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# **Caesium Documentation**

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## caesium package

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### 1.1 caesium.document module

```
class caesium.document.AsyncRevisionStackManager (settings)
Bases: object
```

Find revisions for any document type and action the revision

```
publish (*args, **kwargs)
```

Iterate over the scheduler collections and apply any actions found

```
publish_for_collection (*args, **kwargs)
```

Run the publishing operations for a given collection

**Parameters** `collection_name` (*str*) –

```
set_all_revisions_to_in_process (*args, **kwargs)
```

Set all revisions found to in process, so that other threads will not pick them up.

**Parameters** `ids` (*list*) –

```
class caesium.document.AsyncScheduleableDocumentRevisionStack (collection_name,
                                                               settings,
                                                               collection_schema=None,
                                                               master_id=None)
```

Bases: object

This class manages a stack of revisions for a given document in a given collection

```
DELETE_ACTION = ‘delete’
```

```
INSERT_ACTION = ‘insert’
```

```
SCHEMA = {‘required’: [‘toa’, ‘processed’, ‘collection’, ‘master_id’, ‘action’, ‘patch’], ‘type’: ‘object’, ‘properties’: {‘mas’}}
```

```
UPDATE_ACTION = ‘update’
```

```
list (*args, **kwargs)
```

Return all revisions for this stack

**Parameters**

- `toa` (*int*) – The time of action as a UTC timestamp
- `show_history` (*bool*) – Whether to show historical revisions

```
peek (*args, **kwargs)
```

Return the top object on the stack for this ID

**Returns** The next revision

**Return type** dict

**pop** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Pop the top revision off the stack back onto the collection at the given id. This method applies the action.

Note: This assumes you don't have two revisions scheduled closer than a single scheduling cycle.

**preview** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Get an ephemeral preview of a revision with all revisions applied between it and the current state

**Parameters** **revision\_id** (str) – The ID of the revision state you want to preview the master id at.

**Returns** A snapshot of a future state of the object

**Return type** dict

**push** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Push a change on to the revision stack for this ObjectId. Pushing onto the stack is how you get revisions to be staged and scheduled for some future time.

**Parameters**

- **patch** (dict) – None Denotes Delete
- **toa** (int) – Time of action
- **meta** (dict) – The meta data for this action

```
class caesium.document.BSONEncoder(skipkeys=False, ensure_ascii=True, check_circular=True,
                                    allow_nan=True, sort_keys=False, indent=None, separators=None, encoding='utf-8', default=None)
```

Bases: json.encoder.JSONEncoder

BSONEncoder is used to transform certain value types to a more desirable format

**default** (obj, \*\*kwargs)

Handles the adapting of special types from mongo

```
class caesium.document.BaseAsyncMotorDocument(collection_name, settings, schema=None,
                                              scheduleable=False)
```

Bases: object

Concrete abstract class for a mongo collection and document interface

This class simplifies the use of the motor library, encoding/decoding special types, etc

**create\_index** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Create an index on a given attribute

**Parameters**

- **index** (str) – Attribute to set index on
- **index\_type** (str) – See PyMongo index types for further information, defaults to GEO2D index.

**delete** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Delete a document or create a DELETE revision

**Parameters** **\_id** (str) – The ID of the document to be deleted

**Returns** JSON Mongo client response including the “n” key to show number of objects effected

**find**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Find a document by any criteria

**Parameters**

- **query** (*dict*) – The query to perform
- **orderby** (*str*) – The attribute to order results by
- **order\_by\_direction** (*int*) – 1 or -1
- **page** (*int*) – The page to return
- **limit** (*int*) – Number of results per page

**Returns** A list of results**Return type** list**find\_one**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Find one wrapper with conversion to dictionary

**Parameters** **query** (*dict*) – A Mongo query**find\_one\_by\_id**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Find a single document by id

**Parameters** **\_id** (*str*) – BSON string representation of the Id**Returns** a signle object**Return type** dict**insert**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Create a document

**Parameters**

- **dct** (*dict*) –
- **toa** (*toa*) – Optional time of action, triggers this to be handled as a future insert action for a new document
- **comment** (*str*) – A comment

**Rtype** str**Returns** string bson id**location\_based\_search**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Search based on location and other attribute filters

**Parameters**

- **lng** (*long*) – Longitude parameter
- **lat** (*long*) – Latitude parameter
- **distance** (*int*) – The radius of the query
- **unit** (*str*) – The unit of measure for the query, defaults to miles
- **attribute\_map** (*dict*) – Additional attributes to apply to the location bases query
- **page** (*int*) – The page to return
- **limit** (*int*) – Number of results per page

**Returns** List of objects

**Return type** list

**patch**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Update an existing document via a \$set query, this will apply only these attributes.

