/9948833/validate-ip-address-from-list

class schematics.types.base.**IntType**(**args*, ***kwargs*)

A field that validates input as an Integer

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'number_max': '{0} value should be less than {1}.', 'number_min': '

class schematics.types.base.**LongType**(**args*, ***kwargs*)

A field that validates input as a Long

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'number_max': '{0} value should be less than {1}.', 'number_min': '

class schematics.types.base.**MD5Type**(*required=False*, *default=None*, *serialized_name=None*, *choices=None*, *validators=None*, *deserialize_from=None*, *serialize_when_none=None*, *messages=None*)

A field that validates input as resembling an MD5 hash.

LENGTH = 32

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'hash_hex': 'Hash value is not hexadecimal.', 'required': 'This field i

class schematics.types.base.**MultilingualStringType**(*regex=None*, *max_length=None*, *min_length=None*, *default_locale=None*, *locale_regex='^[a-z]{2}(:?_[A-Z]{2})?$'*, ***kwargs*)

A multilanguage string field, stored as a dict with {'locale': 'localized_value'}.

Minimum and maximum lengths apply to each of the localized values.

At least one of `default_locale` or `context['locale']` must be defined when calling `.to_primitive`.

LOCALE_REGEX = '^[a-z]{2}(:?_[A-Z]{2})?$'

MESSAGES = {'max_length': 'String value in locale {0} is too long.', 'regex_locale': 'Name of locale {0} did not match vali

allow_casts = (<class 'int'>, <class 'str'>)

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)
Make sure a MultilingualStringType value is a dict or None.

to_primitive(*value*, *context=None*)
Use a combination of `default_locale` and `context['locale']` to return the best localized string.

validate_length(*value*)

validate_regex(*value*)

class schematics.types.base.**NumberType**(*number_class*, *number_type*, *min_value=None*, *max_value=None*, ***kwargs*)
A number field.

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'number_coerce': "Value '{0}' is not {1}.", 'number_min': '{0} value

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

validate_is_a_number(*value*)

validate_range(*value*)

class schematics.types.base.**SHA1Type**(*required=False*, *default=None*, *serialized_name=None*, *choices=None*, *validators=None*, *deserialize_from=None*, *serialize_when_none=None*, *messages=None*)
A field that validates input as resembling an SHA1 hash.

LENGTH = 40

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'hash_hex': 'Hash value is not hexadecimal.', 'required': 'This field i

class schematics.types.base.**StringType**(*regex=None*, *max_length=None*, *min_length=None*, ***kwargs*)
A unicode string field. Default minimum length is one. If you want to accept empty strings, init with `min_length` 0.

MESSAGES = {'min_length': 'String value is too short.', 'max_length': 'String value is too long.', 'regex': 'String value di

allow_casts = (<class 'int'>, <class 'str'>)

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

validate_length(*value*)

validate_regex(*value*)

class schematics.types.base.**TypeMeta**
Meta class for BaseType. Merges *MESSAGES* dict and accumulates validator methods.

class schematics.types.base.**URLType**(*verify_exists=False*, ***kwargs*)
A field that validates input as an URL.

If verify_exists=True is passed the validate function will make sure the URL makes a valid connection.

MESSAGES = {'invalid_url': 'Not a well formed URL.', 'min_length': 'String value is too short.', 'max_length': 'String va

URL_REGEX = re.compile('^https?://(?:(?:[A-Z0-9](?:[A-Z0-9-]{0,2000}[A-Z0-9])?\\.)+[A-Z]{2,63}\\.?|localhost|\\d{1,3}\\.

validate_url(*value*)

class schematics.types.base.**UUIDType**(*required=False*, *default=None*, *serialized_name=None*, *choices=None*, *validators=None*, *deserialize_from=None*, *serialize_when_none=None*, *messages=None*)

A field that stores a valid UUID value.

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'convert': "Couldn't interpret '{0}' value as UUID.", 'required': 'Thi

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

to_primitive(*value*, *context=None*)

schematics.types.base.**fill_template**(*template*, *min_length*, *max_length*)

schematics.types.base.**force_unicode**(*obj*, *encoding='utf-8'*)

schematics.types.base.**get_range_endpoints**(*min_length*, *max_length*, *padding=0*, *required_length=0*)

schematics.types.base.**get_value_in**(*min_length*, *max_length*, *padding=0*, *required_length=0*)

schematics.types.base.**random_string**(*length*, *chars='abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVW*

schematics.types.base.**utf8_decode**(*s*)

class schematics.types.compound.**DictType**(*field*, *coerce_key=None*, ***kwargs*)

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'required': 'This field is required.'}

export_loop(*dict_instance*, *field_converter*, *role=None*, *print_none=False*)

