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# ConfigUpdater Documentation

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The sole purpose of [ConfigUpdater](#) is to easily update an INI config file with no changes to the original file except the intended ones. This means comments, the ordering of sections and key/value-pairs as well as their cases are kept as in the original file. Thus ConfigUpdater provides complementary functionality to Python's [ConfigParser](#) which is primarily meant for reading config files and writing *new* ones. Read more on how to use [ConfigUpdater](#) in the [usage page](#).

The key differences to [ConfigParser](#) are:

- minimal invasive changes in the update configuration file,
- proper handling of comments,
- only a single config file can be updated at a time,
- the original case of sections and keys are kept,
- control over the position of a new section/key

Following features are **deliberately not** implemented:

- interpolation of values,
- propagation of parameters from the default section,
- conversions of values,
- passing key/value-pairs with `default` argument,
- non-strict mode allowing duplicate sections and keys.

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**Note:** ConfigUpdater is mainly developed for [PyScaffold](#).

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### 1.1 Usage

First install the package with:

```
pip install configupdater
```

Now we can simply do:

```
from configupdater import ConfigUpdater

updater = ConfigUpdater()
updater.read("setup.cfg")
```

which would read the file `setup.cfg` that is found in many projects.

To change the value of an existing key we can simply do:

```
updater["metadata"]["author"].value = "Alan Turing"
```

At any point we can print the current state of the configuration file with:

```
print(updater)
```

To update the read-in file just call `updater.update_file()` or `updater.write("filename")` to write the changed configuration file to another destination. Before actually writing, `ConfigUpdater` will automatically check that the updated configuration file is still valid by parsing it with the help of `ConfigParser`.

Many of `ConfigParser`'s methods still exists and it's best to look them up in the [API reference](#). Let's look at some examples.

#### 1.1.1 Adding and removing options

Let's say we have the following configuration in a string:

```
cfg = """
[metadata]
author = Ada Lovelace
summary = The Analytical Engine
"""
```

We can add an *license* option, i.e. a key/value pair, in the same way we would do with `ConfigParser`:

```
updater = ConfigUpdater()
updater.read_string(cfg)
updater["metadata"]["license"] = "MIT"
```

A simple `print(updater)` will give show you that the new option was appended to the end:

```
[metadata]
author = Ada Lovelace
summary = The Analytical Engine
license = MIT
```

Since the license is really important to us let's say we want to add it before the `summary` and even add a short comment before it:

```
updater = ConfigUpdater()
updater.read_string(cfg)
(updater["metadata"]["summary"].add_before
    .comment("Ada would have loved MIT")
    .option("license", "MIT"))
```

which would result in:

```
[metadata]
author = Ada Lovelace
# Ada would have loved MIT
license = MIT
summary = Analytical Engine calculating the Bernoulli numbers
```

Using `add_after` would give the same result and looks like:

```
updater = ConfigUpdater()
updater.read_string(cfg)
(updater["metadata"]["author"].add_after
    .comment("Ada would have loved MIT")
    .option("license", "MIT"))
```

Let's say we want to rename `summary` to the more common `description`:

```
updater = ConfigUpdater()
updater.read_string(cfg)
updater["metadata"]["summary"].key = "description"
```

If we wanted no `summary` at all, we could just do `del updater["metadata"]["summary"]`.

### 1.1.2 Adding and removing sections

Adding and remove sections just works like adding and removing options but on a higher level. Sticking to our *Ada Lovelace* example, let's say we want to add a section options just before `metadata` with a comment and two new lines to separate it from `metadata`:

```
updater = ConfigUpdater()
updater.read_string(cfg)
(updater["metadata"].add_before
```

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```
.comment("Some specific project options")
.section("options")
.space(2))
```

As expected, this results in:

```
# Some specific project options
[options]

[metadata]
author = Ada Lovelace
summary = The Analytical Engine
```

We could now fill the new section with options like we learnt before. If we wanted to rename an existing section we could do this with the help of the name attribute:

```
updater["metadata"].name = "MetaData"
```

Sometimes it might be useful to inject a new section not in a programmatic way but more declarative. Let's assume we have thus defined our new section in a multi-line string:

```
sphinx_sect_str = """
[build_sphinx]
source_dir = docs
build_dir = docs/_build
"""
```

With the help of two ConfigUpdater objects we can easily inject this section into our example:

```
sphinx = ConfigUpdater()
sphinx.read_string(sphinx_sect_str)
sphinx_sect = sphinx["build_sphinx"]

updater = ConfigUpdater()
updater.read_string(cfg)

(updater["metadata"].add_after
 .space()
 .section(sphinx_sect.detach()))
```

The `detach()` method will remove the `build_sphinx` section from the first object and add it to the second object. This results in:

```
[metadata]
author = Ada Lovelace
summary = The Analytical Engine

[build_sphinx]
source_dir = docs
build_dir = docs/_build
```

Alternatively, if you want to preserve `build_sphinx` in both `ConfigUpdater` objects (i.e., prevent it from being removed from the first while still adding a copy to the second), you can also rely on `stdlib's copy.deepcopy()` function instead of `detach()`:

```
from copy import deepcopy

(updater["metadata"].add_after
 .space()
 .section(deepcopy(sphinx_sect)))
```

This technique can be used for all objects inside ConfigUpdater: sections, options, comments and blank spaces.

Shallow copies are discouraged in the context of ConfigUpdater because each configuration block keeps a reference to its container to allow easy document editing. When doing editions (such as adding or changing options and comments) based on a shallow copy, the results can be unreliable and unexpected.

For more examples on how the API of ConfigUpdater works it's best to take a look into the [unit tests](#) and read the references.

## 1.2 Contributing

ConfigUpdater is an open-source project and needs your help to improve. If you experience bugs or in general issues, please file an issue report on our [issue tracker](#). If you also want to contribute code or improve the documentation it's best to create a Pull Request (PR) on Github. Here is a short introduction how it works.

### 1.2.1 Code Contributions

#### Submit an issue

Before you work on any non-trivial code contribution it's best to first create an issue report to start a discussion on the subject. This often provides additional considerations and avoids unnecessary work.

#### Create an environment

Before you start coding we recommend to install [Miniconda](#) which allows to setup a dedicated development environment named `configupdater` with:

```
conda create -n configupdater python=3 virtualenv pytest pytest-cov
```

Then activate the environment `configupdater` with:

```
source activate configupdater
```

#### Clone the repository

1. [Create a Github account](#) if you do not already have one.
2. Fork the [project repository](#): click on the *Fork* button near the top of the page. This creates a copy of the code under your account on the GitHub server.
3. Clone this copy to your local disk:

```
git clone git@github.com:YourLogin/configupdater.git
```

4. Run `python setup.py develop` to install configupdater into your environment.

5. Install pre-commit:

```
pip install pre-commit
pre-commit install
```

PyScaffold project comes with a lot of hooks configured to automatically help the developer to check the code being written.

6. Create a branch to hold your changes:

```
git checkout -b my-feature
```

and start making changes. Never work on the main branch!

7. Start your work on this branch. When you're done editing, do:

```
git add modified_files
git commit
```

to record your changes in Git, then push them to GitHub with:

```
git push -u origin my-feature
```

8. Please check that your changes don't break any unit tests with:

```
python setup.py test
```

Don't forget to also add unit tests in case your contribution adds an additional feature and is not just a bugfix.

9. Use [flake8](#) to check your code style.
10. Add yourself to the list of contributors in `AUTHORS.rst`.
11. Go to the web page of your ConfigUpdater fork, and click "Create pull request" to send your changes to the maintainers for review. Find more detailed information [creating a PR](#).

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## **1.5 Changelog**

### **1.5.1 Version 3.2**

- Option `prepend_newline` in `set_values` to optionally avoid new lines, issue #104
- Fix square brackets not parsed in section names, issue #122

### **1.5.2 Version 3.1.1**

- Preserve indentation of section when there are comments, issue #92

### 1.5.3 Version 3.1

- Prevent modifying multi-line values directly with `value`, issue #87
- Added `append` method to `Option` for editing multi-line values
- Added `as_list` method to `Option` to handle multi-line values more easily

### 1.5.4 Version 3.0.1

- Fix error when parsing unindented comments in multi-line values, issue #73
- Fix invalid string produced when `allow_no_value = False`, issue #68

### 1.5.5 Version 3.0

- Added type hinting, issue #16
- Fix parsing error of indented comment lines, issue #25
- Allow handling of raw section comment, issue #25
- More unit testing of `optionxform`, issue #55
- Allowing sections/options to be copied from one document to the other, issue #47
- New logo, issue #29
- Whole API was rechecked by @abravalheri and changed for consistency, issue #19

### 1.5.6 Version 2.0

- Changes in parser, i.e. comments in multi-line option values are kept
- Issue #14 is fixed
- Parameter `empty_lines_in_values` is now activated by default and can be changed
- Renamed `sections_blocks` to `section_blocks` for consistency
- Renamed `last_item` to `last_block` for consistency
- Added `first_block`
- Reworked some internal parts of the inheritance hierarchy
- Added `remove` to remove the current block
- Added `next_block` and `previous_block` for easier navigation in section



### 1.5.7 Version 1.1.3

- Added fallback option to ConfigUpdater.get reflecting ConfigParser

### 1.5.8 Version 1.1.2

- Fix wrongly modifying input in Option.set\_value #11

### 1.5.9 Version 1.1.1

- Fix iterating over the items() view of a section breaks #8

### 1.5.10 Version 1.1

- Validate format on write by default (can be deactivated)
- Fixed issue #7 with mixed-case options
- Fixed issue #7 with add\_before/add\_after problem
- Fixed issue #7 with wrong duplicate mixed-case entries
- Fixed issue #7 with duplicate options after add\_after/before

### 1.5.11 Version 1.0.1

- More sane error message if read\_file is misused
- Also run unittests with Windows

### 1.5.12 Version 1.0

- Fix: Use `\n` instead of `os.linesep` where appropriate

### 1.5.13 Version 0.3.2

- Added Github and documentation link into the project's metadata

### 1.5.14 Version 0.3.1

- Require Python `>= 3.4` with `python_requires`

### 1.5.15 Version 0.3

- Added a `insert_at` function at section level
- Some internal code simplifications

### 1.5.16 Version 0.2

- Added a `to_dict()` function

### 1.5.17 Version 0.1.1

- Allow for flexible comment character in `comment(...)`

### 1.5.18 Version 0.1

- First release

## 1.6 API Reference

**exception** `configupdater.AlreadyAttachedError`(*block*: *str* | *Block* = 'The block')

Bases: `Exception`

{block} has been already attached to a container.

Try to remove it first using `detach` or create a copy using `stdlib's copy.deepcopy`.

**with\_traceback()**

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

**exception** `configupdater.AssignMultilineValueError`(*block*: *str* | *Block* = 'The block')

Bases: `Exception`

Trying to assign a multi-line value to {block}. Use the `set_values` or `append` method to accomplish that.

**with\_traceback()**

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

**class** `configupdater.Comment`(*container*: *Container* | *None* = *None*)

Bases: `Block`

Comment block

**property** `add_after`: `BlockBuilder`

Block builder inserting a new block after the current block

**property** `add_before`: `BlockBuilder`

Block builder inserting a new block before the current block

**add\_line**(*line*: *str*) → *B*

PRIVATE: this function is not part of the public API of `Block`. It is only used internally by other classes of the package during parsing.

Add a line to the current block

**Parameters****line** (*str*) – one line to add**attach**(*container: Container*) → B

PRIVATE: Don't use this as a user!

Rather use *add\_\** or the bracket notation**property container: Container**

Container holding the block

**property container\_idx: int**

Index of the block within its container

**detach**() → B

Remove and return this block from container

**has\_container**() → *bool*

Checks if this block has a container attached

**property next\_block: Block | None**

Next block in the current container

**property previous\_block: Block | None**

Previous block in the current container

**property updated: bool**

True if the option was changed/updated, otherwise False

