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Super fast SSH2 protocol library. `ssh2-python` provides Python bindings for `libssh2`.

DESIGN AND GOALS

This project's goals are to map 100% of the `libssh2` C API to Python, using Python semantics where appropriate.

Design wise, the library is intentionally a thin wrapper of `libssh2`, implemented in Cython, in order to have as little overhead and conversely as high performance as possible.

Contributions are most welcome!

INSTALLATION

The recommended installation method is `pip`.

2.1 Pip Binary Packages

Binary wheel packages are provided for Linux, OSX and Windows, all Python versions, with `libssh2` and its dependencies included.

Wheel packages have **no dependencies**.

`pip` may need to be updated to be able to install binary wheel packages.

```
pip install -U pip
pip install ssh2-python
```

Note: Latest available version of OpenSSL at the time the package is built is included in binary wheel packages.

To control which version of OpenSSL is used for the installation either use system packages which use system libraries, the conda package, or install from source.

2.2 System Binary Packages

System packages can be built for Centos/RedHat 7, Ubuntu 14.04/16.04/18.04, Debian 8 and Fedora 22/23/24 by running `ci/docker/build-packages.sh` script in the repository's directory, based on Docker.

To use the built packages, install via the system's package manager, for example for Centos/RedHat based systems:

```
yum install -y python-ssh2-python-<version>-1.e17.x86_64.rpm
```

Note: System packages as built by the above script use system provided `libssh2` and do not have all features enabled as most distributions do not have a new enough version. In addition, there are known issues with older versions of `libssh2` like what is provided by distributions.

For best compatibility, it is recommended to install binary packages with `pip`.

2.3 Conda package

A conda package is available in the conda-forge channel.

To install, run the following.

```
conda install -c conda-forge ssh2-python
```

2.4 Installation from Source

Source distributions include a bundled libssh2 which is built automatically by default. OpenSSL development libraries are required.

For builds against system provided libssh2, the `SYSTEM_LIBSSH2=1` environment variable setting can be used.

2.4.1 Standard build

Source distributions include a bundled libssh2 which is used by default.

```
git clone git@github.com:ParallelSSH/ssh2-python.git
virtualenv my_env
source my_env/bin/activate
python setup.py install
```

2.4.2 System library build

Building against system provided libssh2 is another option which may be preferred. This can be done by setting the `SYSTEM_LIBSSH2=1` environment variable:

```
git clone git@github.com:ParallelSSH/ssh2-python.git
virtualenv my_env
source my_env/bin/activate
export SYSTEM_LIBSSH2=1
python setup.py install
```

2.4.3 Custom Compiler Configuration

If there are multiple libssh2 installations on the system, the following can be used to set the include path, runtime and build time library directory paths respectively:

```
git clone git@github.com:ParallelSSH/ssh2-python.git
virtualenv my_env
source my_env/bin/activate
python setup.py build_ext -I /usr/local/include -R /usr/local/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu -L
↪ /usr/local/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu
python setup.py install
```

Ubuntu

Example for Debian or Ubuntu based distributions.

```
sudo apt-get install libssh2-1-dev python-dev
virtualenv my_env
source my_env/bin/activate
export SYSTEM_LIBSSH2=1
python setup.py install
```

RedHat

Example for RedHat based distributions.

```
sudo yum install libssh2-devel python-devel
virtualenv my_env
source my_env/bin/activate
export SYSTEM_LIBSSH2=1
python setup.py install
```

2.5 Testing Installation

Importing the library should exit without error if installation is successful.

```
python -c 'from ssh2.session import Session'
echo $?
```

Output 0

API DOCUMENTATION

3.1 ssh2.session

class `ssh2.session.Session`

LibSSH2 Session class providing session functions

agent_auth (*self*, *username*)

Convenience function for performing user authentication via SSH Agent.

Initialises, connects to, gets list of identities from and attempts authentication with each identity from SSH agent.

Note that agent connections cannot be used in non-blocking mode - clients should call *set_blocking(0)* after calling this function.

On completion, or any errors, agent is disconnected and resources freed.

All steps are performed in C space which makes this function perform better than calling the individual Agent class functions from Python.

Raises `MemoryError` on error initialising agent

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.AgentConnectionError` on error connecting to agent

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.AgentListIdentitiesError` on error getting identities from agent

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.AgentAuthenticationError` on no successful authentication with all available identities.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.AgentGetIdentityError` on error getting known identity from agent

Return type `None`

agent_init (*self*)

Initialise SSH agent.

Return type `ssh2.agent.Agent`

block_directions (*self*)

Get blocked directions for the current session.

From libssh2 documentation:

Can be a combination of:

`ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_SESSION_BLOCK_INBOUND`: Inbound direction blocked.

`ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_SESSION_BLOCK_OUTBOUND`: Outbound direction blocked.

Application should wait for data to be available for socket prior to calling a libssh2 function again. If `LIBSSH2_SESSION_BLOCK_INBOUND` is set `select` should contain the session socket in `readfds` set.

Correspondingly in case of `LIBSSH2_SESSION_BLOCK_OUTBOUND` `writefds` set should contain the socket.

Return type `int`

direct_tcpip (*self*, *host*, *int port*)

Open direct TCP/IP channel to *host:port*

Channel will be listening on an available open port on client side as assigned by OS.

direct_tcpip_ex (*self*, *host*, *int port*, *shost*, *int sport*)

disconnect (*self*)

flag (*self*, *set_flag*, *value*)

Set options for the session.

set_flag is the option to set, while *value* is typically set to 1 or 0 to enable or disable the option.

Valid flags are:

- **ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_FLAG_SIGPIPE** If set, libssh2 will not attempt to block SIGPIPEs but will let them trigger from the underlying socket layer.
- **ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_FLAG_COMPRESS** If set - before the connection negotiation is performed - libssh2 will try to negotiate compression enabling for this connection. By default libssh2 will not attempt to use compression.

Must be called before `self.handshake()` if you wish to change options.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.MethodNotSupported` on an incorrect *flag* or *value* argument(s).

