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# **BioBlend Documentation**

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BioBlend is a Python library for interacting with CloudMan and Galaxy's API.

BioBlend is supported and tested on:

- Python 2.7, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6
- Galaxy release\_14.10 and later.

Conceptually, it makes it possible to script and automate the process of cloud infrastructure provisioning and scaling via CloudMan, and running of analyses via Galaxy. In reality, it makes it possible to do things like this:

- Create a CloudMan compute cluster, via an API and directly from your local machine:

```
from bioblend.cloudman import CloudManConfig
from bioblend.cloudman import CloudManInstance
cfg = CloudManConfig('<your cloud access key>', '<your cloud secret key>', 'My_
↳CloudMan', 'ami-<ID>', 'm1.small', '<password>')
cmi = CloudManInstance.launch_instance(cfg)
cmi.get_status()
```

- Reconnect to an existing CloudMan instance and manipulate it:

```
from bioblend.cloudman import CloudManInstance
cmi = CloudManInstance("<instance IP>", "<password>")
cmi.add_nodes(3)
cluster_status = cmi.get_status()
cmi.remove_nodes(2)
```

- Interact with Galaxy via a straightforward API:

```
from bioblend.galaxy import GalaxyInstance
gi = GalaxyInstance('<Galaxy IP>', key='your API key')
libs = gi.libraries.get_libraries()
gi.workflows.show_workflow('workflow ID')
gi.workflows.run_workflow('workflow ID', input_dataset_map)
```

- Interact with Galaxy via an object-oriented API:

```
from bioblend.galaxy.objects import GalaxyInstance
gi = GalaxyInstance("URL", "API_KEY")
wf = gi.workflows.list()[0]
hist = gi.histories.list()[0]
inputs = hist.get_datasets()[:2]
input_map = dict(zip(wf.input_labels, inputs))
params = {"Pastel": {"delimiter": "U"}}
wf.run(input_map, "wf_output", params=params)
```

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**Note:** Although this library allows you to blend these two services into a cohesive unit, the library itself can be used with either service irrespective of the other. For example, you can use it to just manipulate CloudMan clusters or to script the interactions with an instance of Galaxy running on your laptop.

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## CHAPTER 2

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### Installation

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Stable releases of BioBlend are best installed via `pip` or `easy_install` from PyPI using something like:

```
$ pip install bioblend
```

Alternatively, you may install the most current source code from our [Git repository](#), or fork the project on Github. To install from source, do the following:

```
# Clone the repository to a local directory
$ git clone https://github.com/galaxyproject/bioblend.git
# Install the library
$ cd bioblend
$ python setup.py install
```

After installing the library, you will be able to simply import it into your Python environment with `import bioblend`. For details on the available functionality, see the [API documentation](#).

BioBlend requires a number of Python libraries. These libraries are installed automatically when BioBlend itself is installed, regardless whether it is installed via `PyPi` or by running `python setup.py install` command. The current list of required libraries is always available from `setup.py` in the source code repository.

If you also want to run tests locally, some extra libraries are required. To install them, run:

```
$ python setup.py test
```





## CHAPTER 3

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### Usage

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To get started using BioBlend, install the library as described above. Once the library becomes available on the given system, it can be developed against. The developed scripts do not need to reside in any particular location on the system.

It is probably best to take a look at the example scripts in `docs/examples` source directory and browse the *API documentation*. Beyond that, it's up to your creativity :).



## CHAPTER 4

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### Development

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Anyone interested in contributing or tweaking the library is more than welcome to do so. To start, simply fork the [Git repository](#) on Github and start playing with it. Then, issue pull requests.



BioBlend's API focuses around and matches the services it wraps. Thus, there are two top-level sets of APIs, each corresponding to a separate service and a corresponding step in the automation process. *Note* that each of the service APIs can be used completely independently of one another.

Effort has been made to keep the structure and naming of those API's consistent across the library but because they do bridge different services, some discrepancies may exist. Feel free to point those out and/or provide fixes.

For Galaxy, an alternative *object-oriented API* is also available. This API provides an explicit modeling of server-side Galaxy instances and their relationships, providing higher-level methods to perform operations such as retrieving all datasets for a given history, etc. Note that, at the moment, the oo API is still incomplete, providing access to a more restricted set of Galaxy modules with respect to the standard one.

## 5.1 CloudMan API

API used to manipulate the instantiated infrastructure. For example, scale the size of the compute cluster, get infrastructure status, get service status.

### 5.1.1 API documentation for interacting with CloudMan

#### CloudManLauncher

**class** `bioblend.cloudman.launch.CloudManLauncher` (*access\_key, secret\_key, cloud=None*)

Define the environment in which this instance of CloudMan will be launched.

Besides providing the credentials, optionally provide the `cloud` object. This object must define the properties required to establish a `boto` connection to that cloud. See this method's implementation for an example of the required fields. Note that as long as the provided object defines the required fields, it can really be implemented as anything (e.g., a `Bunch`, a database object, a custom class). If no value for the `cloud` argument is provided, the default is to use the Amazon cloud.

**assign\_floating\_ip** (*ec2\_conn, instance*)

**connect\_ec2** (*a\_key, s\_key, cloud=None*)

Create and return an EC2-compatible connection object for the given cloud.

See `_get_cloud_info` method for more details on the requirements for the `cloud` parameter. If no value is provided, the `class` field is used.

**connect\_s3** (*a\_key, s\_key, cloud=None*)

Create and return an S3-compatible connection object for the given cloud.

See `_get_cloud_info` method for more details on the requirements for the `cloud` parameter. If no value is provided, the `class` field is used.

**connect\_vpc** (*a\_key, s\_key, cloud=None*)

Establish a connection to the VPC service.

TODO: Make this work with non-default clouds as well.

**create\_cm\_security\_group** (*sg\_name='CloudMan', vpc\_id=None*)

Create a security group with all authorizations required to run CloudMan.

If the group already exists, check its rules and add the missing ones.

**Parameters**

- **sg\_name** (*str*) – A name for the security group to be created.
- **vpc\_id** (*str*) – VPC ID under which to create the security group.

**Return type** dict

**Returns** A dictionary containing keys `name` (with the value being the name of the security group that was created), `error` (with the value being the error message if there was an error or `None` if no error was encountered), and `ports` (containing the list of tuples with port ranges that were opened or attempted to be opened).

Changed in version 0.6.1: The return value changed from a string to a dict

**create\_key\_pair** (*key\_name='cloudman\_key\_pair'*)

If a key pair with the provided `key_name` does not exist, create it.

**Parameters** **sg\_name** (*str*) – A name for the key pair to be created.

**Return type** dict

**Returns** A dictionary containing keys `name` (with the value being the name of the key pair that was created), `error` (with the value being the error message if there was an error or `None` if no error was encountered), and `material` (containing the unencrypted PEM encoded RSA private key if the key was created or `None` if the key already existed).

Changed in version 0.6.1: The return value changed from a tuple to a dict

**find\_placements** (*ec2\_conn, instance\_type, cloud\_type, cluster\_name=None*)

Find a list of placement zones that support the specified instance type.

If `cluster_name` is given and a cluster with the given name exist, return a list with only one entry where the given cluster lives.

Searching for available zones for a given instance type is done by checking the spot prices in the potential availability zones for support before deciding on a region: <http://blog.piefox.com/2011/07/ec2-availability-zones-and-instance.html>

Note that, currently, instance-type based zone selection applies only to AWS. For other clouds, all the available zones are returned (unless a cluster is being recreated, in which case the cluster's placement zone is returned as stored in its persistent data.

**Return type** dict

**Returns** A dictionary with `zones` and `error` keywords.

Changed in version 0.3: Changed method name from `_find_placements` to `find_placements`. Also added `cluster_name` parameter.

Changed in version 0.7.0: The return value changed from a list to a dictionary.

**get\_cluster\_pd** (*cluster\_name*)

Return *persistent data* (as a dict) associated with a cluster with the given `cluster_name`. If a cluster with the given name is not found, return an empty dict.

New in version 0.3.

**get\_clusters\_pd** (*include\_placement=True*)

Return *persistent data* of all existing clusters for this account.

**Parameters** `include_placement` (*bool*) – Whether or not to include region placement for the clusters. Setting this option will lead to a longer function runtime.

**Return type** dict

**Returns** A dictionary containing keys `clusters` and `error`. The value of `clusters` will be a dictionary with the following keys `cluster_name`, `persistent_data`, `bucket_name` and optionally `placement` or an empty list if no clusters were found or an error was encountered. `persistent_data` key value is yet another dictionary containing given cluster's persistent data. The value for the `error` key will contain a string with the error message.

New in version 0.3.

Changed in version 0.7.0: The return value changed from a list to a dictionary.

**get\_status** (*instance\_id*)

Check on the status of an instance. `instance_id` needs to be a boto-library compatible instance ID (e.g., `i-8fehrdss`). If `instance_id` is not provided, the ID obtained when launching *the most recent* instance is used. Note that this assumes the instance being checked on was launched using this class. Also note that the same class may be used to launch multiple instances but only the most recent `instance_id` is kept while any others will to be explicitly specified.

This method also allows the required `ec2_conn` connection object to be provided at invocation time. If the object is not provided, credentials defined for the class are used (ability to specify a custom `ec2_conn` helps in case of stateless method invocations).

Return a state dict containing the following keys: `instance_state`, `public_ip`, `placement`, and `error`, which capture CloudMan's current state. For `instance_state`, expected values are: `pending`, `booting`, `running`, or `error` and represent the state of the underlying instance. Other keys will return an empty value until the `instance_state` enters `running` state.

**launch** (*cluster\_name*, *image\_id*, *instance\_type*, *password*, *kernel\_id=None*, *ramdisk\_id=None*, *key\_name='cloudman\_key\_pair'*, *security\_groups=['CloudMan']*, *placement=""*, *subnet\_id=None*, *ebs\_optimized=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Check all the prerequisites (key pair and security groups) for launching a CloudMan instance, compose the user data based on the parameters specified in the arguments and the cloud properties as defined in the object's `cloud` field.

For the current list of user data fields that can be provided via `kwargs`, see <https://galaxyproject.org/cloudman/userdata/>

Return a dict containing the properties and info with which an instance was launched, namely: `sg_names` containing the names of the security groups, `kp_name` containing the name of the key pair, `kp_material` containing the private portion of the key pair (*note* that this portion of the key is available

and can be retrieved *only* at the time the key is created, which will happen only if no key with the name provided in the `key_name` argument exists), `rs` containing the `boto` `ResultSet` object, `instance_id` containing the ID of a started instance, and `error` containing an error message if there was one.

**rule\_exists** (*rules, from\_port, to\_port, ip\_protocol='tcp', cidr\_ip='0.0.0.0/0'*)

A convenience method to check if an authorization rule in a security group already exists.

## CloudManInstance

API for interacting with a CloudMan instance.

```
class bioblend.cloudman.CloudManConfig (access_key=None, secret_key=None, cluster_name=None, image_id=None, instance_type='m1.medium', password=None, cloud_metadata=None, cluster_type=None, galaxy_data_option='', initial_storage_size=10, key_name='cloudman_key_pair', security_groups=['CloudMan'], placement='', kernel_id=None, ramdisk_id=None, block_until_ready=False, **kwargs)
```

Initializes a CloudMan launch configuration object.

### Parameters

- **access\_key** (*str*) – Access credentials.
- **secret\_key** (*str*) – Access credentials.
- **cluster\_name** (*str*) – Name used to identify this CloudMan cluster.
- **image\_id** (*str*) – Machine image ID to use when launching this CloudMan instance.
- **instance\_type** (*str*) – The type of the machine instance, as understood by the chosen cloud provider. (e.g., `m1.medium`)
- **password** (*str*) – The administrative password for this CloudMan instance.
- **cloud\_metadata** (*Bunch*) – This object must define the properties required to establish a `boto` connection to that cloud. See this method's implementation for an example of the required fields. Note that as long as the provided object defines the required fields, it can really be implemented as anything (e.g., a `Bunch`, a database object, a custom class). If no value for the `cloud` argument is provided, the default is to use the Amazon cloud.
- **kernel\_id** (*str*) – The ID of the kernel with which to launch the instances
- **ramdisk\_id** (*str*) – The ID of the RAM disk with which to launch the instances
- **key\_name** (*str*) – The name of the key pair with which to launch instances
- **security\_groups** (*list of str*) – The IDs of the security groups with which to associate instances
- **placement** (*str*) – The availability zone in which to launch the instances
- **cluster\_type** (*str*) – The type, either 'Galaxy', 'Data', or 'Test', defines the type of cluster platform to initialize.
- **galaxy\_data\_option** (*str*) – The storage type to use for this instance. May be 'transient', 'custom\_size' or ''. The default is '', which will result in ignoring the bioblend specified `initial_storage_size`. 'custom\_size' must be used for `initial_storage_size` to come into effect.



- **initial\_storage\_size** (*int*) – The initial storage to allocate for the instance. This only applies if `cluster_type` is set to either `Galaxy` or `Data` and `galaxy_data_option` is set to `custom_size`
- **block\_until\_ready** (*bool*) – Specifies whether the launch method will block until the instance is ready and only return once all initialization is complete. The default is `False`. If `False`, the launch method will return immediately without blocking. However, any subsequent calls made will automatically block if the instance is not ready and initialized. The blocking timeout and polling interval can be configured by providing extra parameters to the `CloudManInstance.launch_instance` method.

**static CustomTypeDecoder** (*dct*)

**class CustomTypeEncoder** (*skipkeys=False, ensure\_ascii=True, check\_circular=True, allow\_nan=True, sort\_keys=False, indent=None, separators=None, encoding='utf-8', default=None*)

Constructor for `JSONEncoder`, with sensible defaults.

If `skipkeys` is `false`, then it is a `TypeError` to attempt encoding of keys that are not `str`, `int`, `long`, `float` or `None`. If `skipkeys` is `True`, such items are simply skipped.

If `ensure_ascii` is `true` (the default), all non-ASCII characters in the output are escaped with `uXXXX` sequences, and the results are `str` instances consisting of ASCII characters only. If `ensure_ascii` is `False`, a result may be a unicode instance. This usually happens if the input contains unicode strings or the `encoding` parameter is used.

If `check_circular` is `true`, then lists, dicts, and custom encoded objects will be checked for circular references during encoding to prevent an infinite recursion (which would cause an `OverflowError`). Otherwise, no such check takes place.

If `allow_nan` is `true`, then `NaN`, `Infinity`, and `-Infinity` will be encoded as such. This behavior is not JSON specification compliant, but is consistent with most JavaScript based encoders and decoders. Otherwise, it will be a `ValueError` to encode such floats.

If `sort_keys` is `true`, then the output of dictionaries will be sorted by key; this is useful for regression tests to ensure that JSON serializations can be compared on a day-to-day basis.

If `indent` is a non-negative integer, then JSON array elements and object members will be pretty-printed with that indent level. An indent level of 0 will only insert newlines. `None` is the most compact representation. Since the default item separator is `,`, the output might include trailing whitespace when indent is specified. You can use `separators=(',', ':')` to avoid this.

If specified, `separators` should be a (item\_separator, key\_separator) tuple. The default is `(',', ':')`. To get the most compact JSON representation you should specify `(',', ':')` to eliminate whitespace.

If specified, `default` is a function that gets called for objects that can't otherwise be serialized. It should return a JSON encodable version of the object or raise a `TypeError`.

If `encoding` is not `None`, then all input strings will be transformed into unicode using that encoding prior to JSON-encoding. The default is `UTF-8`.

**default** (*obj*)

**static load\_config** (*fp*)

**save\_config** (*fp*)

**set\_connection\_parameters** (*access\_key, secret\_key, cloud\_metadata=None*)

**set\_extra\_parameters** (*\*\*kwargs*)

**set\_post\_launch\_parameters** (*cluster\_type=None, galaxy\_data\_option="", initial\_storage\_size=10*)

```
set_pre_launch_parameters (cluster_name, image_id, instance_type, password, kernel_id=None, ramdisk_id=None,  
key_name='cloudman_key_pair', security_groups=['CloudMan'], placement="",  
block_until_ready=False)
```

```
validate ()
```

```
class bioblend.cloudman.CloudManInstance (url, password, **kwargs)
```

Create an instance of the CloudMan API class, which is to be used when manipulating that given CloudMan instance.

The `url` is a string defining the address of CloudMan, for example “`http://115.146.92.174`”. The `password` is CloudMan’s password, as defined in the user data sent to CloudMan on instance creation.

```
add_nodes (*args, **kwargs)
```

Add a number of worker nodes to the cluster, optionally specifying the type for new instances. If `instance_type` is not specified, instance(s) of the same type as the master instance will be started. Note that the `instance_type` must match the type of instance available on the given cloud.

`spot_price` applies only to AWS and, if set, defines the maximum price for Spot instances, thus turning this request for more instances into a Spot request.

```
adjust_autoscaling (*args, **kwargs)
```

Adjust the autoscaling configuration parameters.

The number of worker nodes in the cluster is bounded by the optional `minimum_nodes` and `maximum_nodes` parameters. If a parameter is not provided then its configuration value does not change.

```
autoscaling_enabled (*args, **kwargs)
```

Returns a boolean indicating whether autoscaling is enabled.

```
cloudman_url
```

Returns the URL for accessing this instance of CloudMan.

```
disable_autoscaling (*args, **kwargs)
```

Disable autoscaling, meaning that worker nodes will need to be manually added and removed.

```
enable_autoscaling (*args, **kwargs)
```

Enable cluster autoscaling, allowing the cluster to automatically add, or remove, worker nodes, as needed.

The number of worker nodes in the cluster is bounded by the `minimum_nodes` (default is 0) and `maximum_nodes` (default is 19) parameters.

```
galaxy_url
```

Returns the base URL for this instance, which by default happens to be the URL for Galaxy application.

```
get_cloudman_version (*args, **kwargs)
```

Returns the cloudman version from the server. Versions prior to Cloudman 2 does not support this call, and therefore, the default is to return 1

```
get_cluster_size (*args, **kwargs)
```

Get the size of the cluster in terms of the number of nodes; this count includes the master node.

```
get_cluster_type (*args, **kwargs)
```

Get the `cluster_type` for this CloudMan instance. See the CloudMan docs about the available types. Returns a dictionary, for example: `{u'cluster_type': u'Test'}`.

```
get_galaxy_state (*args, **kwargs)
```

Get the current status of Galaxy running on the cluster.

```
get_master_id (*args, **kwargs)
```

Returns the instance ID of the master node in this CloudMan cluster

**get\_master\_ip** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Returns the public IP of the master node in this CloudMan cluster

**get\_nodes** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Get a list of nodes currently running in this CloudMan cluster.

**get\_static\_state** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Get static information on this CloudMan instance. i.e. state that doesn't change over the lifetime of the cluster

**get\_status** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Get status information on this CloudMan instance.

**initialize** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Initialize CloudMan platform. This needs to be done before the cluster can be used.

The `cluster_type`, either 'Galaxy', 'Data', or 'Test', defines the type of cluster platform to initialize.

**is\_master\_execution\_host** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Checks whether the master node has job execution enabled.

**static launch\_instance** (cfg, \*\*kwargs)

Launches a new instance of CloudMan on the specified cloud infrastructure.

**Parameters** `cfg` (`CloudManConfig`) – A `CloudManConfig` object containing the initial parameters for this launch.

**reboot\_node** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Reboot a specific worker node.

The `instance_id` parameter defines the ID, as a string, of a worker node to reboot.

**remove\_node** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Remove a specific worker node from the cluster.

The `instance_id` parameter defines the ID, as a string, of a worker node to remove from the cluster. The `force` parameter (defaulting to False), is a boolean indicating whether the node should be forcibly removed rather than gracefully removed.

