
Cassette Documentation

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Cassette stores and replays HTTP requests made in your Python app.

Latest documentation: cassette.readthedocs.org/en/latest/

1.1 Foreword

1.1.1 Similar libraries

Cassette took a lot inspiration from the following packages:

- `vcrpy`: HTTP recording and playback library
- `vcr`: in Ruby

1.1.2 Limitations

Cassette should be considered **alpha**:

- Only tested with `urllib2` and `httplib`
- Does not work with `urllib` and `requests`
- The format used is not compatible with `vcr` or `vcrpy`
- Only tested with Python 2.7
- File format **WILL** change.

1.2 Quickstart

- The first time you run your tests, `cassette` will store all the external requests response in a YAML file.
- Next time you run your tests, `cassette` will fetch those responses from the YAML file. You can now run your tests while being offline.

```
import urllib2
```

```
import cassette
```

```
with cassette.play("data/responses.yaml"):
```

```
    # If the request is not already stored in responses.yaml, cassette
    # will request the URL and store its response in the file.
    r = urllib2.urlopen("http://www.internic.net/domain/named.root")
```

```
# This time, the request response must be in the file. The external  
# request is not made. cassette retrieves the response from the  
# file.  
r = urllib2.urlopen("http://www.internic.net/domain/named.root")
```

```
assert "A.ROOT-SERVERS.NET" in r.read(10000)
```

1.3 Usage

cassette provides a play context:

```
import cassette  
  
with cassette.play("./data/responses.yaml"):  
    urllib2.urlopen("http://...")
```

You can also setup the context manually:

```
import cassette  
  
cassette.insert("./data/responses.yaml")  
urllib2.urlopen("http://...")  
cassette.eject()
```

1.3.1 Storage backend

New in version 0.3.1: Ability to read from a directory.

New in version 0.3.1: Ability to read from JSON files.

cassette supports multiple storage backend:

- File based (all the requests and responses are in the same file)
- Directory based (each request/response is in a single file)

Two formats are supported, JSON (faster) and YAML.

To read from a directory, just provide the path:

```
cassette.insert("./data/", file_format="json")
```

1.3.2 Report which cassettes are not used

New in version 0.3.7: Ability to report which cassettes are not used.

Here's a way to do it:

```
import urllib2  
from cStringIO import StringIO  
  
from cassette.player import Player  
  
def test_report_unused():
```

```
config = {'log_cassette_used': True}
player = Player('./cassette/tests/data/requests/', config=config)
with player.play():
    urllib2.urlopen('http://httpbin.org/get')

content = StringIO()
player.report_unused_cassettes(content)
content.seek(0)
expected = ('httplib_GET_httpbin.org_80__unused.json\n'
            'httplib_GET_httpbin.org_80__unused2.json')
assert content.read() == expected
```

Here's how you would use `teardown` with `pytest` to log those unused cassettes to a file:

```
@pytest.fixture(scope="session", autouse=True)
def report_unused_cassette(request):
    """Report unused cassettes."""
    def func():
        with open('.unused_cassette.log', 'w') as f:
            cassette_player.report_unused_cassettes(f)
    request.addfinalizer(func)
```

You would then `cd` to the directory containing the fixtures, and run:

```
$ xargs rm < ../../../../.unused_cassette.log
```

2.1 API

2.1.1 cassette module

`cassette.eject` (*exc_type=None, exc_value=None, tb=None*)

Remove cassette, unpatching HTTP requests.

`cassette.insert` (*filename, file_format=''*)

Setup cassette.

Parameters `filename` – path to where requests and responses will be stored.

`cassette.play` (**args, **kws*)

Use cassette.

2.1.2 cassette_library module

class `cassette.cassette_library.CassetteLibrary` (*filename, encoder, config=None*)

The `CassetteLibrary` holds the stored requests and manage them.

This is an abstract class that needs to have several methods implemented. In addition, subclasses must store request/response pairs as a keys and values as a dictionary in the property `self.data`

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – filename to use when storing and replaying requests.
- **encoder** (*Encoder*) – the instantiated encoder to use

add_response (*cassette_name, response*)

Add a new response to the mocked response.

Parameters

- **cassette_name** (*str*) –
- **response** –

cassette_name_for_httplib_connection (*host, port, method, url, body, headers*)

Create a cassette name from an `httplib` request.

classmethod create_new_cassette_library (*path, file_format, config=None*)

Return an instantiated `CassetteLibrary`.