```
class configupdater.ConfigUpdater(allow_no_value=False, *, delimiters: Tuple[str, ...] = ('=', ':'),
                                comment_prefixes: Tuple[str, ...] = ('#', ';'), inline_comment_prefixes:
                                Tuple[str, ...] | None = None, strict: bool = True, empty_lines_in_values:
                                bool = True, space_around_delimiters: bool = True)
```

Bases: Document

Tool to parse and modify existing cfg files.

ConfigUpdater follows the API of ConfigParser with some differences:

- inline comments are treated as part of a key's value,
- only a single config file can be updated at a time,
- the original case of sections and keys are kept,
- control over the position of a new section/key.

Following features are **deliberately not** implemented:

- interpolation of values,
- propagation of parameters from the default section,
- conversions of values,
- passing key/value-pairs with `default` argument,
- non-strict mode allowing duplicate sections and keys.

**ConfigUpdater** objects can be created by passing the same kind of arguments accepted by the *Parser*. After a **ConfigUpdater** object is created, you can load some content into it by calling any of the *read\** methods (*read()*, *read\_file()* and *read\_string()*).

Once the content is loaded you can use the ConfigUpdater object more or less in the same way you would use a nested dictionary. Please have a look into `Document` to understand the main differences.

When you are done changing the configuration file, you can call `write()` or `update_file()` methods.

**add\_section**(*section*: *str* | *Section*)

Create a new section in the configuration.

Raise `DuplicateSectionError` if a section by the specified name already exists. Raise `ValueError` if name is `DEFAULT`.

### Parameters

**section** (*str* or *Section*) – name or *Section* type

**clear**() → `None`. Remove all items from D.

**get**(*section*, *option*, *fallback*=`UniqueValues._UNSET`)

Gets an option object for a given section or a fallback value.

**Warning:** Please notice this method works differently from what is expected of `MutableMapping.get()` (or `dict.get()`). Similarly to `configparser.ConfigParser.get()`, will take least 2 arguments, and the second argument does not correspond to a default value.

This happens because this function is not designed to return a *Section* of the *ConfigUpdater* document, but instead a nested *Option*.

See `get_section()`, if instead, you want to retrieve a *Section*.

### Parameters

- **section** (*str*) – section name
- **option** (*str*) – option name
- **fallback** (*T*) – if the key is not found and fallback is provided, the fallback value will be returned. `None` is a valid fallback value.

**Attention:** When option is not present, the fallback value itself is returned. If you want instead to obtain a new *Option* object with a default value associated with it, you can try the following:

```
configupdater.get("section", "option", fallback=Option("name", value))
```

... which roughly corresponds to:

```
configupdater["section"].get("option", Option("name", value))
```

### Raises

- **NoSectionError** – if section cannot be found
- **NoOptionError** – if the option cannot be found and no fallback was given

### Returns

*Option* object holding key/value pair when it exists. Otherwise, the value passed via the fallback argument itself (type *T*).

**get\_section**(*name*, *default=None*)

This method works similarly to `dict.get()`, and allows you to retrieve an entire section by its name, or provide a default value in case it cannot be found.

**has\_option**(*section: str*, *option: str*) → `bool`

Checks for the existence of a given option in a given section.

**Parameters**

- **section** (*str*) – name of section
- **option** (*str*) – name of option

**Returns**

whether the option exists in the given section

**Return type**

`bool`

**has\_section**(*key*) → `bool`

Returns whether the given section exists.

**Parameters**

**key** (*str*) – name of section

**Returns**

wether the section exists

**Return type**

`bool`

**items**(*section=UniqueValues.\_UNSET*)

Return a list of (name, value) tuples for options or sections.

If section is given, return a list of tuples with (name, value) for each option in the section. Otherwise, return a list of tuples with (section\_name, section\_type) for each section.

**Parameters**

**section** (*str*) – optional section name, default UNSET

**Returns**

list of *Section* or *Option* objects

**Return type**

`list`

**iter\_blocks**() → `Iterator[T]`

Iterate over all blocks inside container.

**iter\_sections**() → `Iterator[Section]`

Iterate only over section blocks

**keys**() → a set-like object providing a view on D's keys

**options**(*section: str*) → `list[str]`

Returns list of configuration options for the named section.

**Parameters**

**section** (*str*) – name of section

**Returns**

list of option names

**Return type**

list

**optionxform**(*optionstr*) → str

Converts an option key for unification

By default it uses `str.lower()`, which means that ConfigUpdater will compare options in a case insensitive way.

This implementation mimics ConfigParser API, and can be configured as described in `configparser.ConfigParser.optionxform()`.

**Parameters****optionstr** (*str*) – key name**Returns**

unified option name

**Return type**

str

**pop**(*k* [, *d* ]) → *v*, remove specified key and return the corresponding value.

If key is not found, *d* is returned if given, otherwise `KeyError` is raised.

**popitem**() → (*k*, *v*), remove and return some (key, value) pair

as a 2-tuple; but raise `KeyError` if *D* is empty.

**read**(*filename*: *str* | *bytes* | *PathLike*, *encoding*: *str* | *None* = *None*) → *T*

Read and parse a filename.

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – path to file
- **encoding** (*str*) – encoding of file, default *None*

**read\_file**(*f*: *Iterable*[*str*], *source*: *str* | *None* = *None*) → *T*

Like `read()` but the argument must be a file-like object.

The *f* argument must be iterable, returning one line at a time. Optional second argument is the *source* specifying the name of the file being read. If not given, it is taken from *f.name*. If *f* has no *name* attribute, `<???` is used.

**Parameters**

- **f** – file like object
- **source** (*str*) – reference name for file object, default *None*

**read\_string**(*string*: *str*, *source*='<string>') → *T*

Read configuration from a given string.

**Parameters**

- **string** (*str*) – string containing a configuration
- **source** (*str*) – reference name for file object, default '<string>'

**remove\_option**(*section*: *str*, *option*: *str*) → bool

Remove an option.

**Parameters**

- **section** (*str*) – section name

- **option** (*str*) – option name

**Returns**

whether the option was actually removed

**Return type**

*bool*

**remove\_section**(*name: str*) → *bool*

Remove a file section.

**Parameters**

**name** – name of the section

**Returns**

whether the section was actually removed

**Return type**

*bool*

**section\_blocks**() → *list[Section]*

Returns all section blocks

**Returns**

list of *Section* blocks

**Return type**

*list*

**sections**() → *list[str]*

Return a list of section names

**Returns**

list of section names

**Return type**

*list*

**set**(*section: str, option: str, value: None | str | Iterable[str] = None*) → *D*

Set an option.

**Parameters**

- **section** – section name
- **option** – option name
- **value** – value, default *None*

**setdefault**(*k[, d]*) → *D.get(k,d)*, also set *D[k]=d* if *k* not in *D*

**to\_dict**() → *dict[str, dict[str, str | None]]*

Transform to dictionary

**Returns**

dictionary with same content

**Return type**

*dict*

**update**(*[E, ]\*\*F*) → *None*. Update *D* from mapping/iterable *E* and *F*.

If *E* present and has a *.keys()* method, does: for *k* in *E*: *D[k] = E[k]* If *E* present and lacks *.keys()* method, does: for (*k*, *v*) in *E*: *D[k] = v* In either case, this is followed by: for *k*, *v* in *F.items()*: *D[k] = v*

**update\_file**(*validate: bool = True*) → T

Update the read-in configuration file.

**Parameters**

**validate** (*Boolean*) – validate format before writing

**validate\_format**(\*\**kwargs*)

Given the current state of the ConfigUpdater object (e.g. after modifications), validate its INI/CFG textual representation by parsing it with [ConfigParser](#).

The ConfigParser object is instead with the same arguments as the original ConfigUpdater object, but the *kwargs* can be used to overwrite them.

See `validate_format()`.

**values**() → an object providing a view on D's values

**write**(*fp: TextIO, validate: bool = True*)

Write an .cfg/.ini-format representation of the configuration state.

