btdht Documentation

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btdht: A python implementation of the Bittorrent distributed hash table

The aim of btdht is to provide a powerful implementation of the Bittorrent mainline DHT easily extended to build application over the DHT. The author currently uses it to crawl the dht and has been able to retrieve more than 200.000 torrents files a day.

The implementation is fully compliant with the BEP5 and the kademlia paper [1] (with a predominance of the BEP5 over the paper) For example, this implementation uses a bucket-based approach for the routing table.

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1.1 Dependencies

- python 2.7 or 3.4 or above
- datrie
- netaddr

1.2 Build dependencies

- A C compiler
- cython
- python header files

[1] Maymounkov, P., & Mazieres, D. (2002, March). Kademlia: A peer-to-peer information system based on the xor metric. In International Workshop on Peer-to-Peer Systems (pp. 53-65). Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

1.3 Installation

The recommended installation mode is to use a virtualenv.

To Install `btdht` using the last published release, run:

```
$ pip install btdht
```

Alternatively if you want to use the version of the git repository, you can clone it:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/nitmir/btdht
$ cd btdht
$ pip install -r requirements-dev.txt
```

Then, run `make install` to compile the sources and create a python package and install it with pip.

For installing or building on linux and unix systems, you will need a C compiler and the python headers (installing the packages `build-essential` and `python-dev` should be enough on debian like systems, you'll probably gonna need `make`, `gcc`, `python2-devel` and `redhat-rpm-config` on centos like systems).

On windows systems, we provide pre-builded releases for python 2.7 and 3.5 so just running `pip install btdht` should be fine. If you want to build from the sources of the repository or, for another python version, you will also need a C compiler.

1.4 Usage examples

Search for the peers announcing the torrent `0403fb4728bd788fbcb67e87d6feb241ef38c75a` (Ubuntu 16.10 Desktop (64-bit))

