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CHAPTER 1

Quick links

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psutil (python system and process utilities) is a cross-platform library for retrieving information on running processes and system utilization (CPU, memory, disks, network, sensors) in Python. It is useful mainly for system monitoring, profiling, limiting process resources and the management of running processes. It implements many functionalities offered by UNIX command line tools such as: ps, top, lsof, netstat, ifconfig, who, df, kill, free, nice, ionice, iostat, iotop, uptime, pidof, tty, taskset, pmap. psutil currently supports the following platforms:

- Linux
- Windows
- macOS
- FreeBSD, OpenBSD, NetBSD
- Sun Solaris
- AIX

Supported Python versions are 2.6, 2.7 and 3.4+. PyPy is also known to work.

The psutil documentation you’re reading is distributed as a single HTML page.
While psutil is free software and will always be, the project would benefit immensely from some funding. Keeping up with bug reports and maintenance has become hardly sustainable for me alone in terms of time. If you’re a company that’s making significant use of psutil you can consider becoming a sponsor via GitHub, Open Collective or PayPal and have your logo displayed in here and psutil doc.

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CHAPTER 4

Install

On Linux, Windows, macOS:

```
pip install psutil
```

For other platforms see more detailed install instructions.
5.1 CPU

psutil.cpu_times(percpu=False)

Return system CPU times as a named tuple. Every attribute represents the seconds the CPU has spent in the given mode. The attributes availability varies depending on the platform:

- **user**: time spent by normal processes executing in user mode; on Linux this also includes **guest** time
- **system**: time spent by processes executing in kernel mode
- **idle**: time spent doing nothing

Platform-specific fields:

- **nice** (UNIX): time spent by niced (prioritized) processes executing in user mode; on Linux this also includes **guest_nice** time
- **iowait** (Linux): time spent waiting for I/O to complete. This is **not** accounted in **idle** time counter.
- **irq** (Linux, BSD): time spent for servicing hardware interrupts
- **softirq** (Linux): time spent for servicing software interrupts
- **steal** (Linux 2.6.11+): time spent by other operating systems running in a virtualized environment
- **guest** (Linux 2.6.24+): time spent running a virtual CPU for guest operating systems under the control of the Linux kernel
- **guest_nice** (Linux 3.2.0+): time spent running a niced guest (virtual CPU for guest operating systems under the control of the Linux kernel)
- **interrupt** (Windows): time spent for servicing hardware interrupts (similar to “irq” on UNIX)
- **dpc** (Windows): time spent servicing deferred procedure calls (DPCs); DPCs are interrupts that run at a lower priority than standard interrupts.
When \texttt{percpu} is \texttt{True} return a list of named tuples for each logical CPU on the system. First element of the list refers to first CPU, second element to second CPU and so on. The order of the list is consistent across calls. Example output on Linux:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.cpu_times()
scputimes(user=17411.7, nice=77.99, system=3797.02, idle=51266.57, iowait=732.58, ...
→irq=0.01, softirq=142.43, steal=0.0, guest=0.0, guest_nice=0.0)
```

Changed in version 4.1.0: added \texttt{interrupt} and \texttt{dpc} fields on Windows.

**Warning:** CPU times are always supposed to increase over time, or at least remain the same, and that’s because time cannot go backwards. Surprisingly sometimes this might not be the case (at least on Windows and Linux), see \#1210.

\texttt{psutil.cpu_percent}(interval=None, percpu=False)

Return a float representing the current system-wide CPU utilization as a percentage. When \texttt{interval} is > 0.0 compares system CPU times elapsed before and after the interval (blocking). When \texttt{interval} is 0.0 or \texttt{None} compares system CPU times elapsed since last call or module import, returning immediately. That means the first time this is called it will return a meaningless 0.0 value which you are supposed to ignore. In this case it is recommended for accuracy that this function be called with at least 0.1 seconds between calls. When \texttt{percpu} is \texttt{True} returns a list of floats representing the utilization as a percentage for each CPU. First element of the list refers to first CPU, second element to second CPU and so on. The order of the list is consistent across calls.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> # blocking
>>> psutil.cpu_percent(interval=1)
2.0
>>> # non-blocking (percentage since last call)
>>> psutil.cpu_percent(interval=None)
2.9
>>> # blocking, per-cpu
>>> psutil.cpu_percent(interval=1, percpu=True)
[2.0, 1.0]
```

**Warning:** the first time this function is called with \texttt{interval} = 0.0 or \texttt{None} it will return a meaningless 0.0 value which you are supposed to ignore.