**Parameters**

- **fp** (*file-like object*) – open file handle
- **validate** (*Boolean*) – validate format before writing

**exception** `configupdater.DuplicateOptionError`(*section, option, source=None, lineno=None*)

Bases: [Error](#)

Raised by strict parsers when an option is repeated in an input source.

Current implementation raises this exception only when an option is found more than once in a single file, string or dictionary.

**with\_traceback**()

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**exception** `configupdater.DuplicateSectionError`(*section, source=None, lineno=None*)

Bases: [Error](#)

Raised when a section is repeated in an input source.

Possible repetitions that raise this exception are: multiple creation using the API or in strict parsers when a section is found more than once in a single input file, string or dictionary.

**with\_traceback**()

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**exception** `configupdater.InconsistentStateError`(*msg, fname='<???'>', lineno: int = -1, line: str = '???)*

Bases: [Exception](#)

Internal parser error, some of the parsing algorithm assumptions was violated, and the internal state machine ended up in an unpredicted state.

**with\_traceback**()

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**exception** `configupdater.MissingSectionHeaderError`(*filename, lineno, line*)

Bases: [ParsingError](#)

Raised when a key-value pair is found before any section header.



**with\_traceback()**

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**exception** configupdater.NoConfigFileReadError

Bases: [Error](#)

Raised when no configuration file was read but update requested.

**with\_traceback()**

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**exception** configupdater.NoOptionError(option, section)

Bases: [Error](#)

A requested option was not found.

**with\_traceback()**

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**exception** configupdater.NoSectionError(section)

Bases: [Error](#)

Raised when no section matches a requested option.

**with\_traceback()**

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**exception** configupdater.NoneValueDisallowed

Bases: [SyntaxWarning](#)

Cannot represent <{option} = None>, it will be converted to <{option} = ">. Please use allow\_no\_value=True with ConfigUpdater.

**with\_traceback()**

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**exception** configupdater.NotAttachedError(block: [str](#) | *Block* = 'The block')

Bases: [Exception](#)

{block} is not attached to a container yet. Try to insert it first.

**with\_traceback()**

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**class** configupdater.Option(key: [str](#), value: [str](#) | *None* = None, container: [Section](#) | *None* = None, delimiter: [str](#) = '=', space\_around\_delimiters: *bool* = True, line: [str](#) | *None* = None)

Bases: [Block](#)

Option block holding a key/value pair.

**property** add\_after: [BlockBuilder](#)

Block builder inserting a new block after the current block

**property** add\_before: [BlockBuilder](#)

Block builder inserting a new block before the current block

**add\_line**(line: [str](#))

PRIVATE: this function is not part of the public API of Option. It is only used internally by other classes of the package during parsing.

**add\_value**(value: *str* | *None*)

PRIVATE: this function is not part of the public API of Option. It is only used internally by other classes of the package during parsing.

**append**(value: *str*, \*\*kwargs) → *Option*

Append a value to a multi-line value

**Parameters**

- **value** (*str*) – value
- **kwargs** – keyword arguments for *set\_values*

**as\_list**(separator='\n') → *list*[*str*]

Returns the (multi-line/element) value as a list

Empty list if value is None, single-element list for a one-element value and an element for each line in a multi-element value.

**Parameters**

**separator** (*str*) – separator for values, default: line separator

**attach**(container: *Container*) → *B*

PRIVATE: Don't use this as a user!

Rather use *add\_\** or the bracket notation

**property container:** *Container*

Container holding the block

**property container\_idx:** *int*

Index of the block within its container

**detach**() → *B*

Remove and return this block from container

**has\_container**() → *bool*

Checks if this block has a container attached

**property key:** *str*

Key string associated with the option.

Please notice that the option key is normalized with *optionxform*() .

When the option object is detached, this method will raise a *NotAttachedError* .

**property next\_block:** *Block* | *None*

Next block in the current container

**property previous\_block:** *Block* | *None*

Previous block in the current container

**property raw\_key:** *str*

Equivalent to *key*, but before applying *optionxform*() .

**set\_values**(values: *Iterable*[*str*], separator='\n', indent: *str* | *None* = *None*, prepend\_newline=*True*)

Sets the value to a given list of options, e.g. multi-line values

**Parameters**

- **values** (*iterable*) – sequence of values

- **separator** (*str*) – separator for values, default: line separator
- **indent** (*optional str*) – indentation in case of line separator. If `prepend_newline` is `True` 4 whitespaces by default, otherwise determine automatically if `None`.
- **prepend\_newline** (*bool*) – start with a new line or not, resp.

**property updated:** *bool*

True if the option was changed/updated, otherwise False

**property value:** *str* | *None*

Value associated with the given option.

**value\_start\_idx()** → *int*

Index where the value of the option starts, good for indentation