Parameters

- **set_flag** (`ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_METHOD_*`) – Flag to set. See above for options.
- **value** – Value that *set_flag* will be set to. Must be 0 or

1. :type value: int :rtype: int

forward_listen (*self*, *int port*)

Create forward listener on port.

Parameters **port** (*int*) – Port to listen on.

Return type `ssh2.listener.Listener` or `None`

forward_listen_ex (*self*, *host*, *int port*, *int bound_port*, *int queue_maxsize*)

get_blocking (*self*)

Get session blocking mode enabled True/False.

Return type `bool`

get_timeout (*self*)

Get current session timeout setting

handshake (*self*, *sock*)

Perform SSH handshake.

Must be called after Session initialisation.

hostkey (*self*)

Get server host key for this session.

Returns `key, key_type` tuple where `key_type` is one of `ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_HOSTKEY_TYPE_RSA`, `ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_HOSTKEY_TYPE_DSS`, or `ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_HOSTKEY_TYPE_UNKNOWN`

Return type `tuple(bytes, int)`

hostkey_hash (*self, int hash_type*)

Get computed digest of the remote system's host key.

Parameters `hash_type` (*int*) – One of `ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_HOSTKEY_HASH_MD5` or `ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_HOSTKEY_HASH_SHA1`

Return type `bytes`

keepalive_config (*self, bool want_reply, unsigned int interval*)

Configure keep alive settings.

Parameters

- **want_reply** (*bool*) – True/False for reply wanted from server on keep alive messages being sent or not.
- **interval** (*int*) – Required keep alive interval. Set to 0 to disable keepalives.

keepalive_send (*self*)

Send keepalive.

Returns seconds remaining before next keep alive should be sent.

Return type `int`

knownhost_init (*self*)

Initialise a collection of known hosts for this session.

Return type `ssh2.knownhost.KnownHost`

last_errno (*self*)

Retrieve last error number from libssh2, if any. Returns 0 on no last error.

Return type `int`

last_error (*self, size_t msg_size=1024*)

Retrieve last error message from libssh2, if any. Returns empty string on no error message.

Return type `str`

method_pref (*self, method_type, pref_methods*)

Set internal preferences based on `method_type` to `pref_methods`.

Valid `method_type` options are:

- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_KEX** For key exchange.
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_HOSTKEY** For selecting host key type.
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_CRYPT_CS** Encryption between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_CRYPT_SC** Encryption between server to client
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_MAC_CS** MAC between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_MAC_SC** MAC between server to client

- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_COMP_CS** Compression between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_COMP_SC** Compression between server to client
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_LANG_CS** Language between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_LANG_SC** Language between server to client

Valid options that end in CS are from the client to the server and the inverse is true as well.

Valid `pref_methods` options are dependant on the `method_type` selected. Refer to the libssh2 docs

Must be called before `self.handshake()` if you wish to change the defaults.

Return 0 on success or negative on failure. It returns `ssh2.error_codes.LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` when it would otherwise block. While `ssh2.error_codes.LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` is a negative number, it isn't really a failure per se.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.MethodNotSupported` on an incorrect `method_type` or `pref_methods` argument(s).

Parameters

- **method_type** (`ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_METHOD_*`) – Method preference to change.
- **pref_methods** – Comma delimited list as a bytes string of preferred

methods to use with the most preferred listed first and the least preferred listed last. If a method is listed which is not supported by libssh2 it will be ignored and not sent to the remote host during protocol negotiation. :type `pref_methods`: bytes :rtype: int

methods (*self*, *method_type*)

Get internal preferences used to negotiate based on `method_type`.

Valid `method_type` options are:

- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_KEX** For key exchange.
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_HOSTKEY** For selecting host key type.
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_CRYPT_CS** Encryption between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_CRYPT_SC** Encryption between server to client
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_MAC_CS** MAC between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_MAC_SC** MAC between server to client
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Valid options that end in CS are from the client to the server and the inverse is true as well.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.MethodNotSupported` on an incorrect `method_type` argument.

Parameters **method_type** (`ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_METHOD_*`) – Method type.

Return type bytes

open_session (*self*)

Open new channel session.

Return type `ssh2.channel.Channel`

publickey_init (*self*)

Initialise public key subsystem for managing remote server public keys

scp_recv (*self*, *path*)

Receive file via SCP.

Deprecated in favour of `recv2` (requires `libssh2 >= 1.7`).

Parameters **path** (*str*) – File path to receive.

Return type `tuple(ssh2.channel.Channel, ssh2.statinfo.StatInfo)` or `None`

scp_recv2 (*self*, *path*)

Receive file via SCP.

Available only on `libssh2 >= 1.7`.

Parameters **path** (*str*) – File path to receive.

Return type `tuple(ssh2.channel.Channel, ssh2.fileinfo.FileInfo)` or `None`

scp_send (*self*, *path*, *int mode*, *size_t size*)

Deprecated in favour of `scp_send64`. Send file via SCP.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – Local file path to send.
- **mode** (*int*) – File mode.
- **size** (*int*) – size of file

Return type `ssh2.channel.Channel`

scp_send64 (*self*, *path*, *int mode*, *libssh2_uint64_t size*, *time_t mtime*, *time_t atime*)

Send file via SCP.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – Local file path to send.
- **mode** (*int*) – File mode.
- **size** (*int*) – size of file

Return type `ssh2.channel.Channel`

set_blocking (*self*, *bool blocking*)

Set session blocking mode on/off.

Parameters **blocking** (*bool*) – False for non-blocking, True for blocking. Session default is blocking unless set otherwise.

set_last_error (*self*, *int errcode*, *errmsg*)

set_timeout (*self*, *long timeout*)

Set the timeout in milliseconds for how long a blocking call may wait until the situation is considered an error and `ssh2.error_codes.LIBSSH2_ERROR_TIMEOUT` is returned.

By default or if timeout set is zero, blocking calls do not time out. :param timeout: Milliseconds to wait before timeout.

sftp_init (*self*)

Initialise SFTP channel.

Return type `ssh2.sftp.SFTP`

startup (*self*, *sock*)

Deprecated - use self.handshake

supported_algs (*self*, *method_type*, *algs*)

Get the supported internal preferences based on *method_type* and *algs*.