**remove\_nodes** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Remove worker nodes from the cluster.

The `num_nodes` parameter defines the number of worker nodes to remove. The `force` parameter (defaulting to False), is a boolean indicating whether the nodes should be forcibly removed rather than gracefully removed.

**set\_master\_as\_execution\_host** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Enables/disables master as execution host.

**terminate** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Terminate this CloudMan cluster. There is an option to also terminate the master instance (all worker instances will be terminated in the process of cluster termination), and delete the whole cluster.

**Warning:** Deleting a cluster is irreversible - all of the data will be permanently deleted.

**update** ()

Update the local object's fields to be in sync with the actual state of the CloudMan instance the object points to. This method should be called periodically to ensure you are looking at the current data.

New in version 0.2.2.

**class** `bioblend.cloudman.GenericVMInstance` (*launcher, launch\_result*)

Create an instance of the CloudMan API class, which is to be used when manipulating that given CloudMan instance.

The `url` is a string defining the address of CloudMan, for example “`http://115.146.92.174`”. The `password` is CloudMan’s password, as defined in the user data sent to CloudMan on instance creation.

**get\_machine\_status** ()

Check on the underlying VM status of an instance. This can be used to determine whether the VM has finished booting up and if CloudMan is up and running.

Return a `state` dict with the current `instance_state`, `public_ip`, `placement`, and `error` keys, which capture the current state (the values for those keys default to empty string if no data is available from the cloud).

**instance\_id**

Returns the ID of this instance (e.g., `i-87ey32dd`) if `launch` was successful or `None` otherwise.

**key\_pair\_material**

Returns the private portion of the generated key pair. It does so only if the instance was properly launched and key pair generated; `None` otherwise.

**key\_pair\_name**

Returns the name of the key pair used by this instance. If instance was not launched properly, returns `None`.

**wait\_until\_instance\_ready** (*vm\_ready\_timeout=300, vm\_ready\_check\_interval=10*)

Wait until the VM state changes to `ready/error` or timeout elapses. Updates the host name once ready.

**exception** `bioblend.cloudman.VMLaunchException` (*value*)

`bioblend.cloudman.block_until_vm_ready` (*func*)

This decorator exists to make sure that a launched VM is ready and has received a public IP before allowing the wrapped function call to continue. If the VM is not ready, the function will block until the VM is ready. If the VM does not become ready until the `vm_ready_timeout` elapses or the VM status returns an error, a `VMLaunchException` will be thrown.

This decorator relies on the `wait_until_instance_ready` method defined in class `GenericVMInstance`. All methods to which this decorator is applied must be members of a class which inherit from `GenericVMInstance`.

The following two optional keyword arguments are recognized by this decorator:

#### Parameters

- **vm\_ready\_timeout** (*int*) – Maximum length of time to block before timing out. Once the timeout is reached, a `VMLaunchException` will be thrown.
- **vm\_ready\_check\_interval** (*int*) – The number of seconds to pause between consecutive calls when polling the VM’s ready status.

## 5.1.2 Usage documentation

This page describes some sample use cases for CloudMan API and provides examples for these API calls. In addition to this page, there are functional examples of complete scripts in `docs/examples` directory of the BioBlend source code repository.

## Setting up custom cloud properties

CloudMan supports Amazon, OpenStack, OpenNebula, and Eucalyptus based clouds and BioBlend can be used to programmatically manipulate CloudMan on any of those clouds. Once launched, the API calls to CloudMan are the same irrespective of the cloud. In order to launch an instance on a given cloud, cloud properties need to be provided to CloudManLauncher. If cloud properties are not specified, CloudManLauncher will default to Amazon cloud properties.

If we want to use a different cloud provider, we need to specify additional cloud properties when creating an instance of the CloudManLauncher class. For example, if we wanted to create a connection to NeCTAR, Australia's national research cloud, we would use the following properties:

```
from bioblend.util import Bunch
nectar = Bunch(
    name='NeCTAR',
    cloud_type='openstack',
    bucket_default='cloudman-os',
    region_name='NeCTAR',
    region_endpoint='nova.rc.nectar.org.au',
    ec2_port=8773,
    ec2_conn_path='/services/Cloud',
    cidr_range='115.146.92.0/22',
    is_secure=True,
    s3_host='swift.rc.nectar.org.au',
    s3_port=8888,
    s3_conn_path='/')
```

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**Note:** These properties are cloud-specific and need to be obtained from a given cloud provider.

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## Launching a new cluster instance

In order to launch a CloudMan cluster on a chosen cloud, we do the following (continuing from the previous example):

```
from bioblend.cloudman import CloudManConfig
from bioblend.cloudman import CloudManInstance
cmc = CloudManConfig('<your AWS access key>', '<your AWS secret key>', 'Cluster name',
    'ami-<ID>', 'm1.medium', 'choose_a_password_here', nectar)
cmi = CloudManInstance.launch_instance(cmc)
```

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**Note:** If you already have an existing instance of CloudMan, just create an instance of the CloudManInstance object directly by calling its constructor and connecting to it (the password you provide must match the password you provided as part of user data when launching this instance). For example:

```
cmi = CloudManInstance('http://115.146.92.174', 'your_UD_password')
```

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We now have a CloudManInstance object that allows us to manage created CloudMan instance via the API. Once launched, it will take a few minutes for the instance to boot and CloudMan start. To check on the status of the machine, (repeatedly) run the following command:

```
>>> cmi.get_machine_status()
{'error': '',
 'instance_state': u'pending',
```

```
'placement': '',
'public_ip': ''}
>>> cmi.get_machine_status()
{'error': '',
 'instance_state': u'running',
 'placement': u'melbourne-gh2',
 'public_ip': u'115.146.86.29'}
```

Once the instance is ready, although it may still take a few moments for CloudMan to start, it is possible to start interacting with the application.

**Note:** The `CloudManInstance` object (e.g., `cmi`) is a local representation of the actual CloudMan instance. As a result, the local object can get out of sync with the remote instance. To update the state of the local object, call the `update` method on the `cmi` object:

```
>>> cmi.update()
```

## Manipulating an existing cluster

Having a reference to a `CloudManInstance` object, we can manage it via the available *CloudManInstance* API:

```
>>> cmi.initialized
False
>>> cmi.initialize('SGE')
>>> cmi.get_status()
{'all_fs': [],
 'app_status': u'yellow',
 'autoscaling': {'as_max': u'N/A',
                  'as_min': u'N/A',
                  'use_autoscaling': False},
 'cluster_status': u'STARTING',
 'data_status': u'green',
 'disk_usage': {'pct': u'0%', 'total': u'0', 'used': u'0'},
 'dns': u'#',
 'instance_status': {'available': u'0', 'idle': u'0', 'requested': u'0'},
 'snapshot': {'progress': u'None', 'status': u'None'}}
>>> cmi.get_cluster_size()
1
>>> cmi.get_nodes()
[{'id': u'i-00006016',
  'instance_type': u'm1.medium',
  'ld': u'0.0 0.025 0.065',
  'public_ip': u'115.146.86.29',
  'time_in_state': u'2268'}]
>>> cmi.add_nodes(2)
{'all_fs': [],
 'app_status': u'green',
 'autoscaling': {'as_max': u'N/A',
                  'as_min': u'N/A',
                  'use_autoscaling': False},
 'cluster_status': u'READY',
 'data_status': u'green',
 'disk_usage': {'pct': u'0%', 'total': u'0', 'used': u'0'},
 'dns': u'#',
```

```

u'instance_status': {'available': u'0', 'idle': u'0', 'requested': u'2'},
u'snapshot': {'progress': u'None', 'status': u'None'}}
>>> cmi.get_cluster_size()
3

```

## 5.2 Galaxy API

API used to manipulate genomic analyses within Galaxy, including data management and workflow execution.

### 5.2.1 API documentation for interacting with Galaxy

#### GalaxyInstance

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.GalaxyInstance` (*url*, *key=None*, *email=None*, *password=None*, *verify=True*)

A base representation of a connection to a Galaxy instance, identified by the server URL and user credentials.

After you have created a `GalaxyInstance` object, access various modules via the class fields. For example, to work with histories and get a list of all the user's histories, the following should be done:

```

from bioblend import galaxy

gi = galaxy.GalaxyInstance(url='http://127.0.0.1:8000', key='your_api_key')

hl = gi.histories.get_histories()

```

#### Parameters

- **url** (*str*) – A FQDN or IP for a given instance of Galaxy. For example: `http://127.0.0.1:8080`. If a Galaxy instance is served under a prefix (e.g., `http://127.0.0.1:8080/galaxy/`), supply the entire URL including the prefix (note that the prefix must end with a slash).
- **key** (*str*) – User's API key for the given instance of Galaxy, obtained from the user preferences. If a key is not supplied, an email address and password must be and the key will automatically be created for the user.
- **email** (*str*) – Galaxy e-mail address corresponding to the user. Ignored if key is supplied directly.
- **password** (*str*) – Password of Galaxy account corresponding to the above e-mail address. Ignored if key is supplied directly.
- **verify** (*boolean*) – Whether to verify the server's TLS certificate

**\_\_init\_\_** (*url*, *key=None*, *email=None*, *password=None*, *verify=True*)

A base representation of a connection to a Galaxy instance, identified by the server URL and user credentials.

After you have created a `GalaxyInstance` object, access various modules via the class fields. For example, to work with histories and get a list of all the user's histories, the following should be done:

```

from bioblend import galaxy

gi = galaxy.GalaxyInstance(url='http://127.0.0.1:8000', key='your_api_key')

```

```
hl = gi.histories.get_histories()
```

### Parameters

- **url** (*str*) – A FQDN or IP for a given instance of Galaxy. For example: <http://127.0.0.1:8080> . If a Galaxy instance is served under a prefix (e.g., <http://127.0.0.1:8080/galaxy/>), supply the entire URL including the prefix (note that the prefix must end with a slash).
- **key** (*str*) – User’s API key for the given instance of Galaxy, obtained from the user preferences. If a key is not supplied, an email address and password must be and the key will automatically be created for the user.
- **email** (*str*) – Galaxy e-mail address corresponding to the user. Ignored if key is supplied directly.
- **password** (*str*) – Password of Galaxy account corresponding to the above e-mail address. Ignored if key is supplied directly.
- **verify** (*boolean*) – Whether to verify the server’s TLS certificate

**get\_retry\_delay**

**max\_get\_attempts**

---

## Config

Contains possible interaction dealing with Galaxy configuration.

```
class bioblend.galaxy.config.ConfigClient (galaxy_instance)
```

**get\_config()**

Get a list of attributes about the Galaxy instance. More attributes will be present if the user is an admin.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

A list of attributes. For example:

```
{u'allow_library_path_paste': False,
 u'allow_user_creation': True,
 u'allow_user_dataset_purge': True,
 u'allow_user_deletion': False,
 u'enable_unique_workflow_defaults': False,
 u'ftp_upload_dir': u'/SOMEWHERE/galaxy/ftp_dir',
 u'ftp_upload_site': u'galaxy.com',
 u'library_import_dir': u'None',
 u'logo_url': None,
 u'support_url': u'https://galaxyproject.org/support',
 u'terms_url': None,
 u'user_library_import_dir': None,
 u'wiki_url': u'https://galaxyproject.org/'}
```

**get\_version()**

Get the current version of the Galaxy instance. This functionality is available since Galaxy release\_15.03.



**Return type** dict

**Returns** Version of the Galaxy instance

For example:

```
{'extra': {}, 'version_major': '17.01'}
```

## Datasets

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Datasets

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.datasets.DatasetClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**download\_dataset** (*dataset\_id*, *file\_path=None*, *use\_default\_filename=True*,  
*wait\_for\_completion=True*, *maxwait=12000*)

Download a dataset to file or in memory. If the dataset state is not 'ok', a `DatasetStateException` will be thrown.

### Parameters

- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – Encoded dataset ID
- **file\_path** (*str*) – If this argument is provided, the dataset will be streamed to disk at that path (should be a directory if `use_default_filename=True`). If the `file_path` argument is not provided, the dataset content is loaded into memory and returned by the method (Memory consumption may be heavy as the entire file will be in memory).
- **use\_default\_filename** (*bool*) – If this argument is True, the exported file will be saved as `file_path/%s`, where `%s` is the dataset name. If this argument is False, `file_path` is assumed to contain the full file path including the filename.
- **wait\_for\_completion** (*bool*) – This parameter is deprecated and ignored, it will be removed in BioBlend 0.12.
- **maxwait** (*float*) – Total time (in seconds) to wait for the dataset state to become terminal. If the dataset state is not terminal within this time, a `DatasetTimeoutException` will be thrown.

**Return type** dict

**Returns** If a `file_path` argument is not provided, returns a dict containing the `file_content`. Otherwise returns nothing.

**show\_dataset** (*dataset\_id*, *deleted=False*, *hda\_ldda='hda'*)

Get details about a given dataset. This can be a history or a library dataset.

### Parameters

- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – Encoded dataset ID
- **deleted** (*bool*) – Whether to return results for a deleted dataset
- **hda\_ldda** (*str*) – Whether to show a history dataset ('hda' - the default) or library dataset ('ldda').

**show\_stderr** (*dataset\_id*)

Get the stderr output of a dataset.

Deprecated since version 0.9.0: Use `show_job()` with `full_details=True` instead.

**Parameters** `dataset_id` (*str*) – Encoded dataset ID

**show\_stdout** (*dataset\_id*)

Get the stdout output of a dataset.

Deprecated since version 0.9.0: Use `show_job()` with `full_details=True` instead.

**Parameters** `dataset_id` (*str*) – Encoded dataset ID

**exception** `bioblend.galaxy.datasets.DatasetStateException`

**exception** `bioblend.galaxy.datasets.DatasetTimeoutException`

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## Datatypes

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Datatype

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.datatypes.DatatypesClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**get\_datatypes** (*extension\_only=False*, *upload\_only=False*)

Get the list of all installed datatypes.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

A list of datatype names. For example:

```
[u'snpmatrix',
 u'snpctest',
 u'tabular',
 u'taxonomy',
 u'twobit',
 u'txt',
 u'vcf',
 u'wig',
 u'xgmmml',
 u'xml']
```

**get\_sniffers** ()

Get the list of all installed sniffers.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

A list of sniffer names. For example:

```
[u'galaxy.datatypes.tabular:Vcf',
 u'galaxy.datatypes.binary:TwoBit',
 u'galaxy.datatypes.binary:Bam',
 u'galaxy.datatypes.binary:Sff',
 u'galaxy.datatypes.xml:Phyloxml',
 u'galaxy.datatypes.xml:GenericXml',
 u'galaxy.datatypes.sequence:Maf',
 u'galaxy.datatypes.sequence:Lav',
 u'galaxy.datatypes.sequence:csFasta']
```

## Folders

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy library folders

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.folders.FoldersClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**create\_folder** (*parent\_folder\_id*, *name*, *description=None*)

Create a folder.

### Parameters

- **parent\_folder\_id** (*str*) – Folder’s description
- **name** (*str*) – name of the new folder
- **description** (*str*) – folder’s description

**Return type** dict

**Returns** details of the updated folder

**delete\_folder** (*folder\_id*, *undelete=False*)

Marks the folder with the given *id* as *deleted* (or removes the *deleted* mark if the *undelete* param is True).

### Parameters

- **folder\_id** (*str*) – the folder’s encoded id, prefixed by ‘F’
- **undelete** (*bool*) – If set to True, the folder will be undeleted (i.e. the *deleted* mark will be removed)

**Returns** detailed folder information

**Return type** dict

**get\_permissions** (*folder\_id*, *scope*)

Get the permissions of a folder.

### Parameters

- **folder\_id** (*str*) – the folder’s encoded id, prefixed by ‘F’
- **scope** (*str*) – scope of permissions, either ‘current’ or ‘available’

**Return type** dict

**Returns** dictionary including details of the folder

**set\_permissions** (*folder\_id*, *action='set\_permissions'*, *add\_ids=None*, *manage\_ids=None*, *modify\_ids=None*)

Set the permissions of a folder.

### Parameters

- **folder\_id** (*str*) – the folder’s encoded id, prefixed by ‘F’
- **action** (*str*) – action to execute, only “set\_permissions” is supported.
- **add\_ids** (*list of str*) – list of role IDs which can add datasets to the folder
- **manage\_ids** (*list of str*) – list of role IDs which can manage datasets in the folder
- **modify\_ids** (*list of str*) – list of role IDs which can modify datasets in the folder

**Return type** dict

**Returns** dictionary including details of the folder

**show\_folder** (*folder\_id*, *contents=False*)

Display information about a folder.

**Parameters**

- **folder\_id** (*str*) – the folder’s encoded id, prefixed by ‘F’
- **contents** (*bool*) – True to get the contents of the folder, rather than just the folder details.

**Return type** dict

**Returns** dictionary including details of the folder

**update\_folder** (*folder\_id*, *name*, *description=None*)

Update folder information.

**Parameters**

- **folder\_id** (*str*) – the folder’s encoded id, prefixed by ‘F’
- **name** (*str*) – name of the new folder
- **description** (*str*) – folder’s description

**Return type** dict

**Returns** details of the updated folder

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## Forms

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Forms

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.forms.FormsClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**create\_form** (*form\_xml\_text*)

Create a new form.

**Parameters** **form\_xml\_text** (*str*) – Form xml to create a form on galaxy instance

**Return type** str

**Returns** Unique url of newly created form with encoded id

**get\_forms** ()

Get the list of all forms.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

Displays a collection (list) of forms. For example:

```
[{u'id': u'f2db41e1fa331b3e',
  u'model_class': u'FormDefinition',
  u'name': u'First form',
  u'url': u'/api/forms/f2db41e1fa331b3e'},
 {u'id': u'ebfb8f50c6abde6d',
  u'model_class': u'FormDefinition',
  u'name': u'second form',
  u'url': u'/api/forms/ebfb8f50c6abde6d'}]
```

**show\_form** (*form\_id*)

Get details of a given form.

**Parameters** **form\_id** (*str*) – Encoded form ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

A description of the given form. For example:

```
{u'desc': u'here it is ',
 u'fields': [],
 u'form_definition_current_id': u'f2db41e1fa331b3e',
 u'id': u'f2db41e1fa331b3e',
 u'layout': [],
 u'model_class': u'FormDefinition',
 u'name': u'First form',
 u'url': u'/api/forms/f2db41e1fa331b3e'}
```

---

## FTP files

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy FTP Files

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.ftpfiles.FTPFilesClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**get\_ftp\_files** (*deleted=False*)

Get a list of local files.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** A list of dicts with details on individual files on FTP

---

## Genomes

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Histories

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.genomes.GenomeClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**get\_genomes** ()

Returns a list of installed genomes

**install\_genome** (*func='download', source=None, dbkey=None, ncbi\_name=None, ensembl\_dbkey=None, url\_dbkey=None, indexers=None*)

Download and/or index a genome.

**Parameters**

- **dbkey** (*str*) – DB key of the build to download, ignored unless ‘UCSC’ is specified as the source
- **ncbi\_name** (*str*) – NCBI’s genome identifier, ignored unless NCBI is specified as the source
- **ensembl\_dbkey** (*str*) – Ensembl’s genome identifier, ignored unless Ensembl is specified as the source

- **url\_dbkey** (*str*) – DB key to use for this build, ignored unless URL is specified as the source
- **source** (*str*) – Data source for this build. Can be: UCSC, Ensembl, NCBI, URL
- **indexers** (*list*) – POST array of indexers to run after downloading (indexers[] = first, indexers[] = second, ...)
- **func** (*str*) – Allowed values: ‘download’, Download and index; ‘index’, Index only

**Return type** dict

**Returns** dict( status: ‘ok’, job: <job ID> ) If error: dict( status: ‘error’, error: <error message> )

**show\_genome** (*id*, *num=None*, *chrom=None*, *low=None*, *high=None*)

Returns information about build <id>

**Parameters**

- **id** (*str*) – Genome build ID to use
- **num** (*str*) – num
- **chrom** (*str*) – chrom
- **low** (*str*) – low
- **high** (*str*) – high

## Groups

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Groups

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.groups.GroupsClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**add\_group\_role** (*group\_id*, *role\_id*)

Add a role to the given group.