```
class configupdater.Parser(allow_no_value=False, *, delimiters: ~typing.Tuple[str, ...] = ('=', ':'),
                           comment_prefixes: ~typing.Tuple[str, ...] = ('#', ';'), inline_comment_prefixes:
~typing.Tuple[str, ...] | None = None, strict: bool = True, empty_lines_in_values:
bool = True, space_around_delimiters: bool = True, optionxform:
~typing.Callable[[str], str] = <class 'str'>)
```

Bases: *object*

Parser for updating configuration files.

ConfigUpdater's parser follows ConfigParser with some differences:

- inline comments are treated as part of a key's value,
- only a single config file can be updated at a time,
- the original case of sections and keys are kept,
- control over the position of a new section/key.

Following features are **deliberately not** implemented:

- interpolation of values,
- propagation of parameters from the default section,
- conversions of values,
- passing key/value-pairs with `default` argument,
- non-strict mode allowing duplicate sections and keys.

**read**(*filename: str* | *bytes* | *PathLike*, *encoding: str* | *None* = *None*) → Document

**read**(*filename: str* | *bytes* | *PathLike*, *encoding: str*, *into: D*) → D

**read**(*filename: str* | *bytes* | *PathLike*, \*, *into: D*, *encoding: str* | *None* = *None*) → D

Read and parse a filename.

#### Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – path to file
- **encoding** (*Optional[str]*) – encoding of file, default `None`
- **into** (*Optional[Document]*) – object to be populated with the parsed config

**read\_file**(*f: Iterable[str]*, *source: str* | *None*) → Document

**read\_file**(*f: Iterable[str]*, *source: str* | *None*, *into: D*) → D

**read\_file**(*f*: *Iterable*[*str*], \*, *into*: *D*, *source*: *str* | *None* = *None*) → *D*

Like read() but the argument must be a file-like object.

The *f* argument must be iterable, returning one line at a time. Optional second argument is the *source* specifying the name of the file being read. If not given, it is taken from *f.name*. If *f* has no *name* attribute, <??> is used.

#### Parameters

- **f** – file like object
- **source** (*Optional*[*str*]) – reference name for file object, default *None*
- **into** (*Optional*[*Document*]) – object to be populated with the parsed config

**read\_string**(*string*: *str*, *source*: *str* = '<string>') → *Document*

**read\_string**(*string*: *str*, *source*: *str*, *into*: *D*) → *D*

**read\_string**(*string*: *str*, \*, *into*: *D*, *source*: *str* = '<string>') → *D*

Read configuration from a given string.

#### Parameters

- **string** (*str*) – string containing a configuration
- **source** (*str*) – reference name for file object, default '<string>'
- **into** (*Optional*[*Document*]) – object to be populated with the parsed config

**exception** configupdater.**ParsingError**(*source*=*None*, *filename*=*None*)

Bases: *Error*

Raised when a configuration file does not follow legal syntax.

**with\_traceback**()

Exception.with\_traceback(*tb*) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to *tb* and return self.

**class** configupdater.**Section**(*name*: *str*, *container*: *Document* | *None* = *None*, *raw\_comment*: *str* = '')

Bases: *Block*, *Container*[*Union*[*Option*, *Comment*, *Space*]], *MutableMapping*[*str*, *Option*]

Section block holding options

**property** **add\_after**: *BlockBuilder*

Block builder inserting a new block after the current block

**property** **add\_before**: *BlockBuilder*

Block builder inserting a new block before the current block

**add\_comment**(*line*: *str*) → *S*

Add a *Comment* object to the section

Used during initial parsing mainly

#### Parameters

- **line** (*str*) – one line in the comment

**add\_line**(*line*: *str*) → *B*

PRIVATE: this function is not part of the public API of *Block*. It is only used internally by other classes of the package during parsing.

Add a line to the current block

#### Parameters

- **line** (*str*) – one line to add

**add\_option**(*entry*: *Option*) → S

Add an Option object to the section

Used during initial parsing mainly

**Parameters**

**entry** (*Option*) – key value pair as Option object

**add\_space**(*line*: *str*) → S

Add a Space object to the section

Used during initial parsing mainly

**Parameters**

**line** (*str*) – one line that defines the space, maybe whitespaces

**attach**(*container*: *Container*) → B

PRIVATE: Don't use this as a user!

Rather use *add\_\** or the bracket notation

