
attr-utils

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Utilities to augment attrs.

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Installation

1.1 from PyPI

```
$ python3 -m pip install attr_utils --user
```

1.2 from Anaconda

First add the required channels

```
$ conda config --add channels https://conda.anaconda.org/conda-forge  
$ conda config --add channels https://conda.anaconda.org/domdfcoding
```

Then install

```
$ conda install attr_utils
```

1.3 from GitHub

```
$ python3 -m pip install git+https://github.com/domdfcoding/attr_utils@master --user
```

Attention: In v0.6.0 and above the *pprinter* module requires the pprint extra to be installed:

```
python -m pip install attr-utils[pprint]
```


Overview

`attr_utils` provides both utility functions and two Sphinx extensions: `attr_utils.annotations` and `attr_utils.autoattrs`.

Enable the extensions by adding the following to the `extensions` variable in your `conf.py`:

```
extensions = [
    ...
    'sphinx.ext.autodoc',
    'sphinx_toolbox.more_autodoc.typehints',
    'attr_utils.annotations',
    'attr_utils.autoattrs',
]
```

For more information see

<https://www.sphinx-doc.org/en/master/usage/extensions#third-party-extensions>.

Demo

This example shows the output from `attr_utils.annotations` and `attr_utils.autoattrs`.

```
1  """
2  This example is based on real code.
3  """
4
5  # stdlib
6  from typing import Any, Dict, List, Optional, Sequence, Tuple, Union, overload
7
8  # 3rd party
9  import attr
10 from domdf_python_tools.utils import strtobool
11
12 # this package
13 from attr_utils.annotations import attrib
14 from attr_utils.pprinter import pretty_repr
15 from attr_utils.serialise import serde
16
17
18 @pretty_repr
19 @serde
20 @attr.s(slots=True)
21 class Device:
22     """
23     Represents a device in an :class:`~.AcqMethod`.
24     """
25
26     #: The ID of the device
27     device_id: str = attr.ib(converter=str)
28
29     #: The display name for the device.
30     display_name: str = attr.ib(converter=str)
31
32     rc_device: bool = attr.ib(converter=strtobool)
33     """
34     Flag to indicate the device is an RC Device.
35     If :py:obj:`False` the device is an SCIC.
36     """
37
38     #: List of key: value mappings for configuration options.
39     configuration: List[Dict[str, Any]] = attr.ib(converter=list, factory=list)
40
41     #: Alternative form of ``configuration``.
42     configuration2: Tuple[Dict[str, Any]] = attr.ib(
43         converter=tuple,
44         default=attr.Factory(tuple),
45     )
46
```

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47     #: Alternative form of ``configuration``.
48     configuration3: List[Dict[str, Any]] = attr.ib(
49         converter=list,
50         default=attr.Factory(list),
51         metadata={"annotation": Sequence[Dict[str, Any]]},
52     )
53
54     #: Alternative form of ``configuration``.
55     configuration4: List[Dict[str, Any]] = attr.ib(
56         converter=list,
57         factory=list,
58         annotation=Sequence[Dict[str, Any]],
59     )
60
61     @overload
62     def __getitem__(self, item: int) -> str: ...
63
64     @overload
65     def __getitem__(self, item: slice) -> List[str]: ...
66
67     def __getitem__(self, item: Union[int, slice]) -> Union[str, List[str]]:
68         """
69         Return the item with the given index.
70
71         :param item:
72
73         :rtype:
74
75         .. versionadded:: 1.2.3
76         """
77
78
79     @attr.s(init=False)
80     class Connector:
81         """
82         Represents an electrical connector.
83
84         :param name: The name of the connector.
85         :param n_pins: The number of pins. For common connectors this is inferred from_
86         ↳ the name.
87         :param right_angle: Whether this is a right angle connector.
88         """
89
90         #: The name of the connector
91         name: str = attr.ib(converter=str)
92
93         #: The number of pins
94         n_pins: int = attr.ib(converter=int)
95
96         def __init__(self, name: str, n_pins: Optional[int] = None, right_angle: bool =
97         ↳ False):
98             if name == "DA-15":
99                 n_pins = 15
100             elif name == "DB-25":
101                 n_pins = 25
102             elif name == "DE-15":
103                 n_pins = 15

```

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```

102     self.__attrs_init__(name, n_pins)
103

```

```

.. autoattrs:: demo.Device
   :autosummary:

```

```

class Device(device_id, display_name, rc_device, configuration=[], configuration2=(),
             configuration3=[], configuration4=[])

```

Bases: `object`

Represents a device in an `AcqMethod`.