**Parameters**

- **group\_id** (*str*) – Encoded group ID
- **role\_id** (*str*) – Encoded role ID to add to the group

**Return type** dict

**Returns** Added group role’s info

**add\_group\_user** (*group\_id*, *user\_id*)

Add a user to the given group.

**Parameters**

- **group\_id** (*str*) – Encoded group ID
- **user\_id** (*str*) – Encoded user ID to add to the group

**Return type** dict

**Returns** Added group user’s info

**create\_group** (*group\_name*, *user\_ids=[]*, *role\_ids=[]*)

Create a new group.

**Parameters**

- **group\_name** (*str*) – A name for the new group
- **user\_ids** (*list*) – A list of encoded user IDs to add to the new group
- **role\_ids** (*list*) – A list of encoded role IDs to add to the new group

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

A (size 1) list with newly created group details, like:

```
[{'u'id': u'7c9636938c3e83bf',
  u'model_class': u'Group',
  u'name': u'My Group Name',
  u'url': u'/api/groups/7c9636938c3e83bf'}]
```

**delete\_group\_role** (*group\_id*, *role\_id*)

Remove a role from the given group.

**Parameters**

- **group\_id** (*str*) – Encoded group ID
- **role\_id** (*str*) – Encoded role ID to remove from the group

**delete\_group\_user** (*group\_id*, *user\_id*)

Remove a user from the given group.

**Parameters**

- **group\_id** (*str*) – Encoded group ID
- **user\_id** (*str*) – Encoded user ID to remove from the group

**get\_group\_roles** (*group\_id*)

Get the list of roles associated to the given group.

**Parameters** **group\_id** (*str*) – Encoded group ID

**Return type** list of dicts

**Returns** List of group roles' info

**get\_group\_users** (*group\_id*)

Get the list of users associated to the given group.

**Parameters** **group\_id** (*str*) – Encoded group ID

**Return type** list of dicts

**Returns** List of group users' info

**get\_groups** ()

Get all (not deleted) groups.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

A list of dicts with details on individual groups. For example:

```
[{'id': '33abac023ff186c2',
  'model_class': 'Group',
  'name': 'Listeria',
  'url': '/api/groups/33abac023ff186c2'},
 {'id': '73187219cd372cf8',
```

```
'model_class': 'Group',  
'name': 'LPN',  
'url': '/api/groups/73187219cd372cf8']}]
```

**show\_group** (*group\_id*)

Get details of a given group.

**Parameters** **group\_id** (*str*) – Encoded group ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

A description of group For example:

```
{'id': '33abac023ff186c2',  
'model_class': 'Group',  
'name': 'Listeria',  
'roles_url': '/api/groups/33abac023ff186c2/roles',  
'url': '/api/groups/33abac023ff186c2',  
'users_url': '/api/groups/33abac023ff186c2/users'}
```

**update\_group** (*group\_id*, *group\_name=None*, *user\_ids=[]*, *role\_ids=[]*)

Update a group.

**Parameters**

- **group\_id** (*str*) – Encoded group ID
- **group\_name** (*str*) – A new name for the group. If None, the group name is not changed.
- **user\_ids** (*list*) – New list of encoded user IDs for the group. It will substitute the previous list of users (with [] if not specified)
- **role\_ids** (*list*) – New list of encoded role IDs for the group. It will substitute the previous list of roles (with [] if not specified)

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## Histories

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Histories

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.histories.HistoryClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**create\_dataset\_collection** (*history\_id*, *collection\_description*)

Create a new dataset collection

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **collection\_description** (`bioblend.galaxy.dataset_collections.CollectionDescription`) – a description of the dataset collection For example:

```
{'collection_type': 'list',  
'element_identifiers': [{'id': 'f792763bee8d277a',  
                          'name': 'element 1',  
                          'src': 'hda'}]}
```



```
{'id': 'f792763bee8d277a',
  'name': 'element 2',
  'src': 'hda'}],
'name': 'My collection list'}
```

**create\_history** (*name=None*)

Create a new history, optionally setting the name.

**Parameters** *name* (*str*) – Optional name for new history

**Return type** dict

**Returns** Dictionary containing information about newly created history

**create\_history\_tag** (*history\_id, tag*)

Create history tag

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **tag** (*str*) – Add tag to history

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

A dictionary with information regarding the tag. For example:

```
{'id': 'f792763bee8d277a',
  'model_class': 'HistoryTagAssociation',
  'user_tname': 'NGS_PE_RUN',
  'user_value': None}
```

**delete\_dataset** (*history\_id, dataset\_id, purge=False*)

Mark corresponding dataset as deleted.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – Encoded dataset ID
- **purge** (*bool*) – if True, also purge (permanently delete) the dataset

---

**Note:** For the `purge` option to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_user_dataset_purge` option set to True in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

---

**Warning:** If you purge a dataset which has not been previously deleted, Galaxy since release\_15.03 wrongly does not set the `deleted` attribute of the dataset to True, see <https://github.com/galaxyproject/galaxy/issues/3548>

**delete\_dataset\_collection** (*history\_id, dataset\_collection\_id*)

Mark corresponding dataset collection as deleted.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID

- **dataset\_collection\_id** (*str*) – Encoded dataset collection ID

**delete\_history** (*history\_id*, *purge=False*)

Delete a history.

#### Parameters

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **purge** (*bool*) – if True, also purge (permanently delete) the history

---

**Note:** For the `purge` option to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_user_dataset_purge` option set to True in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

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**download\_dataset** (*history\_id*, *dataset\_id*, *file\_path*, *use\_default\_filename=True*)

Deprecated since version 0.8.0: Use `download_dataset()` instead.

**download\_history** (*history\_id*, *jeha\_id*, *outf*, *chunk\_size=4096*)

Download a history export archive. Use `export_history()` to create an export.

#### Parameters

- **history\_id** (*str*) – history ID
- **jeha\_id** (*str*) – jeha ID (this should be obtained via `export_history()`)
- **outf** (*file*) – output file object, open for writing in binary mode
- **chunk\_size** (*int*) – how many bytes at a time should be read into memory

**export\_history** (*history\_id*, *gzip=True*, *include\_hidden=False*, *include\_deleted=False*, *wait=False*)

Start a job to create an export archive for the given history.

#### Parameters

- **history\_id** (*str*) – history ID
- **gzip** (*bool*) – create .tar.gz archive if True, else .tar
- **include\_hidden** (*bool*) – whether to include hidden datasets in the export
- **include\_deleted** (*bool*) – whether to include deleted datasets in the export
- **wait** (*bool*) – if True, block until the export is ready; else, return immediately

#### Return type

**Returns** `jeha_id` of the export, or empty if `wait` is False and the export is not ready.

**get\_current\_history** ()

Deprecated since version 0.5.2: Use `get_most_recently_used_history()` instead.

**get\_histories** (*history\_id=None*, *name=None*, *deleted=False*)

Get all histories or filter the specific one(s) via the provided name or `history_id`. Provide only one argument, name or `history_id`, but not both.

If `deleted` is set to True, return histories that have been deleted.

#### Parameters

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID to filter on
- **name** (*str*) – Name of history to filter on

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** Return a list of history element dicts. If more than one history matches the given name, return the list of all the histories with the given name

**get\_most\_recently\_used\_history** ()

Returns the current user's most recently used history (not deleted).

**get\_status** (*history\_id*)

Returns the state of this history

**Parameters** **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns** A dict documenting the current state of the history. Has the following keys: 'state' = This is the current state of the history, such as ok, error, new etc. 'state\_details' = Contains individual statistics for various dataset states. 'percent\_complete' = The overall number of datasets processed to completion.

**show\_dataset** (*history\_id, dataset\_id*)

Get details about a given history dataset.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – Encoded dataset ID

**show\_dataset\_collection** (*history\_id, dataset\_collection\_id*)

Get details about a given history dataset collection.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **dataset\_collection\_id** (*str*) – Encoded dataset collection ID

**show\_dataset\_provenance** (*history\_id, dataset\_id, follow=False*)

Get details related to how dataset was created (*id, job\_id, tool\_id, stdout, stderr, parameters, inputs, etc...*).

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – Encoded dataset ID
- **follow** (*bool*) – If *follow* is True, recursively fetch dataset provenance information for all inputs and their inputs, etc...

**show\_history** (*history\_id, contents=False, deleted=None, visible=None, details=None, types=None*)

Get details of a given history. By default, just get the history meta information.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID to filter on
- **contents** (*bool*) – When True, the complete list of datasets in the given history.
- **deleted** (*str*) – Used when *contents=True*, includes deleted datasets in history dataset list
- **visible** (*str*) – Used when *contents=True*, includes only visible datasets in history dataset list

- **details** (*str*) – Used when contents=True, includes dataset details. Set to ‘all’ for the most information
- **types** (*str*) – ???

**Return type** dict

**Returns** details of the given history

**show\_matching\_datasets** (*history\_id*, *name\_filter=None*)

Get dataset details for matching datasets within a history.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **name\_filter** (*str*) – Only datasets whose name matches the *name\_filter* regular expression will be returned; use plain strings for exact matches and None to match all datasets in the history

**undelele\_history** (*history\_id*)

Undelete a history

**Parameters** **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID

**update\_dataset** (*history\_id*, *dataset\_id*, *\*\*kws*)

Update history dataset metadata. Some of the attributes that can be modified are documented below.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – Id of the dataset
- **name** (*str*) – Replace history dataset name with the given string
- **genome\_build** (*str*) – Replace history dataset genome build (dbkey)
- **annotation** (*str*) – Replace history dataset annotation with given string
- **deleted** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history dataset as deleted
- **visible** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history dataset as visible

**Return type** dict

**Returns** details of the updated dataset (for Galaxy release\_15.01 and earlier only the updated attributes)

**Warning:** The return value was changed in BioBlend v0.8.0, previously it was the status code (type int).

**update\_dataset\_collection** (*history\_id*, *dataset\_collection\_id*, *\*\*kws*)

Update history dataset collection metadata. Some of the attributes that can be modified are documented below.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **dataset\_collection\_id** (*str*) – Encoded dataset\_collection ID
- **name** (*str*) – Replace history dataset collection name with the given string
- **deleted** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history dataset collection as deleted

- **visible** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history dataset collection as visible

**Return type** dict

**Returns** the updated dataset collection attributes

**Warning:** The return value was changed in BioBlend v0.8.0, previously it was the status code (type int).

**update\_history** (*history\_id*, *\*\*kws*)

Update history metadata information. Some of the attributes that can be modified are documented below.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **name** (*str*) – Replace history name with the given string
- **annotation** (*str*) – Replace history annotation with given string
- **deleted** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history as deleted
- **purged** (*bool*) – If True, mark history as purged (permanently deleted). Ignored on Galaxy release\_15.01 and earlier
- **published** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history as published
- **importable** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history as importable
- **tags** (*list*) – Replace history tags with the given list

**Return type** dict

**Returns** details of the updated history (for Galaxy release\_15.01 and earlier only the updated attributes)

**Warning:** The return value was changed in BioBlend v0.8.0, previously it was the status code (type int).

**upload\_dataset\_from\_library** (*history\_id*, *lib\_dataset\_id*)

Upload a dataset into the history from a library. Requires the library dataset ID, which can be obtained from the library contents.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – Encoded history ID
- **lib\_dataset\_id** (*str*) – Encoded library dataset ID

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## Jobs

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Jobs

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.jobs.JobsClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**get\_jobs** ()

Get the list of jobs of the current user.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

list of dictionaries containing summary job information. For example:

```
[{u'create_time': u'2014-03-01T16:16:48.640550',
  u'exit_code': 0,
  u'id': u'ebfb8f50c6abde6d',
  u'model_class': u'Job',
  u'state': u'ok',
  u'tool_id': u'fasta2tab',
  u'update_time': u'2014-03-01T16:16:50.657399'},
 {u'create_time': u'2014-03-01T16:05:34.851246',
  u'exit_code': 0,
  u'id': u'1cd8e2f6b131e891',
  u'model_class': u'Job',
  u'state': u'ok',
  u'tool_id': u'upload1',
  u'update_time': u'2014-03-01T16:05:39.558458'}]
```

**get\_state** (*job\_id*)

Display the current state for a given job of the current user.

**Parameters** *job\_id* (*str*) – job ID

**Return type** *str*

**Returns** state of the given job among the following values: *new*, *queued*, *running*, *waiting*, *ok*.  
If the state cannot be retrieved, an empty string is returned.

New in version 0.5.3.

**search\_jobs** (*job\_info*)

Return jobs for the current user based payload content.

**Parameters** *job\_info* (*dict*) – dictionary containing description of the requested job. This is in the same format as a request to POST /api/tools would take to initiate a job

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** list of dictionaries containing summary job information of the jobs that match the requested job run

This method is designed to scan the list of previously run jobs and find records of jobs that had the exact some input parameters and datasets. This can be used to minimize the amount of repeated work, and simply recycle the old results.

**show\_job** (*job\_id*, *full\_details=False*)

Get details of a given job of the current user.

**Parameters**

- **job\_id** (*str*) – job ID
- **full\_details** (*bool*) – when `True`, the complete list of details for the given job.

**Return type** *dict*

**Returns**

A description of the given job. For example:

```
{u'create_time': u'2014-03-01T16:17:29.828624',
  u'exit_code': 0,
  u'id': u'a799d38679e985db',
  u'inputs': {u'input': {u'id': u'ebfb8f50c6abde6d',
    u'src': u'hda'}},
  u'model_class': u'Job',
  u'outputs': {u'output': {u'id': u'a799d38679e985db',
    u'src': u'hda'}},
  u'params': {u'chromInfo': u'"/opt/galaxy-central/tool-data/shared/
↪ucsc/chrom/?len"',
    u'dbkey': u'?"',
    u'seq_col': u'"2"',
    u'title_col': u'["1"]'},
  u'state': u'ok',
  u'tool_id': u'tab2fasta',
  u'update_time': u'2014-03-01T16:17:31.930728'}
```

## Libraries

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Data Libraries

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.libraries.LibraryClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**copy\_from\_dataset** (*library\_id, dataset\_id, folder\_id=None, message=""*)

Copy a Galaxy dataset into a library.

### Parameters

- **library\_id** (*str*) – id of the library where to place the uploaded file
- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – id of the dataset to copy from
- **folder\_id** (*str*) – id of the folder where to place the uploaded files. If not provided, the root folder will be used
- **message** (*str*) – message for copying action

**create\_folder** (*library\_id, folder\_name, description=None, base\_folder\_id=None*)

Create a folder in a library.

### Parameters

- **library\_id** (*str*) – library id to use
- **folder\_name** (*str*) – name of the new folder in the data library
- **description** (*str*) – description of the new folder in the data library
- **base\_folder\_id** (*str*) – id of the folder where to create the new folder. If not provided, the root folder will be used

**create\_library** (*name, description=None, synopsis=None*)

Create a data library with the properties defined in the arguments.

### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the new data library
- **description** (*str*) – Optional data library description

- **synopsis** (*str*) – Optional data library synopsis

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

Details of the created library. For example:

```
{'id': 'f740ab636b360a70',  
'name': 'Library from bioblend',  
'url': '/api/libraries/f740ab636b360a70'}
```

**delete\_library** (*library\_id*)

Delete a data library.

**Parameters** **library\_id** (*str*) – Encoded data library ID identifying the library to be deleted

**Warning:** Deleting a data library is irreversible - all of the data from the library will be permanently deleted.

**delete\_library\_dataset** (*library\_id, dataset\_id, purged=False*)

Delete a library dataset in a data library.

**Parameters**

- **library\_id** (*str*) – library id where dataset is found in
- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – id of the dataset to be deleted
- **purged** (*bool*) – Indicate that the dataset should be purged (permanently deleted)

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

A dictionary containing the dataset id and whether the dataset has been deleted. For example:

```
{u'deleted': True,  
 u'id': u'60e680a037f41974'}
```

**get\_folders** (*library\_id, folder\_id=None, name=None*)

Get all the folders or filter specific one(s) via the provided name or `folder_id` in data library with id `library_id`. Provide only one argument: name or `folder_id`, but not both.

**Parameters**

- **folder\_id** (*str*) – filter for folder by folder id
- **name** (*str*) – filter for folder by name. For name specify the full path of the folder starting from the library's root folder, e.g. `/subfolder/subsubfolder`.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** list of dicts each containing basic information about a folder

**get\_libraries** (*library\_id=None, name=None, deleted=False*)

Get all the libraries or filter for specific one(s) via the provided name or ID. Provide only one argument: name or `library_id`, but not both.

**Parameters**

- **library\_id** (*str*) – filter for library by library id



- **name** (*str*) – If name is set and multiple names match the given name, all the libraries matching the argument will be returned
- **deleted** (*bool*) – If set to True, return libraries that have been deleted

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** list of dicts each containing basic information about a library

**get\_library\_permissions** (*library\_id*)

Get the permissions for a library.

**Parameters** **library\_id** (*str*) – id of the library

**Return type** dict

**Returns** dictionary with all applicable permissions' values

**set\_library\_permissions** (*library\_id, access\_in=None, modify\_in=None, add\_in=None, manage\_in=None*)

Set the permissions for a library. Note: it will override all security for this library even if you leave out a permission type.

**Parameters**

- **library\_id** (*str*) – id of the library
- **access\_in** (*list*) – list of role ids
- **modify\_in** (*list*) – list of role ids
- **add\_in** (*list*) – list of role ids
- **manage\_in** (*list*) – list of role ids

**show\_dataset** (*library\_id, dataset\_id*)

Get details about a given library dataset. The required `library_id` can be obtained from the datasets's library content details.

**Parameters**

- **library\_id** (*str*) – library id where dataset is found in
- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – id of the dataset to be inspected

**Return type** dict

**Returns** A dictionary containing information about the dataset in the library

**show\_folder** (*library\_id, folder\_id*)

Get details about a given folder. The required `folder_id` can be obtained from the folder's library content details.

**Parameters**

- **library\_id** (*str*) – library id to inspect folders in
- **folder\_id** (*str*) – id of the folder to be inspected

**show\_library** (*library\_id, contents=False*)

Get information about a library.

**Parameters**

- **library\_id** (*str*) – filter for library by library id
- **contents** (*bool*) – True if want to get contents of the library (rather than just the library details)

**Return type** dict

**Returns** details of the given library

**upload\_file\_contents** (*library\_id, pasted\_content, folder\_id=None, file\_type='auto', dbkey='??'*)

Upload pasted\_content to a data library as a new file.

**Parameters**

- **library\_id** (*str*) – id of the library where to place the uploaded file
- **pasted\_content** (*str*) – Content to upload into the library
- **folder\_id** (*str*) – id of the folder where to place the uploaded file. If not provided, the root folder will be used
- **file\_type** (*str*) – Galaxy file format name
- **dbkey** (*str*) – Dbkey

**upload\_file\_from\_local\_path** (*library\_id, file\_local\_path, folder\_id=None, file\_type='auto', dbkey='??'*)

Read local file contents from file\_local\_path and upload data to a library.

**Parameters**

- **library\_id** (*str*) – id of the library where to place the uploaded file
- **file\_local\_path** (*str*) – path of local file to upload
- **folder\_id** (*str*) – id of the folder where to place the uploaded file. If not provided, the root folder will be used
- **file\_type** (*str*) – Galaxy file format name
- **dbkey** (*str*) – Dbkey

**upload\_file\_from\_server** (*library\_id, server\_dir, folder\_id=None, file\_type='auto', dbkey='??', link\_data\_only=None, roles=""*)

Upload all files in the specified subdirectory of the Galaxy library import directory to a library.