**Parameters**

- **predicate\_value** – The value of the predicate
- **attrs** (dict) – The dictionary to apply to this object
- **predicate\_attribute** (str) – The attribute to query for to find the object to set this data ond

**Returns** JSON Mongo client response including the “n” key to show number of objects effected

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**update**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Update an existing document

**Parameters**

- **predicate\_value** – The value of the predicate
- **det** (dict) – The dictionary to update with
- **upsert** (bool) – Whether this is an upsert action
- **attribute** (str) – The attribute to query for to find the object to set this data ond

**Returns** JSON Mongo client response including the “n” key to show number of objects effected

**upsert**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Update or Insert a new document

**Parameters**

- **\_id** (str) – The document id
- **det** (dict) – The dictionary to set on the document
- **attribute** (str) – The attribute to query for to find the object to set this data on

**Returns** JSON Mongo client response including the “n” key to show number of objects effected

**exception** caesium.document.**DocumentRevisionDeleteFailed**

Bases: exceptions.Exception

Occurs when the async delete process fails

**exception** caesium.document.**DocumentRevisionInsertFailed**

Bases: exceptions.Exception

Occurs when the revisioned document insert fails

**exception** caesium.document.**NoRevisionsAvailable**

Bases: exceptions.Exception

No Revisions Available

**exception** caesium.document.**RevisionActionNotValid**

Bases: exceptions.Exception

Invalid revision type

**exception** caesium.document.**RevisionNotFound**

Bases: exceptions.Exception

Revision was not found

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```
exception caesium.document.RevisionNotFoundException
```

Bases: exceptions.Exception

```
exception caesium.document.RevisionUpdateFailed
```

Bases: exceptions.Exception

Occurs when a revision update cannot be applied

## 1.2 caesium.handler module

```
class caesium.handler.BaseBulkScheduleableUpdateHandler(application, request,  
**kwargs)
```

Bases: caesium.handler.BaseHandler

Bulk update objects by id and patch

```
delete(*args, **kwargs)
```

Update many objects with a single *to*

**Parameters** **bulk\_id** (*str*) – The bulk id for the job you want to delete

```
initialize()
```

```
put(*args, **kwargs)
```

Update many objects with a single PUT.

**Example Request:**

```
{
    "ids": ["52b0ede98ac752b358b1bd69", "52b0ede98ac752b358b1bd70"],
    "patch": {
        "foo": "bar"
    }
}
```

```
class caesium.handler.BaseHandler(application, request, **kwargs)
```

Bases: tornado.web.RequestHandler

A class to collect common handler methods that can be useful in your individual implementation, this includes functions for working with query strings and Motor/Mongo type documents

```
arg_as_array(arg, split_char='|')
```

Turns an argument into an array, split by the splitChar

**Parameters**

- **arg** (*str*) – The name of the query param you want to turn into an array based on the value
- **split\_char** (*str*) – The character the value should be split on.

**Returns** A list of values

**Return type** list