Parameters

- **device_id** (`str`) – The ID of the device
- **display_name** (`str`) – The display name for the device.
- **rc_device** (`Union[str, int]`) – Flag to indicate the device is an RC Device. If `False` the device is an SCIC.
- **configuration** (`List[Dict[str, Any]]`) – List of key: value mappings for configuration options. Default `[]`.
- **configuration2** (`Tuple[Dict[str, Any]]`) – Alternative form of configuration. Default `()`.
- **configuration3** (`Sequence[Dict[str, Any]]`) – Alternative form of configuration. Default `[]`.
- **configuration4** (`Sequence[Dict[str, Any]]`) – Alternative form of configuration. Default `[]`.

Methods:

<code>__eq__(other)</code>	Return <code>self == other</code> .
<code>__ge__(other)</code>	Return <code>self >= other</code> .
<code>__getitem__(item)</code>	Return the item with the given index.
<code>__getstate__()</code>	Used for pickling .
<code>__gt__(other)</code>	Return <code>self > other</code> .
<code>__le__(other)</code>	Return <code>self <= other</code> .
<code>__lt__(other)</code>	Return <code>self < other</code> .
<code>__ne__(other)</code>	Return <code>self != other</code> .
<code>__repr__()</code>	Return a string representation of the <i>Device</i> .
<code>__setstate__(state)</code>	Used for pickling .
<code>from_dict(d)</code>	Construct an instance of <i>Device</i> from a dictionary.
<code>to_dict([convert_values])</code>	Returns a dictionary containing the contents of the <i>Device</i> object.

Attributes:

<code>configuration</code>	List of key: value mappings for configuration options.
<code>configuration2</code>	Alternative form of <code>configuration</code> .

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<code>configuration3</code>	Alternative form of configuration.
<code>configuration4</code>	Alternative form of configuration.
<code>device_id</code>	The ID of the device
<code>display_name</code>	The display name for the device.
<code>rc_device</code>	Flag to indicate the device is an RC Device.

`__eq__(other)`
Return `self == other`.

Return type `bool`

`__ge__(other)`
Return `self >= other`.

Return type `bool`

`__getitem__(item)`
Return the item with the given index.

Parameters `item` (`Union[int, slice]`)

Return type `Union[str, List[str]]`

Overloads

- `__getitem__(item: int) -> str`
- `__getitem__(item: slice) -> List[str]`

New in version 1.2.3.

`__getstate__()`
Used for [pickling](#).

Automatically created by attrs.

`__gt__(other)`
Return `self > other`.

Return type `bool`

`__le__(other)`
Return `self <= other`.

Return type `bool`

`__lt__(other)`
Return `self < other`.

Return type `bool`

`__ne__(other)`
Return `self != other`.

Return type `bool`

__repr__ ()

Return a string representation of the *Device*.

Return type `str`

__setstate__ (*state*)

Used for pickling.

Automatically created by attrs.

configuration

Type: `List[Dict[str, Any]]`

List of key: value mappings for configuration options.

configuration2

Type: `Tuple[Dict[str, Any]]`

Alternative form of configuration.

configuration3

Type: `List[Dict[str, Any]]`

Alternative form of configuration.

configuration4

Type: `List[Dict[str, Any]]`

Alternative form of configuration.

device_id

Type: `str`

The ID of the device

display_name

Type: `str`

The display name for the device.

classmethod from_dict (*d*)

Construct an instance of *Device* from a dictionary.

