
iso8583

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iso8583 is a Python package that serializes and deserializes ISO8583 data between a `bytes` or `bytarray` instance containing ISO8583 data and a Python `dict`.

CHAPTER 1

At a Glance

`iso8583` package supports custom specifications. See `iso8583.specs` module.

Use `iso8583.decode()` to decode raw iso8583 message.

```
>>> import iso8583  
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec  
>>> encoded_raw = b'02004000000000000000000101234567890'  
>>> decoded, encoded = iso8583.decode(encoded_raw, spec)
```

Use `iso8583.encode()` to encode updated ISO8583 message. It returns a raw ISO8583 message and a dictionary with encoded data.

```
>>> import iso8583  
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec  
>>> decoded = {"t": "0200", "2": "1234567890", "39": "00"}  
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(decoded, spec)
```

To install:

```
pip install pyiso8583
```

1.1 Intro

1.1.1 iso8583 - a Python package for parsing ISO8583 data

`iso8583` package serializes and deserializes ISO8583 data between a `bytes` or `bytearray` instance containing ISO8583 data and a Python `dict`.

iso8583 package supports custom specifications that can define

- Field length and data encoding, such as BCD, ASCII, EBCDIC, etc.

- Field type, such as fixed, LLVAR, LLLVAR, etc.
- Maximum length
- Optional field description

Multiple specifications can co-exist to support ISO8583 messages for POS, ATM, file actions, and so on. Simply define a new specification dictionary. *iso8583* package includes a starter specification in *iso8583.specs* module that can be used as a base to create own custom/proprietary specifications.

Additional information is available on [RTD](#).

Install:

```
pip install pyiso8583
```

1.1.2 Encoding & Decoding

Use `iso8583.decode` to decode raw ISO8583 message. It returns two dictionaries: one with decoded data and one with encoded data.

```
>>> import pprint
>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> encoded_raw = b'02004000000000000000101234567890'
>>> decoded, encoded = iso8583.decode(encoded_raw, spec)
>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0200', 'p': '4000000000000000', '2': '1234567890'}
>>> pprint.pprint(encoded)
{'t': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0200'},
 'p': {'len': b'', 'data': b'4000000000000000'},
 '2': {'len': b'10', 'data': b'1234567890'}}
```

Modify the decoded message to send a response back. Change message type from ‘0200’ to ‘0210’. Remove field 2 (PAN). And add field 39 (Response Code).

```
>>> decoded['t'] = '0210'
>>> decoded.pop('2', None)
'1234567890'
>>> decoded['39'] = '05'
```

Use `iso8583.encode` to encode updated ISO8583 message. It returns a raw ISO8583 message and a dictionary with encoded data.

```
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(decoded, spec)
>>> encoded_raw
bytearray(b'02100000000020000005')
>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0210', 'p': '0000000002000000', '39': '05'}
>>> pprint.pprint(encoded)
{'t': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0210'},
 'p': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0000000002000000'},
 '39': {'len': b'', 'data': b'05'}}
```

1.1.3 Pretty Print Messages

Use `iso8583.pp` to pretty print ISO8583 message.

```

>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> encoded_raw = b'02004000000000000000101234567890'
>>> decoded, encoded = iso8583.decode(encoded_raw, spec)
>>> iso8583.pp(decoded, spec)
t Message Type : '0200'
p Bitmap, Primary : '4000000000000000'
2 Primary Account Number (PAN) : '1234567890'
>>> iso8583.pp(encoded, spec)
t Message Type : b'0200'
p Bitmap, Primary : b'4000000000000000'
2 Primary Account Number (PAN) : b'10' b'1234567890'

```

1.1.4 Contribute

iso8583 package is hosted on [GitHub](#).

Feel free to fork and send contributions over.

1.2 How-To

Note: The examples on this page use `pprint.pp()` which is available starting from Python 3.8. Alternatively, it's also possible to achieve the same result using `pprint.pprint()` with `sort_dicts=False` starting from Python 3.7. Earlier versions of Python 3 can use `pprint.pprint()` but it will sort the keys.

1.2.1 Create Own/Proprietary Specifications

iso8583 comes with specification sample in `iso8583.specs.py`. Feel free to copy sample specification dict and modify it to your needs. Refer to `iso8583.specs` for configuration details.

1.2.2 Create ISO8583 Message

iso8583 converts a Python dict into a bytearray. A dict must consist of `str` keys and `str` values.