```
>>> import btdht
>>> import binascii
>>> dht = btdht.DHT()
>>> dht.start()  # now wait at least 15s for the dht to boostrap
init socket for 4c323257aa6c4c5c6ccae118db93ccce5bb05d92
Bootstraping
>>> dht.get_peers(binascii.a2b_hex("0403fb4728bd788fbcb67e87d6feb241ef38c75a"))
[
    ('81.171.107.75', 17744),
    ('94.242.250.86', 3813),
    ('88.175.164.228', 32428),
    ('82.224.107.213', 61667),
    ('85.56.118.178', 6881),
    ('78.196.28.4', 38379),
    ('82.251.140.70', 32529),
    ('78.198.108.3', 10088),
    ('78.235.153.136', 10619),
    ('88.189.113.32', 33192),
    ('81.57.9.183', 5514),
    ('82.251.17.155', 14721),
    ('88.168.207.178', 31466),
    ('82.238.89.236', 32970),
    ('78.226.209.88', 2881),
    ('5.164.219.48', 6881),
    ('78.225.252.39', 31002)
]
```

Subsequent calls to get_peers may return more peers.

You may also inherit `btdht.DHT_BASE` and overload some of the `on_`msg`_(query|response)` functions. See the doc for a full overview of the `btdht` API.

CHAPTER 2

btdht package

2.1 Submodules

2.1.1 btdht.dht module

DHT	A DHT class ready for instanciation
DHT_BASE	The DHT base class
Node	A node of the dht in the routing table
Bucket	A bucket of nodes in the routing table
RoutingTable	A routing table for one or more *DHT_BASE* instances

class btdht.dht.**DHT**

Bases: *btdht.dht.DHT_BASE*

A DHT class ready for instanciation

Parameters

- **routing_table** (RoutingTable) – An optional routing table, possibly shared between several dht instances. If not specified, a new routing table is instanciated.
- **bind_port** (*int*) – And optional udp port to use for the dht instance. If not specified, the hosting system will choose an available port.
- **bind_ip** (*str*) – The interface to listen to. The default is "0.0.0.0".
- **id** (*bytes*) – An optional 160 bits long (20 Bytes) id. If not specified, a random one is generated.
- **ignored_ip** (*set*) – A set of ip address in dotted ("1.2.3.4") notation to ignore. The default is the empty set.
- **debuglvl** (*int*) – Level of verbosity, default to 0.
- **prefix** (*str*) – A prefix to use in logged messages. The default is "".
- **process_queue_size** (*int*) – Size of the queue of messages waiting to be processed by user defines functions (on_'msg'_(query|response)). see the *register_message* method. The default to 500.
- **ignored_net** (*list*) – An list of ip networks in cidr notation ("1.2.3.4/5") to ignore. The default is the value of the attribute ignored_net.

- **scheduler** (btdht.utils.Scheduler) – A optional *Scheduler* instance. If not specified, a new *Scheduler* is instanciated.

Note: try to use same `id` and `bind_port` over dht restart to increase the probability to remain in other nodes routing table

class btdht.dht.**DHT_BASE**
Bases: object

The DHT base class

Parameters

- **routing_table** (RoutingTable) – An optional routing table, possibly shared between several dht instances. If not specified, a new routing table is instanciated.
- **bind_port** (*int*) – And optional udp port to use for the dht instance. If not specified, the hosting system will choose an available port.
- **bind_ip** (*str*) – The interface to listen to. The default is `"0.0.0.0"`.
- **id** (*bytes*) – An optional 160 bits long (20 Bytes) id. If not specified, a random one is generated.
- **ignored_ip** (*set*) – A set of ip address in dotted (`"1.2.3.4"`) notation to ignore. The default is the empty set.
- **debuglvl** (*int*) – Level of verbosity, default to `0`.
- **prefix** (*str*) – A prefix to use in logged messages. The default is `""`.
- **process_queue_size** (*int*) – Size of the queue of messages waiting to be processed by user defines functions (on_'msg'_(query|response)). see the *register_message* method. The default to `500`.
- **ignored_net** (*list*) – An list of ip networks in cidr notation (`"1.2.3.4/5"`) to ignore. The default is the value of the attribute *ignored_net*.
- **scheduler** (btdht.utils.Scheduler) – A optional *Scheduler* instance. If not specified, a new *Scheduler* is instanciated.

Note: try to use same `id` and `bind_port` over dht restart to increase the probability to remain in other nodes routing table

bind_ip = '0.0.0.0'
`str` interface the dht is binded to

bind_port = None
`int` port the dht is binded to

debuglvl = 0
`int` the dht instance verbosity level

last_msg = 0
last time we received any message

last_msg_rep = 0
last time we receive a response to one of our messages

ignored_ip = []
`set` of ignored ip in dotted notation

ignored_net = ['0.0.0.0/8', '10.0.0.0/8', '100.64.0.0/10', '127.0.0.0/8', '169.254.0.0/16', '172.16.0.0/12', '192.0.0.0/24', '19
`list` of default ignored ip networks

myid = None
`utils.ID` the dht instance id, 160bits long (20 Bytes)

prefix = ''
`str` prefixing all debug message

root = None
`RoutingTable` the used instance of the routing table

sock = None
The current dht `socket.socket`

stoped = True
the state (stoped ?) of the dht

threads = []
`list` of the `Thread` of the dht instance

token = defaultdict(<type 'list'>, {})
Token send with get_peers response. Map between ip addresses and a list of random token. A new token by ip is genereted at most every 5 min, a single token is valid 10 min. On reception of a announce_peer query from ip, the query is only accepted if we have a valid token (generated less than 10min ago).

mytoken = {}
Tokens received on get_peers response. Map between ip addresses and received token from ip. Needed to send announce_peer to that particular ip.

transaction_type = {}
Map beetween transaction id and messages type (to be able to match responses)

to_send = <btdht.utils.PollableQueue instance>
A `PollableQueue` of messages (data, (ip, port)) to send

to_schedule = []
A list of looping iterator to schedule, passed to `_scheduler`

zombie
`True` if dht is stopped but one thread or more remains alive, `False` otherwise

save (*filename=None*, *max_node=None*)
save the current list of nodes to `filename`.

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – An optional filename where to save the current list of nodes. If not provided, the file `"dht_`myid`.status` is used.
- **max_node** (*int*) – An optional integer to limit the number of saved nodes. If not provided, all of the routing table nodes are saved.

load (*filename=None*, *max_node=None*)
load a list of nodes from `filename`.

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – An optional filename where to load the list of nodes. If not provided, the file `"dht_`myid`.status` is used.
- **max_node** (*int*) – An optional integer to limit the number of loaded nodes. If not provided, all of the file nodes are loaded.

start(*start_routing_table=True*, *start_scheduler=True*)

Start the dht:

- initialize some attributes