\texttt{psutil.cpu_times_percent}(interval=None, percpu=False)

Same as \texttt{cpu_percent()} but provides utilization percentages for each specific CPU time as is returned by \texttt{psutil.cpu_times(percpu=True)}. \texttt{interval} and \texttt{percpu} arguments have the same meaning as in \texttt{cpu_percent()}. On Linux “guest” and “guest_nice” percentages are not accounted in “user” and “user_nice” percentages.

**Warning:** the first time this function is called with \texttt{interval} = 0.0 or \texttt{None} it will return a meaningless 0.0 value which you are supposed to ignore.

Changed in version 4.1.0: two new \texttt{interrupt} and \texttt{dpc} fields are returned on Windows.

\texttt{psutil.cpu_count}(logical=True)

Return the number of logical CPUs in the system (same as \texttt{os.cpu_count in Python 3.4}) or \texttt{None} if undeter-
mined. “logical CPUs” means the number of physical cores multiplied by the number of threads that can run on each core (this is known as Hyper Threading). If logical is False return the number of physical cores only, or None if undetermined. On OpenBSD and NetBSD psutil.cpu_count(logical=False) always return None. Example on a system having 2 cores + Hyper Threading:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.cpu_count()
4
>>> psutil.cpu_count(logical=False)
2
```

Note that psutil.cpu_count() may not necessarily be equivalent to the actual number of CPUs the current process can use. That can vary in case process CPU affinity has been changed, Linux cgroups are being used or (in case of Windows) on systems using processor groups or having more than 64 CPUs. The number of usable CPUs can be obtained with:

```python
>>> len(psutil.Process().cpu_affinity())
1
```

psutil.cpu_stats()

Return various CPU statistics as a named tuple:

- **ctx_switches**: number of context switches (voluntary + involuntary) since boot.
- **interrupts**: number of interrupts since boot.
- **soft_interrupts**: number of software interrupts since boot. Always set to 0 on Windows and SunOS.
- **syscalls**: number of system calls since boot. Always set to 0 on Linux.

Example (Linux):

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.cpu_stats()
scputstats(ctx_switches=20455687, interrupts=6598984, soft_interrupts=2134212, ...
→ syscalls=0)
```

New in version 4.1.0.

psutil.cpu_freq(percpu=False)

Return CPU frequency as a named tuple including current, min and max frequencies expressed in Mhz. On Linux current frequency reports the real-time value, on all other platforms this usually represents the nominal “fixed” value (never changing). If percpu is True and the system supports per-cpu frequency retrieval (Linux only) a list of frequencies is returned for each CPU, if not, a list with a single element is returned. If min and max cannot be determined they are set to 0.0.

Example (Linux):

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.cpu_freq()
scpu_freq(current=931.42925, min=800.0, max=3500.0)
```

New in version 5.1.0.
Changed in version 5.5.1: added FreeBSD support.
Changed in version 5.9.1: added OpenBSD support.

**psutil.getloadavg()**

Return the average system load over the last 1, 5 and 15 minutes as a tuple. The “load” represents the processes which are in a runnable state, either using the CPU or waiting to use the CPU (e.g. waiting for disk I/O). On UNIX systems this relies on os.getloadavg. On Windows this is emulated by using a Windows API that spawns a thread which keeps running in background and updates results every 5 seconds, mimicking the UNIX behavior. Thus, on Windows, the first time this is called and for the next 5 seconds it will return a meaningless (0.0, 0.0, 0.0) tuple. The numbers returned only make sense if related to the number of CPU cores installed on the system. So, for instance, a value of 3.14 on a system with 10 logical CPUs means that the system load was 31.4% percent over the last N minutes.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.getloadavg()
(3.14, 3.89, 4.67)
>>> psutil.cpu_count()
10
>>> # percentage representation
>>> [x / psutil.cpu_count() * 100 for x in psutil.getloadavg()]
[31.4, 38.9, 46.7]
```

Availability: Unix, Windows

New in version 5.6.2.

### 5.2 Memory

**psutil.virtual_memory()**

Return statistics about system memory usage as a named tuple including the following fields, expressed in bytes.

Main metrics:
- **total**: total physical memory (exclusive swap).
- **available**: the memory that can be given instantly to processes without the system going into swap. This is calculated by summing different memory values depending on the platform and it is supposed to be used to monitor actual memory usage in a cross platform fashion.

