
Flask-PyMongo Documentation

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[MongoDB](#) is an open source database that stores flexible JSON-like “documents,” which can have any number, name, or hierarchy of fields within, instead of rows of data as in a relational database. Python developers can think of MongoDB as a persistent, searchable repository of Python dictionaries (and, in fact, this is how [PyMongo](#) represents MongoDB documents).

Flask-PyMongo bridges Flask and PyMongo and provides some convenience helpers.

CHAPTER 1

Quickstart

First, install Flask-PyMongo:

```
$ pip install Flask-PyMongo
```

Next, add a *PyMongo* to your code:

```
from flask import Flask
from flask_pymongo import PyMongo

app = Flask(__name__)
app.config["MONGO_URI"] = "mongodb://localhost:27017/myDatabase"
mongo = PyMongo(app)
```

PyMongo connects to the MongoDB server running on port 27017 on localhost, to the database named `myDatabase`. This database is exposed as the *db* attribute.

You can use *db* directly in views:

```
@app.route("/")
def home_page():
    online_users = mongo.db.users.find({"online": True})
    return render_template("index.html",
        online_users=online_users)
```


CHAPTER 2

Compatibility

Flask-PyMongo depends on recent versions of Flask and PyMongo, where “recent” is defined to mean “was released in the last 3 years”. Flask-PyMongo *may* work with older versions, but compatibility fixes for older versions will not be accepted, and future changes may break compatibility in older versions.

Flask-PyMongo is tested against [supported versions](#) of MongoDB, and Python 2.7 and 3.4+. For the exact list of version combinations that are tested and known to be compatible, see the *envlist* in [tox.ini](#).

CHAPTER 3

Helpers

Flask-PyMongo provides helpers for some common tasks:

`Collection.find_one_or_404(*args, **kwargs)`

Find a single document or raise a 404.

This is like `find_one()`, but rather than returning `None`, cause a 404 Not Found HTTP status on the request.

```
@app.route("/user/<username>")
def user_profile(username):
    user = mongo.db.users.find_one_or_404({"_id": username})
    return render_template("user.html",
        user=user)
```

`PyMongo.send_file(filename, base='fs', version=-1, cache_for=31536000)`

Respond with a file from GridFS.

Returns an instance of the `response_class` containing the named file, and implement conditional GET semantics (using `make_conditional()`).

```
@app.route("/uploads/<path:filename>")
def get_upload(filename):
    return mongo.send_file(filename)
```

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – the filename of the file to return
- **base** (*str*) – the base name of the GridFS collections to use
- **version** (*bool*) – if positive, return the Nth revision of the file identified by filename; if negative, return the Nth most recent revision. If no such version exists, return with HTTP status 404.
- **cache_for** (*int*) – number of seconds that browsers should be instructed to cache responses

`PyMongo.save_file(filename, fileobj, base='fs', content_type=None, **kwargs)`
Save a file-like object to GridFS using the given filename.

```
@app.route("/uploads/<path:filename>", methods=["POST"])
def save_upload(filename):
    mongo.save_file(filename, request.files["file"])
    return redirect(url_for("get_upload", filename=filename))
```

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – the filename of the file to return
- **fileobj** (*file*) – the file-like object to save
- **base** (*str*) – base the base name of the GridFS collections to use
- **content_type** (*str*) – the MIME content-type of the file. If `None`, the content-type is guessed from the filename using `guess_type()`
- **kwargs** – extra attributes to be stored in the file’s document, passed directly to `gridfs.GridFS.put()`

class flask_pymongo.BSONObjectIdConverter (*map*)
A simple converter for the RESTful URL routing system of Flask.

```
@app.route("/<ObjectId:task_id>")
def show_task(task_id):
    task = mongo.db.tasks.find_one_or_404(task_id)
    return render_template("task.html", task=task)
```

Valid object ID strings are converted into `ObjectId` objects; invalid strings result in a 404 error. The converter is automatically registered by the initialization of `PyMongo` with keyword `ObjectId`.

CHAPTER 4

Configuration

You can configure Flask-PyMongo either by passing a `MongoDB URI` to the `PyMongo` constructor, or assigning it to the `MONGO_URI` Flask configuration variable

You may also pass additional keyword arguments to the `PyMongo` constructor. These are passed directly through to the underlying `MongoClient` object.

Note: By default, Flask-PyMongo sets the `connect` keyword argument to `False`, to prevent PyMongo from connecting immediately. PyMongo itself is *not fork-safe*, and delaying connection until the app is actually used is necessary to avoid issues. If you wish to change this default behavior, pass `connect=True` as a keyword argument to `PyMongo`.

