aniso8601 Documentation

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Another ISO 8601 parser for Python

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1.2 Installation

The recommended installation method is to use pip:

```
$ pip install aniso8601
```

Alternatively, you can download the source (git repository hosted at Bitbucket) and install directly:

```
$ python setup.py install
```

1.3 Use

1.3.1 Parsing datetimes

To parse a typical ISO 8601 datetime string:

```
>>> import aniso8601
>>> aniso8601.parse_datetime('1977-06-10T12:00:00Z')
datetime.datetime(1977, 6, 10, 12, 0, tzinfo=+0:00:00 UTC)
```

Alternative delimiters can be specified, for example, a space:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_datetime('1977-06-10 12:00:00Z', delimiter=' ')
datetime.datetime(1977, 6, 10, 12, 0, tzinfo=+0:00:00 UTC)
```

UTC offsets are supported:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_datetime('1979-06-05T08:00:00-08:00')
datetime.datetime(1979, 6, 5, 8, 0, tzinfo=-8:00:00 UTC)
```

If a UTC offset is not specified, the returned datetime will be naive:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_datetime('1983-01-22T08:00:00')
datetime.datetime(1983, 1, 22, 8, 0)
```

1.3.2 Parsing dates

To parse a date represented in an ISO 8601 string:

```
>>> import aniso8601
>>> aniso8601.parse_date('1984-04-23')
datetime.date(1984, 4, 23)
```

Basic format is supported as well:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_date('19840423')
datetime.date(1984, 4, 23)
```

To parse a date using the ISO 8601 week date format:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_date('1986-W38-1')
datetime.date(1986, 9, 15)
```

To parse an ISO 8601 ordinal date:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_date('1988-132')
datetime.date(1988, 5, 11)
```

1.3.3 Parsing times

To parse a time formatted as an ISO 8601 string:

```
>>> import aniso8601
>>> aniso8601.parse_time('11:31:14')
datetime.time(11, 31, 14)
```

As with all of the above, basic format is supported:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_time('113114')
datetime.time(11, 31, 14)
```

A UTC offset can be specified for times:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_time('17:18:19-02:30')
datetime.time(17, 18, 19, tzinfo=-2:30:00 UTC)
>>> aniso8601.parse_time('171819Z')
datetime.time(17, 18, 19, tzinfo=+0:00:00 UTC)
```

Reduced accuracy is supported:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_time('21:42')
datetime.time(21, 42)
>>> aniso8601.parse_time('22')
datetime.time(22, 0)
```

A decimal fraction is always allowed on the lowest order element of an ISO 8601 formatted time:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_time('22:33.5')
datetime.time(22, 33, 30)
>>> aniso8601.parse_time('23.75')
datetime.time(23, 45)
```

1.3.4 Parsing durations

To parse a duration formatted as an ISO 8601 string:

```
>>> import aniso8601
>>> aniso8601.parse_duration('P1Y2M3DT4H54M6S')
datetime.timedelta(428, 17646)
```

Reduced accuracy is supported:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_duration('P1Y')
datetime.timedelta(365)
```

A decimal fraction is allowed on the lowest order element:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_duration('P1YT3.5M')
datetime.timedelta(365, 210)
```

The decimal fraction can be specified with a comma instead of a full-stop:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_duration('P1YT3,5M')
datetime.timedelta(365, 210)
```

Parsing a duration from a combined date and time is supported as well:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_duration('P0001-01-02T01:30:5')
datetime.timedelta(397, 5405)
```

1.3.5 Parsing intervals

To parse an interval specified by a start and end:

```
>>> import aniso8601
>>> aniso8601.parse_interval('2007-03-01T13:00:00/2008-05-11T15:30:00')
(datetime.datetime(2007, 3, 1, 13, 0), datetime.datetime(2008, 5, 11, 15, 30))
```

Intervals specified by a start time and a duration are supported:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_interval('2007-03-01T13:00:00Z/P1Y2M10DT2H30M')
(datetime.datetime(2007, 3, 1, 13, 0, tzinfo=+0:00:00 UTC), datetime.datetime(2008, 5, 9, 15, 30, tz
```

A duration can also be specified by a duration and end time:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_interval('P1M/1981-04-05')
(datetime.date(1981, 4, 5), datetime.date(1981, 3, 6))
```