Valid *method_type* options are:

- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_KEX** For key exchange.
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_HOSTKEY** For selecting host key type.
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_CRYPT_CS** Encryption between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_CRYPT_SC** Encryption between server to client
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_MAC_CS** MAC between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_MAC_SC** MAC between server to client
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_COMP_CS** Compression between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_COMP_SC** Compression between server to client
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_LANG_CS** Language between client to server
- **LIBSSH2_METHOD_LANG_SC** Language between server to client

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.MethodNotSupported` on an incorrect *method_type* or *algs* argument(s).

Parameters

- **method_type** (`ssh2.session.LIBSSH2_METHOD_*`) – Method type.
- **algs** (`bytes str`) – Comma delimited list as a bytes string.

Return type `array`

userauth_authenticated (*self*)

True/False for is user authenticated or not.

Return type `bool`

userauth_hostbased_fromfile (*self*, *username*, *privatekey*, *hostname*, *publickey=None*, *passphrase=""*)

userauth_keyboardinteractive (*self*, *username*, *password*)

Perform keyboard-interactive authentication

Parameters

- **username** (`str`) – User name to authenticate.
- **password** (`str`) – Password

userauth_list (*self*, *username*)

Retrieve available authentication methods list.

Return type `list`

userauth_password (*self*, *username*, *password*)

Perform password authentication

Parameters

- **username** (`str`) – User name to authenticate.

- **password** (*str*) – Password

userauth_publickey (*self*, *username*, *bytes pubkeydata*)

Perform public key authentication with provided public key data

Parameters

- **username** (*str*) – User name to authenticate as
- **pubkeydata** (*bytes*) – Public key data

Return type `int`

userauth_publickey_fromfile (*self*, *username*, *privatekey*, *passphrase=""*, *publickey=None*)

Authenticate with public key from file.

Return type `int`

userauth_publickey_frommemory (*self*, *username*, *bytes privatekeyfiledata*, *passphrase=""*, *bytes publickeyfiledata=None*)

sock

3.2 ssh2.channel

class `ssh2.channel.Channel`

close (*self*)

Close channel. Typically done to be able to get exit status.

eof (*self*)

Get channel EOF status.

Return type `bool`

execute (*self*, *command*)

Execute command.

Parameters **command** (*str*) – Command to execute

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError` on errors executing command

Return type `int`

flush (*self*)

Flush stdout stream

flush_ex (*self*, *int stream_id*)

Flush stream with id

flush_stderr (*self*)

Flush stderr stream

get_exit_signal (*self*)

Get exit signal, message and language tag, if any, for command.

Returns (*returncode*, *exit signal*, *error message*, *language tag*) tuple.

Return type `tuple(int, bytes, bytes, bytes)`

get_exit_status (*self*)

Get exit status of command.

Note that 0 is also failure code for this function.

Best used in non-blocking mode to avoid it being impossible to tell if 0 indicates failure or an actual exit status of 0

handle_extended_data (*self, int ignore_mode*)

Deprecated, use `handle_extended_data2`

handle_extended_data2 (*self, int ignore_mode*)

ignore_extended_data (*self, int ignore_mode*)

Deprecated, use `handle_extended_data2`

poll_channel_read (*self, int extended*)

Deprecated - use `session.block_directions` and socket polling instead

process_startup (*self, request, message=None*)

Startup process on server for request with message.

Request is a supported SSH subsystem and clients would typically use one of `execute/shell/subsystem` functions depending on request type.

Parameters

- **request** (*str*) – Request type (`exec/shell/subsystem`).
- **message** (*str* or *None*) – Request message. Content depends on request type and can be *None*.

pty (*self, term='vt100'*)

Request a PTY (physical terminal emulation) on the channel.

Parameters **term** (*str*) – Terminal type to emulate.

read (*self, size_t size=1024*)

Read the stdout stream. Returns return code and output buffer tuple.

Return code is the size of the buffer when positive. Negative values are error codes.

Parameters **size** (*int*) – Max buffer size to read.

Return type (*int, bytes*)

read_ex (*self, size_t size=1024, int stream_id=0*)

Read the stream with given id. Returns return code and output buffer tuple.

Return code is the size of the buffer when positive. Negative values are error codes.

Parameters **size** (*int*) – Max buffer size to read.

Return type (*int, bytes*)

read_stderr (*self, size_t size=1024*)

Read the stderr stream. Returns return code and output buffer tuple.

Return code is the size of the buffer when positive. Negative values are error codes.

Return type (*int, bytes*)

receive_window_adjust (*self, unsigned long adjustment, unsigned long force*)

receive_window_adjust2 (*self, unsigned long adjustment, unsigned long force*)

send_eof (*self*)

Tell the remote host that no further data will be sent on the specified channel. Processes typically interpret this as a closed stdin descriptor.

Returns 0 on success or negative on failure. It returns `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` when it would otherwise block.

Return type `int`

setenv (*self*, *varname*, *value*)

Set environment variable on channel.

Parameters

- **varname** (*str*) – Name of variable to set.
- **value** (*str*) – Value of variable.

Return type `int`

shell (*self*)

Request interactive shell from channel.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError` on errors requesting interactive shell.

subsystem (*self*, *subsystem*)

Request subsystem from channel.

Parameters **subsystem** (*str*) – Name of subsystem

wait_closed (*self*)

Wait for server to acknowledge channel close command.

wait_eof (*self*)

Wait for the remote end to acknowledge an EOF request.

Returns 0 on success or negative on failure. It returns `ssh2.error_codes.LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` when it would otherwise block.

Return type `int`

window_read (*self*)**window_read_ex** (*self*, *unsigned long read_avail*, *unsigned long window_size_initial*)**window_write** (*self*)**window_write_ex** (*self*, *unsigned long window_size_initial*)**write** (*self*, *buf*)

Write buffer to stdin.

Returns tuple of (`return_code`, `bytes_written`).

In blocking mode `bytes_written` will always equal `len(buf)` if no errors have occurred which would raise exception.