You can create multiple `PyMongo` instances, to connect to multiple databases or database servers:

```
app = Flask(__name__)

# connect to MongoDB with the defaults
mongo1 = PyMongo(app, uri="mongodb://localhost:27017/databaseOne")

# connect to another MongoDB database on the same host
mongo2 = PyMongo(app, uri="mongodb://localhost:27017/databaseTwo")

# connect to another MongoDB server altogether
mongo3 = PyMongo(app, uri="mongodb://another.host:27017/databaseThree")
```

Each instance is independent of the others and shares no state.

5.1 Classes

class flask_pymongo.**PyMongo** (*app=None, uri=None, *args, **kwargs*)

Manages MongoDB connections for your Flask app.

PyMongo objects provide access to the MongoDB server via the *db* and *cx* attributes. You must either pass the Flask app to the constructor, or call *init_app()*.

PyMongo accepts a MongoDB URI via the MONGO_URI Flask configuration variable, or as an argument to the constructor or *init_app*. See *init_app()* for more detail.

Changed in version 2.0: Flask-PyMongo no longer accepts many of the configuration variables it did in previous versions. You must now use a MongoDB URI to configure Flask-PyMongo.

cx

The MongoClient or MongoReplicaSetClient, depending on the type of connection described by the URI.

db

The Database if a URI was used and it named a database, and None otherwise.

init_app (*app, uri=None, *args, **kwargs*)

Initialize this *PyMongo* for use.

Configure a MongoClient or MongoReplicaSetClient in the following scenarios:

1. If *uri* is not None, pass the *uri* and any positional or keyword arguments to MongoClient
2. If *uri* is None, and a Flask config variable named MONGO_URI exists, use that as the *uri* as above.

The caller is responsible for ensuring that additional positional and keyword arguments result in a valid call.

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save_file (*filename*, *fileobj*, *base*='fs', *content_type*=None, ***kwargs*)
 Save a file-like object to GridFS using the given filename.

```
@app.route("/uploads/<path:filename>", methods=["POST"])
def save_upload(filename):
    mongo.save_file(filename, request.files["file"])
    return redirect(url_for("get_upload", filename=filename))
```

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – the filename of the file to return
- **fileobj** (*file*) – the file-like object to save
- **base** (*str*) – base the base name of the GridFS collections to use
- **content_type** (*str*) – the MIME content-type of the file. If None, the content-type is guessed from the filename using `guess_type()`
- **kwargs** – extra attributes to be stored in the file’s document, passed directly to `gridfs.GridFS.put()`

send_file (*filename*, *base*='fs', *version*=-1, *cache_for*=31536000)
 Respond with a file from GridFS.

Returns an instance of the `response_class` containing the named file, and implement conditional GET semantics (using `make_conditional()`).

```
@app.route("/uploads/<path:filename>")
def get_upload(filename):
    return mongo.send_file(filename)
```

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – the filename of the file to return
- **base** (*str*) – the base name of the GridFS collections to use
- **version** (*bool*) – if positive, return the Nth revision of the file identified by filename; if negative, return the Nth most recent revision. If no such version exists, return with HTTP status 404.
- **cache_for** (*int*) – number of seconds that browsers should be instructed to cache responses

5.2 Wrappers

Flask-PyMongo wraps PyMongo’s `MongoClient`, `Database`, and `Collection` classes, and overrides their attribute and item accessors. Wrapping the PyMongo classes in this way lets Flask-PyMongo add methods to `Collection` while allowing user code to use MongoDB-style dotted expressions.

```
>>> type(mongo.cx)
<type 'flask_pymongo.wrappers.MongoClient'>
>>> type(mongo.db)
<type 'flask_pymongo.wrappers.Database'>
>>> type(mongo.db.some_collection)
<type 'flask_pymongo.wrappers.Collection'>
```


class flask_pymongo.wrappers.**Collection**(...)

Sub-class of PyMongo `Collection` with helpers.

find_one_or_404(*args, **kwargs)

Find a single document or raise a 404.

This is like `find_one()`, but rather than returning `None`, cause a 404 Not Found HTTP status on the request.

```
@app.route("/user/<username>")
def user_profile(username):
    user = mongo.db.users.find_one_or_404({"_id": username})
    return render_template("user.html",
                           user=user)
```

5.3 History and Contributors

Changes:

- 2.1.0: August 6, 2018
 - [#114](#) Accept keyword arguments to `save_file()` (Andrew C. Hawkins).
 - 2.0.1: July 17, 2018
 - [#113](#) Make the `app` argument to PyMongo optional (yarobob).
 - 2.0.0: July 2, 2018
- This release is not compatible with Flask-PyMongo 0.5.x or any earlier version.** You can see an explanation of the reasoning and changes in [issue #110](#).
- Only support configuration via URI.
 - Don't connect to MongoDB by default.
 - Clarify version support of Python, Flask, PyMongo, and MongoDB.
 - Readability improvement to `README.md` (MinJae Kwon).
- 0.5.2: May 19, 2018
 - [#102](#) Return 404, not 400, when given an invalid input to `BSONObjectIdConverter` (Abraham Toriz Cruz).
 - 0.5.1: May 24, 2017
 - [#93](#) Supply a default `MONGO_AUTH_MECHANISM` (Mark Unsworth).
 - 0.5.0: May 21, 2017