- initialize the dht socket (see :meth:init_socket)
- register this instance of the dht in the routing table (see *RoutingTable.register_dht()*)
- register this instance of the dht in the scheduler
- start the routing table if needed and `start_routing_table` is ``True`
- start the scheduler if needed and `start_scheduler` is `True`

Parameters

- **start_routing_table** (*bool*) – If `True` (the default) also start the routing table if needed
- **start_scheduler** (*bool*) – If ‘‘True‘‘(the default) alsp start the scheduler

stop()

Stop the dht:

•Set the attribute *stoped* to `True` and wait for threads to terminate

•Close the dht socket

Raises **FailToStop** – if there is still some alive threads after 30 secondes, with the list of still alive threads as parameter.

stop_bg()

Lauch the stop process of the dht and return immediately

init_socket()

Initialize the UDP socket of the DHT

is_alive()

Test if all threads of the dht are alive, stop the dht if one of the thread is dead

Returns `True` if all dht threads are alive, `False` otherwise and stop all remaining threads.

Return type bool

debug(*lvl*, *msg*)

Print `msg` prefixed with *prefix* if `lvl` <= *debuglvl*

Parameters

- **lvl** (*int*) – The debug level of the message to print
- **msg** (*str*) – The debug message to print

Note: duplicate messages are removed

sleep(*t*, *fstop=None*)

Sleep for t seconds. If the dht is requested to be stop, run `fstop()` and exit

Parameters

- **t** (*float*) – A time to sleep, in seconds
- **fstop** – A callable with no arguments, called before exiting

Note: Dont use it in the main thread otherwise it can exit before child threads. Only use it in child threads

) .. automethod:: build_table .. automethod:: announce_peer(info_hash, port, delay=0, block=True) .. automethod:: get_peers(hash, delay=0, block=True, callback=None, limit=10)

get_closest_nodes(*id*, *compact=False*)
return the current K closest nodes from `id` present in the routing table (K = 8)

Parameters

- **id** (*bytes*) – A 160bits (20 Bytes) long identifier for which we want the closest nodes in the routing table.
- **compact** (*bool*) – If `True` the nodes infos are returned in compact format. Otherwise, intances of *Node* are returned. The default is `False`.

Returns A list of *Node* if `compact` is `False`, a `bytes` of size multiple of 26 if `compact` is `True`.

Return type `list` if `compact` is `False`, a `bytes` otherwise.

Note: Contact information for peers is encoded as a 6-byte string. Also known as "Compact IP-address/port info" the 4-byte IP address is in network byte order with the 2 byte port in network byte order concatenated onto the end.

Contact information for nodes is encoded as a 26-byte string. Also known as "Compact node info" the 20-byte Node ID in network byte order and the compact IP-address/port info concatenated to the end.

sendto(*msg*, *addr*)
Program a msg to be send over the network

Parameters

- **msg** (*bytes*) – The message to send
- **addr** (*tuple*) – A couple (ip, port) to send the message to. ip is in dotted notation

Notes: The message is push to the *to_send* queue.

clean()
Function called every 15s to do some cleanning. It can safely be overload

clean_long()
Function called every 15min to do some cleanning. It can safely be overload

register_message(*msg*)

Register a dht message to be processed by the following user defined functions

- *on_error()*
- *on_ping_query()*
- *on_ping_response()*
- *on_find_node_query()*
- *on_find_node_response()*
- *on_get_peers_query()*
- *on_get_peers_response()*

- *on_announce_peer_query()*
- *on_announce_peer_response()*
- ...

Parameters **msg** (*bytes*) – A dht message to register like `b'error'`, `b'ping'`, `b'find_node'`, `b'get_peers'` or `b'announce_peer'`

Note:

- on query reception, the function on_''msg''_query will be call with the query as parameter
- on response reception, the function on_''msg''_response will be called with the query and the response as parameters
- on error reception, the function `on_error` will be called with the error and the query as parameter
- The message kind is in the `q` key of any dht query message

on_announce_peer_response(*query*, *response*)
Function called on a announce_peer response reception. Can safely the overloaded

Parameters

- **query** (`krcp.BMessage`) – the sent query object
- **response** (`krcp.BMessage`) – the received response object

Notes: For this function to be called on announce_peer response reception, you need to call *register_message()* with the parameter `b'announce_peer'`

on_announce_peer_query(*query*)
Function called on a announce query reception. Can safely the overloaded

Parameters **query** (`krcp.BMessage`) – the received query object

Notes: For this function to be called on announce_peer query reception, you need to call *register_message()* with the parameter `b'announce_peer'`

on_find_node_query(*query*)
Function called on a find_node query reception. Can safely the overloaded

Parameters **query** (`krcp.BMessage`) – the received query object

Notes: For this function to be called on find_node query reception, you need to call *register_message()* with the parameter `b'find_node'`

on_find_node_response(*query*, *response*)
Function called on a find_node response reception. Can safely the overloaded

Parameters

- **query** (`krcp.BMessage`) – the sent query object
- **response** (`krcp.BMessage`) – the received response object

Notes: For this function to be called on find_node response reception, you need to call *register_message()* with the parameter `b'find_node'`

on_get_peers_query(*query*)
Function called on a get_peers query reception. Can safely the overloaded

Parameters **query** (krcp.BMessage) – the received query object

Notes: For this function to be called on get_peers query reception, you need to call *register_message()* with the parameter b'get_peers'

on_get_peers_response(*query*, *response*)
Function called on a get_peers response reception. Can safely the overloaded

Parameters

- **query** (krcp.BMessage) – the sent query object
- **response** (krcp.BMessage) – the received response object

Notes: For this function to be called on get_peers response reception, you need to call *register_message()* with the parameter b'get_peers'

on_ping_query(*query*)
Function called on a ping query reception. Can safely the overloaded

Parameters **query** (krcp.BMessage) – the received query object

Notes: For this function to be called on ping query reception, you need to call *register_message()* with the parameter b'ping'

on_ping_response(*query*, *response*)
Function called on a ping response reception. Can safely the overloaded

Parameters

- **query** (krcp.BMessage) – the sent query object