In non-blocking mode `return_code` can be `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` and `bytes_written` can be less than `len(buf)`.

Clients should resume from that point on next call to `write`, ie `buf[bytes_written_in_last_call:]`.

Note: While this function handles unicode strings for `buf` argument, `bytes_written` offset will always be for the *bytes* representation thereof as returned by the C function calls which only handle byte strings.

Parameters `buf` (*str*) – Buffer to write

Return type `tuple(int, int)`

write_ex (*self*, *int stream_id*, *buf*)

Write buffer to specified stream id.

Returns tuple of (`return_code`, `bytes_written`).

In blocking mode `bytes_written` will always equal `len(buf)` if no errors have occurred which would raise exception.

In non-blocking mode `return_code` can be `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` and `bytes_written` can be less than `len(buf)`.

Clients should resume from that point on next call to the function, ie `buf[bytes_written_in_last_call:]`.

Note: While this function handles unicode strings for `buf` argument, `bytes_written` offset will always be for the *bytes* representation thereof as returned by the C function calls which only handle byte strings.

Parameters

- `stream_id` (*int*) – Id of stream to write to
- `buf` (*str*) – Buffer to write

Return type `tuple(int, int)`

write_stderr (*self*, *buf*)

Write buffer to stderr.

Returns tuple of (`return_code`, `bytes_written`).

In blocking mode `bytes_written` will always equal `len(buf)` if no errors have occurred which would raise exception.

In non-blocking mode `return_code` can be `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` and `bytes_written` can be less than `len(buf)`.

Clients should resume from that point on next call to write, ie `buf[bytes_written_in_last_call:]`.

Note: While this function handles unicode strings for `buf` argument, `bytes_written` offset will always be for the *bytes* representation thereof as returned by the C function calls which only handle byte strings.

Parameters `buf` (*str*) – Buffer to write

Return type `tuple(int, int)`

x11_req (*self*, *int* *screen_number*)

x11_req_ex (*self*, *int* *single_connection*, *const char* **auth_proto*, *const char* **auth_cookie*, *int* *screen_number*)

session

Originating session.

3.3 ssh2.agent

class `ssh2.agent.Agent`

connect (*self*)

Connect to agent.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.AgentConnectionError` on errors connecting to agent.

Return type `int`

disconnect (*self*)

Disconnect from agent.

Return type `int`

get_identities (*self*)

List and get identities from agent

Return type `list(ssh2.pkey.PublicKey)`

list_identities (*self*)

This method is a no-op - use `ssh2.agent.Agent.get_identities()` to list and retrieve identities.

userauth (*self*, *username*, *PublicKey* *pkey*)

Perform user authentication with specific public key

Parameters

- **username** (*str*) – User name to authenticate as
- **pkey** (`ssh2.pkey.PublicKey`) – Public key to authenticate with

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.AgentAuthenticationError` on errors authenticating.

Return type `int`

3.4 ssh2.sftp

SFTP channel class and related SFTP flags.

3.4.1 File types

var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IFMT Type of file mask
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IFIFO Named pipe (fifo)
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IFCHR Character special (character device)
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IFDIR Directory
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IFBLK Block special (block device)
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IFREG Regular file
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IFLNK Symbolic link
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IFSOCK Socket

3.4.2 File transfer flags

var LIBSSH2_FXF_READ File read flag
var LIBSSH2_FXF_WRITE File write flag
var LIBSSH2_FXF_APPEND File append flag
var LIBSSH2_FXF_CREAT File create flag
var LIBSSH2_FXF_TRUNC File truncate flag
var LIBSSH2_FXF_EXCL Exclusive file flag

3.4.3 File mode masks

Owner masks

var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IRWXU Read/write/execute
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IRUSR Read
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IWUSR Write
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IXUSR Execute

Group masks

var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IRWXG Read/write/execute
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IRGRP Read
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IWUSR Write
var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IXUSR Execute

Other masks

var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IRWXO Read/write/execute

var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IROTH Read

var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IWOTH Write

var LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IXOTH Execute

Generic mode masks

var LIBSSH2_SFTP_ST_RDONLY Read only

var LIBSSH2_SFTP_ST_NOSUID No suid

class `ssh2.sftp.SFTP`
SFTP session.

Parameters `session` (`ssh2.session.Session` pointer) – Session that initiated SFTP.

get_channel (`self`)
Get new channel from the SFTP session

last_error (`self`)
Get last error code from SFTP channel.

Return type `int`

lstat (`self, path`)
Link stat a file.

mkdir (`self, path, long mode`)
Make directory.

Parameters

- **path** (`str`) – Path of directory to create.
- **mode** (`int`) – Permissions mode of new directory.

Return type `int`

Raises Appropriate exception from `ssh2.exceptions` on errors.

open (`self, filename, unsigned long flags, long mode`)
Open file handle for file name.

Parameters

- **filename** (`str`) – Name of file to open.
- **flags** (`int`) – One or more `LIBSSH2_FXF_*` flags.
Eg for reading flags is `LIBSSH2_FXF_READ`,
for writing `LIBSSH2_FXF_WRITE`,
for both `LIBSSH2_FXF_READ | LIBSSH2_FXF_WRITE`.
- **mode** (`int`) – File permissions mode. `LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IRUSR` for reading.
For writing one or more `LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_*` flags.
Eg, for 664 permission mask (read/write owner/group, read other),
mode is

```
LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IRUSR | LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IWUSR | \  
LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IRGRP | LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IWGRP | \  
LIBSSH2_SFTP_S_IROTH
```

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.SFTPHandleError` on errors opening file.

open_ex (*self*, *const char *filename*, *unsigned int filename_len*, *unsigned long flags*, *long mode*, *int open_type*)

opendir (*self*, *path*)

Open handle to directory path.

Parameters **path** (*str*) – Path of directory

Return type `ssh2.sftp.SFTPHandle` or `None`

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.SFTPHandleError` on errors opening directory.

realpath (*self*, *path*, *size_t max_len=256*)

Get real path for path.

Param Path name to get real path for.