Parameters *d* (`Mapping[str, Any]`) – The dictionary.

rc_device

Type: `bool`

Flag to indicate the device is an RC Device. If `False` the device is an SCIC.

to_dict (*convert_values=False*)

Returns a dictionary containing the contents of the *Device* object.

Parameters *convert_values* (`bool`) – Recursively convert values into dictionaries, lists etc. as appropriate. Default `False`.

Return type `MutableMapping[str, Any]`

`attr_utils.annotations`

Add type annotations to the `__init__` of an `attrs` class.

Since [python-attrs/attrs#363](#) `attrs` has populated the `__init__.__annotations__` based on the types of attributes. However, annotations were deliberately omitted when converter functions were used. This module attempts to generate the annotations for use in Sphinx documentation, even when converter functions *are* used, based on the following assumptions:

- If the converter function is a Python type, such as `str`, `int`, or `list`, the type annotation will be that type. If the converter and the type annotation refer to the same type (e.g. `list` and `typing.List`) the type annotation will be used.
- If the converter function has an annotation for its first argument, that annotation is used.
- If the converter function is not annotated, the type of the attribute will be used.

The annotation can also be provided via the `'annotation'` key in the `metadata` dict. If you prefer you can instead provide this as a keyword argument to `attr.ib()` which will construct the metadata dict and call `attr.ib()` for you.

Changed in version 0.2.0: Improved support for container types.

Attention: Due to changes in the `typing` module `annotations` is only officially supported on Python 3.7 and above.

4.1 Examples

Library Usage:

```
1 def my_converter(arg: List[Dict[str, Any]]):
2     return arg
3
4
5 def untyped_converter(arg):
6     return arg
7
8
9 @attr.s
10 class SomeClass:
11     a_string: str = attr.ib(converter=str)
12     custom_converter: Any = attr.ib(converter=my_converter)
13     untyped: Tuple[str, int, float] = attr.ib(converter=untyped_converter)
14     annotated: List[str] = attr.ib(
15         converter=list,
16         metadata={"annotation": Sequence[str]},
17     )
```

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```

18
19 add_attrs_annotations(SomeClass)
20
21 print(SomeClass.__init__.__annotations__)
22 # {
23 #   'return': None,
24 #   'a_string': <class 'str'>,
25 #   'custom_converter': typing.List[typing.Dict[str, typing.Any]],
26 #   'untyped': typing.Tuple[str, int, float],
27 # }

```

Sphinx documentation:

```

@attr.s
class AttrsClass:
    """
    Example of using :func:`~.add_init_annotations` for attrs_ classes with Sphinx_
    ↪ documentation.

    .. _attrs: https://www.attrs.org/en/stable/

    :param name: The name of the person.
    :param age: The age of the person.
    :param occupations: The occupation(s) of the person.
    """

    name: str = attr.ib(converter=str)
    age: int = attr.ib(converter=int)
    occupations: List[str] = attr.ib(converter=parse_occupations)

```

The parse_occupations function looks like:

```

def parse_occupations(occupations: Iterable[str]) -> Iterable[str]: # pragma: no_
    ↪ cover

    if isinstance(occupations, str):
        return [x.strip() for x in occupations.split(',')]
    else:
        return [str(x) for x in occupations]

```

The Sphinx output looks like:

```

class AttrsClass(name, age, occupations)
    Bases: object

    Example of using add_init_annotations() for attrs classes with Sphinx documentation.