- **response** (krcp.BMessage) – the received response object

Notes: For this function to be called on ping response reception, you need to call *register_message()* with the parameter b'ping'

on_error(*error*, *query=None*)
Function called then a query has be responded by an error message. Can safely the overloaded.

Parameters

- **error** (*krcp.Berror*) – An error instance
- **query** (krcp.BMessage) – An optional query raising the error message

Notes: For this function to be called on error reception, you need to call *register_message()* with the parameter b'error'

class btdht.dht.**Node**
Bases: object

A node of the dht in the routing table

Parameters

- **id** (*bytes*) – The 160 bits (20 Bytes) long identifier of the node

- **ip** (*str*) – The ip, in dotted notation of the node
- **port** (*int*) – The udp dht port of the node
- **last_response** (*int*) – Unix timestamp of the last received response from this node
- **last_query** (*int*) – Unix timestamp of the last received query from this node
- **failed** (*int*) – Number of consecutive queries sended to the node without responses

Note: A good node is a node has responded to one of our queries within the last 15 minutes. A node is also good if it has ever responded to one of our queries and has sent us a query within the last 15 minutes. After 15 minutes of inactivity, a node becomes questionable. Nodes become bad when they fail to respond to multiple queries in a row (3 query in a row in this implementation).

port
UDP port of the node

last_response
Unix timestamp of the last received response from this node

last_query
Unix timestamp of the last received query from this node

failed
Number of reponse pending (increase on sending query to the node, set to 0 on reception from the node)

id
160bits (20 Bytes) identifier of the node

good
`True` if the node is a good node. A good node is a node has responded to one of our queries within the last 15 minutes. A node is also good if it has ever responded to one of our queries and has sent us a query within the last 15 minutes.

bad
`True` if the node is a bad node (communication with the node is not possible). Nodes become bad when they fail to respond to 3 queries in a row.

ip
IP address of the node in dotted notation

compact_info()
Return the compact contact information of the node

Notes: Contact information for peers is encoded as a 6-byte string. Also known as "Compact IP-address/port info" the 4-byte IP address is in network byte order with the 2 byte port in network byte order concatenated onto the end. Contact information for nodes is encoded as a 26-byte string. Also known as "Compact node info" the 20-byte Node ID in network byte order has the compact IP-address/port info concatenated to the end.

from_compact_infos(*infos*)
This is a classmethod

Instancy nodes from multiple compact node information string

Parameters **infos** (*bytes*) – A string of size multiple of 26

Returns A list of *Node* instances

Return type list

Notes: Contact information for peers is encoded as a 6-byte string. Also known as "Compact IP-address/port info" the 4-byte IP address is in network byte order with the 2 byte port in network byte order concatenated onto the end. Contact information for nodes is encoded as a 26-byte string. Also known as "Compact node info" the 20-byte Node ID in network byte order has the compact IP-address/port info concatenated to the end.

from_compact_info(*info*)
This is a classmethod

Instancy a node from its compact node infoformation string

Parameters **info** (*bytes*) – A string of length 26

Returns A node instance

Return type *Node*

Notes: Contact information for peers is encoded as a 6-byte string. Also known as "Compact IP-address/port info" the 4-byte IP address is in network byte order with the 2 byte port in network byte order concatenated onto the end. Contact information for nodes is encoded as a 26-byte string. Also known as "Compact node info" the 20-byte Node ID in network byte order has the compact IP-address/port info concatenated to the end.

announce_peer(*dht*, *info_hash*, *port*)
Send a announce_peer query to the node

Parameters

- **dht** (DHT_BASE) – The dht instance to use to send the message
- **info_hash** (*bytes*) – A 160bits (20 bytes) torrent id to announce
- **port** (*int*) – The tcp port where data for info_hash is available

Raises **NoTokenError** – if we have no valid token for info_hash. Try to call *get_peers()* on this info_hash first.

find_node(*dht*, *target*)
Send a find_node query to the node

Parameters

- **dht** (DHT_BASE) – The dht instance to use to send the message
- **target** (*bytes*) – the 160bits (20 bytes) target node id

get_peers(*dht*, *info_hash*)
Send a get_peers query to the node

Parameters

- **dht** (DHT_BASE) – The dht instance to use to send the message
- **info_hash** (*bytes*) – a 160bits (20 bytes) torrent id

ping(*dht*)
Send a ping query to the node

Parameters **dht** (DHT_BASE) – The dht instance to use to send the message

class btdht.dht.**Bucket**
Bases: list

A bucket of nodes in the routing table

Parameters

- **id** (*bytes*) – A prefix identifier from 0 to 169 bits for the bucket
- **id_length** (*int*) – number of signifiant bit in `id` (can also be seen as the length between the root and the bucket in the routing table)
- **init** (*iterable*) – some values to store initialy in the bucket

max_size = 8
Maximun number of element in the bucket

last_changed = 0
Unix timestamp, last time the bucket had been updated

id = None
A prefix identifier from 0 to 160 bits for the bucket

id_length = 0
Number of signifiant bit in *id*

to_refresh
`True` if the bucket need refreshing

random_id()

Returns A random id handle by the bucket

Return type bytes

This is used to send find_nodes for randoms ids in a bucket

add(*dht*, *node*)
Try to add a node to the bucket.

Parameters

- **dht** (DHT_BASE) – The dht instance the node to add is from
- **node** (Node) – A node to add to the bucket

Raises **BucketFull** – if the bucket is full

Notes: The addition of a node to a bucket is done as follow: * if the bucket is not full, just add the node * if the bucket is full

- if there is some bad nodes in the bucket, remove a bad node and add the node
- if there is some questionnable nodes (neither good not bad), send a ping request to the oldest one, discard the node
- if all nodes are good in the bucket, discard the node

get_node(*id*)

Returns A *Node* with *Node.id* equal to `id`

Return type *Node*

Raises **NotFound** – if no node is found within this bucket

own(*id*)

Parameters **id** (*bytes*) – A 60bit (20 Bytes) identifier

Returns `True` if `id` is handled by this bucket

Return type bool

split(*rt*, *dht*)
Split the bucket into two buckets

Parameters

