kismetdb Documentation

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CHAPTER 1

Kismet database wrapper

1.1 Quickstart

Install from PyPI with `pip install kismetdb`

Install from source with with `pip install .`

In the Python interpreter:

```
import json
import kismetdb
kismet_log_file = "kismet/database.here"
alerts = kismetdb.Alerts(kismet_log_file)

# Get alert metadata
all_alerts_meta = alerts.get_meta()
for alert in all_alerts_meta:
    print(alert["header"])

# Get payload from all alerts
all_alerts = alerts.get_all()
for alert in all_alerts:
    print(json.loads(alert["json"])["kismet.alert.text"])
```

1.2 Included scripts

Alongside the Python library, several commands are installed:

- `kismet_log_devices_to_json`
- `kismet_log_to_csv`

- `kismet_log_to_kml`
- `kismet_log_to_pcap`
- `kismet_log_devices_to_filebeat_json`

Following any of the prior commands with `--help` will provide details on usage.

1.3 Testing

In order to test, you must place a kismet sqlite log file at `tests/assets/testdata.kismet_4` and `tests/assets/testdata.kismet_5`, which are Kismet version 4 and 5 databases, respectively.

Testing happens in a Docker build process:

Testing for Python 2.7:

```
docker build .
```

Testing for Python 3.6:

```
docker build --build-arg PY_VER=3.6 .
```

Testing for Python 3.7:

```
docker build --build-arg PY_VER=3.7 .
```

CHAPTER 2

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2.1 Tables

This wrapper presents tables as Python objects.

2.1.1 Alerts

class kismetdb.**Alerts**(*file_location*)

This object covers alerts stored in the Kismet DB.

The `Keyword Arguments` section below applies only to methods which support them (as noted below), not to object instantiation.

Parameters **file_location** (*str*) – Path to Kismet log file.

Keyword Arguments

- **ts_sec_gt** (*str, datetime, or (secs, u_secs)*) – Timestamp for starting query.
- **phyname** (*str, list*) – Restrict results to this PHY.
- **devmac** (*str, list*) – Restrict results to this MAC address.
- **header** (*str, list*) – Restrict results to alerts of this type.

get_all(***kwargs*)

Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

get_meta(***kwargs*)

Get metadata columns from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

yield_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Yields *dict* – Dict representing one row from query.

yield_meta(***kwargs*)
Yield metadata from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns Dict representing one row from query.

Return type dict

2.1.2 DataPackets

class kismetdb.**DataPackets**(*file_location*)
This object covers non-packet data stored in the Kismet DB.

The actual packet is stored in the *json* field of the dictionary returned for every row. This can be a very expensive abstraction to use if you don't employ some sort of filtering on your query. Consider using the *Packets.get_meta()* method to retrieve only the metadata (not the actual packet capture), which will preserve performance. The `Keyword Arguments` section below applies only to methods which support them (as noted below), not to object instantiation.

Parameters **file_location** (*str*) – Path to Kismet log file.

Keyword Arguments

- **ts_sec_lt** (*str, datetime.datetime*) – Match packets where the timestamp is before this.
- **ts_sec_gt** (*str, datetime.datetime*) – Match packets where the timestamp is after this.
- **phyname** (*str or list*) – Exact match against phy type
- **devmac** (*str or list*) – Exact match against device mac.
- **datasource** (*str or list*) – Exact match against datasource UUID.
- **type** (*str or list*) – Exact match against reported data type

get_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

get_meta(***kwargs*)
Get metadata columns from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

yield_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Yields *dict* – Dict representing one row from query.

yield_meta(***kwargs*)
Yield metadata from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns Dict representing one row from query.

Return type dict

2.1.3 DataSources

class kismetdb.**DataSources**(*file_location*)
This object covers data sources stored in the Kismet DB.

The `Keyword Arguments` section below applies only to methods which support them (as noted below), not to object instantiation.

Parameters **file_location** (*str*) – Path to Kismet log file.

Keyword Arguments

- **uuid** (*str, list*) – UUID of data source.
- **typestring** (*str, list*) – Type of data source.
- **definition** (*str, list*) – Data source definition.
- **name** (*str, list*) – Name of data source.
- **interface** (*str, list*) – Interface associated with data source.

get_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

get_meta(***kwargs*)
Get metadata columns from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

yield_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Yields *dict* – Dict representing one row from query.

yield_meta(***kwargs*)
Yield metadata from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns Dict representing one row from query.

Return type dict

2.1.4 Devices

class kismetdb.**Devices**(*file_location*)
This object covers devices tracked in the Kismet DB.