    Parameters
    • name (str) – The name of the person.
    • age (int) – The age of the person.
    • occupations (Iterable[str]) – The occupation(s) of the person.

```


4.2 API Reference

Functions:

<code>attrib([default, validator, repr, hash, ...])</code>	Wrapper around <code>attr.ib()</code> which supports the annotation keyword argument for use by <code>add_init_annotations()</code> .
<code>add_init_annotations(obj)</code>	Add type annotations to the <code>__init__</code> method of an <code>attrs</code> class.
<code>attr_docstring_hook(obj)</code>	Hook for <code>sphinx_toolbox.more_autodoc.typehints</code> to add annotations to the <code>__init__</code> method of <code>attrs</code> classes.
<code>setup(app)</code>	Sphinx extension to populate <code>__init__.__annotations__</code> for <code>attrs</code> classes.

Data:

<code>_A</code>	Invariant <code>TypeVar</code> bound to <code>typing.Any</code> .
<code>_C</code>	Invariant <code>TypeVar</code> bound to <code>typing.Callable</code> .

attrib (*default=NOTHING, validator=None, repr=True, hash=None, init=True, metadata=None, annotation=NOTHING, converter=None, factory=None, kw_only=False, eq=None, order=None, **kwargs*)

Wrapper around `attr.ib()` which supports the annotation keyword argument for use by `add_init_annotations()`.

New in version 0.2.0.

Parameters

- **default** – Default `NOTHING`.
- **validator** – Default `None`.
- **repr** (*bool*) – Default `True`.
- **hash** – Default `None`.
- **init** – Default `True`.
- **metadata** – Default `None`.
- **annotation** (*Union[Type, object]*) – The type to add to `__init__.__annotations__`, if different to that the type taken as input to the converter function or the type hint of the attribute. Default `NOTHING`.
- **converter** – Default `None`.
- **factory** – Default `None`.
- **kw_only** (*bool*) – Default `False`.
- **eq** – Default `None`.
- **order** – Default `None`.

See the documentation for `attr.ib()` for descriptions of the other arguments.

`_A = TypeVar(_A, bound=typing.Any)`

Type: `TypeVar`

Invariant `TypeVar` bound to `typing.Any`.

_C = `TypeVar(_C, bound=typing.Callable)`
Type: `TypeVar`
Invariant `TypeVar` bound to `typing.Callable`.

add_init_annotations (*obj*)
Add type annotations to the `__init__` method of an `attrs` class.

Return type `~_C`

attr_docstring_hook (*obj*)
Hook for `sphinx_toolbox.more_autodoc.typehints` to add annotations to the `__init__` method of `attrs` classes.

Parameters **obj** (`~_A`) – The object being documented.

Return type `~_A`

setup (*app*)
Sphinx extension to populate `__init__.__annotations__` for `attrs` classes.

Parameters **app** (`Sphinx`)

Return type `SphinxExtMetadata`

`attr_utils.autoattrs`

Sphinx directive for documenting `attrs` classes.

New in version 0.1.0.

Attention: Due to changes in the `typing` module `autoattrs` is only officially supported on Python 3.7 and above.

Attention: This module has the following additional requirements:

```
sphinx<7,>=3.2.0
sphinx-toolbox>=3.3.0
```

These can be installed as follows:

```
$ python -m pip install attr-utils[sphinx]
```

`.. autoattrs::`

Autodoc directive to document an `attrs` class.

It behaves much like `autoclass`. It can be used directly or as part of `automodule`.

Docstrings for parameters in `__init__` can be given in the class docstring or alongside each attribute (see `autoattribute` for the syntax). The second option is recommended as it interacts better with other parts of autodoc. However, the class docstring can be used to override the description for a given parameter.

`:no-init-attrs: (flag)`

Excludes attributes taken as arguments in `__init__` from the output, even if they are documented.

This may be useful for simple classes where converter functions aren't used.

This option cannot be used as part of `automodule`.

5.2 API Reference

Classes:

<code>AttrsDocumenter(*args)</code>	Sphinx autodoc Documenter for documenting <code>attrs</code> classes.
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Functions:

<code>setup(app)</code>	Setup <code>attr_utils.autoattrs</code> .
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class `AttrsDocumenter` (**args*)

Bases: `PatchedAutoSummClassDocumenter`

Sphinx autodoc Documenter for documenting `attrs` classes.

Changed in version 0.3.0:

- Parameters for `__init__` can be documented either in the class docstring or alongside the attribute. The class docstring has priority.
- Added support for `autodocsumm`.

Methods:

<code>can_document_member(member, membername, ...)</code>	Called to see if a member can be documented by this documenter.
<code>add_content(more_content[, no_docstring])</code>	Add extra content (from docstrings, attribute docs etc.), but not the class docstring.
<code>import_object([raiseerror])</code>	Import the object given by <code>self.modname</code> and <code>self.objpath</code> and set it as <code>self.object</code> .
<code>sort_members(documenters, order)</code>	Sort the given member list and add attribute docstrings to the class docstring.
<code>filter_members(members, want_all)</code>	Filter the list of members to always include init attributes unless the <code>:no-init-attrs:</code> flag was given.
<code>generate([more_content, real_modname, ...])</code>	Generate reST for the object given by <code>self.name</code> , and possibly for its members.

classmethod `can_document_member` (*member, membername, isattr, parent*)

Called to see if a member can be documented by this documenter.

Parameters

- **member** (*Any*)
- **membername** (*str*)
- **isattr** (*bool*)
- **parent** (*Any*)

Return type `bool`

add_content (*more_content*, *no_docstring=False*)

Add extra content (from docstrings, attribute docs etc.), but not the class docstring.

Parameters

- **more_content** (*Any*)
- **no_docstring** (*bool*) – Default *False*.

import_object (*raiseerror=False*)

Import the object given by *self.modname* and *self.objpath* and set it as *self.object*.

If the object is an *attrs* class *attr_utils.docstrings.add_attrs_doc()* will be called.

Parameters **raiseerror** (*bool*) – Default *False*.

Return type *bool*

Returns *True* if successful, *False* if an error occurred.

sort_members (*documenters*, *order*)

Sort the given member list and add attribute docstrings to the class docstring.

Parameters

- **documenters** (*List[Tuple[Documenter, bool]]*)
- **order** (*str*)

Return type *List[Tuple[Documenter, bool]]*

filter_members (*members*, *want_all*)

Filter the list of members to always include init attributes unless the *:no-init-attrs:* flag was given.

Parameters

- **members** (*List[Tuple[str, Any]]*)
- **want_all** (*bool*)

Return type *List[Tuple[str, Any, bool]]*

generate (*more_content=None*, *real_modname=None*, *check_module=False*, *all_members=False*)

Generate reST for the object given by *self.name*, and possibly for its members.

Parameters

- **more_content** (*Optional[Any]*) – Additional content to include in the reST output. Default *None*.
- **real_modname** (*Optional[str]*) – Module name to use to find attribute documentation. Default *None*.
- **check_module** (*bool*) – If *True*, only generate if the object is defined in the module name it is imported from. Default *False*.
- **all_members** (*bool*) – If *True*, document all members. Default *False*.

setup (*app*)

Setup *attr_utils.autoattrs*.

Parameters **app** (*Sphinx*)

Return type `SphinxExtMetadata`

`attr_utils.docstrings`

Add better docstrings to `attrs` generated functions.

Data:

<code>__T</code>	Invariant <code>TypeVar</code> bound to <code>typing.Type</code> .
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Functions:

<code>add_attrs_doc(obj)</code>	Add better docstrings to <code>attrs</code> generated functions.
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```
__T = TypeVar(__T, bound=typing.Type)  
    Type: TypeVar  
    Invariant TypeVar bound to typing.Type.
```

```
add_attrs_doc(obj)  
    Add better docstrings to attrs generated functions.
```

Parameters `obj` (`~__T`) – The class to improve the docstrings for.

Return type `~__T`

`attr_utils.mypy_plugin`

Plugin for `mypy` which adds support for `attr_utils`.

New in version 0.4.0.

To use this plugin, add the following to your `mypy` configuration file:

```
[mypy]
plugins=attr_utils.mypy_plugin
```

See https://mypy.readthedocs.io/en/stable/extending_mypy.html#configuring-mypy-to-use-plugins for more information.

Classes:

<code>AttrUtilsPlugin</code>	Plugin for <code>mypy</code> which adds support for <code>attr_utils</code> .
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Functions:

<code>add_classmethod_to_class(api, cls, name, ...)</code>	Adds a new classmethod to a class definition.
<code>attr_utils.serialise_serde(cls_def_ctx)</code>	Handles <code>attr_utils.serialise_serde()</code> .
<code>plugin(version)</code>	Entry point to <code>attr_utils.mypy_plugin</code> .

class `AttrUtilsPlugin`

Bases: `Plugin`

Plugin for `mypy` which adds support for `attr_utils`.