- **rt** (RoutingTable) – The routing table handling the bucket
- **dht** (DHT_BASE) – A dht using rt as routing table

Returns A couple of two bucket, the first one this the last significant bit of its id equal to 0, the second, equal to 1

Return type tuple

Raises **BucketNotFull** – If the bucket has not *max_size* elements (and so the split is not needed)

merge(*bucket*)
Merge the bucket with bucket

Parameters **bucket** (Bucket) – a bucket to be merged with

Returns The merged bucket

Return type *Bucket*

class btdht.dht.**RoutingTable**
Bases: object

A routing table for one or more *DHT_BASE* instances

Parameters

- **scheduler** (utils.Scheduler) – A scheduler instance
- **debuglvl** (*int*) – Level of verbosity, default to 0.

debuglvl = 0
int the routing table instance verbosity level

trie = None
The routing table storage data structure, an instance of datrie.Trie

stoped = True
The state (stoped ?) of the routing table

need_merge = False
Is a merge sheduled ?

threads = []
list of the Thread of the routing table instance

to_schedule = []
A class:*list* of couple (weightless thread name, weightless thread function)

prefix = ‘’
Prefix in logs and threads name

zombie
True if dht is stopped but one thread or more remains alive, False otherwise

start()
start the routing table

stop()
stop the routing table and wait for all threads to terminate

stop_bg()
stop the routing table and return immediately

is_alive()
Test if all routing table threads are alive. If a thread is found dead, stop the routingtable

Returns `True` if all routing table threads are alive, `False` otherwise

Return type bool

register_torrent(*id*)
Register a torrent `id` (info_hash) for being tracked by the routing table. This means that if a node need to be added to the bucket handling ‘‘id‘‘and the bucket is full, then, this bucket will be split into 2 buckets

Parameters **id** (*bytes*) – A 160 bits (20 Bytes) torrent identifier

Note: torrent ids can automaticaly be release by a dht instance after a get_peers. For keeping a torrent registered, use the method *register_torrent_longterm()*

release_torrent(*id*)
Release a torrent `id` (info_hash) and program the routing table to be merged

Parameters **id** (*bytes*) – A 160 bits (20 Bytes) torrent identifier

register_torrent_longterm(*id*)
Same as *register_torrent()* but garanty that the torrent wont be released automaticaly by the dht.

Parameters **id** (*bytes*) – A 160 bits (20 Bytes) torrent identifier

release_torrent_longterm(*id*)
For releasing torrent registered with the :meth‘register_torrent_longterm‘ method

Parameters **id** (*bytes*) – A 160 bits (20 Bytes) torrent identifier

register_dht(*dht*)
Register a `dht` instance to the routing table

Parameters **dht** (DHT_BASE) – A dht instance

Notes: on start, all dht instances automaticaly register themself to their routing tables

release_dht(*dht*)
Release a `dht` instance to the routing table, and shedule the routing table for a merge.

Notes: on stop, dht automatially release itself from the routing table

empty()
Empty the routing table, deleting all buckets

debug(*lvl*, *msg*)
same as *DHT_BASE.debug()*

stats()

Returns A triple (number of nodes, number of good nodes, number of bad nodes)

Return type tuple

heigth()

Returns the height of the tree of the routing table

Return type int

find(*id*)

Parameters **id** (*bytes*) – A 160 bits (20 Bytes) identifier

Returns The bucket handling `id`

Return type *Bucket*

Raises **KeyError** – then a racing condition with merging and/or spliting a bucket is met. This should not happen

Notes: Duging a split or merge of bucket it is possible that the bucket handling `id` is not found. *find()* will retry at most 20 times to get the bucket. In most case, during those retries, the split and/or merge will end and the bucket handling `id` will be returned.

get_node(*id*)

Parameters **id** (*bytes*) – A 160 bits (20 Bytes) identifier

Returns A node with id `id`

Return type *Node*

Raises **NotFound** – if no nodes is found

get_closest_nodes(*id*, *bad=False*)

Return the K closest nodes from `id` in the routing table

Parameters

- **id** (*bytes*) – A 160 bits (20 Bytes) identifier
- **bad** (*bool*) – Should we return bad nodes ? The default is `False`

Notes: If less than K (=8) good nodes is found, bad nodes will be included it solve the case there the connection where temporary lost and all nodes in the routing table marked as bad. In normal operation, we should always find K (=8) good nodes in the routing table.

add(*dht*, *node*)

Add a node the the routing table

Parameters

- **dht** (DHT_BASE) – The dht instance ‘‘node‘‘is from
- **node** (Node) – The node to add to the routing table

split(*dht*, *bucket*)

Split `bucket` in two

Parameters

- **dht** (DHT_BASE) – A dht instance
- **bucket** (Bucket) – A bucket from the routing table to split

Notes: the routing table cover the entire 160bits space

merge()

Request a merge to be perform

2.1.2 btdht.utils module

bencode	bencode an arbitrary object
bdecode	bdecode an bytes string
enumerate_ids	Enumerate 2 to the power of `size` ids from `id`
id_to_longid	convert a random bytes to a unicode string of 1 and 0
ip_in_nets	Test if `ip` is in one of the networks of `nets`
nbit	Allow to retrieve the value of the nth bit of `s`
nflip	Allow to flip the nth bit of `s`
nset	Allow to set the value of the nth bit of `s`
ID	A 160 bit (20 Bytes) string implementing the XOR distance
PollableQueue	A queue that can be watch using `select.select()`
Scheduler	Schedule weightless threads and DHTs io

btdht.utils.**bencode**(*obj*)
bencode an arbitrary object

Parameters **obj** – A combination of dict, list, bytes or int

Returns Its bencoded representation

Return type bytes

Notes: This method is just a wrapper around `_bencode()`

btdht.utils.**bdecode**(*s*)
bdecode an bytes string

Parameters **s** – A bencoded bytes string

Returns Its bencoded representation

Return type A combination of `dict`, `list`, `bytes` or `int`

Raises **BcodeError** – If failing to decode `s`

Notes: This method is just a wrapper around `_bdecode()`

btdht.utils.**enumerate_ids**(*size*, *id*)
Enumerate 2 to the power of `size` ids from `id`

Parameters

- **size** (*int*) – A number of bit to flip in id
- **id** (*bytes*) – A 160 bit (20 Bytes) long id

Returns A list of `id` and 2 to the power of `size` (minus one) ids the furthest from each other

Return type list

For instance: if `id=("\0" * 20)` (~0 * 160), `enumerate_ids(4, id)` will return a list with

- `'\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00...'` (~00000000...)
- `'\x80\x00\x00\x00\x00...'` (~10000000...)
- `'@\x00\x00\x00\x00.......'` (~01000000000...)
- `'\xc0\x00\x00\x00\x00...'` (~11000000...)

The can be see as the tree:

```
            \x00
            /  \
          1/    \0
          /      \
       \xc0      \x00
      1/ \0     1/ \0
      /   \     /   \
    \xc0 \x80 @    \x00
```

The root is `id`, at each level n, we set the nth bit to 1 left and 0 right, `size` if the level we return.

This function may be usefull to lanch multiple DHT instance with ids the most distributed on the 160 bit space.

`btdht.utils.`**`id_to_longid`**(*id*, *l=20*)
convert a random bytes to a unicode string of 1 and 0

For instance: `"\0"` -> `"00000000"`

Parameters

- **id** (*bytes*) – A random string
- **size** (*int*) – The length of `id`

Returns The corresponding base 2 unicode string

Return type unicode

`btdht.utils.`**`ip_in_nets`**(*ip*, *nets*)
Test if `ip` is in one of the networks of `nets`

Parameters

- **ip** (*str*) – An ip, in dotted notation
- **nets** (*list*) – A list of `netaddr.IPNetwork`

Returns `True` if ip is in one of the listed networks, `False` otherwise

Return type bool

`btdht.utils.`**`nbit`**(*s*, *n*)
Allow to retrieve the value of the nth bit of `s`

Parameters

- **s** (*bytes*) – A byte string
- **n** (*int*) – A bit number (n must be smaller than 8 times the length of `s`)

Returns The value of the nth bit of `s` (`0` or `1`)

Return type int

`btdht.utils.`**`nflip`**(*s*, *n*)
Allow to flip the nth bit of `s`

Parameters

- **s** (*bytes*) – A byte string
- **n** (*int*) – A bit number (n must be smaller than 8 times the length of `s`)

Returns The same string except for the nth bit was flip

Return type bytes

btdht.utils.**nset**(*s*, *n*, *i*)
Allow to set the value of the nth bit of s

Parameters

- **s** (*bytes*) – A byte string
- **n** (*int*) – A bit number (n must be smaller than 8 times the length of s)
- **i** (*int*) – A bit value (0 or 1)

Returns s where the nth bit was set to i

Return type bytes

class btdht.utils.**ID**
Bases: object

A 160 bit (20 Bytes) string implementing the XOR distance

Parameters **id** – An optional initial value (bytes or *ID*). If not specified, a random 160 bit value is generated.

value = None
bytes, Actual value of the *ID*

classmethod to_bytes(*id*)

Parameters **id** – A bytes or *ID*

Returns The value of the id

Return type bytes

startswith(*s*)
S.startswith(prefix[, start[, end]]) -> bool

Return True if S starts with the specified prefix, False otherwise. With optional start, test S beginning at that position. With optional end, stop comparing S at that position. prefix can also be a tuple of strings to try.

__getitem__(*i*)
x.__getitem__(y) <==> x[y]

__xor__(*other*)
Perform a XOR bit by bit between the current id and other

Parameters **other** – A bytes or *ID*

Returns The resulted XORed bit by bit string

Return type bytes

class btdht.utils.**PollableQueue**
Bases: Queue.Queue

A queue that can be watch using select.select()

Parameters **maxsize** (*int*) – The maximum size on the queue. If maxsize is <= 0, the queue size is infinite.

sock = None
A socket.socket object ready for read then here is something to pull from the queue

empty()
Return True if the queue is empty, False otherwise (not reliable!).

full()
Return True if the queue is full, False otherwise (not reliable!).

get(*block=True*, *timeout=None*)
Remove and return an item from the queue.

If optional args 'block' is true and 'timeout' is None (the default), block if necessary until an item is available. If 'timeout' is a non-negative number, it blocks at most 'timeout' seconds and raises the Empty exception if no item was available within that time. Otherwise ('block' is false), return an item if one is immediately available, else raise the Empty exception ('timeout' is ignored in that case).

get_nowait()
Remove and return an item from the queue without blocking.

Only get an item if one is immediately available. Otherwise raise the Empty exception.

join()
Blocks until all items in the Queue have been gotten and processed.

The count of unfinished tasks goes up whenever an item is added to the queue. The count goes down whenever a consumer thread calls task_done() to indicate the item was retrieved and all work on it is complete.

When the count of unfinished tasks drops to zero, join() unblocks.

put(*item*, *block=True*, *timeout=None*)
Put an item into the queue.

If optional args 'block' is true and 'timeout' is None (the default), block if necessary until a free slot is available. If 'timeout' is a non-negative number, it blocks at most 'timeout' seconds and raises the Full exception if no free slot was available within that time. Otherwise ('block' is false), put an item on the queue if a free slot is immediately available, else raise the Full exception ('timeout' is ignored in that case).

put_nowait(*item*)
Put an item into the queue without blocking.

Only enqueue the item if a free slot is immediately available. Otherwise raise the Full exception.

qsize()
Return the approximate size of the queue (not reliable!).

task_done()
Indicate that a formerly enqueued task is complete.

Used by Queue consumer threads. For each get() used to fetch a task, a subsequent call to task_done() tells the queue that the processing on the task is complete.

If a join() is currently blocking, it will resume when all items have been processed (meaning that a task_done() call was received for every item that had been put() into the queue).

Raises a ValueError if called more times than there were items placed in the queue.

class btdht.utils.**Scheduler**
Bases: object

Schedule weightless threads and DHTs io

A weightless threads is a python callable returning an iterator that behave as describe next. The first returned value must be an integer describing the type of the iterator. 0 means time based and all subsequent yield must return the next timestamp at which the iterator want to be called. 1 means queue based. The next call to the iterator must return an instance of *PollableQueue*. All subsequent yield value are then ignored. The queue based iterator will be called when something is put on its queue.

zombie

Returns `True` if the scheduler is stoped but its threads are still running

Return type bool

start(*name_prefix="scheduler"*)
start the scheduler

Parameters **name_prefix** (*str*) – Prefix to the scheduler threads names

stop()
stop the scheduler

Raises **FailToStop** – if we fail to stop one of the scheduler threads after 30 seconds

stop_bg()
Lauch the stop process of the dht and return immediately

is_alive()
Test if the scheduler main thread is alive

Returns `True` the scheduler main thread is alive, `False` otherwise

Return type bool

thread_alive(*name*)
Test is a weightless threads named `name` is currently schedule

Parameters **name** (*str*) – The name of a thread

Returns `True` if a thread of name `name` if found

Return type bool

add_dht(*dht*)
Add a dht instance to be schedule by the scheduler

Parameters **dht** (`dht.DHT_BASE`) – A dht instance

del_dht(*dht*)
Remove a dht instance from the scheduler

Parameters **dht** (`dht.DHT_BASE`) – A dht instance

add_thread(*name*, *function*, *user=False*)
Schedule the call of weightless threads

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – The name of the thread to add. Must be unique in the *Scheduler* instance
- **function** – A weightless threads, i.e a callable returning an iterator
- **user** (*bool*) – If `True` the weightless threads is schedule in a secondary thread. The default is `False` and the weightless threads is processed in the main scheduler thread. This is usefull to put controled weightless threads and the main thread, and all the other (like the user defined on_‘‘msg‘‘_(query|response)) function to the secondary one.

del_thread(*name*, *stop_if_empty=True*)
Remove the weightless threads named `name`

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – The name of a thread
- **stop_if_empty** (*bool*) – If `True` (the default) and the scheduler has nothing to schedules, the scheduler will be stopped.

2.1.3 btdht.krcp module

class btdht.krcp.**BError**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

A base class exception for all bittorrent DHT protocol error exceptions

Parameters

- **t** (*bytes*) – The value of the key t of the query for with the error is returned
- **e** (*list*) – A couple [error code, error message]

e = None
A list. The first element is an int representing the error code. The second element is a string containing the error message

t = None
string value representing a transaction ID, must be set to the query transaction ID for which an error is raises.

y = 'e'
The y key of the error message. For an error message, it is always b"e"

encode()
Bencode the error message

Returns The bencoded error message ready to be send

Return type bytes

class btdht.krcp.**GenericError**
Bases: *btdht.krcp.BError*

A Generic Error, error code 201

Parameters

- **t** (*bytes*) – The value of the key t of the query for with the error is returned
- **msg** (*bytes*) – An optionnal error message

class btdht.krcp.**MethodUnknownError**
Bases: *btdht.krcp.BError*

Method Unknown, error code 204

Parameters

- **t** (*bytes*) – The value of the key t of the query for with the error is returned
- **msg** (*bytes*) – An optionnal error message

class btdht.krcp.**ProtocolError**
Bases: *btdht.krcp.BError*

A Protocol Error, such as a malformed packet, invalid arguments, or bad token, error code 203

Parameters

- **t** (*bytes*) – The value of the key t of the query for with the error is returned
- **msg** (*bytes*) – An optionnal error message

class btdht.krcp.**ServerError**
Bases: *btdht.krcp.BError*

A Server Error, error code 202

Parameters

- **t** (*bytes*) – The value of the key t of the query for with the error is returned
- **msg** (*bytes*) – An optionnal error message

class btdht.krcp.**BMessage**

Bases: object

A bittorrent DHT message. This class is able to bdecode a bittorrent DHT message. It expose then the messages keys t, y, q, errno, errmsg and v as attributes, and behave itself as a dictionnary for the a or r keys that contains a secondary dictionnary (see Notes).

Parameters

- **addr** (*tuple*) – An optionnal coupe (ip, port) of the sender of the message
- **debug** (*bool*) – True for enabling debug message. The default is False

Notes: A query message is always of the following form with y == b'q':