**clear**() → None. Remove all items from D.

**property container:** *Container*

Container holding the block

**property container\_idx:** *int*

Index of the block within its container

**create\_option**(*key*: *str*, *value*: *str* | *None* = *None*) → *Option*

Creates an option with kwargs that respect syntax options given to the parent ConfigUpdater object (e.g. *space\_around\_delimiters*).

**Warning:** This is a low level API, not intended for public use. Prefer *set()* or *\_\_setitem\_\_()*.

**detach**() → B

Remove and return this block from container

**get**(*key*: *str*) → *Option* | *None*

**get**(*key*: *str*, *default*: *T*) → *Option* | *T*

This method works similarly to *dict.get()*, and allows you to retrieve an option object by its key.

**has\_container**() → *bool*

Checks if this block has a container attached

**has\_option**(*key*) → *bool*

Returns whether the given option exists.

**Parameters**

**option** (*str*) – name of option

**Returns**

whether the section exists

**Return type**

*bool*

**insert\_at**(*idx: int*) → BlockBuilder

Returns a builder inserting a new block at the given index

**Parameters**

**idx** (*int*) – index where to insert

**items**() → list[Tuple[str, Option]]

Return a list of (name, option) tuples for each option in this section.

**Returns**

list of (name, *Option*) tuples

**Return type**

list

**iter\_blocks**() → Iterator[T]

Iterate over all blocks inside container.

**iter\_options**() → Iterator[Option]

Iterate only over option blocks

**keys**() → a set-like object providing a view on D's keys

**property name:** str

Name of the section

**property next\_block:** Block | None

Next block in the current container

**option\_blocks**() → list[Option]

Returns option blocks

**Returns**

list of *Option* blocks

**Return type**

list

**options**() → list[str]

Returns option names

**Returns**

list of option names as strings

**Return type**

list

**pop**(*k[, d]*) → v, remove specified key and return the corresponding value.

If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise KeyError is raised.

**popitem**() → (k, v), remove and return some (key, value) pair

as a 2-tuple; but raise KeyError if D is empty.

**property previous\_block:** Block | None

Previous block in the current container

**property raw\_comment**

Raw comment (includes comment mark) inline with the section header

**set**(*option*: *str*, *value*: *None* | *str* | *Iterable*[*str*] = *None*) → *S*

Set an option for chaining.

#### Parameters

- **option** – option name
- **value** – value, default *None*

**setdefault**(*k*[, *d*]) → *D.get(k,d)*, also set *D[k]=d* if *k* not in *D*

**to\_dict**() → *dict*[*str*, *str* | *None*]

Transform to dictionary

#### Returns

dictionary with same content

#### Return type

*dict*

**update**([*E*, ]\*\**F*) → *None*. Update *D* from mapping/iterable *E* and *F*.

If *E* present and has a *.keys()* method, does: for *k* in *E*: *D[k] = E[k]* If *E* present and lacks *.keys()* method, does: for (*k*, *v*) in *E*: *D[k] = v* In either case, this is followed by: for *k*, *v* in *F.items()*: *D[k] = v*

**property updated**: *bool*

True if the option was changed/updated, otherwise *False*

**values**() → an object providing a view on *D*'s values

**class** configupdater.**Space**(*container*: *Container* | *None* = *None*)

Bases: *Block*

Vertical space block of new lines

**property add\_after**: *BlockBuilder*

Block builder inserting a new block after the current block

**property add\_before**: *BlockBuilder*

Block builder inserting a new block before the current block

**add\_line**(*line*: *str*) → *B*

PRIVATE: this function is not part of the public API of *Block*. It is only used internally by other classes of the package during parsing.

Add a line to the current block

#### Parameters

**line** (*str*) – one line to add

**attach**(*container*: *Container*) → *B*

PRIVATE: Don't use this as a user!

Rather use *add\_\** or the bracket notation

**property container**: *Container*

Container holding the block

**property container\_idx**: *int*

Index of the block within its container

**detach()** → B

Remove and return this block from container

**has\_container()** → bool

Checks if this block has a container attached

**property next\_block:** Block | None

Next block in the current container

**property previous\_block:** Block | None

Previous block in the current container

**property updated:** bool

True if the option was changed/updated, otherwise False



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