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# **aiohttp Documentation**

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HTTP client/server for asyncio and Python.



# CHAPTER 1

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## Key Features

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- Supports both aiohttp-client and HTTP Server.
- Supports both Server WebSockets and Client WebSockets out-of-the-box.
- Web-server has aiohttp-web-middlewares, aiohttp-web-signals and pluggable routing.





## CHAPTER 2

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### Library Installation

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```
$ pip install aiohttp
```

You may want to install *optional* cchardet library as faster replacement for chardet:

```
$ pip install cchardet
```

For speeding up DNS resolving by client API you may install aiodns as well. This option is highly recommended:

```
$ pip install aiodns
```



## CHAPTER 3

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### Getting Started

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Client example:

```
import aiohttp
import asyncio
import asyncio_timeout

async def fetch(session, url):
    with asyncio_timeout.timeout(10):
        async with session.get(url) as response:
            return await response.text()

async def main():
    async with aiohttp.ClientSession() as session:
        html = await fetch(session, 'http://python.org')
        print(html)

loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
loop.run_until_complete(main())
```

Server example:

```
from aiohttp import web

async def handle(request):
    name = request.match_info.get('name', "Anonymous")
    text = "Hello, " + name
    return web.Response(text=text)

app = web.Application()
app.router.add_get('/', handle)
app.router.add_get('/{name}', handle)

web.run_app(app)
```

**Note:** Throughout this documentation, examples utilize the *async/await* syntax introduced by [PEP 492](#) that is only valid for Python 3.5+.

If you are using Python 3.4, please replace `await` with `yield from` and `async def` with a `@coroutine` decorator. For example, this:

```
async def coro(...):  
    ret = await f()
```

should be replaced by:

```
@asyncio.coroutine  
def coro(...):  
    ret = yield from f()
```

## CHAPTER 4

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### Tutorial

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Polls tutorial



## CHAPTER 5

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Source code

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The project is hosted on [GitHub](#)

Please feel free to file an issue on the [bug tracker](#) if you have found a bug or have some suggestion in order to improve the library.

The library uses [Travis](#) for Continuous Integration.





- Python 3.4.2+
- *chardet*
- *multidict*
- *async\_timeout*
- *yaml*
- *Optional* cchardet as faster replacement for chardet.

Install it explicitly via:

```
$ pip install cchardet
```

- *Optional* aiodns for fast DNS resolving. The library is highly recommended.

```
$ pip install aiodns
```



## CHAPTER 7

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### Communication channels

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*aio-libs* google group: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/aio-libs>

Feel free to post your questions and ideas here.

*gitter chat* <https://gitter.im/aio-libs/Lobby>

We support [Stack Overflow](#). Please add *aiohttp* tag to your question there.



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### Contributing

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Please read the instructions for contributors before making a Pull Request.



## CHAPTER 9

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### Authors and License

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The `aiohttp` package is written mostly by Nikolay Kim and Andrew Svetlov.

It's *Apache 2* licensed and freely available.

Feel free to improve this package and send a pull request to [GitHub](#).





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## Policy for Backward Incompatible Changes

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*aiohttp* keeps backward compatibility.

After deprecating some *Public API* (method, class, function argument, etc.) the library guaranties the usage of *deprecated API* is still allowed at least for a year and half after publishing new release with deprecation.

All deprecations are reflected in documentation and raises `DeprecationWarning`.

Sometimes we are forced to break the own rule for sake of very strong reason. Most likely the reason is a critical bug which cannot be solved without major API change, but we are working hard for keeping these changes as rare as possible.



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