Notice that the result of the above parse is not in order from earliest to latest. If sorted intervals are required, simply use the 'sorted' keyword as shown below:

```
>>> sorted(aniso8601.parse_interval('P1M/1981-04-05'))
[datetime.date(1981, 3, 6), datetime.date(1981, 4, 5)]
```

The end of an interval is given as a datetime when required to maintain the resolution specified by a duration, even if the duration start is given as a date:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_interval('2014-11-12/PT4H54M6.5S')
(datetime.date(2014, 11, 12), datetime.datetime(2014, 11, 12, 4, 54, 6, 500000))
```

Repeating intervals are supported as well, and return a generator:

```
>>> aniso8601.parse_repeating_interval('R3/1981-04-05/P1D')
<generator object date_generator at 0x7f698cdefc80>
>>> list(aniso8601.parse_repeating_interval('R3/1981-04-05/P1D'))
[datetime.date(1981, 4, 5), datetime.date(1981, 4, 6), datetime.date(1981, 4, 7)]
```

Repeating intervals are allowed to go in the reverse direction:

```
>>> list(aniso8601.parse_repeating_interval('R2/PT1H2M/1980-03-05T01:01:00'))
[datetime.datetime(1980, 3, 5, 1, 1), datetime.datetime(1980, 3, 4, 23, 59)]
```

Unbounded intervals are also allowed (Python 2):

```
>>> result = aniso8601.parse_repeating_interval('R/PT1H2M/1980-03-05T01:01:00')
>>> result.next()
datetime.datetime(1980, 3, 5, 1, 1)
>>> result.next()
datetime.datetime(1980, 3, 4, 23, 59)
```

or for Python 3:

```
>>> result = aniso8601.parse_repeating_interval('R/PT1H2M/1980-03-05T01:01:00')
>>> next(result)
datetime.datetime(1980, 3, 5, 1, 1)
>>> next(result)
datetime.datetime(1980, 3, 4, 23, 59)
```

Note that you should never try to convert a generator produced by an unbounded interval to a list:

```
>>> list(aniso8601.parse_repeating_interval('R/PT1H2M/1980-03-05T01:01:00'))
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "aniso8601/__init__.py", line 140, in date_generator_unbounded
    currentdate += timedelta
OverflowError: date value out of range
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "aniso8601/__init__.py", line 140, in date_generator_unbounded
    currentdate += timedelta
OverflowError: date value out of range
```

1.3.6 Date and time resolution

In some situations, it may be useful to figure out the resolution provided by an ISO 8601 date or time string. Two functions are provided for this purpose.

To get the resolution of a ISO 8601 time string:

```
>>> aniso8601.get_time_resolution('11:31:14') == aniso8601.resolution.TimeResolution.Seconds
True
>>> aniso8601.get_time_resolution('11:31') == aniso8601.resolution.TimeResolution.Minutes
True
>>> aniso8601.get_time_resolution('11') == aniso8601.resolution.TimeResolution.Hours
True
```

Similarly, for an ISO 8601 date string:

```
>>> aniso8601.get_date_resolution('1981-04-05') == aniso8601.resolution.DateResolution.Day
True
>>> aniso8601.get_date_resolution('1981-04') == aniso8601.resolution.DateResolution.Month
True
>>> aniso8601.get_date_resolution('1981') == aniso8601.resolution.DateResolution.Year
True
```

1.4 Tests

To run the unit tests, in your source checkout, navigate to the source directory for the Python version being worked on (python2, python3) and type:

```
$ python -m unittest discover aniso8601/tests/
```

1.5 Contributing

aniso8601 is an open source project hosted on Bitbucket.

Any and all bugs are welcome on our issue tracker. Of particular interest are valid ISO 8601 strings that don't parse, or invalid ones that do. At a minimum, bug reports should include an example of the misbehaving string, as well as the expected result. Of course patches containing unit tests (or fixed bugs) are welcome!

1.6 References

- ISO 8601:2004(E) (Caution, PDF link)
- Wikipedia article on ISO 8601
- Discussion on alternative ISO 8601 parsers for Python