Parameters **max_len** (*int*) – Max size of returned real path.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.SFTPHandleError` on errors getting real path.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.SFTPBufferTooSmall` on `max_len` less than real path length.

rename (*self*, *source_filename*, *dest_filename*)

Rename file.

Parameters

- **source_filename** (*str*) – Old name of file.
- **dest_filename** (*str*) – New name of file.

rename_ex (*self*, *const char *source_filename*, *unsigned int source_filename_len*, *const char *dest_filename*, *unsigned int dest_filename_len*, *long flags*)

rmdir (*self*, *path*)

Remove directory.

Parameters **path** (*str*) – Directory path to remove.

Return type `int`

setstat (*self*, *path*, *SFTPAttributes attrs*)

Set file attributes.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – File path.
- **attrs** (`ssh2.sftp_handle.SFTPAttributes`) – File attributes to set.

Return type `int`

stat (*self*, *path*)

Stat file.

Parameters **path** (*str*) – Path of file to stat.

Return type `ssh2.sftp_handle.SFTPAttributes` or `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN`

statvfs (*self*, *path*)

Get file system statistics from path.

Return type *ssh2.sftp.SFTPStatVFS* or int of error code

symlink (*self*, *path*, *target*)

Create symlink.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – Source file path.
- **target** (*str*) – Target file path.

Return type int

unlink (*self*, *filename*)

Delete/unlink file.

Parameters **filename** (*str*) – Name of file to delete/unlink.

session

Originating session.

3.5 ssh2.sftp_handle

SFTP handle, attributes and stat VFS classes.

class *ssh2.sftp_handle.SFTPAttributes*

atime

filesize

flags

gid

mtime

permissions

uid

class *ssh2.sftp_handle.SFTPHandle*

close (*self*)

Close handle. Called automatically when object is deleted and/or garbage collected.

Return type int

fsetstat (*self*, *SFTPAttributes attrs*)

Set file handle attributes.

Parameters **attrs** (*ssh2.sftp.SFTPAttributes*) – Attributes to set.

fstat (*self*)

Get file stat attributes from handle.

Return type tuple(int, *ssh2.sftp.SFTPAttributes*)

fstat_ex (*self*, *SFTPAttributes attrs*, *int setstat*)

Get or set file attributes. Clients would typically use one of the fstat or fsetstat functions instead

fstatvfs (*self*)

Get file system statistics for handle

Return type *ssh2.sftp.SFTPStatVFS*

fsync (*self*)

Sync file handle data.

Available from libssh2 >= 1.4.4

Return type *int*

read (*self*, *size_t* *buffer_maxlen=c_ssh2.LIBSSH2_CHANNEL_WINDOW_DEFAULT*)

Read buffer from file handle.

Parameters **buffer_maxlen** (*int*) – Max length of buffer to return.

Return type *bytes*

readdir (*self*, *size_t* *buffer_maxlen=1024*)

Get directory listing from file handle, if any.

This function is a generator and should be iterated on.

File handle *must* be opened with `ssh2.sftp.SFTP.readdir()`

Parameters **buffer_maxlen** – Max length of returned file entry.

Return type *iter(bytes)*

readdir_ex (*self*, *size_t* *longentry_maxlen=1024*, *size_t* *buffer_maxlen=1024*)

Get directory listing from file handle, if any.

File handle *must* be opened with `ssh2.sftp.SFTP.readdir()`

This function is a generator and should be iterated on.

Parameters

- **buffer_maxlen** – Max length of returned buffer.
- **longentry_maxlen** – Max length of file list entry.

Return type *bytes*

rewind (*self*)

Rewind file handle to beginning of file.

Return type *None*

seek (*self*, *size_t* *offset*)

Deprecated, use `seek64`.

Seek file to given offset.

Parameters **offset** (*int*) – Offset to seek to.

Return type *None*

seek64 (*self*, *libssh2_uint64_t* *offset*)

Seek file to given 64-bit offset.

Parameters **offset** (*int*) – Offset to seek to.

Return type *None*

tell (*self*)

Deprecated, use tell64.

Get current file handle offset.

Return type `int`

tell64 (*self*)

Get current file handle 64-bit offset.

Return type `int`

write (*self*, *bytes buf*)

Write buffer to file handle.

Returns tuple of (`error code`, `bytes written`).

In blocking mode `bytes_written` will always equal `len(buf)` if no errors have occurred which would raise exception.

In non-blocking mode `error_code` can be `LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN` and `bytes_written` can be less than `len(buf)`.

Clients should resume from that point on next call to `write`, ie `buf[bytes_written_in_last_call:]`.

Parameters `buf` (*bytes*) – Buffer to write.

Return type `tuple(int, int)`

class `ssh2.sftp_handle.SFTPStatVFS`

File system statistics

f_bavail

Free blocks for non-root

f_bfree

Free blocks

f_blocks

Size of fs in `f_frsize` units

f_bsize

File system block size

f_favail

Free inodes for non-root

f_ffree

Free inodes

f_files

Inodes

f_flag

File system mount flags.

This property is a bit mask with defined bits `LIBSSH2_SFTP_ST_RDONLY` and `LIBSSH2_SFTP_ST_NOSUID`

f_frsize

Fragment size

f_fsid

File system ID

f_namemax
Maximum filename length

3.6 ssh2.pkey

class `ssh2.pkey.PublicKey`
Extension class for representing public key data from libssh2.
Can be used for authentication via `ssh2.agent.Agent.userauth()`

blob
Blob of public key data.
Return type `bytes`

blob_len
Blob length of public key.
Return type `int`

comment
Public key comment
Return type `bytes`

magic
Magic number of public key.
Return type `int`

3.7 ssh2.listener

class `ssh2.listener.Listener`

forward_accept (*self*)

forward_cancel (*self*)

3.8 ssh2.knownhost

class `ssh2.knownhost.KnownHost`
Manage known host entries.

add (*self*, *bytes host*, *bytes salt*, *bytes key*, *int typemask*)
Deprecated - use `self.addc`

addc (*self*, *bytes host*, *bytes key*, *int typemask*, *bytes salt=None*, *bytes comment=None*)
Adds a host and its key to known hosts collection.

