
wire-protocol Documentation

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Android Debug Bridge (ADB) Wire Protocol.

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MODULES

1.1 adbwp.consts

Contains constant values used by the protocol.

`adbwp.consts.VERSION = 16777216`
Protocol version.

`adbwp.consts.MAXDATA = 262144`
Maximum message body size.

`adbwp.consts.CONNECT_AUTH_MAXDATA = 4096`
Older ADB version max data size limit; required max for CONNECT and AUTH messages.

`adbwp.consts.MESSAGE_SIZE = 24`
Size of a serialized ADB message in bytes.

`adbwp.consts.COMMAND_MASK = 4294967295`
Bitmask applied to the “magic” value of ADB messages.

1.2 adbwp.enums

Contains enumeration types used by the protocol.

`class adbwp.enums.Command(value)`
Enumeration for command types used by the ADB protocol.

`class adbwp.enums.CommandResponse(value)`
Enumeration for response message types from ADB connection requests.

`class adbwp.enums.AuthType(value)`
Enumeration for authentication types used by the ADB protocol.

`class adbwp.enums.SystemType(value)`
Enumeration for “systemtype” values used by the ADB protocol for the “system-identity-string” value in a CONNECT message.

1.3 adbwp.exceptions

Contains exception types used across the package.

exception `adbwp.exceptions.WireProtocolError`

Base exception for all ADB wire protocol related errors.

with_traceback()

Exception.with_traceback(tb) – set self.__traceback__ to tb and return self.

exception `adbwp.exceptions.PackError`

Exception raised when unable to pack/serialize a model into `bytes`.

with_traceback()

Exception.with_traceback(tb) – set self.__traceback__ to tb and return self.

exception `adbwp.exceptions.UnpackError`

Exception raised when unable to unpack/deserialize `bytes` into a model.

with_traceback()

Exception.with_traceback(tb) – set self.__traceback__ to tb and return self.

exception `adbwp.exceptions.ChecksumError`

Exception raised when the computed checksum of a data payload does not match the value in the header.

with_traceback()

Exception.with_traceback(tb) – set self.__traceback__ to tb and return self.

1.4 adbwp.header

Object representation of a message header.

class `adbwp.header.Header(command, arg0, arg1, data_length, data_checksum, magic)`

Represents the header of an ADB protocol message.

A header is 24 bytes consisting of 6 32-bit words in little-endian format.

Create new instance of Header(command, arg0, arg1, data_length, data_checksum, magic)

property connect

Indicates whether or not this header represents a connect message.

Returns Bool indicating if it is a connect message or not.

Return type `bool`

property auth

Indicates whether or not this header represents an auth message.

Returns Bool indicating if it is an auth message or not.

Type `bool`

property open

Indicates whether or not this header represents a open message.

Returns Bool indicating if it is a open message or not.

Return type `bool`

property ready

Indicates whether or not this header represents a ready message.

Returns Bool indicating if it is a ready message or not.

Return type `bool`

property write
Indicates whether or not this header represents a write message.

Returns Bool indicating if it is a write message or not.

Return type `bool`

property close
Indicates whether or not this header represents a close message.

Returns Bool indicating if it is a close message or not.

Return type `bool`

property sync
Indicates whether or not this header represents a sync message.

Returns Bool indicating if it is a sync message or not.

Return type `bool`

property okay
Indicates whether or not this header represents an okay response.

Returns Bool indicating if it is an okay response or not.

Return type `bool`

property fail
Indicates whether or not this header represents a fail response.

Returns Bool indicating if it is a fail response or not.

Return type `bool`

property arg0
Alias for field number 1

property arg1
Alias for field number 2

property command
Alias for field number 0

count (*value*, /)
Return number of occurrences of value.

property data_checksum
Alias for field number 4

property data_length
Alias for field number 3

index (*value*, *start*=0, *stop*=9223372036854775807, /)
Return first index of value.
Raises ValueError if the value is not present.

property magic
Alias for field number 5

```
adbwp.header.new(command: Union[int, adbwp.enums.Command], arg0: int = 0, arg1: int = 0, data_length: int = 0, data_checksum: int = 0, magic: int = 0) → adbwp.header.Header
```

Create a new `Header` instance with optional default values.