Unlike other abstractions which contain the object detail under the *json* key, this abstraction contains the details under the key named *device*. The `Keyword Arguments` section below applies only to methods which support them (as noted below), not to object instantiation.

Parameters **file_location** (*str*) – Path to Kismet log file.

Keyword Arguments

- **first_time_lt** (*str, datetime.datetime*) – Match devices where the first observation timestamp is before this time.
- **first_time_gt** (*str, datetime.datetime*) – Match devices where the first observation timestamp is after this time.
- **last_time_lt** (*str, datetime.datetime*) – Match devices where the most recent observation timestamp is before this time.
- **last_time_gt** (*str, datetime.datetime*) – Match devices where the most recent observation timestamp is after this time.
- **devkey** (*str, list*) – Exact match for this devkey.
- **phyname** (*str, list*) – Exact match for this phyname.
- **devmac** (*str, list*) – Exact match for this device MAC.
- **type** (*str, list*) – Exact match for this device type.
- **strongest_signal_gt** (*str, int*) – Match devices where the strongest signal is greater than the integer representation of this string.
- **strongest_signal_lt** (*str, int*) – Match devices where the strongest signal is less than the integer representation of this string.
- **bytes_data_gt** (*str, int*) – Match devices where we've seen at least this many bytes of data (converted to int).
- **bytes_data_lt** (*str, int*) – Match devices where we've seen at most this many bytes of data (converted to int).

get_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

get_meta(***kwargs*)
Get metadata columns from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

yield_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Yields *dict* – Dict representing one row from query.

yield_meta(***kwargs*)
Yield metadata from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns Dict representing one row from query.

Return type dict

2.1.5 Kismet

class kismetdb.**Kismet**(*filepath*)
This object extracts kismet server info from the first SYSTEM snapshot in the database. All values reference the Kismet server which generated this log.

Parameters **file_location** (*str*) – Path to Kismet log file.

kismet_version
Kismet version

Type str

kismet_git
Kismet git commit string

Type str

kismet_uuid
UUID of server

Type str

kismet_name
User-supplied name of server

Type str

kismet_location
User-supplied server location

Type str

kismet_description
User-supplied server description

Type str

kismet_user
Username server was running under

Type str

2.1.6 Packets

class kismetdb.**Packets**(*file_location*)
This object covers packets stored in the Kismet DB.

The actual packet is stored in the *packet* field of the dictionary returned for every row. This can be a very expensive abstraction to use if you don't employ some sort of filtering on your query. Consider using the *Packets.get_meta()* method to retrieve only the metadata (not the actual packet capture), which will preserve performance. The `Keyword Arguments` section below applies only to methods which support them (as noted below), not to object instantiation.

Parameters **file_location** (*str*) – Path to Kismet log file.

Keyword Arguments

- **ts_sec_lt** (*str, datetime.datetime*) – Match packets where the timestamp is before this.
- **ts_sec_gt** (*str, datetime.datetime*) – Match packets where the timestamp is after this.
- **phyname** (*str or list*) – Exact match against PHY name.
- **sourcemac** (*str or list*) – Exact match against source MAC address.
- **destmac** (*str or list*) – Exact match against destination MAC address.
- **transmac** (*str or list*) – Exact match against trans mac.
- **devkey** (*str or list*) – Exact match against devkey.
- **datasource** (*str or list*) – Exact match against datasource.
- **min_signal** (*str or int*) – Minimum signal.
- **dlt_gt** (*str or int*) – Minimum DLT.

get_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

get_meta(***kwargs*)
Get metadata columns from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

yield_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Yields *dict* – Dict representing one row from query.

yield_meta(***kwargs*)
Yield metadata from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns Dict representing one row from query.

Return type dict

2.1.7 Snapshots

class kismetdb.**Snapshots**(*file_location*)
This object covers snapshots stored in the Kismet DB.

The `Keyword Arguments` section below applies only to methods which support them (as noted below), not to object instantiation.

Parameters **file_location** (*str*) – Path to Kismet log file.

Keyword Arguments

- **ts_sec_gt** (*str, datetime, or (secs, u_secs)*) – Timestamp for starting query.
- **ts_sec_lt** (*str, datetime, or (secs, usecs)*) – Timestamp for ending query.
- **lat_gt** (*str, float*) – Bounding minimum latitude
- **lat_lt** (*str, float*) – Bounding maximum latitude
- **lon_gt** (*str, float*) – Bounding minimum longitude
- **lon_lt** (*str, float*) – Bounding maximum longitude
- **snaptype** (*str*) – Snapshot type

get_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

get_meta(***kwargs*)
Get metadata columns from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

yield_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Yields *dict* – Dict representing one row from query.

yield_meta(***kwargs*)
Yield metadata from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns Dict representing one row from query.