Note - `libssh2` expects correct use of hashed hosts when `LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_TYPE_SHA1` is part of `typemask`. Incorrect use of hashed host `typemask` without appropriate hashed host and salt values will result in host entries being added to the collection without a host name.

Parameters

- **host** (*bytes*) – Host to add key for.

- **key** (*bytes*) – Key to add.
- **typemask** – Bitmask of one of each from `ssh2.knownhost.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_TYPE_*`, `ssh2.knownhost.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_KEYENC_*` and `ssh2.knownhost.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_KEY_*` for example for plain text host, raw key encoding and SSH RSA key type would be `LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_TYPE_PLAIN | LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_KEYENC_RAW | LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_KEY_SSHRSA`.
- **salt** (*bytes*) – Salt used for host hashing if host is hashed. Defaults to None.
- **comment** (*bytes*) – Comment to add for host. Defaults to None.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostAddError` on errors adding known host entry.

check (*self, bytes host, bytes key, int typemask*)

Deprecated - use `self.checkp`

checkp (*self, bytes host, int port, bytes key, int typemask*)

Check a host and its key against the known hosts collection and return known host entry, if any.

Note that server key provided to this function must be base64 encoded only if checking against a `self.addc` added known public key. When using `self.readfile` and a `known_hosts` file, encoding is not needed.

`ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckError` is base class for all host check error exceptions and can be used to catch all host check errors.

Parameters

- **host** (*bytes*) – Host to check.
- **key** (*bytes*) – Key of host to check.
- **typemask** – Bitmask of one of each from `ssh2.knownhost.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_TYPE_*`, `ssh2.knownhost.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_KEYENC_*` and `ssh2.knownhost.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_KEY_*` for example for plain text host, raw key encoding and SSH RSA key type would be `LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_TYPE_PLAIN | LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_KEYENC_RAW | LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_KEY_SSHRSA`.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckMismatchError` on provided key mismatch error with found key from known hosts.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckNotFoundError` on host not found in known hosts.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckFailure` on failure checking known host entry.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckError` on unknown errors checking known host.

Return type `ssh2.knownhost.KnownHostEntry`

delete (*self, KnownHostEntry entry*)

Delete given known host entry from collection of known hosts.

Parameters **entry** (`ssh2.knownhost.KnownHostEntry`) – Known host entry to delete.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostDeleteError` on errors deleting host entry.

get (*self, KnownHostEntry prev=None*)

Retrieve all host entries in known hosts collection.

Parameters `prev` – (Optional) Existing known host entry to start retrieval from. All hosts are retrieved when `prev` is `None` which is the default.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostGetError` on errors retrieving known host collection.

Return type `list(ssh2.knownhost.KnownHostEntry)`

readfile (*self*, *filename*, *int f_type=c_ssh2.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_FILE_OPENSSSH*)

Read known hosts file and add hosts to known hosts collection. Only OpenSSH known hosts file format is currently supported.

Returns number of successfully read host entries.

Parameters `filename` (*str*) – File name to read.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostReadFileError` on errors reading file.

Return type `int`

readline (*self*, *bytes line*, *int f_type=c_ssh2.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_FILE_OPENSSSH*)

Read line from known hosts file and add to known hosts collection. Only OpenSSH known hosts file format is currently supported.

Note - When using `readline`, the key values returned by `self.get` will need to be base64 encoded as `libssh2`'s `readline` does not encode them when adding, unlike `self.readfile` and `self.addc`.

Parameters `line` (*bytes*) – Byte string representing line to read.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostReadLineError` on errors reading line.

writefile (*self*, *filename*, *int f_type=c_ssh2.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_FILE_OPENSSSH*)

Write all known host entries to file. Only OpenSSH known hosts file format is currently supported.

Parameters `filename` (*str*) – File name to write known hosts to.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostWriteFileError` on errors writing to file.

writeline (*self*, *KnownHostEntry entry*, *int f_type=c_ssh2.LIBSSH2_KNOWNHOST_FILE_OPENSSSH*, *size_t buf_len=1024*)

Convert a single known host entry to a single line of output for writing. Only OpenSSH known hosts file format is currently supported.

Parameters `entry` (*ssh2.knownhost.KnownHostEntry*) – Known host entry to write line for.

Raises `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostWriteLineError` on errors writing line.

Return type `bytes`

class `ssh2.knownhost.KnownHostEntry`

Class representing a single known host entry.

key

Key byte string.

Key is stored base64 encoded according to `libssh2` documentation and is returned by this property as a base64 decoded byte string.

Note that in some cases, like keys added by `ssh2.knownhost.KnownHost.readline()`, the stored key is not base64 encoded, contrary to documentation, and `KnownHostEntry.key` will need to be re-encoded as base64 to get actual key.

magic

Entry magic number.

name
Name of host.

typemask
Type mask of host entry.

3.9 Exceptions

exception `ssh2.exceptions.AgentAuthenticationError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.AuthenticationError`

Raised on SSH Agent authentication errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.AgentConnectionError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.AgentError`

Raised on SSH Agent connection errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.AgentError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Base class for all SSH Agent errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.AgentGetIdentityError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.AgentError`

Raised on SSH Agent get identity errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.AgentListIdentitiesError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.AgentError`

Raised on SSH Agent list identities errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.AgentProtocolError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on SSH agent protocol errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.AuthenticationError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Base class for all authentication errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.BadSocketError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on use of bad socket errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.BadUseError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on API bad use errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.BannerRecvError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on errors receiving banner

exception `ssh2.exceptions.BannerSendError`
Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on errors sending banner

exception `ssh2.exceptions.BufferTooSmallError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on buffer too small errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelClosedError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError`

Raised on channel closed errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelEOFSentError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError`

Raised on channel EOF errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Base class for all channel errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelFailure`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError`

Raised on channel failures

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelOutOfOrderError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError`

Raised on channel commands out of order errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelPacketExceeded`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError`

Raised on channel max packet length exceeded errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelRequestDenied`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError`