Parameters

- **command** (`Command` or `int`) – Command identifier
- **arg0** (`int`) – (Optional) First argument of the command
- **arg1** (`int`) – (Optional) Second argument of the command
- **data_length** (`int`) – (Optional) Length of the payload
- **data_checksum** (`int`) – (Optional) Computed checksum of the payload
- **magic** (`int`) – (Optional) “Magic” XOR of the command

Returns Header instance created from values

Return type `Header`

```
adbwp.header.to_bytes(header: adbwp.header.Header) → bytes
```

Create a `bytes` from the given `Header`.

Parameters `header` (`Header`) – Message header

Returns Header represented as bytes

Return type `bytes`

Raises `PackError` – when unable to pack instance into 6 bytes

```
adbwp.header.from_bytes(header: bytes) → adbwp.header.Header
```

Create a `Header` from the given `bytes`.

Parameters `header` (`bytes`) – Message header in bytes

Returns Bytes converted to a header

Return type `Header`

Raises `UnpackError` – When unable to unpack instance from bytes

1.5 adbwp.hints

Contains type hint definitions used across modules in this package.

`adbwp.hints.Bytes`

alias of `bytes`

`adbwp.hints.Bool`

alias of `bool`

`adbwp.hints.Int`

alias of `int`

`adbwp.hints.Str`

alias of `str`

`adbwp.hints.Command`

Type hint that defines multiple types that represent a command.

alias of `Union[int, adbwp.enums.Command]`

adbwp.hints.SystemType

Type hint that defines multiple types that can represent a system type used in a connect message.

alias of Union[str, adbwp.enums.SystemType]

adbwp.hints.Buffer

Type hint that defines multiple types that can represent a collection of bytes that can be used to create model types.

alias of Union[bytes, bytearray, str, memoryview]

1.6 adbwp.message

Object representation of a message.

class adbwp.message.Message(header, data)

Represents an entire ADB protocol message.

A message consists of a 24-byte header followed by an optional data payload.

Create new instance of Message(header, data)

count (value, /)

Return number of occurrences of value.

property data

Alias for field number 1

property header

Alias for field number 0

index (value, start=0, stop=9223372036854775807, /)

Return first index of value.

Raises ValueError if the value is not present.

adbwp.message.new (command: Union[int, adbwp.enums.Command], arg0: int = 0, arg1: int = 0, data:

Union[bytes, bytearray, str, memoryview] = b"") → adbwp.message.Message

Create a new [Message](#) instance with optional default values.

Parameters

- **command** ([Command](#) or [int](#)) – Command identifier
- **arg0** ([int](#)) – (Optional) First argument of the command
- **arg1** ([int](#)) – (Optional) Second argument of the command
- **data** ([bytes](#), [bytearray](#), [str](#), or [memoryview](#)) – (Optional) Message payload

Returns Message instance from given values

Return type [Message](#)

Raises [ValueError](#) – When data payload is greater than [MAXDATA](#)

adbwp.message.from_header (header: adbwp.header.Header, data: Union[bytes, bytearray, str, mem-

oryview] = b"") → adbwp.message.Message

Create a new [Message](#) instance from an existing [Header](#).

Parameters

- **header** ([Header](#)) – Message header
- **data** ([bytes](#), [bytearray](#), [str](#), or [memoryview](#)) – (Optional) Message payload

Returns Message instance from given values

Return type `Message`

Raises

- `ValueError` – When data payload is greater than `MAXDATA`
- `ChecksumError` – When data payload checksum doesn't match header checksum

`adbwp.message.connect(serial: str, banner: str, system_type: Union[str, adbwp.enums.SystemType] = <SystemType.HOST: 'host'>) → adbwp.message.Message`

Create a `Message` instance that represents a connect message.

Parameters

- `serial (str)` – Unique identifier
- `banner (str)` – Human readable version/identifier string
- `system_type (SystemType or str)` – System type creating the message

Returns Message used to connect to a remote system

Return type `Message`

Raises `ValueError` – When data payload is greater than `CONNECT_AUTH_MAXDATA`

`adbwp.message.auth_signature(signature: bytes) → adbwp.message.Message`

Create a `Message` instance that represents a signature authentication message.