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**Note:** For this method to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `library_import_dir` option configured in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

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**Parameters**

- **library\_id** (*str*) – id of the library where to place the uploaded file
- **server\_dir** (*str*) – relative path of the subdirectory of `library_import_dir` to upload. All and only the files (i.e. no subdirectories) contained in the specified directory will be uploaded
- **folder\_id** (*str*) – id of the folder where to place the uploaded files. If not provided, the root folder will be used
- **file\_type** (*str*) – Galaxy file format name
- **dbkey** (*str*) – Dbkey
- **link\_data\_only** (*str*) – either 'copy\_files' (default) or 'link\_to\_files'. Setting to 'link\_to\_files' symlinks instead of copying the files
- **roles** (*str*) – ???

**upload\_file\_from\_url** (*library\_id*, *file\_url*, *folder\_id=None*, *file\_type='auto'*, *dbkey='??'*)

Upload a file to a library from a URL.

#### Parameters

- **library\_id** (*str*) – id of the library where to place the uploaded file
- **file\_url** (*str*) – URL of the file to upload
- **folder\_id** (*str*) – id of the folder where to place the uploaded file. If not provided, the root folder will be used
- **file\_type** (*str*) – Galaxy file format name
- **dbkey** (*str*) – Dbkey

**upload\_from\_galaxy\_filesystem** (*library\_id*, *filesystem\_paths*, *folder\_id=None*, *file\_type='auto'*, *dbkey='??'*, *link\_data\_only=None*, *roles=""*)

Upload a set of files already present on the filesystem of the Galaxy server to a library.

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**Note:** For this method to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_path_paste` (`allow_library_path_paste` in Galaxy release\_17.05 and earlier) option set to `True` in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

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#### Parameters

- **library\_id** (*str*) – id of the library where to place the uploaded file
- **filesystem\_paths** (*str*) – file paths on the Galaxy server to upload to the library, one file per line
- **folder\_id** (*str*) – id of the folder where to place the uploaded files. If not provided, the root folder will be used
- **file\_type** (*str*) – Galaxy file format name
- **dbkey** (*str*) – Dbkey
- **link\_data\_only** (*str*) – either 'copy\_files' (default) or 'link\_to\_files'. Setting to 'link\_to\_files' symlinks instead of copying the files
- **roles** (*str*) – ???

**wait\_for\_dataset** (*library\_id*, *dataset\_id*, *maxwait=12000*, *interval=3*)

Wait until the library dataset state is terminal ('ok', 'empty', 'error', 'discarded' or 'failed\_metadata').

#### Parameters

- **library\_id** (*str*) – library id where dataset is found in
- **dataset\_id** (*str*) – id of the dataset to wait for
- **maxwait** (*float*) – Total time (in seconds) to wait for the dataset state to become terminal. If the dataset state is not terminal within this time, a `DatasetTimeoutException` will be thrown.
- **interval** (*float*) – Time (in seconds) to wait between 2 consecutive checks.

**Return type** dict

**Returns** A dictionary containing information about the dataset in the library

## Quotas

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Quota

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.quotas.QuotaClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**create\_quota** (*name, description, amount, operation, default='no', in\_users=[], in\_groups=[]*)  
Create a new quota

### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name for the new quota. This must be unique within a Galaxy instance.
- **description** (*str*) – Quota description
- **amount** (*str*) – Quota size (E.g. 10000MB, 99 gb, 0.2T, unlimited)
- **operation** (*str*) – One of (+, -, =)
- **default** (*str*) – Whether or not this is a default quota. Valid values are no, unregistered, registered. None is equivalent to no.
- **in\_users** (*list of str*) – A list of user IDs or user emails.
- **in\_groups** (*list of str*) – A list of group IDs or names.

**Return type** dict

### Returns

A description of quota. For example:

```
{u'url': '/galaxy/api/quotas/386f14984287a0f7',  
  u'model_class': 'Quota',  
  u'message': "Quota 'Testing' has been created with 1 associated_  
↪users and 0 associated groups.",  
  u'id': '386f14984287a0f7',  
  u'name': 'Testing'}
```

**delete\_quota** (*quota\_id*)

Delete a quota

Before a quota can be deleted, the quota must not be a default quota.

**Parameters** **quota\_id** (*str*) – Encoded quota ID.

**Return type** str

### Returns

A description of the changes, mentioning the deleted quota. For example:

```
"Deleted 1 quotas: Testing-B"
```

**get\_quotas** (*deleted=False*)

Get a list of quotas

**Parameters** **deleted** (*bool*) – Only return quota(s) that have been deleted

**Return type** *list*

### Returns

A list of dicts with details on individual quotas. For example:

```
[{u'id': u'0604c8a56abe9a50',
  u'model_class': u'Quota',
  u'name': u'test ',
  u'url': u'/api/quotas/0604c8a56abe9a50'},
 {u'id': u'1ee267091d0190af',
  u'model_class': u'Quota',
  u'name': u'workshop',
  u'url': u'/api/quotas/1ee267091d0190af'}]
```

**show\_quota** (*quota\_id*, *deleted=False*)

Display information on a quota

#### Parameters

- **quota\_id** (*str*) – Encoded quota ID
- **deleted** (*bool*) – Search for quota in list of ones already marked as deleted

**Return type** dict

#### Returns

A description of quota. For example:

```
{u'bytes': 107374182400,
  u'default': [],
  u'description': u'just testing',
  u'display_amount': u'100.0 GB',
  u'groups': [],
  u'id': u'0604c8a56abe9a50',
  u'model_class': u'Quota',
  u'name': u'test ',
  u'operation': u'=',
  u'users': []}
```

**undelete\_quota** (*quota\_id*)

Undelete a quota

**Parameters** **quota\_id** (*str*) – Encoded quota ID.

**Return type** str

#### Returns

A description of the changes, mentioning the undeleted quota. For example:

```
"Undeleted 1 quotas: Testing-B"
```

**update\_quota** (*quota\_id*, *name=None*, *description=None*, *amount=None*, *operation=None*, *default='no'*, *in\_users=[]*, *in\_groups=[]*)

Update an existing quota

#### Parameters

- **quota\_id** (*str*) – Encoded quota ID
- **name** (*str*) – Name for the new quota. This must be unique within a Galaxy instance.
- **description** (*str*) – Quota description. If you supply this parameter, but not the name, an error will be thrown.
- **amount** (*str*) – Quota size (E.g. 10000MB, 99 gb, 0.2T, unlimited)

- **operation** (*str*) – One of (+, -, =). If you wish to change this value, you must also provide the amount, otherwise it will not take effect.
- **default** (*str*) – Whether or not this is a default quota. Valid values are no, unregistered, registered. Calling this method with default="no" on a non-default quota will throw an error. Not passing this parameter is equivalent to passing no.
- **in\_users** (*list of str*) – A list of user IDs or user emails.
- **in\_groups** (*list of str*) – A list of group IDs or names.

**Return type** *str*

#### Returns

A semicolon separated list of changes to the quota. For example:

```
"Quota 'Testing-A' has been renamed to 'Testing-B'; Quota 'Testing-e
↪' is now '-100.0 GB'; Quota 'Testing-B' is now the default for
↪unregistered users"
```

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## Roles

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Roles

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.roles.RolesClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**create\_role** (*role\_name*, *description*, *user\_ids=[]*, *group\_ids=[]*)

Create a new role.

#### Parameters

- **role\_name** (*str*) – A name for the new role
- **description** (*str*) – Description for the new role
- **user\_ids** (*list*) – A list of encoded user IDs to add to the new role
- **group\_ids** (*list*) – A list of encoded group IDs to add to the new role

**Return type** *list*

#### Returns

A (size 1) list with newly created role details, like:

```
[{'description': u'desc',
  u'url': u'/api/roles/ebfb8f50c6abde6d',
  u'model_class': u'Role',
  u'type': u'admin',
  u'id': u'ebfb8f50c6abde6d',
  u'name': u'Foo'}]
```

**get\_roles** ()

Displays a collection (list) of roles.

**Return type** *list*

#### Returns

A list of dicts with details on individual roles. For example:

```
[{"id": "f2db41e1fa331b3e",
  "model_class": "Role",
  "name": "Foo",
  "url": "/api/roles/f2db41e1fa331b3e"},
 {"id": "f597429621d6eb2b",
  "model_class": "Role",
  "name": "Bar",
  "url": "/api/roles/f597429621d6eb2b"}]
```

**show\_role** (*role\_id*)

Display information on a single role

**Parameters** *role\_id* (*str*) – Encoded role ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

A description of role For example:

```
{"description": "Private Role for Foo",
  "id": "f2db41e1fa331b3e",
  "model_class": "Role",
  "name": "Foo",
  "type": "private",
  "url": "/api/roles/f2db41e1fa331b3e"}
```

## Tools

Contains possible interaction dealing with Galaxy tools.

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.tools.ToolClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**get\_tool\_panel** ()

Get a list of available tool elements in Galaxy's configured toolbox.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** List containing tools (if not in sections) or tool sections with nested tool descriptions.

**See also:**

`bioblend.galaxy.toolshed.get_repositories()`

**get\_tools** (*tool\_id=None, name=None, trackster=None*)

Get all tools or filter the specific one(s) via the provided name or `tool_id`. Provide only one argument, name or `tool_id`, but not both.

If name is set and multiple names match the given name, all the tools matching the argument will be returned.

**Parameters**

- **tool\_id** (*str*) – id of the requested tool
- **name** (*str*) – name of the requested tool(s)
- **trackster** (*bool*) – if True, only tools that are compatible with Trackster are returned

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** List of tool descriptions.

**See also:**

`bioblend.galaxy.toolshed.get_repositories()`

**install\_dependencies** (*tool\_id*)

Install dependencies for a given tool via a resolver. This works only for Conda currently. This functionality is available since Galaxy release\_16.10 and is available only to Galaxy admins.

**Parameters** `tool_id` (*str*) – id of the requested tool

**paste\_content** (*content*, *history\_id*, *\*\*kwds*)

Upload a string to a new dataset in the history specified by `history_id`.

**Parameters**

- **content** (*str*) – content of the new dataset to upload or a list of URLs (one per line) to upload
- **history\_id** (*str*) – id of the history where to upload the content

See `upload_file()` for the optional parameters.

**put\_url** (*content*, *history\_id*, *\*\*kwds*)

Upload a string to a new dataset in the history specified by `history_id`.

**Parameters**

- **content** (*str*) – content of the new dataset to upload or a list of URLs (one per line) to upload
- **history\_id** (*str*) – id of the history where to upload the content

See `upload_file()` for the optional parameters.

**run\_tool** (*history\_id*, *tool\_id*, *tool\_inputs*)

Runs tool specified by `tool_id` in history indicated by `history_id` with inputs from dict `tool_inputs`.

**Parameters**

- **history\_id** (*str*) – encoded ID of the history in which to run the tool
- **tool\_id** (*str*) – ID of the tool to be run
- **tool\_inputs** (*dict*) – dictionary of input datasets and parameters for the tool (see below)

The `tool_inputs` dict should contain input datasets and parameters in the (largely undocumented) format used by the Galaxy API. Some examples can be found in [https://bitbucket.org/galaxy/galaxy-central/src/tip/test/api/test\\_tools.py](https://bitbucket.org/galaxy/galaxy-central/src/tip/test/api/test_tools.py).

**show\_tool** (*tool\_id*, *io\_details=False*, *link\_details=False*)

Get details of a given tool.

**Parameters**

- **tool\_id** (*str*) – id of the requested tool
- **io\_details** (*bool*) – if True, get also input and output details
- **link\_details** (*bool*) – if True, get also link details



**upload\_file** (*path*, *history\_id*, *\*\*keywords*)

Upload the file specified by *path* to the history specified by *history\_id*.

#### Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – path of the file to upload
- **history\_id** (*str*) – id of the history where to upload the file
- **file\_name** (*str*) – (optional) name of the new history dataset
- **file\_type** (*str*) – Galaxy datatype for the new dataset, default is auto
- **dbkey** (*str*) – (optional) genome dbkey
- **to\_posix\_lines** (*bool*) – if True, convert universal line endings to POSIX line endings. Default is True. Set to False if you upload a gzip, bz2 or zip archive containing a binary file
- **space\_to\_tab** (*bool*) – whether to convert spaces to tabs. Default is False. Applicable only if *to\_posix\_lines* is True

**upload\_from\_ftp** (*path*, *history\_id*, *\*\*keywords*)

Upload the file specified by *path* from the user's FTP directory to the history specified by *history\_id*.

#### Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – path of the file in the user's FTP directory
- **history\_id** (*str*) – id of the history where to upload the file

See `upload_file()` for the optional parameters.

## Tool data tables

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Tool data tables

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.tool_data.ToolDataClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**delete\_data\_table** (*data\_table\_id*, *values*)

Delete an item from a data table.

#### Parameters

- **data\_table\_id** (*str*) – ID of the data table
- **values** (*str*) – a “|” separated list of column contents, there must be a value for all the columns of the data table

**get\_data\_tables** ()

Get the list of all data tables.

**Return type** *list*

#### Returns

A list of dicts with details on individual data tables. For example:

```
[{"model_class": "TabularToolDataTable", "name": "fasta_indexes"},
 {"model_class": "TabularToolDataTable", "name": "bwa_indexes"}]
```

**reload\_data\_table** (*data\_table\_id*)

Reload a data table.

**Parameters** **data\_table\_id** (*str*) – ID of the data table

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

A description of the given data table and its content. For example:

```
{ "columns": ["value", "dbkey", "name", "path"],
  "fields": [ ["test id",
               "test",
               "test name",
               "/opt/galaxy-dist/tool-data/test/seq/test id.fa"] ],
  "model_class": "TabularToolDataTable",
  "name": "all_fasta" }
```

**show\_data\_table** (*data\_table\_id*)

Get details of a given data table.

**Parameters** **data\_table\_id** (*str*) – ID of the data table

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

A description of the given data table and its content. For example:

```
{ "columns": ["value", "dbkey", "name", "path"],
  "fields": [ ["test id",
               "test",
               "test name",
               "/opt/galaxy-dist/tool-data/test/seq/test id.fa"] ],
  "model_class": "TabularToolDataTable",
  "name": "all_fasta" }
```

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## ToolShed

Interaction with a Galaxy Tool Shed.

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.toolshed.ToolShedClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**get\_repositories** ()

Get the list of all installed Tool Shed repositories on this Galaxy instance.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

a list of dictionaries containing information about repositories present in the Tool Shed. For example:

```
[{ u'changeset_revision': u'4afe13ac23b6',
  u'deleted': False,
  u'dist_to_shed': False,
  u'error_message': u'',
  u'name': u'velvet_toolsuite',
```

```
u'owner': u'edward-kirton',
u'status': u'Installed']}]
```

Changed in version 0.4.1: Changed method name from `get_tools` to `get_repositories` to better align with the Tool Shed concepts

**See also:**

`bioblend.galaxy.tools.get_tool_panel()`

```
install_repository_revision (tool_shed_url, name, owner, change-
                             set_revision, install_tool_dependencies=False,
                             install_repository_dependencies=False,
                             install_resolver_dependencies=False,
                             tool_panel_section_id=None, new_tool_panel_section_label=None)
```

Install a specified repository revision from a specified Tool Shed into this Galaxy instance. This example demonstrates installation of a repository that contains valid tools, loading them into a section of the Galaxy tool panel or creating a new tool panel section. You can choose if tool dependencies or repository dependencies should be installed through the Tool Shed, (use `install_tool_dependencies` or `install_repository_dependencies`) or through a resolver that supports installing dependencies (use `install_resolver_dependencies`). Note that any combination of the three dependency resolving variables is valid.

Installing the repository into an existing tool panel section requires the tool panel config file (e.g., `tool_conf.xml`, `shed_tool_conf.xml`, etc) to contain the given tool panel section:

```
<section id="from_test_tool_shed" name="From Test Tool Shed" version=""> </section>
```

**Parameters**

- **tool\_shed\_url** (*str*) – URL of the Tool Shed from which the repository should be installed from (e.g., `https://testtoolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu`)
- **name** (*str*) – The name of the repository that should be installed
- **owner** (*str*) – The name of the repository owner
- **changeset\_revision** (*str*) – The revision of the repository to be installed
- **install\_tool\_dependencies** (*bool*) – Whether or not to automatically handle tool dependencies (see <https://galaxyproject.org/toolshed/tool-dependency-recipes/> for more details)
- **install\_repository\_dependencies** (*bool*) – Whether or not to automatically handle repository dependencies (see <https://galaxyproject.org/toolshed/defining-repository-dependencies/> for more details)
- **install\_resolver\_dependencies** (*bool*) – Whether or not to automatically install resolver dependencies (e.g. `conda`). This parameter is silently ignored in Galaxy release\_16.04 and earlier.
- **tool\_panel\_section\_id** (*str*) – The ID of the Galaxy tool panel section where the tool should be inserted under. Note that you should specify either this parameter or the `new_tool_panel_section_label`. If both are specified, this one will take precedence.
- **new\_tool\_panel\_section\_label** (*str*) – The name of a Galaxy tool panel section that should be created and the repository installed into.

```
show_repository (toolShed_id)
```

Get details of a given Tool Shed repository as it is installed on this Galaxy instance.

**Parameters** `toolShed_id` (*str*) – Encoded toolShed ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

Information about the tool For example:

```
{u'changeset_revision': u'b17455fb6222',  
u'ctx_rev': u'8',  
u'owner': u'aaron',  
u'status': u'Installed',  
u'url': u'/api/tool_shed_repositories/82de4a4c7135b20a'}
```

Changed in version 0.4.1: Changed method name from `show_tool` to `show_repository` to better align with the Tool Shed concepts

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## Users

Contains possible interaction dealing with Galaxy users.

Most of these methods must be executed by a registered Galaxy admin user.

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.users.UserClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**create\_local\_user** (*username, user\_email, password*)

Create a new Galaxy local user.

---

**Note:** For this method to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_user_creation` option set to True and `use_remote_user` option set to False in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

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**Parameters**

- **username** (*str*) – username of the user to be created
- **user\_email** (*str*) – email of the user to be created
- **password** (*str*) – password of the user to be created

**Return type** dict

**Returns** a dictionary containing information about the created user

**create\_remote\_user** (*user\_email*)

Create a new Galaxy remote user.

---

**Note:** For this method to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_user_creation` and `use_remote_user` options set to True in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file. Also note that setting `use_remote_user` will require an upstream authentication proxy server; however, if you do not have one, access to Galaxy via a browser will not be possible.

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**Parameters** **user\_email** (*str*) – email of the user to be created

**Return type** dict

**Returns** a dictionary containing information about the created user

**create\_user\_apikey** (*user\_id*)

Create a new API key for a given user.

**Parameters** **user\_id** (*str*) – encoded user ID

**Return type** str

**Returns** the API key for the user

**delete\_user** (*user\_id*, *purge=False*)

Delete a user.

---

**Note:** For this method to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_user_deletion` option set to `True` in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

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#### Parameters

- **user\_id** (*str*) – encoded user ID
- **purge** (*bool*) – if `True`, also purge (permanently delete) the history

**Return type** dict

**Returns** a dictionary containing information about the deleted user

**get\_current\_user** ()

Display information about the user associated with this Galaxy connection.

**Return type** dict

**Returns** a dictionary containing information about the current user

**get\_user\_apikey** (*user\_id*)

Get the current API key for a given user. This functionality is available since Galaxy `release_17.01`.

**Parameters** **user\_id** (*str*) – encoded user ID

**Return type** str

**Returns** the API key for the user

**get\_users** (*deleted=False*, *f\_email=None*, *f\_name=None*, *f\_any=None*)

Get a list of all registered users. If `deleted` is set to `True`, get a list of deleted users.