Raised on channel request denied errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelUnknownError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError`

Raised on unknown channel errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelWindowExceeded`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.ChannelError`

Raised on channel window exceeded errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.CompressError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on compression errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.DecryptError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on decryption errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.EncryptError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on encryption errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.FileError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on file errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.HostkeyInitError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on errors initialiasing host key

exception `ssh2.exceptions.HostkeySignError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on errors signing host key

exception `ssh2.exceptions.InvalidPollTypeError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on invalid poll type errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.InvalidRequestError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on invalid request errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KeyExchangeError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on errors exchanging keys

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostAddError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostError`

Raised on errors adding known host entries

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostError`

Raised on any known host check errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckFailure`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckError`

Raised on something preventing known host check to be made

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckMismatchError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckError`

Raised on keys do not match for known host

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckNotFoundError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostCheckError`

Raised on no match for known host check

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostDeleteError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostError`

Raised on errors deleting known host entry

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Base class for KnownHost errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostGetError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostError`

Raised on errors retrieving known host entries

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostReadFileError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostError`

Raised on errors reading from known hosts file

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostReadLineError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostError`

Raised on errors reading line from known hosts file

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostWriteFileError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostError`

Raised on errors writing to known hosts file

exception `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostWriteLineError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.KnownHostError`

Raised on errors writing line to known hosts file

exception `ssh2.exceptions.MethodNoneError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on invalid method errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.MethodNotSupported`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on authentication method not supported errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.OutOfBoundaryError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on out of boundary errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.PasswordExpiredError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.AuthenticationError`

Raised on password expired errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ProtocolError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on protocol errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.PublicKeyError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Base class for all public key protocol errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.PublicKeyInitError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.PublicKeyError`

Raised on errors initialising public key system

exception `ssh2.exceptions.PublicKeyProtocolError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on public key protocol errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.PublickeyUnverifiedError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.AuthenticationError`

Raised on public key verification errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.RequestDeniedError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on request denied errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SCPProtocolError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on SCP protocol errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SFTPError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Base class for SFTP errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SFTPHandleError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SFTPError`

Raised on SFTP handle errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SFTPProtocolError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SFTPError`

Raised on SFTP protocol errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Bases: `Exception`

Base class for all ssh2-python errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Base class for all session errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SessionHandshakeError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on session handshake errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SessionHostKeyError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on errors getting server host key

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SessionStartupError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on session startup errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SocketDisconnectError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on socket disconnection errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SocketRecvError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on socket receive errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SocketSendError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on socket send errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.SocketTimeout`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on socket timeouts

exception `ssh2.exceptions.Timeout`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on timeouts

exception `ssh2.exceptions.UnknownError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SSH2Error`

Raised on non-specific or unknown errors

exception `ssh2.exceptions.ZlibError`

Bases: `ssh2.exceptions.SessionError`

Raised on zlib errors

3.10 Stat Info

class `ssh2.statinfo.StatInfo`

Representation of stat structure - libssh2 <1.7 version

`st_atime`

`st_blksize`

`st_blocks`

`st_ctime`

`st_gid`

`st_ino`

`st_mode`

`st_mtime`

`st_nlink`

`st_rdev`

`st_size`

`st_uid`

3.11 File Info

Available only when built on libssh2 >= 1.7

```
class ssh2.fileinfo.FileInfo
    Representation of stat structure - libssh2 >= 1.7

    st_atime
    st_blksize
    st_blocks
    st_ctime
    st_gid
    st_ino
    st_mode
    st_mtime
    st_nlink
    st_rdev
    st_size
    st_uid
```

3.12 Utility Functions

`ssh2.utils.handle_error_codes (int errcode) → int`

Raise appropriate exception for given error code.

Returns 0 on no error and LIBSSH2_ERROR_EAGAIN on EAGAIN.

Raises Appropriate exception from `ssh2.exceptions`.

Parameters `errcode` – Error code as returned by `ssh2.session.Session.last_errno()`

`ssh2.utils.ssh2_exit ()`

Call libssh2_exit

`ssh2.utils.version (int required_version=0)`

Get libssh2 version string.

Passing in a non-zero `required_version` causes the function to return `None` if version is less than `required_version`

Parameters `required_version (int)` – Minimum required version

`ssh2.utils.wait_socket (_socket, Session session, timeout=1)`

Helper function for testing non-blocking mode.

This function blocks the calling thread for <timeout> seconds - to be used only for testing purposes.

CHANGE LOG

4.1 0.18.0

4.1.1 Changes

- Session object de-allocation no longer calls session disconnect.
- Channel object de-allocation no longer calls channel close.
- Rebuilt sources with Cython 0.29.6.
- Updated Linux and Windows binary wheels to OpenSSL 1.1.
- Updated embedded `libssh2` to latest master.
- Added Ed25519 publickey support via `libssh2` and OpenSSL upgrades.

4.1.2 Packaging

- Source distribution builds would not include embedded `libssh2` module in package - #51
- Removed OSX 10.10 binary wheel builds - deprecated by Travis-CI.
- Updated embedded OpenSSL version for Windows wheel builds.

4.2 0.17.0.post2

4.2.1 Packaging

- Updated embedded OpenSSL version for Windows wheel builds.

4.3 0.17.0.post1

4.3.1 Packaging

- Source distribution builds would not include embedded libssh2 module in package - #51
- Removed OSX 10.10 binary wheel builds - deprecated by Travis-CI.

4.4 0.17.0

4.4.1 Changes

- `SFTPHandle.write` function changed to return tuple of `return_code`, `bytes_written` for non-blocking applications to be able to handle partial writes within an SFTP write resulting from a blocked socket.
- `Channel.write*` functions changed to return tuple of `return_code`, `bytes_written` as above.

Behaviour in blocking mode has not changed. Non-blocking applications will now need to handle these functions returning a tuple and resume writes from last written offset of given data.