This will be the last 0.x series release. The next non-bugfix release will be Flask-PyMongo 2.0, which will introduce backwards breaking changes, and will be the foundation for improvements and changes going forward. Flask-PyMongo 2.0 will no longer support Python 2.6, but will support Python 2.7 and Python 3.3+.

- [#44](#), [#51](#) Redirect / to /HomePage in the wiki example (David Awad)
- [#76](#) Build on more modern Python versions (Robson Roberto Souza Peixoto)
- [#79](#), [#84](#), [#85](#) Don't use `flask.ext` import paths any more (ratson, juliascript)
- [#40](#), [#83](#), [#86](#) Fix options parsing from `MONGO_URI` (jobou)
- [#72](#), [#80](#) Support `MONGO_SERVER_SELECTION_TIMEOUT_MS` (Henrik Blidh)

- #34, #64, #88 Support from `MONGO_AUTH_SOURCE` and `MONGO_AUTH_MECHANISM` (Craig Davis)
- #74, #77, #78 Fixed `maxPoolSize` in PyMongo 3.0+ (Henrik Blidh)
- #82 Fix “another user is already authenticated” error message.
- #54 Authenticate against “admin” database if no `MONGO_DBNAME` is provided.
- 0.4.1: January 25, 2016
 - Add the connect keyword: #67.
- 0.4.0: October 19, 2015
 - Flask-Pymongo is now compatible with pymongo 3.0+: #63.
- 0.3.1: April 9, 2015
 - Flask-PyMongo is now tested against Python 2.6, 2.7, 3.3, and 3.4.
 - Flask-PyMongo installation now no longer depends on `nose`.
 - #58 Update requirements for PyMongo 3.x (Emmanuel Valette).
 - #43 Ensure error is raised when URI database name is parsed as ‘None’ (Ben Jeffrey).
 - #50 Fix a bug in read preference handling (Kevin Funk).
 - #46 Cannot use multiple replicaset instances which run on different ports (Mark Unsworth).
 - #30 ConfigurationError with `MONGO_READ_PREFERENCE` (Mark Unsworth).
- 0.3.0: July 4, 2013
 - This is a minor version bump which introduces backwards breaking changes! Please read these change notes carefully.
 - Removed read preference constants from Flask-PyMongo; to set a read preference, use the string name or import constants directly from `pymongo.read_preferences.ReadPreference`.
 - #22 (partial) Add support for `MONGO_SOCKET_TIMEOUT_MS` and `MONGO_CONNECT_TIMEOUT_MS` options (ultrabug).
 - #27 (partial) Make Flask-PyMongo compatible with Python 3 (Vizzy).
- 0.2.1: December 22, 2012
 - #19 Added `MONGO_DOCUMENT_CLASS` config option (jeverling).
- 0.2.0: December 15, 2012
 - This is a minor version bump which may introduce backwards breaking changes! Please read these change notes carefully.
 - #17 Now using PyMongo 2.4’s `MongoClient` and `MongoReplicaSetClient` objects instead of `Connection` and `ReplicaSetConnection` classes (tang0th).
 - #17 Now requiring at least PyMongo version 2.4 (tang0th).
 - #17 The wrapper class `flask_pymongo.wrappers.Connection` is renamed to `flask_pymongo.wrappers.MongoClient` (tang0th).
 - #17 The wrapper class `flask_pymongo.wrappers.ReplicaSetConnection` is renamed to `flask_pymongo.wrappers.MongoReplicaSetClient` (tang0th).
 - #18 `MONGO_AUTO_START_REQUEST` now defaults to `False` when connecting using a URI.
- 0.1.4: December 15, 2012

- [#15](#) Added support for MONGO_MAX_POOL_SIZE (Fabrice Aneche)
- 0.1.3: September 22, 2012
 - Added support for configuration from MongoDB URI.
- 0.1.2: June 18, 2012
 - Updated wiki example application
 - [#14](#) Added examples and docs to PyPI package.
- 0.1.1: May 26, 2012
 - Added support for PyMongo 2.2’s “auto start request” feature, by way of the MONGO_AUTO_START_REQUEST configuration flag.
 - [#13](#) Added BSONObjectIdConverter (Christoph Herr)
 - [#12](#) Corrected documentation typo (Thor Adam)
- 0.1: December 21, 2011
 - Initial Release

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