#### Parameters

- **f\_email** (*str*) – filter for user emails. The filter will be active for non-admin users only if the Galaxy instance has the `expose_user_email` option set to `True` in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file. This parameter is silently ignored for non-admin users in Galaxy `release_15.01` and earlier.
- **f\_name** (*str*) – filter for user names. The filter will be active for non-admin users only if the Galaxy instance has the `expose_user_name` option set to `True` in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file. This parameter is silently ignored in Galaxy `release_15.10` and earlier.

- **f\_any** (*str*) – filter for user email or name. Each filter will be active for non-admin users only if the Galaxy instance has the corresponding `expose_user_*` option set to True in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file. This parameter is silently ignored in Galaxy release\_15.10 and earlier.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

a list of dicts with user details. For example:

```
[{u'email': u'a_user@example.com',
  u'id': u'dda47097d9189f15',
  u'url': u'/api/users/dda47097d9189f15'}]
```

**show\_user** (*user\_id*, *deleted=False*)

Display information about a user.

**Parameters**

- **user\_id** (*str*) – encoded user ID
- **deleted** (*bool*) – whether to return results for a deleted user

**Return type** dict

**Returns** a dictionary containing information about the user

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## Visual

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy visualization

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.visual.VisualClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**get\_visualizations** ()

Get the list of all visualizations.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

A list of dicts with details on individual visualizations. For example:

```
[{u'dbkey': u'eschColi_K12',
  u'id': u'df1c7c96fc427c2d',
  u'title': u'AVTest1',
  u'type': u'trackster',
  u'url': u'/api/visualizations/df1c7c96fc427c2d'},
 {u'dbkey': u'mm9',
  u'id': u'a669f50f8bf55b02',
  u'title': u'Bam to Bigwig',
  u'type': u'trackster',
  u'url': u'/api/visualizations/a669f50f8bf55b02'}]
```

**show\_visualization** (*visual\_id*)

Get details of a given visualization.

**Parameters** **visual\_id** (*str*) – Encoded visualization ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

A description of the given visualization. For example:

```
{u'annotation': None,
 u'dbkey': u'mm9',
 u'id': u'18df9134ea75e49c',
 u'latest_revision': { ... },
 u'model_class': u'Visualization',
 u'revisions': [u'aa90649bb3ec7dcb', u'20622bc6249c0c71'],
 u'slug': u'visualization-for-grant-1',
 u'title': u'Visualization For Grant',
 u'type': u'trackster',
 u'url': u'/u/azaron/v/visualization-for-grant-1',
 u'user_id': u'21e4aed91386ca8b'}
```

## Workflows

Contains possible interactions with the Galaxy Workflows

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.workflows.WorkflowClient` (*galaxy\_instance*)

**cancel\_invocation** (*workflow\_id*, *invocation\_id*)

Cancel the scheduling of a workflow.

**Parameters**

- **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID
- **invocation\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow invocation ID

**delete\_workflow** (*workflow\_id*)

Delete a workflow identified by *workflow\_id*.

**Parameters** **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID

**Warning:** Deleting a workflow is irreversible - all workflow data will be permanently deleted.

**export\_workflow\_dict** (*workflow\_id*)

Exports a workflow.

**Parameters** **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns** Dictionary representing the requested workflow

**export\_workflow\_json** (*workflow\_id*)

Deprecated since version 0.9.0: Use `export_workflow_dict()` instead.

**export\_workflow\_to\_local\_path** (*workflow\_id*, *file\_local\_path*, *use\_default\_filename=True*)

Exports a workflow in JSON format to a given local path.

**Parameters**

- **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID

- **file\_local\_path** (*str*) – Local path to which the exported file will be saved. (Should not contain filename if use\_default\_name=True)
- **use\_default\_filename** (*bool*) – If the use\_default\_name parameter is True, the exported file will be saved as file\_local\_path/Galaxy-Workflow-%s.ga, where %s is the workflow name. If use\_default\_name is False, file\_local\_path is assumed to contain the full file path including filename.

**get\_invocations** (*workflow\_id*)

Get a list containing all the workflow invocations corresponding to the specified workflow.

**Parameters** **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

A list of workflow invocations. For example:

```
[{'history_id': u'2f94e8ae9edff68a',
  'id': u'df7a1f0c02a5b08e',
  'model_class': u'WorkflowInvocation',
  'state': u'new',
  'update_time': u'2015-10-31T22:00:22',
  'uuid': u'c8aa2b1c-801a-11e5-a9e5-8ca98228593c',
  'workflow_id': u'03501d7626bd192f'}]
```

**get\_workflow\_inputs** (*workflow\_id, label*)

Get a list of workflow input IDs that match the given label. If no input matches the given label, an empty list is returned.

**Parameters**

- **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID
- **label** (*str*) – label to filter workflow inputs on

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** list of workflow inputs matching the label query

**get\_workflows** (*workflow\_id=None, name=None, published=False*)

Get all workflows or filter the specific one(s) via the provided name or workflow\_id. Provide only one argument, name or workflow\_id, but not both.

**Parameters**

- **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID (incompatible with name)
- **name** (*str*) – Filter by name of workflow (incompatible with workflow\_id). If multiple names match the given name, all the workflows matching the argument will be returned.
- **published** (*bool*) – if True, return also published workflows

**Return type** *list*

**Returns**

A list of workflow dicts. For example:

```
[{'id': u'92c56938c2f9b315',
  'name': u'Simple',
  'url': u'/api/workflows/92c56938c2f9b315'}]
```



**import\_shared\_workflow** (*workflow\_id*)

Imports a new workflow from the shared published workflows.

**Parameters** *workflow\_id* (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

A description of the workflow. For example:

```
{u'id': u'ee0e2b4b696d9092',
 u'model_class': u'StoredWorkflow',
 u'name': u'Super workflow that solves everything!',
 u'published': False,
 u'tags': [],
 u'url': u'/api/workflows/ee0e2b4b696d9092'}
```

**import\_workflow\_dict** (*workflow\_dict*, *publish=False*)

Imports a new workflow given a dictionary representing a previously exported workflow.

**Parameters**

- **workflow\_dict** (*dict*) – dictionary representing the workflow to be imported
- **publish** (*bool*) – if `True` the uploaded workflow will be published; otherwise it will be visible only by the user which uploads it (default)

**import\_workflow\_from\_local\_path** (*file\_local\_path*, *publish=False*)

Imports a new workflow given the path to a file containing a previously exported workflow.

**Parameters**

- **file\_local\_path** (*str*) – File to upload to the server for new workflow
- **publish** (*bool*) – if `True` the uploaded workflow will be published; otherwise it will be visible only by the user which uploads it (default)

**import\_workflow\_json** (*workflow\_json*)

Deprecated since version 0.9.0: Use `import_workflow_dict()` instead.

**Parameters** *workflow\_json* (*dict*) – dictionary representing the workflow to be imported

**invoke\_workflow** (*workflow\_id*, *inputs=None*, *params=None*, *history\_id=None*, *history\_name=None*, *import\_inputs\_to\_history=False*, *replacement\_params=None*, *allow\_tool\_state\_corrections=None*)

Invoke the workflow identified by `workflow_id`. This will cause a workflow to be scheduled and return an object describing the workflow invocation.

**Parameters**

- **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID
- **inputs** (*dict*) – A mapping of workflow inputs to datasets and dataset collections. The datasets source can be a `LibraryDatasetDatasetAssociation` (`ldda`), `LibraryDataset` (`ld`), `HistoryDatasetAssociation` (`hda`), or `HistoryDatasetCollectionAssociation` (`hdca`).

The map must be in the following format: `{ '<input_index>': {'id': <encoded dataset ID>, 'src': '[ldda, ld, hda, hdca]'}}` (e.g. `{'2': {'id': '29beef4fadeed09f', 'src': 'hda'}}}`)

This map may also be indexed by the UUIDs of the workflow steps, as indicated by the `uuid` property of steps returned from the Galaxy API.

- **params** (*dict*) – A mapping of non-datasets tool parameters (see below)

- **history\_id** (*str*) – The encoded history ID where to store the workflow output. Alternatively, `history_name` may be specified to create a new history.
- **history\_name** (*str*) – Create a new history with the given name to store the workflow output. If both `history_id` and `history_name` are provided, `history_name` is ignored. If neither is specified, a new ‘Unnamed history’ is created.
- **import\_inputs\_to\_history** (*bool*) – If `True`, used workflow inputs will be imported into the history. If `False`, only workflow outputs will be visible in the given history.
- **allow\_tool\_state\_corrections** (*bool*) – If `True`, allow Galaxy to fill in missing tool state when running workflows. This may be useful for workflows using tools that have changed over time or for workflows built outside of Galaxy with only a subset of inputs defined.
- **replacement\_params** (*dict*) – pattern-based replacements for post-job actions (see below)

**Return type** dict

### Returns

A dict containing the workflow invocation describing the scheduling of the workflow. For example:

```
{u'history_id': u'2f94e8ae9edff68a',
 u'id': u'df7a1f0c02a5b08e',
 u'inputs': {u'0': {u'id': u'a7db2fac67043c7e',
 u'src': u'hda',
 u'uuid': u'7932ffe0-2340-4952-8857-dbaa50f1f46a'}}},
 u'model_class': u'WorkflowInvocation',
 u'state': u'ready',
 u'steps': [{u'action': None,
 u'id': u'd413a19dec13d11e',
 u'job_id': None,
 u'model_class': u'WorkflowInvocationStep',
 u'order_index': 0,
 u'state': None,
 u'update_time': u'2015-10-31T22:00:26',
 u'workflow_step_id': u'cbbbf59e8f08c98c',
 u'workflow_step_label': None,
 u'workflow_step_uuid': u'b81250fd-3278-4e6a-b269-56a1f01ef485'}],
 {u'action': None,
 u'id': u'2f94e8ae9edff68a',
 u'job_id': u'e89067bb68bee7a0',
 u'model_class': u'WorkflowInvocationStep',
 u'order_index': 1,
 u'state': u'new',
 u'update_time': u'2015-10-31T22:00:26',
 u'workflow_step_id': u'964b37715ec9bd22',
 u'workflow_step_label': None,
 u'workflow_step_uuid': u'e62440b8-e911-408b-b124-e05435d3125e'}],
 u'update_time': u'2015-10-31T22:00:26',
 u'uuid': u'c8aa2b1c-801a-11e5-a9e5-8ca98228593c',
 u'workflow_id': u'03501d7626bd192f'}
```

The params dict should be specified as follows:

```
{STEP_ID: PARAM_DICT, ...}
```

where PARAM\_DICT is:

```
{PARAM_NAME: VALUE, ...}
```

For backwards compatibility, the following (deprecated) format is also supported for `params`:

```
{TOOL_ID: PARAM_DICT, ...}
```

in which case PARAM\_DICT affects all steps with the given tool id. If both by-tool-id and by-step-id specifications are used, the latter takes precedence.

Finally (again, for backwards compatibility), PARAM\_DICT can also be specified as:

```
{'param': PARAM_NAME, 'value': VALUE}
```

Note that this format allows only one parameter to be set per step.

The `replacement_params` dict should map parameter names in post-job actions (PJAs) to their runtime values. For instance, if the final step has a PJA like the following:

```
{u'RenameDatasetActionout_file1': {u'action_arguments': {u'newname': u'$
↪{output}'},
  u'action_type': u'RenameDatasetAction',
  u'output_name': u'out_file1'}}
```

then the following renames the output dataset to 'foo':

```
replacement_params = {'output': 'foo'}
```

see also [this email thread](#).

**Warning:** Historically, the `run_workflow` method consumed a `dataset_map` data structure that was indexed by unencoded workflow step IDs. These IDs would not be stable across Galaxy instances. The new `inputs` property is instead indexed by either the `order_index` property (which is stable across workflow imports) or the step UUID which is also stable.

**run\_invocation\_step\_action** (*workflow\_id*, *invocation\_id*, *step\_id*, *action*)

Execute an action for an active workflow invocation step. The nature of this action and what is expected will vary based on the the type of workflow step (the only currently valid action is True/False for pause steps).

#### Parameters

- **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID
- **invocation\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow invocation ID
- **step\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow invocation step ID
- **action** (*object*) – Action to use when updating state, semantics depends on step type.

**run\_workflow** (*workflow\_id*, *dataset\_map=None*, *params=None*, *history\_id=None*, *history\_name=None*, *import\_inputs\_to\_history=False*, *replacement\_params=None*)

Run the workflow identified by `workflow_id`.

Deprecated since version 0.7.0: Use `invoke_workflow()` instead.

## Parameters

- **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID
- **dataset\_map** (*dict*) – A mapping of workflow inputs to datasets. The datasets source can be a `LibraryDatasetDatasetAssociation` (`ldda`), `LibraryDataset` (`ld`), or `HistoryDatasetAssociation` (`hda`). The map must be in the following format: `{'input': {'id': <encoded dataset ID>, 'src': '[ldda, ld, hda]'}}` (e.g. `{'23': {'id': '29beef4fadeed09f', 'src': 'ld'}}`)
- **params** (*dict*) – A mapping of non-datasets tool parameters (see below)
- **history\_id** (*str*) – The encoded history ID where to store the workflow output. Alternatively, `history_name` may be specified to create a new history.
- **history\_name** (*str*) – Create a new history with the given name to store the workflow output. If both `history_id` and `history_name` are provided, `history_name` is ignored. If neither is specified, a new ‘Unnamed history’ is created.
- **import\_inputs\_to\_history** (*bool*) – If `True`, used workflow inputs will be imported into the history. If `False`, only workflow outputs will be visible in the given history.
- **replacement\_params** (*dict*) – pattern-based replacements for post-job actions (see below)

## Return type dict

## Returns

A dict containing the history ID where the outputs are placed as well as output dataset IDs. For example:

```
{u'history': u'64177123325c9cfd',
 u'outputs': [u'aa4d3084af404259']}
```

The `params` dict should be specified as follows:

```
{STEP_ID: PARAM_DICT, ...}
```

where `PARAM_DICT` is:

```
{PARAM_NAME: VALUE, ...}
```

For backwards compatibility, the following (deprecated) format is also supported for `params`:

```
{TOOL_ID: PARAM_DICT, ...}
```

in which case `PARAM_DICT` affects all steps with the given tool id. If both by-tool-id and by-step-id specifications are used, the latter takes precedence.

Finally (again, for backwards compatibility), `PARAM_DICT` can also be specified as:

```
{'param': PARAM_NAME, 'value': VALUE}
```

Note that this format allows only one parameter to be set per step.

The `replacement_params` dict should map parameter names in post-job actions (PJAs) to their run-time values. For instance, if the final step has a PJA like the following:

```
{u'RenameDatasetActionout_file1': {u'action_arguments': {u'newname': u'$
↪{output}'},
  u'action_type': u'RenameDatasetAction',
  u'output_name': u'out_file1'}}
```

then the following renames the output dataset to 'foo':

```
replacement_params = {'output': 'foo'}
```

see also [this email thread](#).

**Warning:** This method waits for the whole workflow to be scheduled before returning and does not scale to large workflows as a result. This method has therefore been deprecated in favor of `invoke_workflow()`, which also features improved default behavior for dataset input handling.

### `show_invocation(workflow_id, invocation_id)`

Get a workflow invocation object representing the scheduling of a workflow. This object may be sparse at first (missing inputs and invocation steps) and will become more populated as the workflow is actually scheduled.

#### Parameters

- `workflow_id` (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID
- `invocation_id` (*str*) – Encoded workflow invocation ID

#### Return type

#### Returns

The workflow invocation. For example:

```
{u'history_id': u'2f94e8ae9edff68a',
  u'id': u'df7a1f0c02a5b08e',
  u'inputs': {u'0': {u'id': u'a7db2fac67043c7e',
    u'src': u'hda',
    u'uuid': u'7932ffe0-2340-4952-8857-dbaa50f1f46a'}}},
  u'model_class': u'WorkflowInvocation',
  u'state': u'ready',
  u'steps': [{u'action': None,
    u'id': u'd413a19dec13d11e',
    u'job_id': None,
    u'model_class': u'WorkflowInvocationStep',
    u'order_index': 0,
    u'state': None,
    u'update_time': u'2015-10-31T22:00:26',
    u'workflow_step_id': u'cbbbf59e8f08c98c',
    u'workflow_step_label': None,
    u'workflow_step_uuid': u'b81250fd-3278-4e6a-b269-56a1f01ef485'},
    {u'action': None,
    u'id': u'2f94e8ae9edff68a',
    u'job_id': u'e89067bb68bee7a0',
    u'model_class': u'WorkflowInvocationStep',
    u'order_index': 1,
    u'state': u'new',
    u'update_time': u'2015-10-31T22:00:26',
    u'workflow_step_id': u'964b37715ec9bd22',
    u'workflow_step_label': None,
```

```
u'workflow_step_uuid': u'e62440b8-e911-408b-b124-e05435d3125e'}]],
u'update_time': u'2015-10-31T22:00:26',
u'uuid': u'c8aa2b1c-801a-11e5-a9e5-8ca98228593c',
u'workflow_id': u'03501d7626bd192f'}
```

**show\_invocation\_step** (*workflow\_id*, *invocation\_id*, *step\_id*)

See the details of a particular workflow invocation step.

#### Parameters

- **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID
- **invocation\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow invocation ID
- **step\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow invocation step ID

**Return type** dict

#### Returns

The workflow invocation step. For example:

```
{u'action': None,
 u'id': u'63cd3858d057a6d1',
 u'job_id': None,
 u'model_class': u'WorkflowInvocationStep',
 u'order_index': 2,
 u'state': None,
 u'update_time': u'2015-10-31T22:11:14',
 u'workflow_step_id': u'52e496b945151ee8',
 u'workflow_step_label': None,
 u'workflow_step_uuid': u'4060554c-1dd5-4287-9040-8b4f281cf9dc'}
```

**show\_workflow** (*workflow\_id*)

Display information needed to run a workflow.

**Parameters** **workflow\_id** (*str*) – Encoded workflow ID

**Return type** dict

#### Returns

A description of the workflow and its inputs. For example:

```
{u'id': u'92c56938c2f9b315',
 u'inputs': {u'23': {u'label': u'Input Dataset', u'value': u''}},
 u'name': u'Simple',
 u'url': u'/api/workflows/92c56938c2f9b315'}
```

## 5.2.2 Object-oriented Galaxy API

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.galaxy_instance.GalaxyInstance` (*url*, *api\_key=None*,  
*email=None*,  
*password=None*,  
*verify=True*)

A representation of an instance of Galaxy, identified by a URL and a user's API key.

#### Parameters

- **url** (*str*) – a FQDN or IP for a given instance of Galaxy. For example: `http://127.0.0.1:8080`

- **api\_key** (*str*) – user’s API key for the given instance of Galaxy, obtained from the Galaxy web UI.

This is actually a factory class which instantiates the entity-specific clients.

Example: get a list of all histories for a user with API key ‘foo’:

```
from bioblend.galaxy.objects import *
gi = GalaxyInstance('http://127.0.0.1:8080', 'foo')
histories = gi.histories.list()
```

## Client

Clients for interacting with specific Galaxy entity types.

Classes in this module should not be instantiated directly, but used via their handles in *GalaxyInstance*.

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.client.ObjClient` (*obj\_gi*)

**get\_previews** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Get a list of object previews.

Previews entity summaries provided by REST collection URIs, e.g. `http://host:port/api/libraries`. Being the most lightweight objects associated to the various entities, these are the ones that should be used to retrieve their basic info.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** a list of object previews

**list** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Get a list of objects.

This method first gets the entity summaries, then gets the complete description for each entity with an additional GET call, so may be slow.