Loops over each item in the model and applies either the field transform or the multitype transform. Essentially functions the same as *transforms.export_loop*.

model_class

to_native(*value*, *safe=False*, *context=None*)

validate_items(*items*)

class schematics.types.compound.**ListType**(*field*, *min_size=None*, *max_size=None*, ***kwargs*)

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'required': 'This field is required.'}

check_length(*value*)

export_loop(*list_instance*, *field_converter*, *role=None*, *print_none=False*)

Loops over each item in the model and applies either the field transform or the multitype transform. Essentially functions the same as *transforms.export_loop*.

model_class

to_native(*value*, *context=None*)

validate_items(*items*)

class schematics.types.compound.**ModelType**(*model_class*, ***kwargs*)

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'required': 'This field is required.'}

export_loop(*model_instance*, *field_converter*, *role=None*, *print_none=False*)

Calls the main *export_loop* implementation because they are both supposed to operate on models.

to_native(*value*, *mapping=None*, *context=None*)

class schematics.types.compound.**MultiType**(*required=False*, *default=None*, *serialized_name=None*, *choices=None*, *validators=None*, *deserialize_from=None*, *serialize_when_none=None*, *messages=None*)

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'required': 'This field is required.'}

export_loop(*shape_instance*, *field_converter*, *role=None*, *print_none=False*)

init_compound_field(*field*, *compound_field*, ***kwargs*)
Some of non-BaseType fields requires *field* arg. Not avoid name conflict, provide it as *compound_field*. Example:

comments = ListType(DictType, compound_field=StringType)

validate(*value*)
Report dictionary of errors with lists of errors as values of each key. Used by ModelType and ListType.

class schematics.types.compound.**PolyModelType**(*model_classes*, ***kwargs*)

MESSAGES = {'choices': 'Value must be one of {0}.', 'required': 'This field is required.'}

export_loop(*model_instance*, *field_converter*, *role=None*, *print_none=False*)

find_model(*data*)
Finds the intended type by consulting potential classes or *claim_function*.

is_allowed_model(*model_instance*)

to_native(*value*, *mapping=None*, *context=None*)

schematics.types.compound.**get_all_subclasses**(*cls*)

Usage

To learn more about how **Types** are used, visit *Using Types*

Contrib

CHAPTER 8

Development

We welcome ideas and code. We ask that you follow some of our guidelines though.

See the *Developer's Guide* for more information.

Developer's Guide

Schematics development is lead by James Dennis, but this project is very much a sum of the work done by a community.

List of Contributors

```
$ cd schematics
$ git shortlog -sn
```

Schematics has a few design choices that are both explicit and implicit. We care about these decisions and have probably debated them on the mailing list. We ask that you honor those and make them known in this document.

Get the code

Please see the *Installing from GitHub* section of the *Install Guide* page for details on how to obtain the Schematics source code.

Tests

Using pytest:

```
$ py.test
```

Writing Documentation

Documentation is essential to helping other people understand, learn, and use Schematics. We would appreciate any help you can offer in contributing documentation to our project.

Schematics uses the .rst (reStructuredText) format for all of our documentation. You can read more about .rst on the reStructuredText Primer page.

Installing Documentation

Just as you verify your code changes in your local environment before committing, you should also verify that your documentation builds and displays properly on your local environment.

First, install Sphinx:

```
$ pip install sphinx
```

Next, run the Docs builder:

```
$ cd docs
$ make html
```

The docs will be placed in the `./_build` folder and you can view them from any standard web browser. (Note: the `./_build` folder is included in the `.gitignore` file to prevent the compiled docs from being included with your commits).

Each time you make changes and want to see them, re-run the Docs builder and refresh the page.

Once the documentation is up to your standards, go ahead and commit it. As with code changes, please be descriptive in your documentation commit messages as it will help others understand the purpose of your adjustment.

Community

Schematics was created in Brooklyn, NY by James Dennis. Since then, the code has been worked on by folks from around the world. If you have ideas, we encourage you to share them!

Special thanks to Hacker School, Plain Vanilla, Quantopian, Apple, Johns Hopkins University, and everyone who has contributed to Schematics.

Bugs & Features

We track bugs, feature requests, and documentation requests with Github Issues.

Mailing list

We discuss the future of Schematics and upcoming changes in detail on schematics-dev.

If you've read the documentation and still haven't found the answer you're looking for, you should reach out to us here too.

Contributing

If you're interested in contributing code or documentation to Schematics, please visit the *Developer's Guide* for instructions.

CHAPTER 9

Testing & Coverage

Run `coverage` and check the missing statements.

```
$ `coverage run --source schematics -m py.test && coverage report`
```

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