At the minimum it must have key '`t`' which contains message type, e.g. '`0200`'.

```

>>> import pprint
>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> decoded = {'t': '0200'}
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(decoded, spec)
>>> encoded_raw
bytearray(b'020000000000000000000000')
>>> pprint.pp(encoded)
{'t': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0200'},
 'p': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0000000000000000'}}
>>> pprint.pp(decoded)
{'t': '0200', 'p': '0000000000000000'}

```

Note that primary bitmap was generated automatically.

An ISO8583 message without any fields is not very useful. To add another field to the message simply add '2'-'128' keys with str data.

```
>>> decoded['2'] = 'cardholder PAN'
>>> decoded['3'] = '111111'
>>> decoded['21'] = '021'
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(decoded, spec)
>>> encoded_raw
bytearray(b'0200600008000000000014cardholder PAN111111021')
>>> pprint.pprint(encoded)
{'t': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0200'},
 'p': {'len': b'', 'data': b'6000080000000000'},
 '2': {'len': b'14', 'data': b'cardholder PAN'},
 '3': {'len': b'', 'data': b'111111'},
 '21': {'len': b'', 'data': b'021'}}
>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0200',
 'p': '6000080000000000',
 '2': 'cardholder PAN',
 '3': '111111',
 '21': '021'}
```

Let's remove some fields.

```
>>> decoded.pop('2', None)
'cardholder PAN'
>>> decoded.pop('3', None)
'111111'
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(decoded, spec)
>>> encoded_raw
bytearray(b'02000000080000000000021')
>>> pprint.pprint(encoded)
{'t': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0200'},
 'p': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0000080000000000'},
 '21': {'len': b'', 'data': b'021'}}
>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0200', 'p': '0000080000000000', '21': '021'}
```

1.2.3 Add Secondary Bitmap

There is no need to explicitly add or remove secondary bitmap. It's auto generated when at least one '65'-'128' fields is present.

```
>>> import pprint
>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> decoded = {
...     't': '0200',
...     '102': '111111'}
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(decoded, spec)
>>> encoded_raw
bytearray(b'0200800000000000000000000000000040000000611111')
>>> pprint.pprint(encoded)
{'t': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0200'},
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```
'p': {'len': b'', 'data': b'80000000000000000000'},
'l': {'len': b'', 'data': b'000000004000000'},
'102': {'len': b'06', 'data': b'111111'}}

>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0200', '102': '111111', 'p': '8000000000000000', 'l': '000000004000000'}
```

Even if secondary (or primary) bitmap is specified it's overwritten with correct value.

```
>>> decoded = {
...     't': '0200',
...     'p': 'spam',
...     'l': 'eggs',
...     '102': '111111'}
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(decoded, spec)
>>> encoded_raw
bytearray(b'0200800000000000000000000000000040000000611111')
>>> pprint.pprint(encoded)
{'t': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0200'},
 'p': {'len': b'', 'data': b'8000000000000000'},
 'l': {'len': b'', 'data': b'000000004000000'},
 '102': {'len': b'06', 'data': b'111111'}}
>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0200', 'p': '8000000000000000', '102': '111111', 'l': '000000004000000'}
```

Secondary bitmap is removed if it's not required.

```
>>> decoded = {
...     't': '0200',
...     'p': 'spam',
...     'l': 'eggs',
...     '21': '051'}
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(decoded, spec)
>>> encoded_raw
bytearray(b'02000000800000000000051')
>>> pprint.pprint(encoded)
{'t': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0200'},
 'p': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0000080000000000'},
 '21': {'len': b'', 'data': b'051'}}
>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0200', 'p': '0000080000000000', '21': '051'}
```

1.2.4 Check for Mandatory Fields

Many ISO8583 implementations need to check if all mandatory fields are received. It's easy to do this using `all()` (docs).

```
>>> import pprint
>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> encoded_raw = b'0200800000000000000000000000000040000000611111'
>>> decoded, encoded = iso8583.decode(encoded_raw, spec)
>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0200', 'p': '8000000000000000', 'l': '000000004000000', '102': '111111'}
>>> decoded.keys()
dict_keys(['t', 'p', 'l', '102'])
```

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```
>>> mandatory_fields = {'2', '102'}
>>> all(field in decoded.keys() for field in mandatory_fields)
False
>>> mandatory_fields = {'102'}
>>> all(field in decoded.keys() for field in mandatory_fields)
True
```

1.2.5 Convert to and from JSON

iso8583 output is JSON compatible.