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** a list of objects

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.client.ObjDatasetContainerClient` (*obj\_gi*)

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.client.ObjHistoryClient` (*obj\_gi*)

Interacts with Galaxy histories.

**create** (*name=None*)

Create a new Galaxy history, optionally setting its name.

**Return type** *History*

**Returns** the history just created

**delete** (*id=None, name=None, purge=False*)

Delete the history with the given id or name.

Note that the same name can map to multiple histories.

**Parameters** **purge** (*bool*) – if `True`, also purge (permanently delete) the history

---

**Note:** For the purge option to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_user_dataset_purge` option set to `True` in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

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**get** (*id\_*)  
Retrieve the history corresponding to the given id.

**Return type** *History*

**Returns** the history corresponding to *id\_*

**get\_previews** (*name=None, deleted=False*)

**list** (*name=None, deleted=False*)  
Get histories owned by the user of this Galaxy instance.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – return only histories with this name
- **deleted** (*bool*) – if `True`, return histories that have been deleted

**Return type** list of *History*

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.client.ObjJobClient` (*obj\_gi*)  
Interacts with Galaxy jobs.

**get** (*id\_, full\_details=False*)  
Retrieve the job corresponding to the given id.

**Parameters** **full\_details** (*bool*) – if `True`, return the complete list of details for the given job.

**Return type** *Job*

**Returns** the job corresponding to *id\_*

**get\_previews** ()

**list** ()  
Get the list of jobs of the current user.

**Return type** list of *Job*

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.client.ObjLibraryClient` (*obj\_gi*)  
Interacts with Galaxy libraries.

**create** (*name, description=None, synopsis=None*)  
Create a data library with the properties defined in the arguments.

**Return type** *Library*

**Returns** the library just created

**delete** (*id\_=None, name=None*)  
Delete the library with the given id or name.

Note that the same name can map to multiple libraries.

**Warning:** Deleting a data library is irreversible - all of the data from the library will be permanently deleted.



**get** (*id\_*)

Retrieve the data library corresponding to the given id.

**Return type** *Library*

**Returns** the library corresponding to *id\_*

**get\_previews** (*name=None, deleted=False*)

**list** (*name=None, deleted=False*)

Get libraries owned by the user of this Galaxy instance.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – return only libraries with this name
- **deleted** (*bool*) – if True, return libraries that have been deleted

**Return type** list of *Library*

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.client.ObjToolClient` (*obj\_gi*)

Interacts with Galaxy tools.

**get** (*id\_, io\_details=False, link\_details=False*)

Retrieve the tool corresponding to the given id.

**Parameters**

- **io\_details** (*bool*) – if True, get also input and output details
- **link\_details** (*bool*) – if True, get also link details

**Return type** *Tool*

**Returns** the tool corresponding to *id\_*

**get\_previews** (*name=None, trackster=None*)

Get the list of tools installed on the Galaxy instance.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – return only tools with this name
- **trackster** (*bool*) – if True, only tools that are compatible with Trackster are returned

**Return type** list of *Tool*

**list** (*name=None, trackster=None*)

Get the list of tools installed on the Galaxy instance.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – return only tools with this name
- **trackster** (*bool*) – if True, only tools that are compatible with Trackster are returned

**Return type** list of *Tool*

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.client.ObjWorkflowClient` (*obj\_gi*)

Interacts with Galaxy workflows.

**delete** (*id\_=None, name=None*)

Delete the workflow with the given id or name.

Note that the same name can map to multiple workflows.

**Warning:** Deleting a workflow is irreversible - all of the data from the workflow will be permanently deleted.

**get** (*id\_*)

Retrieve the workflow corresponding to the given id.

**Return type** *Workflow*

**Returns** the workflow corresponding to *id\_*

**get\_previews** (*name=None, published=False*)

**import\_new** (*src, publish=False*)

Imports a new workflow into Galaxy.

**Parameters**

- **src** (*dict or str*) – deserialized (dictionary) or serialized (str) JSON dump of the workflow (this is normally obtained by exporting a workflow from Galaxy).
- **publish** (*bool*) – if `True` the uploaded workflow will be published; otherwise it will be visible only by the user which uploads it (default).

**Return type** *Workflow*

**Returns** the workflow just imported

**import\_shared** (*id\_*)

Imports a shared workflow to the user's space.

**Parameters** **id** (*str*) – workflow id

**Return type** *Workflow*

**Returns** the workflow just imported

**list** (*name=None, published=False*)

Get workflows owned by the user of this Galaxy instance.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – return only workflows with this name
- **published** (*bool*) – if `True`, return also published workflows

**Return type** list of *Workflow*

## Wrappers

A basic object-oriented interface for Galaxy entities.

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.Wrapper` (*wrapped, parent=None, gi=None*)

Abstract base class for Galaxy entity wrappers.

Wrapper instances wrap deserialized JSON dictionaries such as the ones obtained by the Galaxy web API, converting key-based access to attribute-based access (e.g., `library['name']` -> `library.name`).

Dict keys that are converted to attributes are listed in the `BASE_ATTRS` class variable: this is the 'stable' interface. Note that the wrapped dictionary is accessible via the `wrapped` attribute.

**Parameters**

- **wrapped** (*dict*) – JSON-serializable dictionary

- **parent** (*Wrapper*) – the parent of this wrapper
- **gi** (*GalaxyInstance*) – the *GalaxyInstance* through which we can access this wrapper

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name')

**clone** ()

Return an independent copy of this wrapper.

**classmethod from\_json** (*jdef*)

Build a new wrapper from a JSON dump.

**gi\_module**

The *GalaxyInstance* module that deals with objects of this type.

**is\_mapped**

True if this wrapper is mapped to an actual *Galaxy* entity.

**parent**

The parent of this wrapper.

**to\_json** ()

Return a JSON dump of this wrapper.

**touch** ()

Mark this wrapper as having been modified since its creation.

**unmap** ()

Disconnect this wrapper from *Galaxy*.

**class** *bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.Step* (*step\_dict*, *parent*)

Abstract base class for workflow steps.

Steps are the main building blocks of a *Galaxy* workflow. A step can be: an input (type 'data\_collection\_input' or 'data\_input'), a computational tool (type 'tool') or a pause (type 'pause').

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'input\_steps', 'tool\_id', 'tool\_inputs', 'tool\_version', '')

**gi\_module**

**class** *bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.Workflow* (*wf\_dict*, *gi=None*)

Workflows represent ordered sequences of computations on *Galaxy*.

A workflow defines a sequence of steps that produce one or more results from an input dataset.

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'deleted', 'inputs', 'published', 'steps', 'tags')

**POLLING\_INTERVAL** = 10

**convert\_input\_map** (*input\_map*)

Convert *input\_map* to the format required by the *Galaxy* web API.

**Parameters** *input\_map* (*dict*) – a mapping from input labels to datasets

**Return type** *dict*

**Returns** a mapping from input slot ids to dataset ids in the format required by the *Galaxy* web API.

**data\_collection\_input\_ids**

Return the ids of data collection input steps for this workflow.

**data\_input\_ids**

Return the ids of data input steps for this workflow.

**delete ()**

Delete this workflow.

**Warning:** Deleting a workflow is irreversible - all of the data from the workflow will be permanently deleted.

**export ()**

Export a re-importable representation of the workflow.

**Return type** dict

**Returns** a JSON-serializable dump of the workflow

**gi\_module****input\_labels**

Return the labels of this workflow's input steps.

**is\_runnable**

Return True if the workflow can be run on Galaxy.

A workflow is considered runnable on a Galaxy instance if all of the tools it uses are installed in that instance.

**preview ()**

**run** (*input\_map=None, history="", params=None, import\_inputs=False, replacement\_params=None, wait=False, polling\_interval=10, break\_on\_error=True*)  
Run the workflow in the current Galaxy instance.

**Parameters**

- **input\_map** (*dict*) – a mapping from workflow input labels to datasets, e.g.:  
`dict(zip(workflow.input_labels, library.get_datasets()))`
- **history** (*History* or *str*) – either a valid history object (results will be stored there) or a string (a new history will be created with the given name).
- **params** (*dict*) – a mapping of non-datasets tool parameters (see below)
- **import\_inputs** (*bool*) – If True, workflow inputs will be imported into the history; if False, only workflow outputs will be visible in the history.
- **replacement\_params** (*dict*) – pattern-based replacements for post-job actions (see the docs for `invoke_workflow()`)
- **wait** (*bool*) – whether to wait while the returned datasets are in a pending state
- **polling\_interval** (*float*) – polling interval in seconds
- **break\_on\_error** (*bool*) – whether to break as soon as at least one of the returned datasets is in the 'error' state

**Return type** tuple

**Returns** list of output datasets, output history

The `params` dict should be specified as follows:

```
{STEP_ID: PARAM_DICT, ...}
```

where `PARAM_DICT` is:

```
{PARAM_NAME: VALUE, ...}
```

For backwards compatibility, the following (deprecated) format is also supported for `params`:

```
{TOOL_ID: PARAM_DICT, ...}
```

in which case `PARAM_DICT` affects all steps with the given tool id. If both by-tool-id and by-step-id specifications are used, the latter takes precedence.

Finally (again, for backwards compatibility), `PARAM_DICT` can also be specified as:

```
{'param': PARAM_NAME, 'value': VALUE}
```

Note that this format allows only one parameter to be set per step.

Example: set 'a' to 1 for the third workflow step:

```
params = {workflow.steps[2].id: {'a': 1}}
```

**Warning:** This is a blocking operation that can take a very long time. If `wait` is set to `False`, the method will return as soon as the workflow has been *scheduled*, otherwise it will wait until the workflow has been *run*. With a large number of steps, however, the delay may not be negligible even in the former case (e.g. minutes for 100 steps).

**sorted\_step\_ids()**

Return a topological sort of the workflow's DAG.

**tool\_ids**

Return the ids of tool steps for this workflow.

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.ContentInfo` (*info\_dict*, *gi=None*)

Instances of this class wrap dictionaries obtained by getting `/api/{histories,libraries}/<ID>/contents` from Galaxy.

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'type')

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.LibraryContentInfo` (*info\_dict*, *gi=None*)

Instances of this class wrap dictionaries obtained by getting `/api/libraries/<ID>/contents` from Galaxy.

**gi\_module**

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.HistoryContentInfo` (*info\_dict*, *gi=None*)

Instances of this class wrap dictionaries obtained by getting `/api/histories/<ID>/contents` from Galaxy.

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'type', 'deleted', 'state', 'visible')

**gi\_module**

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.DatasetContainer` (*c\_dict*, *content\_infos=None*, *gi=None*)

Abstract base class for dataset containers (histories and libraries).

**Parameters** `content_infos` (list of `ContentInfo`) – info objects for the container's contents

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'deleted')

**dataset\_ids**

Return the ids of the contained datasets.

**get\_dataset** (*ds\_id*)

Retrieve the dataset corresponding to the given id.

**Parameters** **ds\_id** (*str*) – dataset id

**Return type** *HistoryDatasetAssociation* or *LibraryDataset*

**Returns** the dataset corresponding to *ds\_id*

**get\_datasets** (*name=None*)

Get all datasets contained inside this dataset container.

**Parameters** **name** (*str*) – return only datasets with this name

**Return type** list of *HistoryDatasetAssociation* or list of *LibraryDataset*

**Returns** datasets with the given name contained inside this container

---

**Note:** when filtering library datasets by name, specify their full paths starting from the library's root folder, e.g., `/seqdata/reads.fastq`. Full paths are available through the `content_infos` attribute of *Library* objects.

---

**preview** ()

**refresh** ()

Re-fetch the attributes pertaining to this object.

Returns: self

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.History` (*hist\_dict*, *content\_infos=None*, *gi=None*)

Maps to a Galaxy history.

**API\_MODULE** = 'histories'

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'deleted', 'annotation', 'published', 'state', 'state\_ids')

**CONTENT\_INFO\_TYPE**

alias of *HistoryContentInfo*

**DSC\_TYPE**

alias of *HistoryDatasetCollectionAssociation*

**DS\_TYPE**

alias of *HistoryDatasetAssociation*

**create\_dataset\_collection** (*collection\_description*)

Create a new dataset collection in the history by providing a collection description.

**Parameters** **collection\_description** (*bioblend.galaxy.dataset\_collections.CollectionDescription*) – a description of the dataset collection

**Return type** *HistoryDatasetCollectionAssociation*

**Returns** the new dataset collection

**delete** (*purge=False*)

Delete this history.

**Parameters** **purge** (*bool*) – if `True`, also purge (permanently delete) the history

---

**Note:** For the `purge` option to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_user_dataset_purge` option set to `True` in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

---

**download** (*jeha\_id*, *outf*, *chunk\_size=4096*)

Download an export archive for this history. Use `export()` to create an export and get the required `jeha_id`. See `download_history()` for parameter and return value info.

**export** (*gzip=True*, *include\_hidden=False*, *include\_deleted=False*, *wait=False*)

Start a job to create an export archive for this history. See `export_history()` for parameter and return value info.

**get\_dataset\_collection** (*dsc\_id*)

Retrieve the dataset collection corresponding to the given id.

**Parameters** `dsc_id` (*str*) – dataset collection id

**Return type** `HistoryDatasetCollectionAssociation`

**Returns** the dataset collection corresponding to `dsc_id`

**gi\_module**

**import\_dataset** (*lds*)

Import a dataset into the history from a library.

**Parameters** `lds` (`LibraryDataset`) – the library dataset to import

**Return type** `HistoryDatasetAssociation`

**Returns** the imported history dataset

**paste\_content** (*content*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload a string to a new dataset in this history.

**Parameters** `content` (*str*) – content of the new dataset to upload

See `upload_file()` for the optional parameters (except `file_name`).

**Return type** `HistoryDatasetAssociation`

**Returns** the uploaded dataset

**update** (*\*\*kws*)

Update history metadata information. Some of the attributes that can be modified are documented below.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – Replace history name with the given string
- **annotation** (*str*) – Replace history annotation with the given string
- **deleted** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history as deleted
- **purged** (*bool*) – If True, mark history as purged (permanently deleted). Ignored on Galaxy release\_15.01 and earlier
- **published** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history as published
- **importable** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history as importable
- **tags** (*list*) – Replace history tags with the given list

**upload\_dataset** (*path*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload the file specified by `path` to this history.

**Parameters** `path` (*str*) – path of the file to upload

See `upload_file()` for the optional parameters.

**Return type** *HistoryDatasetAssociation*

**Returns** the uploaded dataset

**upload\_file** (*path*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload the file specified by `path` to this history.

**Parameters** `path` (*str*) – path of the file to upload

See `upload_file()` for the optional parameters.

**Return type** *HistoryDatasetAssociation*

**Returns** the uploaded dataset

**upload\_from\_ftp** (*path*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload the file specified by `path` from the user's FTP directory to this history.

**Parameters** `path` (*str*) – path of the file in the user's FTP directory

See `upload_file()` for the optional parameters.

**Return type** *HistoryDatasetAssociation*

**Returns** the uploaded dataset

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.Library` (*lib\_dict*, *content\_infos=None*, *gi=None*)

Maps to a Galaxy library.

**API\_MODULE** = 'libraries'

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'deleted', 'description', 'synopsis')

**CONTENT\_INFO\_TYPE**

alias of *LibraryContentInfo*

**DS\_TYPE**

alias of *LibraryDataset*

**copy\_from\_dataset** (*hda*, *folder=None*, *message=""*)

Copy a history dataset into this library.

**Parameters** `hda` (*HistoryDatasetAssociation*) – history dataset to copy into the library

See `upload_data()` for info on other params.

**create\_folder** (*name*, *description=None*, *base\_folder=None*)

Create a folder in this library.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – folder name
- **description** (*str*) – optional folder description
- **base\_folder** (*Folder*) – parent folder, or `None` to create in the root folder

**Return type** *Folder*

**Returns** the folder just created

**delete** ()

Delete this library.



**folder\_ids**

Return the ids of the contained folders.

**get\_folder** (*f\_id*)

Retrieve the folder corresponding to the given id.

**Return type** *Folder*

**Returns** the folder corresponding to *f\_id*

**gi\_module****root\_folder**

The root folder of this library.

**Return type** *Folder*

**Returns** the root folder of this library

**upload\_data** (*data*, *folder=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload data to this library.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*str*) – dataset contents
- **folder** (*Folder*) – a folder object, or *None* to upload to the root folder

**Return type** *LibraryDataset*

**Returns** the dataset object that represents the uploaded content

Optional keyword arguments: *file\_type*, *dbkey*.

**upload\_from\_galaxy\_fs** (*paths*, *folder=None*, *link\_data\_only=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload data to this library from filesystem paths on the server.

---

**Note:** For this method to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_path_paste` (`allow_library_path_paste` in Galaxy release\_17.05 and earlier) option set to `True` in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

---

**Parameters**

- **paths** (*str* or *Iterable* of *str*) – server-side file paths from which data should be read
- **link\_data\_only** (*str*) – either ‘`copy_files`’ (default) or ‘`link_to_files`’. Setting to ‘`link_to_files`’ symlinks instead of copying the files

**Return type** list of *LibraryDataset*

**Returns** the dataset objects that represent the uploaded content

See `upload_data()` for info on other params.

**upload\_from\_local** (*path*, *folder=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload data to this library from a local file.

**Parameters** **path** (*str*) – local file path from which data should be read

See `upload_data()` for info on other params.

**upload\_from\_url** (*url*, *folder=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload data to this library from the given URL.

**Parameters** `url` (*str*) – URL from which data should be read

See `upload_data()` for info on other params.

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.Folder` (*f\_dict, container, gi=None*)

Maps to a folder in a Galaxy library.

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'description', 'deleted', 'item\_count')

**container\_id**

Deprecated property.

Id of the folder container. Use `container.id` instead.

**gi\_module**

**parent**

The parent folder of this folder. The parent of the root folder is None.

**Return type** `Folder`

**Returns** the parent of this folder

**refresh()**

Re-fetch the attributes pertaining to this object.

Returns: self

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.Dataset` (*ds\_dict, container, gi=None*)

Abstract base class for Galaxy datasets.

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'data\_type', 'file\_name', 'file\_size', 'state', 'deleted',

**POLLING\_INTERVAL** = 1

**container\_id**

Deprecated property.

Id of the dataset container. Use `container.id` instead.

**download** (*file\_object, chunk\_size=4096*)

Open dataset for reading and save its contents to `file_object`.

**Parameters** `file_object` (*file*) – output file object

See `get_stream()` for info on other params.

**get\_contents** (*chunk\_size=4096*)

Open dataset for reading and return its **full** contents.

See `get_stream()` for param info.

**get\_stream** (*chunk\_size=4096*)

Open dataset for reading and return an iterator over its contents.

**Parameters** `chunk_size` (*int*) – read this amount of bytes at a time

**peek** (*chunk\_size=4096*)

Open dataset for reading and return the first chunk.

See `get_stream()` for param info.

**refresh()**

Re-fetch the attributes pertaining to this object.

Returns: self

**wait** (*polling\_interval=1, break\_on\_error=True*)  
 Wait for this dataset to come out of the pending states.

**Parameters**

- **polling\_interval** (*float*) – polling interval in seconds
- **break\_on\_error** (*bool*) – if `True`, raise a `RuntimeError` exception if the dataset ends in the ‘error’ state.

**Warning:** This is a blocking operation that can take a very long time. Also, note that this method does not return anything; however, this dataset is refreshed (possibly multiple times) during the execution.

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.HistoryDatasetAssociation` (*ds\_dict*,  
*container*,  
*gi=None*)

Maps to a Galaxy `HistoryDatasetAssociation`.