Use this method to create new a `CassetteLibrary`. It will automatically determine if it should use a file or directory to back the cassette based on the filename. The method assumes that all file names with an extension (e.g. `/file.json`) are files, and all file names without extensions are directories (e.g. `/requests`).

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – filename of file or directory for storing requests
- **file_format** (*str*) – the `file_format` to use for storing requests
- **config** (*dict*) – configuration

log_cassette_used (*path*)

Log that a path was used.

report_unused_cassettes (*output=<open file '<stdout>', mode 'w' at 0x7fb73b6dd150>*)

Report unused path to a file.

rewind ()

Restore all responses to a re-seekable state.

save_to_cache (*file_hash, data*)

Save a decoded data object into cache.

write_to_file ()

Write the response data to file.

class `cassette.cassette_library.CassetteName`

A `CassetteName` represents an unique way to retrieve the cassette from the library.

classmethod **from_httplib_connection** (*host, port, method, url, body, headers, will_hash_body=False*)

Create an object from an `httplib` request.

class `cassette.cassette_library.DirectoryCassetteLibrary` (**args, **kwargs*)

A `CassetteLibrary` that stores and manages requests with directory.

cassette_name_for_httplib_connection (*host, port, method, url, body, headers*)

Create a cassette name from an `httplib` request.

generate_filename (*cassette_name*)

Generate the filename for a given cassette name.

generate_path_from_cassette_name (*cassette_name*)

Generate the full path to cassette file.

get_all_available ()

Return all available cassette.

write_to_file ()

Write mocked response to a directory of files.

class `cassette.cassette_library.FileCassetteLibrary` (*filename, encoder, config=None*)

Store and manage requests with a single file.

data

Lazily loaded data.

get_all_available ()

Return all available cassette.

load_file ()

Load `MockedResponses` from YAML file.

`write_to_file()`

Write mocked responses to file.

2.1.3 patcher module

`cassette.patcher.patch(cassette_library)`

Replace standard library.

`cassette.patcher.unpatch()`

Unpatch standard library.

2.1.4 unpatched module

`cassette.unpatched.unpatched_httplib_context(*args, **kws)`

Create a context in which httplib is unpatched.

Additional Notes

3.1 Development

3.1.1 Running cassette tests

The quick and dirty way to run tests is through `setup.py`:

```
$ python setup.py test
```

For more involved development, you can create a virtual environment, install `fabric` (`pip install fabric`) then install requirements:

```
$ fab bootstrap
```

Start the test server and run tests:

```
$ fab test
```

Tests spin up a test server to bounce requests off of, but you can run this server manually:

```
$ fab serve_test_server
```

You will see an error about the test server's address being in use, but this is harmless.

3.2 Changelog for Cassette

3.2.1 0.3.8 (2015-04-03)

- Add compatibility with Python 2.7.9

3.2.2 0.3.7 (2015-03-12)

- Add ability to report on unused cassette.

3.2.3 0.3.6 (2014-10-31)

- Fix `NameError` when using `UL3CassetteHTTPConnection` (thanks to @carolinevdh)

- Fix HTTP Response to use cStringIO, adding Unicode support (thanks to @carolinevdh)

3.2.4 0.3.5 (2014-08-28)

- Fix error closing HTTPConnections directly

3.2.5 0.3.4 (2014-08-27)

- Improve backward compatibility with 0.3.2

3.2.6 0.3.3 (2014-08-27)

- Added support for *requests*. Note that libraries are not necessarily cross compatible-requests cached with *urllib2* may not work with *requests* and vice versa.

3.2.7 0.3.2 (2014-06-26)

- Handle absent headers with httplib (thanks to @blampe)

3.2.8 0.3.1 (2014-06-04)

- Add the ability to read from a directory instead of from a single file (thanks to @anthonysutardja)

3.2.9 0.3 (2014-03-18)

- Respect request headers in cassette name. Requires regenerating cassette files.

3.2.10 0.2 (2013-05-14)

- Get rid of urlopen mocking, mock only at httplib level to circumvent the problem with urlopen raising exceptions when getting non-2XX codes
- Clean up the docs, streamline their structure
- **This is a backward incompatible release**, you'll need to delete your YAML file.

3.2.11 0.1.13 (2013-05-13)

- Fix binary file downloading (thanks to @twolfson)

3.2.12 0.1.12 (2013-04-26)

- Add performance tests (courtesy of @twolfson)
- Cache the loaded file content to achieve significant performance improvements (thanks to @twolfson)

3.2.13 0.1.11 (2013-04-11)

- Lazily load YAML file

3.2.14 0.1.11 (2013-04-11)

- Started tracking changes

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