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**objectfactory**

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- schema inherent in class definition
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# CHAPTER ONE

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## QUICKSTART

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### 1.1 Example

Simple `shapes` example:

```
import objectfactory

@objectfactory.register
class Square( objectfactory.Serializable ):
    side = objectfactory.Field()

    def get_area( self ):
        return self.side * self.side

@objectfactory.register
class Triangle( objectfactory.Serializable ):
    base = objectfactory.Field()
    height = objectfactory.Field()

    def get_area( self ):
        return 0.5 * self.base * self.height

serialized_data = [
    {"_type": "Square", "side": 2.0},
    {"_type": "Triangle", "base": 1.75, "height": 2.50},
    {"_type": "Square", "side": 1.5},
```

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```
for data in serialized_data:  
    shape = objectfactory.create( data )  
    print( 'class type: {}, shape area: {}'.format( type( shape ), shape.get_area() ) )  
→ )
```

Output:

```
class type: <class '__main__.Square'>, shape area: 4.0  
class type: <class '__main__.Triangle'>, shape area: 2.1875  
class type: <class '__main__.Square'>, shape area: 2.25
```

### 1.1.1 More examples

See more advanced examples [here](#)

## 1.2 Install

Use `pip` for installation

```
pip install objectfactory
```

## 1.3 Documentation

Read the full documentation at [objectfactory.readthedocs.io](#)

## OBJECTFACTORY

objectfactory is a python package to easily implement the factory design pattern for object creation, serialization, and polymorphism

### 2.1 objectfactory.base

base module

implements abstract base classes for objectfactory

```
class objectfactory.base.FieldABC(default=None,      key=None,      required=False,      allow_none=True)
```

Bases: abc.ABC

abstract base class for serializable field

#### Parameters

- **default** – default value for field if unset
- **key** – dictionary key to use for field serialization
- **required** – whether this field is required to deserialize an object
- **allow\_none** – whether null should be considered a valid value

```
abstract marshmallow()
```

create generic marshmallow field to do actual serialization

**Returns** associated marshmallow field

```
class objectfactory.base.SerializableABC
```

Bases: abc.ABC

abstract base class for serializable object

```
abstract deserialize(body: dict)
```

deserialize model from dictionary

**Parameters** **body** – serialized data to load into object

```
abstract serialize(include_type: bool = True, use_full_type: bool = True) → dict
```

serialize model to dictionary

#### Parameters

- **include\_type** – if true, type information will be included in body
- **use\_full\_type** – if true, the fully qualified path will be specified in body

**Returns** serialized object as dict

## 2.2 objectfactory.factory

factory module

implements serializable object factory

**class** `objectfactory.factory.Factory(name)`

Bases: `object`

factory class for registering and creating serializable objects

**create** (`body: dict, object_type: Type[T] = <class 'objectfactory.serializable.Serializable'>`) → `T`  
create object from dictionary

### Parameters

- **body** – serialized object data
- **object\_type** – (optional) specified object type

**Raises** `TypeError` – if the object is not an instance of the specified type

**Returns** deserialized object of specified type

**register** (`serializable: objectfactory.serializable.Serializable`)  
decorator to register class with factory

**Parameters** `serializable` – serializable object class

**Returns** registered class

`objectfactory.factory.create` (`body: dict, object_type: Type[T] = <class 'objectfactory.serializable.Serializable'>`) → `T`  
create object from dictionary with the global factory

### Parameters

- **body** – serialized object data
- **object\_type** – (optional) specified object type

**Raises** `TypeError` – if the object is not an instance of the specified type

**Returns** deserialized object of specified type

`objectfactory.factory.register` (`serializable: objectfactory.serializable.Serializable`)  
decorator to register class with the global factory

**Parameters** `serializable` – serializable object class

**Returns** registered class

## 2.3 objectfactory.field

field module

implements serializable fields

```
class objectfactory.field.Boolean(default=None, key=None, required=False, allow_none=True)
```

Bases: *objectfactory.field.Field*

serializable field for boolean data

### Parameters

- **default** – default value for field if unset
- **key** – dictionary key to use for field serialization
- **required** – whether this field is required to deserialize an object
- **allow\_none** – whether null should be considered a valid value

**marshal()**

create generic marshmallow field to do actual serialization

**Returns** associated marshmallow field