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'data\_type', 'file\_name', 'file\_size', 'state', 'deleted',

**SRC** = 'hda'

**delete** (*purge=False*)  
 Delete this history dataset.

**Parameters** **purge** (*bool*) – if `True`, also purge (permanently delete) the dataset

---

**Note:** For the `purge` option to work, the Galaxy instance must have the `allow_user_dataset_purge` option set to `True` in the `config/galaxy.ini` configuration file.

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**Warning:** If you purge a dataset which has not been previously deleted, Galaxy since release\_15.03 wrongly does not set the `deleted` attribute of the dataset to `True`, see <https://github.com/galaxyproject/galaxy/issues/3548>

**gi\_module**

**update** (*\*\*kws*)  
 Update this history dataset metadata. Some of the attributes that can be modified are documented below.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – Replace history dataset name with the given string
- **genome\_build** (*str*) – Replace history dataset genome build (dbkey)
- **annotation** (*str*) – Replace history dataset annotation with given string
- **deleted** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history dataset as deleted
- **visible** (*bool*) – Mark or unmark history dataset as visible

**class** `bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.DatasetCollection` (*dsc\_dict*, *container*,  
*gi=None*)

Abstract base class for Galaxy dataset collections.

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'state', 'deleted', 'collection\_type')

**refresh()**  
Re-fetch the attributes pertaining to this object.  
Returns: self

**class** bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.**HistoryDatasetCollectionAssociation** (*dsc\_dict*,  
*container*,  
*gi=None*)

Maps to a Galaxy HistoryDatasetCollectionAssociation.

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'state', 'deleted', 'collection\_type', 'tags', 'visible',  
**SRC** = 'hdca'

**delete()**  
Delete this dataset collection.

**gi\_module**

**class** bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.**LibraryDatasetDatasetAssociation** (*ds\_dict*,  
*container*,  
*gi=None*)

Maps to a Galaxy LibraryDatasetDatasetAssociation.

**SRC** = 'ldda'

**class** bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.**LibraryDataset** (*ds\_dict*, *container*, *gi=None*)  
Maps to a Galaxy LibraryDataset.

**SRC** = 'ld'

**delete** (*purged=False*)  
Delete this library dataset.

**Parameters** **purged** (*bool*) – if True, also purge (permanently delete) the dataset

**class** bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.**Tool** (*t\_dict*, *gi=None*)  
Maps to a Galaxy tool.

**BASE\_ATTRS** = ('id', 'name', 'version')

**POLLING\_INTERVAL** = 10

**gi\_module**

**run** (*inputs*, *history*, *wait=False*, *polling\_interval=10*)  
Execute this tool in the given history with inputs from dict *inputs*.

**Parameters**

- **inputs** (*dict*) – dictionary of input datasets and parameters for the tool (see below)
- **history** (*History*) – the history where to execute the tool
- **wait** (*bool*) – whether to wait while the returned datasets are in a pending state
- **polling\_interval** (*float*) – polling interval in seconds

**Return type** list of *HistoryDatasetAssociation*

**Returns** list of output datasets

The *inputs* dict should contain input datasets and parameters in the (largely undocumented) format used by the Galaxy API. Some examples can be found in [Galaxy's API test suite](#). The value of an input dataset can also be a *Dataset* object, which will be automatically converted to the needed format.

```
class bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.Job (j_dict, gi=None)
    Maps to a Galaxy job.
```

```
    BASE_ATTRS = ('id', 'state')
```

```
    gi_module
```

```
class bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.Preview (pw_dict, gi=None)
    Abstract base class for Galaxy entity 'previews'.
```

Classes derived from this one model the short summaries returned by global getters such as `/api/libraries`.

```
    BASE_ATTRS = ('id', 'name', 'deleted')
```

```
class bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.LibraryPreview (pw_dict, gi=None)
    Models Galaxy library 'previews'.
```

Instances of this class wrap dictionaries obtained by getting `/api/libraries` from Galaxy.

```
    gi_module
```

```
class bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.HistoryPreview (pw_dict, gi=None)
    Models Galaxy history 'previews'.
```

Instances of this class wrap dictionaries obtained by getting `/api/histories` from Galaxy.

```
    BASE_ATTRS = ('id', 'name', 'deleted', 'tags')
```

```
    gi_module
```

```
class bioblend.galaxy.objects.wrappers.WorkflowPreview (pw_dict, gi=None)
    Models Galaxy workflow 'previews'.
```

Instances of this class wrap dictionaries obtained by getting `/api/workflows` from Galaxy.

```
    BASE_ATTRS = ('id', 'name', 'deleted', 'published', 'tags')
```

```
    gi_module
```

### 5.2.3 Usage documentation

This page describes some sample use cases for the Galaxy API and provides examples for these API calls. In addition to this page, there are functional examples of complete scripts in the `docs/examples` directory of the BioBlend source code repository.

#### Connect to a Galaxy server

To connect to a running Galaxy server, you will need an account on that Galaxy instance and an API key for the account. Instructions on getting an API key can be found at <https://galaxyproject.org/develop/api/>.

To open a connection call:

```
from bioblend.galaxy import GalaxyInstance

gi = GalaxyInstance(url='http://example.galaxy.url', key='your-API-key')
```

We now have a `GalaxyInstance` object which allows us to interact with the Galaxy server under our account, and access our data. If the account is a Galaxy admin account we also will be able to use this connection to carry out admin actions.

## View Histories and Datasets

Methods for accessing histories and datasets are grouped under `GalaxyInstance.histories.*` and `GalaxyInstance.datasets.*` respectively.

To get information on the Histories currently in your account, call:

```
>>> gi.histories.get_histories()
[{'id': 'f3c2b0f3ecac9f02',
  'name': 'RNAseq_DGE_BASIC_Prep',
  'url': '/api/histories/f3c2b0f3ecac9f02'},
 {'id': '8a91dcf1866a80c2',
  'name': 'June demo',
  'url': '/api/histories/8a91dcf1866a80c2'}]
```

This returns a list of dictionaries containing basic metadata, including the id and name of each History. In this case, we have two existing Histories in our account, 'RNAseq\_DGE\_BASIC\_Prep' and 'June demo'. To get more detailed information about a History we can pass its id to the `show_history` method:

```
>>> gi.histories.show_history('f3c2b0f3ecac9f02', contents=False)
{'annotation': '',
 'contents_url': '/api/histories/f3c2b0f3ecac9f02/contents',
 'id': 'f3c2b0f3ecac9f02',
 'name': 'RNAseq_DGE_BASIC_Prep',
 'nice_size': '93.5 MB',
 'state': 'ok',
 'state_details': {'discarded': 0,
                   'empty': 0,
                   'error': 0,
                   'failed_metadata': 0,
                   'new': 0,
                   'ok': 7,
                   'paused': 0,
                   'queued': 0,
                   'running': 0,
                   'setting_metadata': 0,
                   'upload': 0 },
 'state_ids': {'discarded': [],
               'empty': [],
               'error': [],
               'failed_metadata': [],
               'new': [],
               'ok': ['d6842fb08a76e351',
                     '10a4b652da44e82a',
                     '81c601a2549966a0',
                     'a154f05e3bcee26b',
                     '1352fe19ddce0400',
                     '06d549c52d753e53',
                     '9ec54455d6279cc7'],
               'paused': [],
               'queued': [],
               'running': [],
               'setting_metadata': [],
               'upload': []
              }
}
```

This gives us a dictionary containing the History's metadata. With `contents=False` (the default), we only get a list of ids of the datasets contained within the History; with `contents=True` we would get metadata on each dataset.

We can also directly access more detailed information on a particular dataset by passing its id to the `show_dataset` method:

```
>>> gi.datasets.show_dataset('10a4b652da44e82a')
{'data_type': u'fastqsanger',
 'deleted': False,
 'file_size': 16527060,
 'genome_build': u'dm3',
 'id': 17499,
 'metadata_data_lines': None,
 'metadata_dbkey': u'dm3',
 'metadata_sequences': None,
 'misc_blurb': u'15.8 MB',
 'misc_info': u'Noneuploaded fastqsanger file',
 'model_class': u'HistoryDatasetAssociation',
 'name': u'C1_R2_1.chr4.fq',
 'purged': False,
 'state': u'ok',
 'visible': True}
```

## Uploading Datasets to a History

To upload a local file to a Galaxy server, you can run the `upload_file` method, supplying the path to a local file:

```
>>> gi.tools.upload_file('test.txt', 'f3c2b0f3ecac9f02')
{'implicit_collections': [],
 'jobs': [{u'create_time': u'2015-07-28T17:52:39.756488',
          u'exit_code': None,
          u'id': u'9752b387803d3e1e',
          u'model_class': u'Job',
          u'state': u'new',
          u'tool_id': u'upload1',
          u'update_time': u'2015-07-28T17:52:39.987509'}]},
 'output_collections': [],
 'outputs': [{u'create_time': u'2015-07-28T17:52:39.331176',
              u'data_type': u'galaxy.datatypes.data.Text',
              u'deleted': False,
              u'file_ext': u'auto',
              u'file_size': 0,
              u'genome_build': u'?',
              u'hda_ldda': u'hda',
              u'hid': 16,
              u'history_content_type': u'dataset',
              u'history_id': u'f3c2b0f3ecac9f02',
              u'id': u'59c76a119581e190',
              u'metadata_data_lines': None,
              u'metadata_dbkey': u'?',
              u'misc_blurb': None,
              u'misc_info': None,
              u'model_class': u'HistoryDatasetAssociation',
              u'name': u'test.txt',
              u'output_name': u'output0',
              u'peek': u'<table cellspacing="0" cellpadding="3"></table>',
              u'purged': False,
              u'state': u'queued',
              u'tags': [],
              u'update_time': u'2015-07-28T17:52:39.611887',
```

```
u'uuid': u'ff0ee99b-7542-4125-802d-7a193f388e7e',
u'visible': True}}
```

If files are greater than 2GB in size, they will need to be uploaded via FTP. Importing files from the user's FTP folder can be done via running the upload tool again:

```
>>> gi.tools.upload_from_ftp('test.txt', 'f3c2b0f3ecac9f02')
{u'implicit_collections': [],
 u'jobs': [{u'create_time': u'2015-07-28T17:57:43.704394',
            u'exit_code': None,
            u'id': u'82b264d8c3d11790',
            u'model_class': u'Job',
            u'state': u'new',
            u'tool_id': u'upload1',
            u'update_time': u'2015-07-28T17:57:43.910958'}]},
 u'output_collections': [],
 u'outputs': [{u'create_time': u'2015-07-28T17:57:43.209041',
                u'data_type': u'galaxy.datatypes.data.Text',
                u'deleted': False,
                u'file_ext': u'auto',
                u'file_size': 0,
                u'genome_build': u'?',
                u'hda_ldda': u'hda',
                u'hid': 17,
                u'history_content_type': u'dataset',
                u'history_id': u'f3c2b0f3ecac9f02',
                u'id': u'a676e8f07209a3be',
                u'metadata_data_lines': None,
                u'metadata_dbkey': u'?',
                u'misc_blurb': None,
                u'misc_info': None,
                u'model_class': u'HistoryDatasetAssociation',
                u'name': u'test.txt',
                u'output_name': u'output0',
                u'peek': u'<table cellspacing="0" cellpadding="3"></table>',
                u'purged': False,
                u'state': u'queued',
                u'tags': [],
                u'update_time': u'2015-07-28T17:57:43.544407',
                u'uuid': u'2cbe8f0a-4019-47c4-87e2-005ce35b8449',
                u'visible': True}]}
```

## View Data Libraries

Methods for accessing Data Libraries are grouped under `GalaxyInstance.libraries.*`. Most Data Library methods are available to all users, but as only administrators can create new Data Libraries within Galaxy, the `create_folder` and `create_library` methods can only be called using an API key belonging to an admin account.

We can view the Data Libraries available to our account using:

```
>>> gi.libraries.get_libraries()
[{'id': u'8e6f930d00d123ea',
  'name': u'RNA-seq workshop data',
  'url': u'/api/libraries/8e6f930d00d123ea'},
 {'id': u'f740ab636b360a70',
```



```
u'name': u'1000 genomes',
u'url': u'/api/libraries/f740ab636b360a70']}]
```

This gives a list of metadata dictionaries with basic information on each library. We can get more information on a particular Data Library by passing its id to the `show_library` method:

```
>>> gi.libraries.show_library('8e6f930d00d123ea')
{'contents_url': u'/api/libraries/8e6f930d00d123ea/contents',
 u'description': u'RNA-Seq workshop data',
 u'name': u'RNA-Seq',
 u'synopsis': u'Data for the RNA-Seq tutorial'}
```

## Upload files to a Data Library

We can get files into Data Libraries in several ways: by uploading from our local machine, by retrieving from a URL, by passing the new file content directly into the method, or by importing a file from the filesystem on the Galaxy server.

For instance, to upload a file from our machine we might call:

```
>>> gi.libraries.upload_file_from_local_path('8e6f930d00d123ea', '/local/path/to/
↳mydata.fastq', file_type='fastqsanger')
```

Note that we have provided the id of the destination Data Library, and in this case we have specified the type that Galaxy should assign to the new dataset. The default value for `file_type` is 'auto', in which case Galaxy will attempt to guess the dataset type.

## View Workflows

Methods for accessing workflows are grouped under `GalaxyInstance.workflows.*`.

To get information on the Workflows currently in your account, use:

```
>>> gi.workflows.get_workflows()
[{'id': u'e8b85ad72aefca86',
 u'name': u"TopHat + cufflinks part 1",
 u'url': u'/api/workflows/e8b85ad72aefca86'},
 {'id': u'b0631c44aa74526d',
 u'name': u'CuffDiff',
 u'url': u'/api/workflows/b0631c44aa74526d'}]
```

This returns a list of metadata dictionaries. We can get the details of a particular Workflow, including its steps, by passing its id to the `show_workflow` method:

```
>>> gi.workflows.show_workflow('e8b85ad72aefca86')
{'id': u'e8b85ad72aefca86',
 u'inputs':
  {'252':
   {'label': u'Input RNA-seq fastq',
    u'value': u''
   }
  },
 u'name': u"TopHat + cufflinks part 1",
 u'steps':
  {'250':
```

```

    {u'id': 250,
      u'input_steps':
        {u'input1':
          {u'source_step': 252,
            u'step_output': u'output'
          }
        },
      u'tool_id': u'tophat',
      u'type': u'tool'
    },
    u'251':
    {u'id': 251,
      u'input_steps':
        {u'input':
          {u'source_step': 250,
            u'step_output': u'accepted_hits'
          }
        },
      u'tool_id': u'cufflinks',
      u'type': u'tool'
    },
    u'252':
    {u'id': 252,
      u'input_steps': {},
      u'tool_id': None,
      u'type': u'data_input'
    }
  },
  u'url': u'/api/workflows/e8b85ad72aefca86'
}

```

## Export or import a workflow

Workflows can be exported from or imported into Galaxy. This makes it possible to archive workflows, or to move them between Galaxy instances.

To export a workflow, we can call:

```
>>> workflow_dict = gi.workflows.export_workflow_dict('e8b85ad72aefca86')
```

This gives us a complex dictionary representing the workflow. We can import this dictionary as a new workflow with:

```
>>> gi.workflows.import_workflow_dict(workflow_dict)
{u'id': u'c0bacafdf211f9a',
 u'name': u'TopHat + cufflinks part 1 (imported from API)',
 u'url': u'/api/workflows/c0bacafdf211f9a'}
```

This call returns a dictionary containing basic metadata on the new workflow. Since in this case we have imported the dictionary into the original Galaxy instance, we now have a duplicate of the original workflow in our account:

```
>>> gi.workflows.get_workflows()
[{u'id': u'c0bacafdf211f9a',
  u'name': u'TopHat + cufflinks part 1 (imported from API)',
  u'url': u'/api/workflows/c0bacafdf211f9a'},
 {u'id': u'e8b85ad72aefca86',
  u'name': u"TopHat + cufflinks part 1",
  u'url': u'/api/workflows/e8b85ad72aefca86'},
```

```
{u'id': u'b0631c44aa74526d',
  u'name': u'CuffDiff',
  u'url': u'/api/workflows/b0631c44aa74526d'}}
```

Instead of using dictionaries directly, workflows can be exported to or imported from files on the local disk using the `export_workflow_to_local_path` and `import_workflow_from_local_path` methods. See the [API reference](#) for details.

**Note:** If we export a workflow from one Galaxy instance and import it into another, Galaxy will only run it without modification if it has the same versions of the tool wrappers installed. This is to ensure reproducibility. Otherwise, we will need to manually update the workflow to use the new tool versions.

## Run a Workflow

To run a Workflow, we need to tell Galaxy which datasets to use for which workflow inputs. We can use datasets from Histories or Data Libraries.

Examine the Workflow above. We can see that it takes only one input file. That is:

```
>>> wf = gi.workflows.show_workflow('e8b85ad72aefca86')
>>> wf['inputs']
{u'252':
  {u'label':
    u'Input RNA-seq fastq',
    u'value': u''
  }
}
```

There is one input, labelled 'Input RNA-seq fastq'. This input is passed to the Tophat tool and should be a fastq file. We will use the dataset we examined above, under [View Histories and Datasets](#), which had name 'C1\_R2\_1.chr4.fq' and id '10a4b652da44e82a'.

To specify the inputs, we build a data map and pass this to the `run_workflow` method. This data map is a nested dictionary object which maps inputs to datasets. We call:

```
>>> datamap = dict()
>>> datamap['252'] = { 'src':'hda', 'id':'10a4b652da44e82a' }
>>> gi.workflows.run_workflow('e8b85ad72aefca86', datamap, history_name='New output_
↪history')
{u'history': u'0a7b7992a7cabaec',
  u'outputs': [u'33be8ad9917d9207',
    u'fbee1c2dc793c114',
    u'85866441984f9e28',
    u'1c51aa78d3742386',
    u'a68e8770e52d03b4',
    u'c54baf809e3036ac',
    u'ba0db8ce6cd1fe8f',
    u'c019e4cf08b2ac94'
  ]
}
```

In this case the only input id is '252' and the corresponding dataset id is '10a4b652da44e82a'. We have specified the dataset source to be 'hda' (HistoryDatasetAssociation) since the dataset is stored in a History. See the [API reference](#) for allowed dataset specifications. We have also requested that a new History be created and used to store the results of the run, by setting `history_name='New output history'`.

The `run_workflow` call submits all the jobs which need to be run to the Galaxy workflow engine, with the appropriate dependencies so that they will run in order. The call returns immediately, so we can continue to submit new jobs while waiting for this workflow to execute. `run_workflow` returns the id of the output History and of the datasets that will be created as a result of this run. Note that these dataset ids are valid immediately, so we can specify these datasets as inputs to new jobs even before the files have been created, and the new jobs will be added to the queue with the appropriate dependencies.

If we view the output History immediately after calling `run_workflow`, we will see something like:

```
>>> gi.histories.show_history('0a7b7992a7cabaec')
{'annotation': u'',
 'contents_url': u'/api/histories/0a7b7992a7cabaec/contents',
 'id': u'0a7b7992a7cabaec',
 'name': u'New output history',
 'nice_size': u'0 bytes',
 'state': u'queued',
 'state_details': {'discarded': 0,
                   'empty': 0,
                   'error': 0,
                   'failed_metadata': 0,
                   'new': 0,
                   'ok': 0,
                   'paused': 0,
                   'queued': 8,
                   'running': 0,
                   'setting_metadata': 0,
                   'upload': 0},
 'state_ids': {'discarded': [],
               'empty': [],
               'error': [],
               'failed_metadata': [],
               'new': [],
               'ok': [],
               'paused': [],
               'queued': [u'33be8ad9917d9207',
                          u'fbee1c2dc793c114',
                          u'85866441984f9e28',
                          u'1c51aa78d3742386',
                          u'a68e8770e52d03b4',
                          u'c54baf809e3036ac',
                          u'ba0db8ce6cd1fe8f',
                          u'c019e4cf08b2ac94'],
               'running': [],
               'setting_metadata': [],
               'upload': []
              }
}
```

In this case, because the submitted jobs have not had time to run, the output History contains 8 datasets in the 'queued' state and has a total size of 0 bytes. If we make this call again later we should instead see completed output files.