`get_class_decorator_hook` (*fullname*)

Allows `mypy` to handle decorators that add extra methods to classes.

Parameters `fullname` (`str`) – The full name of the decorator.

Return type `Optional[Callable[[ClassDefContext], None]]`

`add_classmethod_to_class` (*api, cls, name, args, return_type, cls_type=None, tvar_def=None*)

Adds a new classmethod to a class definition.

Parameters

- **api** (`SemanticAnalyzerPluginInterface`)
- **cls** (`ClassDef`)
- **name** (`str`)
- **args** (`List[Argument]`)
- **return_type** (`Type`)

- **cls_type** (`Optional[Type]`) – Default `None`.
- **tvar_def** (`Optional[Any]`) – Default `None`.

attr_utils_serialise_serde (*cls_def_ctx*)

Handles *attr_utils.serialise.serde()*.

Parameters **cls_def_ctx** (`ClassDefContext`)

plugin (*version*)

Entry point to *attr_utils.mypy_plugin*.

Parameters **version** (`str`) – The current mypy version.

`attr_utils.pprinter`

Pretty printing functions.

This module monkeypatches `prettyprinter` to disable a potentially undesirable behaviour of its `singledispatch` feature, where deferred types took precedence over resolved types.

It also changes the pretty print output for an `enum.Enum` to be the same as the `Enum`'s `__repr__`.

Attention: This module has the following additional requirement:

```
prettyprinter==0.18.0
```

This can be installed as follows:

```
$ python -m pip install attr-utils[pprint]
```

Classes:

<code>PrettyFormatter</code>	<code>typing.Protocol</code> representing the pretty formatting functions decorated by <code>register_pretty()</code> .
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Data:

<code>__PF</code>	Invariant <code>TypeVar</code> bound to <code>attr_utils.pprinter.PrettyFormatter</code> .
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Functions:

<code>pretty_repr(obj)</code>	Add a pretty-printing <code>__repr__</code> function to the decorated attrs class.
<code>register_pretty([type, predicate])</code>	Returns a decorator that registers the decorated function as the pretty printer for instances of <code>type</code> .

protocol `PrettyFormatter`

Bases: `Protocol`

`typing.Protocol` representing the pretty formatting functions decorated by `register_pretty()`.

New in version 0.6.0.

This protocol is `runtime checkable`.

Classes that implement this protocol must have the following methods / attributes:

`__call__(value, ctx)`
Call the function.

Parameters

- **value** (*Any*) – The value to pretty print.
- **ctx** (*Any*) – The context.

Return type `str`

```
__non_callable_proto_members__ = {}  
Type: set
```

```
_PF = TypeVar(_PF, bound=PrettyFormatter)  
Type: TypeVar
```

Invariant `TypeVar` bound to `attr_utils.pprinter.PrettyFormatter`.

pretty_repr (*obj*)

Add a pretty-printing `__repr__` function to the decorated attrs class.

```
>>> import attr  
>>> from attr_utils.pprinter import pretty_repr  
  
>>> @pretty_repr  
... @attr.s  
... class Person(object):  
...     name = attr.ib()  
  
>>> repr(Person(name="Bob"))  
Person(name='Bob')
```

Parameters *obj* (*Type*)**register_pretty** (*type=None, predicate=None*)

Returns a decorator that registers the decorated function as the pretty printer for instances of *type*.

Parameters

- **type** (`Union[Type, str, None]`) – The type to register the pretty printer for, or a `str` to indicate the module and name, e.g. `'collections.Counter'`. Default `None`.
- **predicate** (`Optional[Callable[[Any], bool]]`) – A predicate function that takes one argument and returns a boolean indicating if the value should be handled by the registered pretty printer. Default `None`.

Only one of *type* and *predicate* may be supplied, and therefore *predicate* will only be called for unregistered types.