Return type dict

2.2 Extras

Some pre-built scripts are included for common use cases.

2.2.1 kismet_log_devices_to_filebeat_json

Export from the `devices` table to stdout or append a json file.

```
usage: kismet_log_devices_to_filebeat_json [-h] --in INFILE [--out OUTFILE]
                                           [--start-time STARTTIME]
                                           [--min-signal MINSIGNAL]

optional arguments:
-h, --help              show this help message and exit
--in INFILE             Input (.kismet) file
--out OUTFILE           Output filename (optional) for appending. If unspecified,
                        each record will be printed to stdout, one record per line,
                        ideal for piping into filebeat.
--start-time STARTTIME  Only list devices seen after given time
--min-signal MINSIGNAL  Only list devices with a best signal higher than min-signal
```

2.2.2 kismet_log_devices_to_json

Export contents of devices table in Kismet DB to json file.

```
usage: kismet_log_devices_to_json [-h] [--in INFILE] [--out OUTFILE]
                                  [--start-time STARTTIME]
                                  [--min-signal MINSIGNAL]

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  --in INFILE           Input (.kismet) file
  --out OUTFILE         Output filename (optional). If omitted, logs multi-
                        line and indented (human-readable) to stdout.
  --start-time STARTTIME Only list devices seen after given time
  --min-signal MINSIGNAL Only list devices with a best signal higher than min-signal
```

2.2.3 kismet_log_to_csv

Export contents of various tables in Kismet DB to csv file.

```
usage: kismet_log_to_csv [-h] [--in INFILE] [--out OUTFILE] [--table SRCTABLE]

optional arguments:
    -h, --help         show this help message and exit
    --in INFILE        Input (.kismet) file
    --out OUTFILE      Output CSV filename
    --table SRCTABLE   Select the table to export. The ``packets``, ``datasources``,
                       and ``alerts`` tables are supported. Defaults to ``devices``␣
↪table.
```

2.2.4 kismet_log_to_kml

Export contents of the `devices` table to KML.

```
usage: kismet_log_to_kml [-h] [--in INFILE] [--out OUTFILE]
                         [--start-time STARTTIME] [--min-signal MINSIGNAL]
                         [--strongest-point] [--title TITLE] [--ssid SSID]


optional arguments:
  -h, --help              show this help message and exit
  --in INFILE             Input (.kismet) file
  --out OUTFILE           Output filename (optional)
  --start-time STARTTIME  Only list devices seen after given time
  --min-signal MINSIGNAL  Only list devices with a best signal higher than min-signal
  --strongest-point       Plot points based on strongest signal
  --title TITLE           Title embedded in KML file
  --ssid SSID             Only plot networks which match the SSID (or SSID regex)
```

2.2.5 kismet_log_to_pcap

Export captures from the `packets` table to .pcap file.

```
usage: kismet_log_to_pcap [-h] [--in INFILE] [--out OUTFILE]
                          [--outtitle OUTTITLE] [--limit-packets LIMITPACKETS]
                          [--source-uuid UUID] [--start-time STARTTIME]
                          [--end-time ENDTIME] [--silent SILENT]
                          [--min-signal MINSIGNAL] [--device-key DEVICEKEY]

optional arguments:
    -h, --help                    show this help message and exit
    --in INFILE                   Input (.kismet) file
    --out OUTFILE                 Output filename (when exporting all packets)
    --outtitle OUTTITLE           Output title (when limiting packets per file)
    --limit-packets LIMITPACKETS  Generate multiple pcap files, limiting the number
                                  of packets per file
    --source-uuid UUID            Limit packets to a specific data source (multiple
                                  --source-uuid options will match multiple␣
↪datasources)
    --start-time STARTTIME        Only convert packets recorded after start-time
```

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```
    --end-time ENDTIME            Only convert packets recorded before end-time
    --silent SILENT               Silent operation (no status output)
    --min-signal MINSIGNAL        Only convert packets with a signal greater than min-
↪signal
    --device-key DEVICEKEY        Only convert packets which are linked to the␣
↪specified device
                                  key (multiple --device-key options will match␣
↪multiple devices)
```

2.3 Testing

In order to test, you must place a kismet sqlite log file at `tests/assets/testdata.kismet_4` and `tests/assets/testdata.kismet_5`, which are version 4 and version 5 log files, respectively.

Testing happens in a Docker build process:

Testing for Python 2.7:

```
docker build .
```

Testing for Python 3.6:

```
docker build --build-arg PY_VER=3.6 .
```

Testing for Python 3.7:

```
docker build --build-arg PY_VER=3.7 .
```

2.4 Updating and Extending

Over time, we expect that the database schema will change. To make transitioning to a new schema easier, each object is defined with the expected database columns defined in a class variable named `column_names`. The bulk data field (which contains json or raw packet capture) is in a class variable named `bulk_data_field`. The `valid_kwargs` class variable is used in parsing keyword arguments for filtering in the SQL query. These items tie into functions that live in the Utility class, and are used for forming the SQL that's used to query the Kismet DB.

This tool follows calendar versioning, and new versions support DB schemas as far back as v4.

As the database schema changes, the changes required to support a new version of the db will be required on a per-object basis. The following object attributes are used to contain version-specific schema information:

- `field_defaults`: This is used to force a default value for fields that are not found in older-than-current versions of the Kismet DB.
- `converters_reference`: This allows us to specify a converter so that if the data type changes between schema versions, we can force the older DB type to match the current DB version's type.
- `column_reference`: This describes the expected columns for each supported version of the kismet DB

All objects representing tables inherit from the BaseInterface class:

class kismetdb.**BaseInterface**(*file_location*)
Initialize with a path to a valid Kismet log file.

Parameters **file_location** (*str*) – Path to Kismet log file.

bulk_data_field
Field containing bulk data (typically stored as a blob in the DB). This allows the *get_meta()* method to exclude information which may have a performance impact. This is especially true for the retrieval of packet captures.

Type str

column_reference
Top-level keys in this dictionary are version numbers, and are used to easily extend the schema for new versions. The `column_names` attribute is populated from this during instantiation.

Type dict

column_names
Name of columns expected to be in this object's table by this abstraction. Used for validation against columns in DB on instanitation.

Type list

table_name
Name of the table this abstraction represents.

Type str

valid_kwargs
This is a dictionary where the key is the name of a keyword argument and the value is a reference to the function which builds the SQL partial and replacement dictionary.

Type str

field_defaults
Statically set these column defaults by DB version.

Type dict

converters_reference
This provides a reference for converters to use on data coming from the DB on a version by version basis.

Type dict

full_query_column_names
Processed column names for full query of kismet DB. Created on instantiation.

Type list

meta_query_column_names
Processed column names for meta query of kismet DB. Created on instantiation.

Type list

get_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

get_meta(***kwargs*)
Get metadata columns from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns List of each json object from all rows returned from query.

Return type list

yield_all(***kwargs*)
Get all objects represented by this class from Kismet DB.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Yields *dict* – Dict representing one row from query.

yield_meta(***kwargs*)
Yield metadata from DB, excluding bulk data columns.

Yields one row at a time. Keyword arguments are described above, near the beginning of the class documentation.

Returns Dict representing one row from query.

Return type dict

2.5 Changelog

2.5.1 v2019.05.05

- Handle missing SYSTEM snapshots during Kismet processing [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]

2.5.2 v2019.05.04

- Add DataPackets handler [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]

2.5.3 v2019.05.03

- Fix JSON blob type extractor for DataSources [Ash Wilson]

  Closes #3
- Add JSON blob type extractor for Snapshots [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]

2.5.4 v2019.05.02

- Make RST doc levels happy. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Hopefully make docs happy. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Add self to docs. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Fix changelog. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Fix RST? [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Docs. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Ignore vim. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Enable classes Bump version Add integer version. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Add snapshots class Add kismet class for server info derived from snapshots. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]

- Add float comparators Add string LIKE comparators. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Add defaults for db6. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Add support for database version 6. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Add license file now that it's a submodule. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]
- Minor commit to trigger mirror. [Mike Kershaw / Dragorn]

2.5.5 v5.1.0 (2019-02-16)

New

- Include version-specific converters. [Ash Wilson]

  This allows us to, for instance, ensure that all GPS coordinates are returned as float-type values, across all database versions, no matter how they were originally stored in the database.

  Closes #22

- Support v4 as well as v5 Kismet databases. [Ash Wilson]

  Closes #19

- Add `kismet_log_devices_to_filebeat_json`. [Ash Wilson]

  Closes #17

2.5.6 v5.0.0 (2019-02-12)

New

- Support v5 schema. [Ash Wilson]

2.5.7 v4.0.3 (2019-02-05)

Changes

- Updated docs, added simplekml requirement. [Ash Wilson]

  Closes #8 Closes #7

- Adding docs to be built by Sphinx. [Ash Wilson]
- Scripts automatically install with Python package. [Ash Wilson]

  Added generator function yield_rows() to all abstractions.

- Initial working commit. [Ash Wilson]

  In order to run integration tests, you need a Kismet db at tests/assets/testdata.kismet.

CHAPTER 3

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