Parameters `signature (bytes)` – Signed data payload

Returns Message used to verify key pair

Return type `Message`

Raises `ValueError` – When data payload is greater than `CONNECT_AUTH_MAXDATA`

`adbwp.message.auth_rsa_public_key(public_key: bytes) → adbwp.message.Message`

Create a `Message` instance that represents a RSA public key authentication message.

Parameters `public_key (bytes)` – Public key for remote system to conditionally accept

Returns Message used to share public key

Return type `Message`

Raises `ValueError` – When data payload is greater than `CONNECT_AUTH_MAXDATA`

`adbwp.message.open(local_id: int, destination: str) → adbwp.message.Message`

Create a `Message` instance that represents a open message.

Parameters

- `local_id (int)` – Stream id on remote system to connect with
- `destination (str)` – Stream destination

Returns Message used to open a stream by id on a remote system

Return type `Message`

Raises

- `ValueError` – When local id is zero
- `ValueError` – When data payload is greater than `MAXDATA`

`adbwp.message.ready(local_id: int, remote_id: int) → adbwp.message.Message`

Create a `Message` instance that represents a ready message.

Parameters

- `local_id(int)` – Identifier for the stream on the local end
- `remote_id(int)` – Identifier for the stream on the remote system

Returns Message used to inform remote system it's ready for write messages

Return type `Message`

Raises

- `ValueError` – When local id is zero
- `ValueError` – When remote id is zero
- `ValueError` – When data payload is greater than `MAXDATA`

`adbwp.message.write(local_id: int, remote_id: int, data: Union[bytes, bytearray, str, memoryview])`

→ `adbwp.message.Message`

Create a `Message` instance that represents a write message.

Parameters

- `local_id(int)` – Identifier for the stream on the local end
- `remote_id(int)` – Identifier for the stream on the remote system
- `data(bytes, bytearray, str, or memoryview)` – Data payload sent to the stream

Returns Message used to write data to remote stream

Return type `Message`

Raises

- `ValueError` – When data payload is empty
- `ValueError` – When data payload is greater than `MAXDATA`

`adbwp.message.close(local_id: int, remote_id: int) → adbwp.message.Message`

Create a `Message` instance that represents a close message.

Parameters

- `local_id(int)` – Identifier for the stream on the local end
- `remote_id(int)` – Identifier for the stream on the remote system

Returns Message used to inform the remote system of stream closing

Return type `Message`

Raises

- `ValueError` – When id is zero
- `ValueError` – When remote id is zero
- `ValueError` – When data payload is greater than `MAXDATA`

1.7 adbwp.payload

Contains functionality for message data payloads.

`adbwp.payload.checksum(data: Union[bytes, bytearray, str, memoryview]) → int`

Compute the checksum value of a header that uses the given data payload.

Parameters `data` (`bytes`, `bytearray`, `str`, or `memoryview`) – Data payload

Returns Data payload checksum

Return type `int`

`adbwp.payload.null_terminate(data: Union[bytes, bytearray, str, memoryview]) → bytes`

Null terminate the given data payload.

Parameters `data` (`bytes`, `bytearray`, `str`, or `memoryview`) – Data payload

Returns Data payload ending with a zero byte.

Return type `bytes`

`adbwp.payload.as_bytes(data: Union[bytes, bytearray, str, memoryview], encoding: str = 'utf-8', errors: str = 'strict') → bytes`

Ensure the given data payload is a `bytes` instance.

Parameters

- `data` (`bytes`, `bytearray`, `str`, or `memoryview`) – Data payload

- `encoding` (`str`) – (Optional) Encoding if data payload is a `str`

- `errors` (`str`) – (Optional) How to handle encoding errors

Returns Data payload as bytes

Return type `bytes`

Raises `ValueError` – When data is not one of the supported types

`adbwp.payload.system_identity_string(system_type: Union[str, adbwp.enums.SystemType], serial: str, banner: str)`

Compute the system identity string data payload.

Parameters

- `system_type` (`SystemType` or `str`) – System type creating the message

- `serial` (`str`) – Unique identifier

- `banner` (`str`) – Human readable version/identifier string

Returns System identity string payload for connect messages

Return type `str`

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