Return type `Callable[[~_PF], ~_PF]`

Here's an example of the pretty printer for `collections.OrderedDict`:

```
from collections import OrderedDict  
from attr_utils.pprinter import register_pretty  
from prettyprinter import pretty_call  
  
@register_pretty(OrderedDict)  
def pretty_orderreddict(value, ctx):  
    return pretty_call(ctx, OrderedDict, list(value.items()))
```

`attr_utils.serialize`

Add serialisation and deserialisation capability to `attrs` classes.

Based on `attrs-serde`.

9.1 Example usage

```
>>> import attr
>>> from attr_utils.serialize import serde

>>> person_dict = {"contact": {"personal": {"name": "John"}, "phone": "555-112233"}}

>>> name_path = ["contact", "personal", "name"]
>>> phone_path = ["contact", "phone"]

>>> @serde
... @attr.s
... class Person(object):
...     name = attr.ib(metadata={"to": name_path, "from": name_path})
...     phone = attr.ib(metadata={"to": phone_path, "from": phone_path})

>>> p = Person.from_dict(person_dict)
Person(name=John phone=555-112233)

>>> p.to_dict
{"contact": {"personal": {"name": "John"}, "phone": "555-112233"}}
```

9.2 API Reference

serde (*cls=None, from_key='from', to_key='to'*)

Decorator to add serialisation and deserialisation capabilities to `attrs` classes.

The keys used in the dictionary output, and used when creating the class from a dictionary, can be controlled using the `metadata` argument in `attr.ib()`:

```
from attr_utils.serialize import serde
import attr

@serde
@attr.s
class Person(object):
    name = attr.ib(metadata={"to": name_path, "from": name_path})
    phone = attr.ib(metadata={"to": phone_path, "from": phone_path})
```

The names of the keys given in the metadata argument can be controlled with the `from_key` and `to_key` arguments:

```
from attr_utils.serialize import serde
import attr

@serde(from_key="get", to_key="set")
@attr.s
class Person(object):
    name = attr.ib(metadata={"get": name_path, "set": name_path})
    phone = attr.ib(metadata={"get": phone_path, "set": phone_path})
```

This may be required when using other extensions to attrs.

Parameters

- **cls** (`Optional[Type[AttrsClass]]`) – The attrs class to add the methods to. Default `None`.
- **from_key** (`str`) – Default `'from'`.
- **to_key** (`str`) – Default `'to'`.

Return type `Union[Type[AttrsClass], Callable[[Type[AttrsClass]], Type[AttrsClass]]]`

Overloads

- `serde(cls: Type, from_key = ..., to_key = ...) -> Type[AttrsClass]`
- `serde(cls: None = None, from_key = ..., to_key = ...) -> Callable[[Type[AttrsClass]], Type[AttrsClass]]`

Classes decorated with `@serde` will have two new methods added:

`classmethod from_dict (d)`

Construct an instance of the class from a dictionary.

Parameters **d** (`Mapping[str, Any]`) – The dictionary.

`to_dict (convert_values=False) :`

Returns a dictionary containing the contents of the class.

Parameters **convert_values** (`bool`) – Recurse into other attrs classes, and convert tuples, sets etc. into lists. This may be required to later construct a new class from the dictionary if the class uses complex converter functions.

Return type `MutableMapping[str, Any]`

Changed in version 0.5.0: By default values are left unchanged. In version 0.4.0 these were converted to basic Python types, which may be undesirable. The original behaviour can be restored using the `convert_values` parameter.

Contributing

`attr_utils` uses `tox` to automate testing and packaging, and `pre-commit` to maintain code quality.

Install `pre-commit` with `pip` and install the git hook:

```
$ python -m pip install pre-commit
$ pre-commit install
```

10.1 Coding style

`formate` is used for code formatting.