```
>>> import json
>>> import pprint
>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> encoded_raw = b'0200600008000000000014cardholder PAN111111021'
>>> decoded, encoded = iso8583.decode(encoded_raw, spec)
>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0200',
 'p': '6000080000000000',
 '2': 'cardholder PAN',
 '3': '111111',
 '21': '021'}
>>> decoded_json = json.dumps(decoded)
>>> decoded_json
'{"t": "0200", "p": "6000080000000000", "2": "cardholder PAN", "3": "111111", "21": "\n    \"021"}'
```

And back.

```
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(json.loads(decoded_json), spec)
>>> encoded_raw
bytearray(b'0200600008000000000014cardholder PAN111111021')
```

iso8583.specs specifications are also JSON compatible.

```
>>> import json
>>> import pprint
>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> spec_json = json.dumps(spec)
>>> decoded = {
...     't': '0200',
...     '2': 'PAN'}
>>> encoded_raw, encoded = iso8583.encode(decoded, json.loads(spec_json))
>>> encoded_raw
bytearray(b'0200400000000000000000003PAN')
>>> pprint.pprint(encoded)
{'t': {'len': b'', 'data': b'0200'},
 'p': {'len': b'', 'data': b'4000000000000000'},
 '2': {'len': b'03', 'data': b'PAN'}}
>>> pprint.pprint(decoded)
{'t': '0200', '2': 'PAN', 'p': '4000000000000000'}
```

1.3 Specifications

An ISO8583 spec is a Python dictionary. It describes how each field needs to be encoded and decoded.

1.3.1 Fields

Supported fields:

- **h** - Message Header. If a specification does not have a header then set **max_len** to 0 to disable it.
- **t** - Message Type Identifier
- **p** - Primary Bitmap
- **l** - Secondary Bitmap
- **2 .. 128** - Regular fields

1.3.2 Mandatory Field Properties

Each field defines these properties:

- **data_enc** - field's data encoding type, where:
 - Use `b` for binary or Binary-Coded Decimal (BCD) data. For example, ABCD hex string is encoded as `\xAB\xCD` 2-byte value. Or 1234 numeric string is encoded as `\x12\x34` 2-byte BCD value.
 - Otherwise, provide any valid Python encoding. For example, `ascii` or `latin-1` for ASCII data and `cp500` or similar for EBCDIC data. For a list of possible encodings, see Python standard encodings: <https://docs.python.org/3/library/codecs.html#standard-encodings>
- **len_enc** - field's length encoding type. Follows the same rules as **data_enc**. Some fields, such as ICC data, could have binary data but ASCII length. This parameter does not affect fixed-length fields.
- **len_type** - field's length type: fixed, LVAR, LLVAR, etc. Expressed as a number of bytes in field length. For example, ASCII LLVAR length takes up 2 bytes (`b'00' – b'99'`). BCD LLVAR length can take up only 1 byte (`b'\x00' – b'\x99'`). Therefore, **len_type** depends on the type of **len_enc** being used. BCD **len_enc** can fit higher length ranges in fewer bytes.

len_type	len_enc	
	ASCII / EBCDIC	Binary-Coded Decimal
Fixed	0	0
LVAR	1	1
LLVAR	2	1
LLLVAR	3	2
LLLLVAR	4	2

- **max_len** - field's maximum length in bytes or nibbles. For fixed fields **max_len** defines the length of the field.
- **desc** - field's description that's printed in a pretty format. **desc** plays no role in encoding or decoding data. It's safe to omit it from the specifications. However, if omitted `iso8583.pp()` may or may not work as expected.

1.3.3 Optional Field Properties

Each field may define these additional properties as needed:

- **len_count** - specifies if field's length is measured in bytes or nibbles (half bytes). This parameter affects **max_len**.
 - Use bytes (default) to measure field length in bytes.
 - Use nibbles to measure field length if nibbles (half bytes).
- **left_pad** - specifies pad character to be added/removed on the left side of an odd binary or BCD field without this character being included into field length. Valid pad character is 0–9 for BCD fields and 0–F for binary fields.
This option is used only when **data_enc** is set to b (binary/BCD) and **len_count** is set to **nibbles**. This option is meant for specifications that require odd length binary or BCD data.
- **right_pad** - same as **left_pad** but it pads on the right side. Specify either **left_pad** or **right_pad**. If both are specified at the same time then **left_pad** takes precedence.

1.3.4 Sample Field Specifications

Binary-coded decimal primary bitmap:

```
specification["p"] = {
    "data_enc": "b",
    "len_enc": "b",
    "len_type": 0,
    "max_len": 8,
    "desc": "BCD bitmap, e.g. \x12\x34\x56\x78\x90\xAB\xCD\xEF"
}
```

Hex string primary bitmap:

```
specification["p"] = {
    "data_enc": "ascii",
    "len_enc": "ascii",
    "len_type": 0,
    "max_len": 16,
    "desc": "Hex string bitmap, e.g 1234567890ABCDEF"
}
```

Field 2, a 10-byte BCD fixed length field:

```
specification["2"] = {
    "data_enc": "b",
    "len_enc": "b",
    "len_type": 0,
    "max_len": 10,
    "desc": "BCD fixed field"
}
```

Field 3, an ASCII LLVAR field of maximum 20 bytes:

```
specification["3"] = {
    "data_enc": "ascii",
    "len_enc": "ascii",
    "len_type": 2,
    "max_len": 20,
    "desc": "ASCII LLVAR field"
}
```

Field 4, an EBCDIC LLLVAR field of maximum 150 bytes:

```
specification["4"] = {
    "data_enc": "cp500",
    "len_enc": "cp500",
    "len_type": 3,
    "max_len": 150,
    "desc": "EBCDIC LLLVAR field"
}
```

Field 5, a BCD LLVAR field measured in nibbles and left-padded with 0. The field is maximum 20 nibbles:

```
specification["5"] = {
    "data_enc": "b",
    "len_enc": "b",
    "len_type": 1,
    "len_count": "nibbles",
    "left_pad": "0",
    "max_len": 20,
    "desc": "BCD LLVAR field measured in nibbles, e.g. \x03\x01\x11"
}
```

Field 6, a 3-nibble BCD fixed field right-padded with 0:

```
specification["6"] = {
    "data_enc": "b",
    "len_enc": "b",
    "len_type": 0,
    "len_count": "nibbles",
    "right_pad": "0",
    "max_len": 3,
    "desc": "BCD fixed field measured in nibbles, e.g. \x11\x10"
}
```

1.3.5 Sample Message Specifications

ASCII/Binary

Bitmaps, MACs, PIN, and ICC data are in binary:

```
default = {
    "h": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 0, "desc": "Message Header"}, 
    "t": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 4, "desc": "Message Type"}, 
    "p": {"data_enc": "b", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 8, "desc": "Bitmap, Primary"}, 
    "l": {"data_enc": "b", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 8, "desc": "Bitmap, Secondary"}, 
    "2": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 2, "max_len": 19, "desc": "Primary Account Number (PAN)"}, 
    "3": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 6, "desc": "Processing Code"}, 
    "4": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 12, "desc": "Amount, Transaction"}, 
    "5": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 12, "desc": "Amount, Settlement"}, 
}
```

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"6": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 12, "desc": "Amount, Cardholder Billing"},
"7": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 10, "desc": "Transmission Date and Time"},
"8": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 8, "desc": "Amount, Cardholder Billing Fee"},
"9": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 8, "desc": "Conversion Rate, Settlement"},
"10": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 8, "desc": "Conversion Rate, Cardholder Billing"},
"11": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 6, "desc": "System Trace Audit Number"},
"12": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 6, "desc": "Time, Local Transaction"},
"13": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 4, "desc": "Date, Local Transaction"},
"14": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 4, "desc": "Date, Expiration"},
"15": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 4, "desc": "Date, Settlement"},
"16": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 4, "desc": "Date, Conversion"},
"17": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 4, "desc": "Date, Capture"},
"18": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 4, "desc": "Merchant Type"},
"19": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc": "Acquiring Institution Country Code"},
"20": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc": "PAN Country Code"},
"21": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc": "Forwarding Institution Country Code"},
"22": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc": "Point-of-Service Entry Mode"},
"23": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc": "PAN Sequence Number"},
"24": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc": "Network International ID (NII)"},
"25": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 2, "desc": "Point-of-Service Condition Code"},
"26": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 2, "desc": "Point-of-Service Capture Code"},
"27": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 1, "desc": "Authorizing ID Response Length"},
"28": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 9, "desc": "Amount, Transaction Fee"},
"29": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 9, "desc": "Amount, Settlement Fee"},
"30": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 9, "desc": "Amount, Transaction Processing Fee"},
"31": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 9, "desc": "Amount, Settlement Processing Fee"},
"32": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 2, "max_len": 11, "desc": "Acquiring Institution ID Code"},
"33": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 2, "max_len": 11, "desc": "Forwarding Institution ID Code"},
"34": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 2, "max_len": 28, "desc": "Primary Account Number, Extended"},

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"35": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 2, "max_len": 37, "desc
↪": "Track 2 Data"},,
"36": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 3, "max_len": 104, "desc
↪": "Track 3 Data"},,
"37": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 12, "desc
↪": "Retrieval Reference Number"},,
"38": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 6, "desc
↪": "Authorization ID Response"},,
"39": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 2, "desc
↪": "Response Code"},,
"40": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc
↪": "Service Restriction Code"},,
"41": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 8, "desc
↪": "Card Acceptor Terminal ID"},,
"42": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 15, "desc
↪": "Card Acceptor ID Code"},,
"43": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 40, "desc
↪": "Card Acceptor Name/Location"},,
"44": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 2, "max_len": 25, "desc
↪": "Additional Response Data"},,
"45": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 2, "max_len": 76, "desc
↪": "Track 1 Data"},,
"46": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 3, "max_len": 999, "desc
↪": "Additional Data - ISO"},,
"47": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 3, "max_len": 999, "desc
↪": "Additional Data - National"},,
"48": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 3, "max_len": 999, "desc
↪": "Additional Data - Private"},,
"49": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc
↪": "Currency Code, Transaction"},,
"50": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc
↪": "Currency Code, Settlement"},,
"51": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 3, "desc
↪": "Currency Code, Cardholder Billing"},,
"52": {"data_enc": "b", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 8, "desc
↪": "PIN"},,
"53": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 0, "max_len": 16, "desc
↪": "Security-Related Control Information"},,
"54": {"data_enc": "ascii", "len_enc": "ascii", "len_type": 3, "max_len": 240, "desc
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1.4 Functions

1.4.1 Main Functions

`iso8583.decode (s: Union[bytes, bytearray], spec: Mapping[str, Mapping[str, Any]]) → Tuple[Dict[str, str], Dict[str, Dict[str, bytes]]]`
 Deserialize a bytes or bytearray instance containing ISO8583 data to a Python dict.

Parameters

- `s (bytes or bytearray)` – Encoded ISO8583 data
- `spec (dict)` – A Python dict defining ISO8583 specification. See `iso8583.specs` module for examples.

Returns

- `doc_dec (dict)` – Dict containing decoded ISO8583 data
- `doc_enc (dict)` – Dict containing encoded ISO8583 data

Raises

- `DecodeError` – An error decoding ISO8583 bytearray
- `TypeError` – `s` must be a bytes or bytearray instance

Examples

```
>>> import pprint
>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> s = b"0200401010000000000161234567890123456123456111"
>>> doc_dec, doc_enc = iso8583.decode(s, spec)
>>> pprint.pprint(doc_dec)
{'12': '123456',
 '2': '1234567890123456',
 '20': '111',
 'p': '4010100000000000',
 't': '0200'}
```

`iso8583.encode (doc_dec: MutableMapping[str, str], spec: Mapping[str, Mapping[str, Any]]) → Tuple[bytearray, Dict[str, Dict[str, bytes]]]`
 Serialize Python dict containing ISO8583 data to a bytearray.

Parameters

- `doc_dec (dict)` – Dict containing decoded ISO8583 data
- `spec (dict)` – A Python dict defining ISO8583 specification. See `iso8583.specs` module for examples.

Returns

- `s (bytearray)` – Encoded ISO8583 data
- `doc_enc (dict)` – Dict containing encoded ISO8583 data

Raises

- `EncodeError` – An error encoding ISO8583 bytearray

- `TypeError` – `doc_dec` must be a dict instance

Examples