4.5 0.16.0

4.5.1 Changes

- Added `Session.sock` public attribute for getting socket used by `Session`.
- Source distribution default `libssh2` build target updated to upstream `libssh2` master branch.
- Added bundled `libssh2` source code for current master branch to repository and source distribution.
- Added automatic build of bundled `libssh2` code for source builds and `SYSTEM_LIBSSH2` environment variable to control building and linking against system provided `libssh2`. This will require additional steps for Windows platforms and older `libssh2` versions - see documentation.
- Updated binary wheels for all platforms to latest `libssh2`.
- Added keep alive API implementation - #47.

4.6 0.15.0

4.6.1 Changes

- Updated `session.userauth_publickey*` functions to make providing public key and private key passphrase optional.
- SFTP write calls write on all parts of buffer before returning.

4.6.2 Fixes

- `session.last_error()` would always return empty string.

4.7 0.14.0

4.7.1 Changes

- SFTP, SFTPHandle, Listener and PublicKeySystem functions updated to raise specific exceptions for all known libssh2 errors.
- Removed exceptions SFTPHandleError, SFTPBufferTooSmall and SFTPIOError that do not have corresponding libssh2 error codes.
- Re-generated all C code with latest Cython release.

4.7.2 Fixes

- Removed duplicate libssh2 definitions.
- Re-enabled system package releases.
- System package builds would not work correctly - #25.

4.8 0.13.0

4.8.1 Changes

- Upgrade embedded libssh2 in binary wheels to latest version plus enhancements.
- Adds support for ECDSA host and client keys.
- Adds support for SHA-256 host key fingerprints.
- Added SSH agent forwarding implementation.
- Windows wheels switched to OpenSSL back end.
- Windows wheels include zlib and have compression enabled.
- Windows wheels no MAC and no encryption options enabled, same as posix wheels.
- SCP functions now raise appropriate exception for all known libssh2 error codes.
- `ssh2.session.Session.disconnect` now returns 0 on success and raises exceptions on errors.
- All session `userauth_*` functions now raise specific exceptions.

4.8.2 Fixes

- SCP functions could not be used in non-blocking mode.

Note - libssh2 changes apply to binary wheels only. For building from source [see documentation](#).

4.9 0.11.0

4.9.1 Changes

- Session functions now raise exceptions.
- Channel functions now raise specific exceptions.
- SCP errors now raise exceptions.
- SFTP open handle errors now raise exceptions.
- Added exceptions for all known libssh2 error codes.
- Added `ssh2.utils.handle_error_codes` function for raising appropriate exception from error code.
- Added file types to `ssh2.sftp`.

4.9.2 Fixes

- Double de-allocation crash on objects being garbage collected in some rare cases.

4.10 0.10.0

4.10.1 Changes

- Added `ssh2.channel.Channel.shell` for opening interactive shells.

4.10.2 Fixes

- `ssh2.channel.Channel.process_startup` would not handle request types with no message correctly.

4.11 0.9.1

4.11.1 Fixes

- Binary wheels would have bad version info and require *git* for installation - #17

4.12 0.9.0

4.12.1 Changes

- Enabled embedded libssh2 library functionality for versions $\geq 1.6.0$.

4.13 0.8.0

4.13.1 Changes

- Implemented known host API, all functions.
- Added *hostkey* method on *Session* class for retrieving server host key.
- Added server host key verification from known hosts file example.
- Added exceptions for all known host API errors.

4.14 0.7.0

4.14.1 Changes

- Exceptions moved from C-API to Python module

4.14.2 Fixes

- PyPy build support

4.15 0.6.0

4.15.1 Changes

- Implemented *last_errno* and *set_last_error* session functions
- Agent authentication errors raise exceptions
- C-API refactor
- SFTP IO errors raise exceptions

4.15.2 Fixes

- Crash on de-allocation of channel in certain cases
- SFTP `readdir_ex` directory listing (long entry) was not returned correctly

4.16 0.5.5

4.16.1 Changes

- Accept both bytes and unicode parameters in authentication with public key from memory.

4.16.2 Fixes

- Unicode -> bytes parameter conversion would fail in some cases.

4.17 0.5.4

4.17.1 Fixes

- Agent authentication thread safety.

4.18 0.5.3

4.18.1 Changes

- Win32 build compatibility.
- Binary wheels for Linux, OSX and Windows, all Python versions, with embedded libssh2 and OpenSSL (embedded OpenSSL is Linux and OSX only).
- OSX CI builds.

4.18.2 Fixes

- Session initialisation thread safety.
- Agent thread safety.

4.19 0.5.2

No code changes.

4.20 0.5.1

4.20.1 Changes

- Implemented public key subsystem for public key management on remote servers
- Added all libssh2 error codes to `ssh2.error_codes`

4.21 0.5.0

4.21.1 Changes

- Implemented SFTP `statvfs` and `SFTP handle fstatvfs` methods.
- Implemented `SFTPStatVFS` extension class for file system statistics.
- SFTP `read` and `readdir` functions now return `size/error code` along with data.
- SFTP `handle fstat` now returns attributes.
- Implemented SFTP `handle readdir*` methods as python generators.
- `Block directions` function renamed to match `libssh2`.
- Example scripts.
- All session authentication methods now raise `AuthenticationError` on failure.

4.21.2 Fixes

- SFTP `readdir` functions can now be used in non-blocking mode
- Use of SFTP `opendir` via context manager

4.22 0.4.0

4.22.1 Changes

- Implemented SCP `send` and `recv` methods, all versions.
- Conditional compilation of features requiring newer versions of `libssh2`.
- Implemented channel `receive window adjust`, `x11_*`, `poll` and `handle extended data` methods.
- Implemented session `get/set blocking`, `get/set timeout`.
- Updated agent connection error exception name.
- Renamed session method name to match `libssh2`.

- Info extension classes for SCP file stat structure.

4.23 0.3.1

4.23.1 Changes

- Added context manager to SFTP handle
- Implemented SFTP write, seek, stat, fstat and last_error methods.
- Implemented SFTPAttribute object creation and de-allocation - added unit test.

4.24 0.3.0

4.24.1 Changes

- Updated API
- Updated session, channel, agent and pkey to accept any string type arguments.
- Added get_exit_signal implementation for channel.

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