```
{
    "t": t,
    "y": y,
    "q": q,
    "a": {...}
}
```

A response message is always of the following form with y == b'r':

```
{
    "t": t,
    "y": y,
    "r": {...}
}
```

An error message is always in response of a query message and of the following form with y == b'e':

```
{
    "t": t,
    "y": y,
    "e":[errno, errmsg]
}
```

The t key is a random string generated with every query. It is used to match a response to a particular query.

The y key is used to differenciate the type of the message. Its value is b'q' for a query, b'r' for a response, and b'e' for and error message.

The q is only present on query message and contain the name of the query (ping, get_peers, announce_peer, find_node)

errno and errmsg are only defined if the message is an error message. They are respectively the error number (int) and the error describing message of the error.

The v key is set by some DHT clients to the name and version of the client and is totally optionnal in the protocol.

addr

The couple (ip, port) source of the message

errmsg
The error message of the message if the message is and erro message

errno
The error number of the message if the message is and erro message

q
The `q` key of the message, should only be define if the message is a query (*y* is `"q"`). It countains the name of the RPC method the query is asking for. Can be *b'ping'*, `b'find_node'`, `b'get_peers'`, `b'announce_peer'`, ...

t
The `t` key, a random string, transaction id used to match queries and responses together.

v
The `v` key of the message. This attribute is not describe in the BEP5 that describe the bittorent DHT protocol. It it use as a version flag. Many bittorent client set it to the name and version of the client.

y
The `y` key of the message. Possible value are `"q"` for a query, *"r"* for a response and `"e"` for an error.

__getitem__(*key*)
Allow to fetch infos from the secondary dictionnary:

```
self[b"id"] -> b"..."
```

Parameters **key** (*bytes*) – The name of an attribute of the secondary dictionnary to retreive.

Returns The value store for `key` if found

Raises **KeyError** – if `key` is not found

Notes:

Possible keys are:

- id
- target
- info_hash
- token
- nodes
- implied_port
- port
- values

__delitem__(*key*)
Allow to unset attributes from the secondary dictionnary:

```
del self[b'id']
```

:param :param bytes key: The name of an attribute of the secondary dictionnary to unset :return: `True` if `key` is found and successfully unset :raise KeyError: if `key` is not found

__setitem__(*key*, *value*)
Allow to set attributes from the secondary dictionnary:

```
        self[b'id'] = b"..."
```

Parameters

- **key** (*bytes*) – The name of an attribute of the secondary dictionnary to set
- **value** – The value to set

Raises

- **KeyError** – if `key` is not one of id, target, info_hash, token, nodes, implied_port, port, values.
- **ValueError** – if `value` is not well formated (length, type, ...)

decode(*data*, *datalen*)

Bdecode a bencoded message and set the current *BMessage* attributes accordingly

Parameters

- **data** (*bytes*) – The bencoded message
- **datalen** (*int*) – The length of `data`

Returns The remaining of `data` after the first bencoded message of `data` has been bdecoded (it may be the empty string if `data` contains exactly one bencoded message with no garbade at the end).

Raises

- **DecodeError** – If we fail to decode the message
- **ProtocolError** – If the message is decoded but some attributes are missing of badly formated (length, type, ...).
- **MissingT** – If the message do not have a `b"t"` key. Indeed, accordingly to the BEP5, every message (queries, responses, errors) should have a `b"t"` key.

encode()

Bencoded the current message if necessary

Returns The bencoded message

Return type bytes

get(*key*, *default=None*)

Parameters

- **key** (*bytes*) – The name of an attribute of the secondary dictionnary to retreive.
- **default** – Value to return in case `key` is not found. The default is `None`

Returns The value of `key` if found, else the value of `default`.

response(*dht*)

If the message is a query, return the response message to send

Parameters **dht** (`dht.DHT_BASE`) – The dht instance from which the message is originated

Returns A *BMessage* to send as response to the query

Raises

- **ProtocolError** – if the query is malformated. To send as response to the querier

- **MethodUnknownError** – If the RPC DHT method asked in the query is unknown. To send as response to the querier

2.1.4 btdht.exceptions module

exception btdht.exceptions.**BucketFull**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

Raised then trying to add a node to a *Bucket* that already contains *Bucket.max_size* elements.

exception btdht.exceptions.**BucketNotFull**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

Raises then trying to split a split a *Bucket* that contains less than *Bucket.max_size* elements.

exception btdht.exceptions.**NoTokenError**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

Raised then trying to annonce to a node we download an info_hash using *Node.announce_peer* but we do not known any valid token. The error should always be catch and never seen by btdht users.

exception btdht.exceptions.**FailToStop**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

Raises then we are tying to stop threads but failing at it

exception btdht.exceptions.**TransactionIdUnknown**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

Raised then receiving a response with an unknown `t` key

exception btdht.exceptions.**MissingT**
Bases: exceptions.ValueError

Raised while decoding of a dht message if that message of no key `t`

exception btdht.exceptions.**DecodeError**
Bases: exceptions.ValueError

Raised while decoding a dht message

exception btdht.exceptions.**BcodeError**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

Raised by *btdht.utils.bdecode()* and *btdht.utils.bencode()* functions

exception btdht.exceptions.**NotFound**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

Raised when trying to get a node that do not exists from a *Bucket*

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