```
>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> doc_dec = {
...     't': '0210',
...     '3': '111111',
...     '39': '05'}
>>> s, doc_enc = iso8583.encode(doc_dec, spec)
>>> s
bytearray(b'02102000000002000001111105')
```

1.4.2 Exceptions

`exception iso8583.DecodeError(msg: str, s: Union[bytes, bytearray], doc_dec: Dict[str, str], doc_enc: Dict[str, Dict[str, bytes]], pos: int, field: str)`

Subclass of `ValueError` that describes ISO8583 decoding error.

Variables

- `msg (str)` – The unformatted error message
- `s (bytes or bytearray)` – The ISO8583 bytes instance being parsed
- `doc_dec (dict)` – Dict containing partially decoded ISO8583 data
- `doc_enc (dict)` – Dict containing partially encoded ISO8583 data
- `pos (int)` – The start index where ISO8583 bytes data failed parsing
- `field (str)` – The ISO8583 field where parsing failed

`exception iso8583.EncodeError(msg: str, doc_dec: MutableMapping[str, str], doc_enc: Dict[str, Dict[str, bytes]], field: str)`

Subclass of `ValueError` that describes ISO8583 encoding error.

Variables

- `msg (str)` – The unformatted error message
- `doc_dec (dict)` – Dict containing decoded ISO8583 data being encoded
- `doc_enc (dict)` – Dict containing partially encoded ISO8583 data
- `field (str)` – The ISO8583 field where parsing failed

1.4.3 Helper Functions

`iso8583.pp(doc: Union[Mapping[str, str], Mapping[str, Mapping[str, bytes]]], spec: Mapping[str, Mapping[str, Any]], desc_width: int = 30, stream: Optional[TextIO] = None, line_width: int = 80)`
→ `None`

Pretty Print Python dict containing ISO8583 data.

Parameters

- `doc (dict)` – Dict containing ISO8583 data

- **spec** (*dict*) – A Python dict defining ISO8583 specification. See iso8583.specs module for examples.
- **desc_width** (*int, optional*) – Field description width (default 30). Specify 0 to print no descriptions.
- **stream** (*stream, optional*) – An output stream. The only method used on the stream object is the file protocol’s write() method. If not specified, the `iso8583.pp()` adopts `sys.stdout`.
- **line_width** (*int, optional*) – Attempted maximum width of output line (default 80).

Notes

For the most correct information to be displayed by `iso8583.pp()` it’s recommended to call it after `iso8583.encode()` or `iso8583.decode()`.

Examples

```
>>> import iso8583
>>> from iso8583.specs import default_ascii as spec
>>> s = b"0200401010000000000161234567890123456123456840"
>>> doc_dec, doc_enc = iso8583.decode(s, spec)
>>> iso8583.pp(doc_dec, spec)
t  Message Type          : '0200'
p  Bitmap, Primary       : '4010100000000000'
2  Primary Account Number (PAN) : '1234567890123456'
12 Time, Local Transaction : '123456'
20 PAN Country Code      : '840'
```

1.5 Change Log

1.5.1 2.1.0 - 2020-12-24

- Added support for fields measured in nibbles (half-bytes).

1.5.2 2.0.2 - 2020-11-20

- Fixed issue #4. Encode secondary bitmap in upper case.

1.5.3 2.0.1 - 2020-08-22

- Include inline type information into the distribution according to PEP 561.
- Address remaining type hint issues.

1.5.4 2.0.0 - 2020-02-21

Backwards incompatible:

- `iso8583.decode()` is updated not to produce bitmap key 'bm'.

- `iso8583.encode()` is updated not to expect bitmap key 'bm' to define fields to encode. The decision on what fields to encode is based on numeric fields in the range of '1'-'128' present in the decoded dictionary.
- `iso8583.add_field()` and `iso8583.del_field()` are removed. With the removal of bitmap set 'bm' default Python dictionary methods are enough.
- `iso8583.encode()` now removes secondary bitmap key '1' from the decoded dictionary if no '65'-'128' fields are present.
- `iso8583.pp()` function signature changed. The first parameter is renamed from `doc_dec` to `doc`.

Other changes:

- `iso8583.pp()` handles both encoded and decoded dictionary output.
- `iso8583.pp()` handles output folding. The default line width is set to 80. Line width can be configured using `new_line_width` parameter.

1.5.5 1.0.2 - 2020-01-11

- Optional proprietary header can now be parsed using standard field settings
- Documentation improvements

1.5.6 1.0.1 - 2019-11-11

- `iso8583.decode()` and `iso8583.decode()` now return a tuple
- `iso8583.decode()` returns a tuple of decoded dict instance and encoded dict instance
- `iso8583.encode()` returns a tuple of encoded bytes instance and encoded dict instance
- Encoded and decoded dict instance keys are now all strings
- Specification keys are now all strings

1.5.7 1.0.0 - 2019-11-04

Initial release.

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