```
class objectfactory.field.Field(default=None, key=None, required=False, allow_none=True)
```

Bases: *objectfactory.base.FieldABC*

base class for serializable field

this is a class level descriptor for abstracting access to fields of serializable objects

### Parameters

- **default** – default value for field if unset
- **key** – dictionary key to use for field serialization
- **required** – whether this field is required to deserialize an object
- **allow\_none** – whether null should be considered a valid value

**marshal()**

create generic marshmallow field to do actual serialization

**Returns** associated marshmallow field

```
class objectfactory.field.Float(default=None, key=None, required=False, allow_none=True)
```

Bases: *objectfactory.field.Field*

serializable field for float data

### Parameters

- **default** – default value for field if unset
- **key** – dictionary key to use for field serialization
- **required** – whether this field is required to deserialize an object
- **allow\_none** – whether null should be considered a valid value

**marshal()**

create generic marshmallow field to do actual serialization

**Returns** associated marshmallow field

```
class objectfactory.field.Integer (default=None,      key=None,      required=False,      al-
                                    low_none=True)
Bases: objectfactory.field.Field
```

serializable field for integer data

#### Parameters

- **default** – default value for field if unset
- **key** – dictionary key to use for field serialization
- **required** – whether this field is required to deserialize an object
- **allow\_none** – whether null should be considered a valid value

```
marshmallow()
```

create generic marshmallow field to do actual serialization

**Returns** associated marshmallow field

```
class objectfactory.field.List (default=None, key=None, field_type=None, required=False, al-
                                low_none=True)
Bases: objectfactory.field.Field
```

field type for list of serializable objects

#### Parameters

- **default** – default value for field if unset
- **key** – dictionary key to use for field serialization
- **field\_type** – specified type for list of nested objects
- **required** – whether this field is required to deserialize an object
- **allow\_none** – whether null should be considered a valid value

```
marshmallow()
```

create generic marshmallow field to do actual serialization

**Returns** associated marshmallow field

```
class objectfactory.field.Nested (default=None, key=None, field_type=None, required=False,
                                   allow_none=True)
Bases: objectfactory.field.Field
```

field type for nested serializable object

#### Parameters

- **default** – default value for field if unset
- **key** – dictionary key to use for field serialization
- **field\_type** – specified type for nested object
- **required** – whether this field is required to deserialize an object
- **allow\_none** – whether null should be considered a valid value

```
marshmallow()
```

create generic marshmallow field to do actual serialization

**Returns** associated marshmallow field

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```
class objectfactory.field.String(default=None, key=None, required=False, al-
    low_none=True)
Bases: objectfactory.field.Field

serializable field for string data
```

**Parameters**

- **default** – default value for field if unset
- **key** – dictionary key to use for field serialization
- **required** – whether this field is required to deserialize an object
- **allow\_none** – whether null should be considered a valid value

```
marshmallow()
create generic marshmallow field to do actual serialization
```

**Returns** associated marshmallow field

## 2.4 objectfactory.serializable

serializable module

implements base class and metaclass for serializable objects

```
class objectfactory.serializable.Meta(name, bases, attributes, schema=None)
Bases: abc.ABCMeta
```

metaclass for serializable classes

this is a metaclass to be used for collecting relevant field information when defining a new serializable class  
define a new serializable object class, collect and register all field descriptors, construct marshmallow schema

**Parameters**

- **name** – class name
- **bases** – list of base classes to inherit from
- **attributes** – dictionary of class attributes
- **schema** – (optional) predefined marshmallow schema

**Returns** newly defined class

```
class objectfactory.serializable.Serializable
Bases: objectfactory.base.SerializableABC
```

base class for serializable objects

```
deserialize(body: dict)
deserialize model from dictionary
```

**Parameters** **body** – serialized data to load into object

```
classmethod from_dict(body: dict)
constructor to set data with dictionary
```

**Parameters** **body** – dictionary

**Returns** new instance of serializable object

**classmethod from\_kwargs (\*\*kwargs)**

constructor to set field data by keyword args

**Parameters** **kwargs** – keyword arguments by field

**Returns** new instance of serializable object

**serialize (include\_type: bool = True, use\_full\_type: bool = True) → dict**

serialize model to dictionary

**Parameters**

- **include\_type** – if true, type information will be included in body
- **use\_full\_type** – if true, the fully qualified path will be specified in body

**Returns** serialized object as dict

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