It can be run manually via `pre-commit`:

```
$ pre-commit run formate -a
```

Or, to run the complete autoformatting suite:

```
$ pre-commit run -a
```

10.2 Automated tests

Tests are run with `tox` and `pytest`. To run tests for a specific Python version, such as Python 3.6:

```
$ tox -e py36
```

To run tests for all Python versions, simply run:

```
$ tox
```

10.3 Type Annotations

Type annotations are checked using `mypy`. Run `mypy` using `tox`:

```
$ tox -e mypy
```

10.4 Build documentation locally

The documentation is powered by Sphinx. A local copy of the documentation can be built with `tox`:

```
$ tox -e docs
```


Downloading source code

The `attr_utils` source code is available on GitHub, and can be accessed from the following URL: https://github.com/domdfcoding/attr_utils

If you have `git` installed, you can clone the repository with the following command:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/domdfcoding/attr_utils
```

```
Cloning into 'attr_utils'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 47, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (47/47), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (41/41), done.
remote: Total 173 (delta 16), reused 17 (delta 6), pack-reused 126
Receiving objects: 100% (173/173), 126.56 KiB | 678.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (66/66), done.
```

Alternatively, the code can be downloaded in a ‘zip’ file by clicking:

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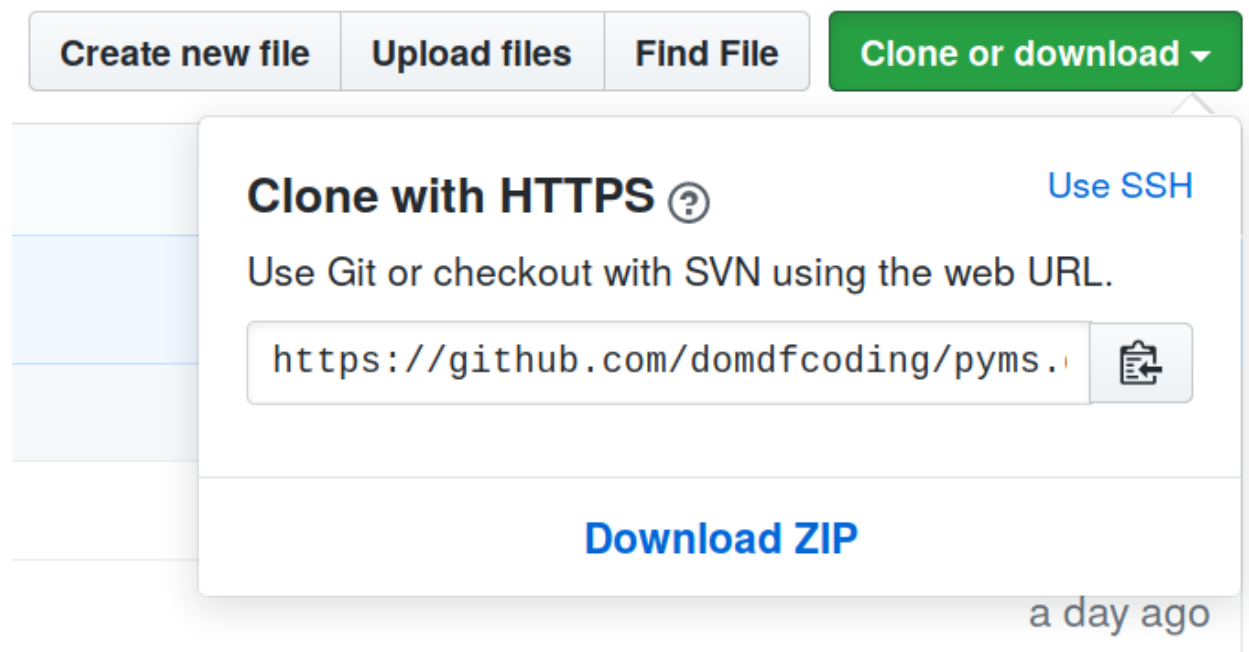


Fig. 1: Downloading a ‘zip’ file of the source code

11.1 Building from source

The recommended way to build `attr_utils` is to use `tox`:

```
$ tox -e build
```

The source and wheel distributions will be in the directory `dist`.

If you wish, you may also use `pep517.build` or another **PEP 517**-compatible build tool.

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