## View Users

Methods for managing users are grouped under `GalaxyInstance.users.*`. User management is only available to Galaxy administrators, that is, the API key used to connect to Galaxy must be that of an admin account.

To get a list of users, call:

```
>>> gi.users.get_users()
[{'email': u'userA@unimelb.edu.au',
  u'id': u'975a9ce09b49502a',
  u'quota_percent': None,
  u'url': u'/api/users/975a9ce09b49502a'},
 {'email': u'userB@student.unimelb.edu.au',
  u'id': u'0193a95acf427d2c',
  u'quota_percent': None,
  u'url': u'/api/users/0193a95acf427d2c'}]
```

## 5.3 Toolshed API

API used to interact with the Galaxy Toolshed, including repository management.

### 5.3.1 API documentation for interacting with the Galaxy Toolshed

#### ToolshedInstance

**class** `bioblend.toolshed.ToolshedInstance` (*url*, *key=None*, *email=None*, *password=None*, *verify=True*)

A base representation of a connection to a Toolshed instance, identified by the Toolshed URL and user credentials.

After you have created a `ToolshedInstance` object, access various modules via the class fields. For example, to work with repositories and get a list of all public repositories, the following should be done:

```
from bioblend import toolshed

ts = toolshed.ToolshedInstance(url='https://testtoolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu')

rl = ts.repositories.get_repositories()

tools = ts.tools.search_tools('fastq')
```

#### Parameters

- **url** (*str*) – A FQDN or IP for a given instance of Toolshed. For example: <https://testtoolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu>. If a Toolshed instance is served under a prefix (e.g. <http://127.0.0.1:8080/toolshed/>), supply the entire URL including the prefix (note that the prefix must end with a slash).
- **key** (*str*) – If required, user's API key for the given instance of Toolshed, obtained from the user preferences.
- **email** (*str*) – Toolshed e-mail address corresponding to the user. Ignored if key is supplied directly.
- **password** (*str*) – Password of Toolshed account corresponding to the above e-mail address. Ignored if key is supplied directly.
- **verify** (*boolean*) – Whether to verify the server's TLS certificate

`__init__` (*url*, *key=None*, *email=None*, *password=None*, *verify=True*)

A base representation of a connection to a ToolShed instance, identified by the ToolShed URL and user credentials.

After you have created a `ToolShedInstance` object, access various modules via the class fields. For example, to work with repositories and get a list of all public repositories, the following should be done:

```
from bioblend import toolshed

ts = toolshed.ToolShedInstance(url='https://testtoolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu')

rl = ts.repositories.get_repositories()

tools = ts.tools.search_tools('fastq')
```

### Parameters

- **url** (*str*) – A FQDN or IP for a given instance of ToolShed. For example: `https://testtoolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu`. If a ToolShed instance is served under a prefix (e.g. `http://127.0.0.1:8080/toolshed/`), supply the entire URL including the prefix (note that the prefix must end with a slash).
- **key** (*str*) – If required, user's API key for the given instance of ToolShed, obtained from the user preferences.
- **email** (*str*) – ToolShed e-mail address corresponding to the user. Ignored if key is supplied directly.
- **password** (*str*) – Password of ToolShed account corresponding to the above e-mail address. Ignored if key is supplied directly.
- **verify** (*boolean*) – Whether to verify the server's TLS certificate

### Categories

Interaction with a Tool Shed instance categories

**class** `bioblend.toolshed.categories.ToolShedCategoryClient` (*toolshed\_instance*)

**get\_categories** (*deleted=False*)

Returns a list of dictionaries that contain descriptions of the repository categories found on the given Tool Shed instance.

**Parameters** **deleted** (*bool*) – whether to show deleted categories

**Return type** *list*

#### Returns

A list of dictionaries containing information about repository categories present in the Tool Shed. For example:

```
[{'deleted': False,
  'description': u'Tools for manipulating data',
  'id': u'175812cd7caaf439',
  'model_class': u'Category',
  'name': u'Text Manipulation',
  'url': u'/api/categories/175812cd7caaf439'}]
```

New in version 0.5.2.

**show\_category** (*category\_id*)

Get details of a given category.

**Parameters** **category\_id** (*str*) – Encoded category ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns** details of the given category

## Repositories

Interaction with a Tool Shed instance repositories

**class** `bioblend.toolshed.repositories.ToolShedRepositoryClient` (*toolshed\_instance*)

**create\_repository** (*name*, *synopsis*, *description=None*, *type='unrestricted'*, *remote\_repository\_url=None*, *homepage\_url=None*, *category\_ids=None*)

Create a new repository in a Tool Shed.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the repository
- **synopsis** (*str*) – Synopsis of the repository
- **description** (*str*) – Optional description of the repository
- **type** (*str*) – type of the repository. One of “unrestricted”, “repository\_suite\_definition”, or “tool\_dependency\_definition”
- **remote\_repository\_url** (*str*) – Remote URL (e.g. GitHub/Bitbucket repository)
- **homepage\_url** (*str*) – Upstream’s homepage for the project
- **category\_ids** (*list*) – List of encoded category IDs

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

a dictionary containing information about the new repository. For example:

```
{
  "deleted": false,
  "deprecated": false,
  "description": "new_synopsis",
  "homepage_url": "https://github.com/galaxyproject/",
  "id": "8cf91205f2f737f4",
  "long_description": "this is some repository",
  "model_class": "Repository",
  "name": "new_repo_17",
  "owner": "qqqqqq",
  "private": false,
  "remote_repository_url": "https://github.com/galaxyproject/tools-
  devteam",
  "times_downloaded": 0,
  "type": "unrestricted",
  "user_id": "adb5f5c93f827949"}

```

**get\_ordered\_installable\_revisions** (*name, owner*)

Returns the ordered list of changeset revision hash strings that are associated with installable revisions. As in the changelog, the list is ordered oldest to newest.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – the name of the repository
- **owner** (*str*) – the owner of the repository

**Return type** *list*

**Returns** List of changeset revision hash strings from oldest to newest

**get\_repositories** ()

Get a list of all the repositories in a Galaxy Tool Shed.

**Return type** *list***Returns**

Returns a list of dictionaries containing information about repositories present in the Tool Shed. For example:

```
[{'category_ids': ['c1df3132f6334b0e', 'f6d7b0037d901d9b'],
  'deleted': False,
  'deprecated': False,
  'description': 'Order Contigs',
  'homepage_url': '',
  'id': '287bd69f724b99ce',
  'name': 'best_tool_ever',
  'owner': 'billybob',
  'private': False,
  'remote_repository_url': '',
  'times_downloaded': 0,
  'type': 'unrestricted',
  'url': '/api/repositories/287bd69f724b99ce',
  'user_id': '5cefd48bc04af6d4'}]
```

Changed in version 0.4.1: Changed method name from `get_tools` to `get_repositories` to better align with the Tool Shed concepts.

**get\_repository\_revision\_install\_info** (*name, owner, changeset\_revision*)

Return a list of dictionaries of metadata about a certain changeset revision for a single tool.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – the name of the repository
- **owner** (*str*) – the owner of the repository
- **changeset\_revision** (*str*) – the changeset\_revision of the RepositoryMetadata object associated with the repository

**Return type** List of dictionaries**Returns**

Returns a list of the following dictionaries:

1. a dictionary defining the repository
2. a dictionary defining the repository revision (RepositoryMetadata)
3. a dictionary including the additional information required to install the repository



For example:

```
[{u'deleted': False,
  u'deprecated': False,
  u'description': u'Galaxy Freebayes Bayesian genetic variant_
↳detector tool',
  u'homepage_url': u'',
  u'id': u'491b7a3fddf9366f',
  u'long_description': u'Galaxy Freebayes Bayesian genetic variant_
↳detector tool originally included in the Galaxy code distribution_
↳but migrated to the tool shed.',
  u'name': u'freebayes',
  u'owner': u'devteam',
  u'private': False,
  u'remote_repository_url': u'',
  u'times_downloaded': 269,
  u'type': u'unrestricted',
  u'url': u'/api/repositories/491b7a3fddf9366f',
  u'user_id': u'1de29d50c3c44272'},
{u'changeset_revision': u'd291dc763c4c',
  u'do_not_test': False,
  u'downloadable': True,
  u'has_repository_dependencies': False,
  u'id': u'504be8aaa652c154',
  u'includes_datatypes': False,
  u'includes_tool_dependencies': True,
  u'includes_tools': True,
  u'includes_tools_for_display_in_tool_panel': True,
  u'includes_workflows': False,
  u'malicious': False,
  u'repository_id': u'491b7a3fddf9366f',
  u'url': u'/api/repository_revisions/504be8aaa652c154'},
{u'freebayes': [u'Galaxy Freebayes Bayesian genetic variant_
↳detector tool',
  u'http://testtoolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/repos/devteam/freebayes',
  u'd291dc763c4c',
  u'9',
  u'devteam',
  {}],
  {u'freebayes/0.9.6_9608597d12e127c847ae03aa03440ab63992fedf': {u
↳'changeset_revision': u'd291dc763c4c',
  u'name': u'freebayes',
  u'repository_name': u'freebayes',
  u'repository_owner': u'devteam',
  u'type': u'package',
  u'version': u'0.9.6_9608597d12e127c847ae03aa03440ab63992fedf'}},
  u'samtools/0.1.18': {u'changeset_revision': u'd291dc763c4c',
  u'name': u'samtools',
  u'repository_name': u'freebayes',
  u'repository_owner': u'devteam',
  u'type': u'package',
  u'version': u'0.1.18'}}}]}
```

**repository\_revisions** (*downloadable=None, malicious=None, tools\_functionally\_correct=None, missing\_test\_components=None, do\_not\_test=None, includes\_tools=None, test\_install\_error=None, skip\_tool\_test=None*)

Returns a (possibly filtered) list of dictionaries that include information about all repository revisions. The following parameters can be used to filter the list.

**Parameters**

- **downloadable** (*bool*) – Can the tool be downloaded
- **malicious** (*bool*) –
- **tools\_functionally\_correct** (*bool*) –
- **missing\_test\_components** (*bool*) –
- **do\_not\_test** (*bool*) –
- **includes\_tools** (*bool*) –
- **test\_install\_error** (*bool*) –
- **skip\_tool\_test** (*bool*) –

**Return type** List of dictionaries

**Returns**

Returns a (possibly filtered) list of dictionaries that include information about all repository revisions. For example:

```
[{u'changeset_revision': u'6e26c5a48e9a',
  u'do_not_test': False,
  u'downloadable': True,
  u'has_repository_dependencies': False,
  u'id': u'92250afff777a169',
  u'includes_datatypes': False,
  u'includes_tool_dependencies': False,
  u'includes_tools': True,
  u'includes_tools_for_display_in_tool_panel': True,
  u'includes_workflows': False,
  u'malicious': False,
  u'missing_test_components': False,
  u'repository_id': u'78f2604ff5e65707',
  u'test_install_error': False,
  u'time_last_tested': None,
  u'tools_functionally_correct': False,
  u'url': u'/api/repository_revisions/92250afff777a169'},
 {u'changeset_revision': u'15a54fa11ad7',
  u'do_not_test': False,
  u'downloadable': True,
  u'has_repository_dependencies': False,
  u'id': u'd3823c748ae2205d',
  u'includes_datatypes': False,
  u'includes_tool_dependencies': False,
  u'includes_tools': True,
  u'includes_tools_for_display_in_tool_panel': True,
  u'includes_workflows': False,
  u'malicious': False,
  u'missing_test_components': False,
  u'repository_id': u'f9662009da7bfce0',
  u'test_install_error': False,
  u'time_last_tested': None,
  u'tools_functionally_correct': False,
  u'url': u'/api/repository_revisions/d3823c748ae2205d'}]
```

**search\_repositories** (*q*, *page=1*, *page\_size=10*)

Search for repositories in a Galaxy Tool Shed.

**Parameters**

- **q** (*str*) – query string for searching purposes
- **page** (*int*) – page requested
- **page\_size** (*int*) – page size requested

**Return type** dict**Returns**

dictionary containing search hits as well as metadata for the search. For example:

```
{u'hits': [{u'matched_terms': [],
  u'repository': {u'approved': u'no',
    u'description': u'Convert export file to fastq',
    u'full_last_updated': u'2015-01-18 09:48 AM',
    u'homepage_url': u'',
    u'id': u'bdfa208f0cf6504e',
    u'last_updated': u'less than a year',
    u'long_description': u'This is a simple too to convert Solexas_
↪Export files to FASTQ files.',
    u'name': u'export_to_fastq',
    u'remote_repository_url': u'',
    u'repo_owner_username': u'louise',
    u'times_downloaded': 164},
  u'score': 4.92},
  {u'matched_terms': [],
    u'repository': {u'approved': u'no',
      u'description': u'Convert BAM file to fastq',
      u'full_last_updated': u'2015-04-07 11:57 AM',
      u'homepage_url': u'',
      u'id': u'175812cd7caaf439',
      u'last_updated': u'less than a month',
      u'long_description': u'Use Picards SamToFastq to convert a BAM_
↪file to fastq. Useful for storing reads as BAM in Galaxy and_
↪converting to fastq when needed for analysis.',
      u'name': u'bam_to_fastq',
      u'remote_repository_url': u'',
      u'repo_owner_username': u'brad-chapman',
      u'times_downloaded': 138},
      u'score': 4.14}],
  u'hostname': u'https://testtoolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/',
  u'page': u'1',
  u'page_size': u'2',
  u'total_results': u'64'}
```

**show\_repository** (*toolShed\_id*)

Display information of a repository from Tool Shed

**Parameters** **toolShed\_id** (*str*) – Encoded Tool Shed ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

Information about the tool. For example:

```
{u'category_ids': [u'c1df3132f6334b0e', u'f6d7b0037d901d9b'],
  u'deleted': False,
  u'deprecated': False,
```

```
u'description': u'Order Contigs',
u'homepage_url': u'',
u'id': u'287bd69f724b99ce',
u'long_description': u'',
u'name': u'best_tool_ever',
u'owner': u'billybob',
u'private': False,
u'remote_repository_url': u'',
u'times_downloaded': 0,
u'type': u'unrestricted',
u'url': u'/api/repositories/287bd69f724b99ce',
u'user_id': u'5cefd48bc04af6d4'}
```

Changed in version 0.4.1: Changed method name from `show_tool` to `show_repository` to better align with the Tool Shed concepts.

**show\_repository\_revision** (*metadata\_id*)

Returns a dictionary that includes information about a specified repository revision.

**Parameters** `metadata_id` (*str*) – Encoded repository metadata ID

**Return type** dict

**Returns**

Returns a dictionary that includes information about a specified repository revision. For example:

```
{u'changeset_revision': u'7602de1e7f32',
 u'do_not_test': False,
 u'downloadable': True,
 u'has_repository_dependencies': False,
 u'id': u'504be8aaa652c154',
 u'includes_datatypes': False,
 u'includes_tool_dependencies': False,
 u'includes_tools': True,
 u'includes_tools_for_display_in_tool_panel': True,
 u'includes_workflows': False,
 u'malicious': False,
 u'missing_test_components': True,
 u'repository_id': u'491b7a3fddf9366f',
 u'test_install_error': False,
 u'time_last_tested': None,
 u'tool_test_results': {u'missing_test_components': []},
 u'tools_functionally_correct': False,
 u'url': u'/api/repository_revisions/504be8aaa652c154'}
```

**update\_repository** (*id*, *tar\_ball\_path*, *commit\_message=None*)

Update the contents of a Tool Shed repository with specified tar ball.

**Parameters**

- `id` (*str*) – Encoded repository ID
- `tar_ball_path` (*str*) – Path to file containing tar ball to upload.
- `commit_message` (*str*) – Commit message used for the underlying Mercurial repository backing Tool Shed repository.

**Return type** dict

## Returns

Returns a dictionary that includes repository content warnings. Most valid uploads will result in no such warning and an exception will be raised generally if there are problems. For example a successful upload will look like:

```
{u'content_alert': u'',
 u'message': u''}
```

New in version 0.5.2.

## Tools

Interaction with a Tool Shed instance tools

**class** `bioblend.toolshed.tools.ToolShedToolClient` (*toolshed\_instance*)

**search\_tools** (*q*, *page=1*, *page\_size=10*)

Search for tools in a Galaxy Tool Shed.

### Parameters

- **q** (*str*) – query string for searching purposes
- **page** (*int*) – page requested
- **page\_size** (*int*) – page size requested

**Return type** dict

### Returns

dictionary containing search hits as well as metadata for the search. For example:

```
{u'hits': [{u'matched_terms': [],
 u'score': 3.0,
 u'tool': {u'description': u'convert between various FASTQ_
↪quality formats',
 u'id': u'69819b84d55f521efda001e0926e7233',
 u'name': u'FASTQ Groomer',
 u'repo_name': None,
 u'repo_owner_username': u'devteam'}}],
 u'matched_terms': [],
 u'score': 3.0,
 u'tool': {u'description': u'converts a bam file to fastq files.',
 u'id': u'521e282770fd94537daff87adad2551b',
 u'name': u'Defuse BamFastq',
 u'repo_name': None,
 u'repo_owner_username': u'jjohnson'}}],
 u'hostname': u'https://testtoolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/',
 u'page': u'1',
 u'page_size': u'2',
 u'total_results': u'118'}
```



BioBlend allows library-wide configuration to be set in external files. These configuration files can be used to specify access keys, for example.

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### 6.1.1 BioBlend

**exception** `bioblend.ConnectionError` (*message, body=None, status\_code=None*)

An exception class that is raised when unexpected HTTP responses come back.

Should make it easier to debug when strange HTTP things happen such as a proxy server getting in the way of the request etc. @see: `body` attribute to see the content of the http response

**class** `bioblend.NullHandler` (*level=0*)

Initializes the instance - basically setting the formatter to None and the filter list to empty.

**emit** (*record*)

`bioblend.get_version()`

Returns a string with the current version of the library (e.g., "0.2.0")

`bioblend.init_logging()`

Initialize BioBlend's logging from a configuration file.

`bioblend.set_file_logger` (*name, filepath, level=20, format\_string=None*)

`bioblend.set_stream_logger` (*name, level=10, format\_string=None*)

### 6.1.2 Config

**class** `bioblend.config.Config` (*path=None, fp=None, do\_load=True*)

BioBlend allows library-wide configuration to be set in external files. These configuration files can be used to specify access keys, for example. By default we use two locations for the BioBlend configurations:

- System wide: `/etc/bioblend.cfg`
- Individual user: `~/ .bioblend` (which works on both Windows and Unix)

**get** (*section, name, default=None*)

**get\_value** (*section, name, default=None*)

**getbool** (*section, name, default=False*)

**getfloat** (*section, name, default=0.0*)

**getint** (*section, name, default=0*)



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### Testing

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If you'd like to do more than just a mock test, you'll want to point BioBlend to an instance of Galaxy. Do so by exporting the following two variables:

```
$ export BIOBLEND_GALAXY_URL=http://127.0.0.1:8080
$ export BIOBLEND_GALAXY_API_KEY=<API key>
```

The unit tests, stored in the `tests` folder, can be run using `nose`. From the project root:

```
$ nosetests
```



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### Getting help

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If you've run into issues, found a bug, or can't seem to find an answer to your question regarding the use and functionality of BioBlend, please use [Github Issues](#) page to ask your question.



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### Related documentation

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Links to other documentation and libraries relevant to this library:

- [Galaxy API documentation](#)
- [Blend4j](#): Galaxy API wrapper for Java
- [clj-blend](#): Galaxy API wrapper for Clojure



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