```
get_arg_value_as_type(key, default=None, convert_int=False)
```

Allow users to pass through truthy type values like true, yes, no and get to a typed variable in your code

**Parameters** **val** (*str*) – The string representation of the value you want to convert

**Returns** adapted value

**Return type** dynamic

**get\_current\_user()**

Gets the current user from the secure cookie store

**Returns** user name for logged in user

**Return type** str

**get\_dict\_of\_all\_args()**

Generates a dictionary from a handler paths query string and returns it

**Returns** Dictionary of all key/values in arguments list

**Return type** dict

**get\_json\_argument(name, default=None)**

Find and return the argument with key ‘name’ from JSON request data. Similar to Tornado’s get\_argument() method.

**Parameters**

- **name** (str) – The name of the json key you want to get the value for
- **default** (bool) – The default value if nothing is found

**Returns** value of the argument name request

**get\_mongo\_query\_from\_arguments(reserved\_attributes=[ ])**

Generate a mongo query from the given URL query parameters, handles OR query via multiples

**Parameters reserved\_attributes (list)** – A list of attributes you want to exclude from this particular query

**Returns** dict

**group\_objects\_by(list, attr, valueLabel='value', childrenLabel='children')**

Generates a group object based on the attribute value on of the given attr value that is passed in.

**Parameters**

- **list** (list) – A list of dictionary objects
- **attr** (str) – The attribute that the dictionaries should be sorted upon
- **valueLabel** (str) – What to call the key of the field we’re sorting upon
- **childrenLabel** (str) – What to call the list of child objects on the group object

**Returns** list of grouped objects by a given attribute

**Return type** list

**initialize()**

**json\_obj\_to\_cursor(json)**

(Deprecated) Converts a JSON object to a mongo db cursor

**Parameters** json (str) – A json string

**Returns** dictionary with ObjectId type

**Return type** dict

**list\_cursor\_to\_json(cursor)**

Convenience method for converting a mongokit or pymongo list cursor into a JSON object for return  
:param Cursor cursor: A motor client database cursor

**load\_json()**

Load JSON from the request body and store them in self.request.arguments, like Tornado does by default for POSTed form parameters.

If JSON cannot be decoded

**Raises ValueError** JSON Could not be decoded

**obj\_cursor\_to\_json(cursor)**

Handle conversion of pymongo cursor into a JSON object formatted for UI consumption

**Parameters cursor (Cursor)** – A motor client database cursor

**raise\_error(status=500, message='Generic server error. Out of luck...')**

Sets an error status and returns a message to the user in JSON format

**Parameters**

- **status (int)** – The status code to use
- **message (str)** – The message to return in the JSON response

**return\_resource(resource, status=200, statusMessage='OK')**

Return a resource response

**Parameters**

- **resource (str)** – The JSON String representation of a resource response
- **status (int)** – Status code to use
- **statusMessage (str)** – The message to use in the error response

**unauthorized(message='Unauthorized request, please login first')**

Standard Unauthorized response

**Parameters message (str)** – The Message to use in the error response

**write\_hyper\_response(links=[], meta={}, entity\_name=None, entity=None, notifications=[], actions=[])**

Writes a hyper media response object

**Parameters**

- **links (list)** – A list of links to the resources
- **meta (dict)** – The meta data for this response
- **entity\_name (str)** – The entity name
- **entity (object)** – The Entity itself
- **notifications (list)** – List of notifications
- **actions (list)** – List of actions

**class caesium.handler.BaseMotorSearch(application, request, \*\*kwargs)**

Bases: [caesium.handler.BaseHandler](#)

Handles searching of the stores endpoint

**get(\*args, \*\*kwargs)**

Standard search end point for a resource of any type, override this get method as necessary in any specific sub class. This is mostly here as a convenience for basic querying functionality on attribute

example URL:

```
foo?attr1=foo&attr2=true

will create a query of:

{
    "attr1": "foo",
    "attr2": true
}

initialize()
    Initializer for the Search Handler

class caesium.handler.BaseRestfulMotorHandler(application, request, **kwargs)
    Bases: caesium.handler.BaseHandler

Handles the restful endpoints for a mongo document resource, also has some concerns on how to handle document revision scheduling.

delete(*args, **kwargs)
    Delete a resource by bson id :raises: 404 Not Found :raises: 400 Bad request :raises: 500 Server Error

get(*args, **kwargs)
    Get an by object by unique identifier

        Id string id the bson id of an object

        Return type JSON

initialize()
    Initialize the base handler

post(*args, **kwargs)
    Create a new object resource

        Json Object to create

        Returns json string representation

        Return type JSON

put(*args, **kwargs)
    Update a resource by bson ObjectId

        Returns json string representation

        Return type JSON

class caesium.handler.BaseRevisionList(application, request, **kwargs)
    Bases: caesium.handler.BaseRestfulMotorHandler

get(*args, **kwargs)
    Get a list of revisions by master ID

        Parameters master_id –

        Returns

initialize()
    Initializer for the Search Handler

class caesium.handler.RevisionHandler(application, request, **kwargs)
    Bases: caesium.handler.BaseRestfulMotorHandler

delete(*args, **kwargs)
    Delete a revision by ID
```

**Parameters** `id` – BSON id

**Returns**

`get(*args, **kwargs)`

Get revision based on the stack preview algorithm

**Parameters** `id` – BSON id

**Returns** JSON

`initialize()`

Initializer for the Search Handler

`post(*args, **kwargs)`

Create a revision manually without the stack

**Parameters** `id` – BSON id

**Returns** JSON

`put(*args, **kwargs)`

Update a revision by ID

**Parameters** `id` – BSON id

**Returns**



### Installation

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To install via pip:

```
pip install caesium
```



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## Example Application

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There is a quickstart project you can clone and install easily: [CaesiumQuickstart](#)

A simple application that utilizes Caesium for comment content:

```
import tornado.ioloop
import tornado.web
from tornado.options import options
import tornado.httpserver
from caesium.handler import BaseRestfulMotorHandler
from caesium.document import BaseAsyncMotorDocument, AsyncRevisionStackManager
from settings import settings
import logging

class CommentHandler(BaseRestfulMotorHandler):

    def initialize(self):
        self.object_name = "comment"
        self.client = BaseAsyncMotorDocument(self.object_name, self.settings)

url_patterns = [
    (r"/comment", CommentHandler),
    (r"/comment/([0-9a-zA-Z]+)", CommentHandler),
]

class App(tornado.web.Application):

    def __init__(self):
        """App wrapper constructor, global objects within our Tornado platform should be managed here
        self.logger = logging.getLogger(self.__class__.__name__)
        tornado.web.Application.__init__(self, url_patterns, **settings)

        #Document publisher, this allows for patches to be applied
        document_publisher = tornado.ioloop.PeriodicCallback(AsyncRevisionStackManager(settings).publish,
                                                              settings['scheduler']['timeout_in_milliseconds'],
                                                              io_loop=tornado.ioloop.IOLoop.current())
        )

        document_publisher.start()

application = App()

if __name__ == "__main__":

```

```
logger = logging.getLogger()
http_server = tornado.httpserver.HTTPServer(application, xheaders=True)
http_server.listen(options.port)

try:
    tornado.ioloop.IOLoop.instance().start()
except KeyboardInterrupt:
    logger.info("\nStopping server on port %s" % options.port)
```

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## Sample settings.py

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Here is an example settings.py file to go along with the above app.py:

```
import tornado
import logging, logging.config
import tornado.template
from tornado.log import LogFormatter as TornadoLogFormatter
from tornado.options import define, options
import os
import motor

path = lambda root,*a: os.path.join(root, *a)

ROOT = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))
CONF_PATH="%s/%s" % (ROOT, "conf")
MEDIA_ROOT = path(ROOT, 'apps/media')
TEMPLATE_ROOT = path(ROOT, 'apps/templates')

define("port", default=8888, help="run on the given port", type=int)
define("config", default=None, help="tornado config file")
define("debug", default=False, help="debug mode")

if options.config:
    tornado.options.parse_config_file(options.config)

tornado.options.parse_command_line()

settings = {}

#Scheduler settings if you choose to use it
settings['scheduler'] = {
    "timeout_in_milliseconds": 2000,
    "lazy_migrated_published_by_default": True,
    "collections" : ["comment"]
}

#Static mongo connection settings
settings['mongo'] = {}
settings['mongo']['host'] = "localhost"
settings['mongo']['port'] = 27017
settings['mongo']['db'] = "test"

#Mongo client
settings['db'] = motor.MotorClient("mongodb://:27017", settings['mongo'])
```

```
settings['debug'] = options.debug
settings['static_path'] = path(ROOT, 'static')
settings['cookie_secret'] = "bbb2b20ab0189b93ba0ae55ac571c214185bea9e"
settings['xsrf_cookies'] = False
settings['template_loader'] = tornado.template.Loader(TEMPLATE_ROOT)
settings['session_cookie'] = 'user'
settings['anonymous_user'] = "Anonymous"

LOG_LEVEL = "INFO"

# See: https://docs.python.org/2/library/logging.html
LOGGING_CONFIG = {
    "version": 1,
    "disable_existing_loggers": False,
    "formatters": {
        "simple": {
            "format": "MISL %(asctime)s - %(processName)-10s: %(name)-15s %(levelname)-8s %(message)s"
        },
        'tornado': {
            '()': TornadoLogFormatter,
            'fmt': '%(color)s[%(levelname)1.1s %(asctime)s %(name)s.%(funcName)s:%(lineno)d]%(endf)s',
            'color': True
        }
    },
    "handlers": {
        "console": {
            "class": "logging.StreamHandler",
            "level": LOG_LEVEL,
            "formatter": "tornado",
            "stream": "ext://sys.stdout"
        }
    },
    "loggers": {
        "transmit": {
            "level": LOG_LEVEL,
            "propagate": False,
            "handlers": ["console"]
        }
    },
    "root": {
        "level": LOG_LEVEL,
        "handlers": ["console"]
    }
}

logging.config.dictConfig(LOGGING_CONFIG)
```

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