Other metrics:
- **used**: memory used, calculated differently depending on the platform and designed for informational purposes only. **total - free** does not necessarily match **used**.
- **free**: memory not being used at all (zeroed) that is readily available; note that this doesn’t reflect the actual memory available (use **available** instead). **total - used** does not necessarily match **free**.
- **active** *(UNIX)*: memory currently in use or very recently used, and so it is in RAM.
- **inactive** *(UNIX)*: memory that is marked as not used.
- **buffers** *(Linux, BSD)*: cache for things like file system metadata.
- **cached** *(Linux, BSD)*: cache for various things.
- **shared** *(Linux, BSD)*: memory that may be simultaneously accessed by multiple processes.
- **slab** *(Linux)*: in-kernel data structures cache.
- **wired** *(BSD, macOS)*: memory that is marked to always stay in RAM. It is never moved to disk.
The sum of used and available does not necessarily equal total. On Windows available and free are the same. See meminfo.py script providing an example on how to convert bytes in a human readable form.

**Note:** if you just want to know how much physical memory is left in a cross platform fashion simply rely on the available field.

```python
>>> import psutil

>>> mem = psutil.virtual_memory()
>>> mem
svmem(total=10367352832, available=6472179712, percent=37.6, used=8186245120,
     →free=2181107712, active=4748992512, inactive=2758115328, buffers=790724608,
     →cached=3500347392, shared=787554304, slab=199348224)

>>> THRESHOLD = 100 * 1024 * 1024  # 100MB
>>> if mem.available <= THRESHOLD:
...     print("warning")
... >>>

```

Changed in version 4.2.0: added shared metric on Linux.

Changed in version 5.4.4: added slab metric on Linux.

**psutil.swap_memory()**

Return system swap memory statistics as a named tuple including the following fields:

- **total**: total swap memory in bytes
- **used**: used swap memory in bytes
- **free**: free swap memory in bytes
- **percent**: the percentage usage calculated as \((\text{total} - \text{available}) / \text{total} \times 100\)
- **sin**: the number of bytes the system has swapped in from disk (cumulative)
- **sout**: the number of bytes the system has swapped out from disk (cumulative)

sin and sout on Windows are always set to 0. See meminfo.py script providing an example on how to convert bytes in a human readable form.

```python
>>> import psutil

>>> psutil.swap_memory()
sswap(total=2097147904L, used=886620160L, free=1210527744L, percent=42.3,
     →sin=1050411008, sout=1906720768)

```

Changed in version 5.2.3: on Linux this function relies on /proc fs instead of sysinfo() syscall so that it can be used in conjunction with psutil.PROCFS_PATH in order to retrieve memory info about Linux containers such as Docker and Heroku.

### 5.3 Disks

**psutil.disk_partitions(all=False)**

Return all mounted disk partitions as a list of named tuples including device, mount point and filesystem type, similarly to “df” command on UNIX. If all parameter is False it tries to distinguish and return physical devices only (e.g. hard disks, cd-rom drives, USB keys) and ignore all others (e.g. pseudo, memory, duplicate, inaccessible filesystems). Note that this may not be fully reliable on all systems (e.g. on BSD this parameter
is ignored). See disk_usage.py script providing an example usage. Returns a list of named tuples with the following fields:

- **device**: the device path (e.g. "/dev/hda1"). On Windows this is the drive letter (e.g. "C:\").
- **mountpoint**: the mount point path (e.g. "/"). On Windows this is the drive letter (e.g. "C:\").
- **fstype**: the partition filesystem (e.g. "ext3" on UNIX or "NTFS" on Windows).
- **opts**: a comma-separated string indicating different mount options for the drive/partition. Platform-dependent.
- **maxfile**: the maximum length a file name can have.
- **maxpath**: the maximum length a path name (directory name + base file name) can have.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.disk_partitions()
[DiskPartition(device='/dev/sda3', mountpoint='/', fstype='ext4', opts='rw, errors=remount-ro', maxfile=255, maxpath=4096),
 DiskPartition(device='/dev/sda7', mountpoint='/home', fstype='ext4', opts='rw',)
 >>>]
```

Changed in version 5.7.4: added `maxfile` and `maxpath` fields

**psutil.disk_usage(path)**

Return disk usage statistics about the partition which contains the given `path` as a named tuple including `total`, `used` and `free` space expressed in bytes, plus the `percentage` usage. `OSError` is raised if `path` does not exist. Starting from Python 3.3 this is also available as `shutil.disk_usage` (see BPO-12442). See disk_usage.py script providing an example usage.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.disk_usage('/')
sdiskusage(total=21378641920, used=4809781248, free=15482871808, percent=22.5)
```

**Note:** UNIX usually reserves 5% of the total disk space for the root user. `total` and `used` fields on UNIX refer to the overall total and used space, whereas `free` represents the space available for the user and `percent` represents the user utilization (see source code). That is why `percent` value may look 5% bigger than what you would expect it to be. Also note that both 4 values match “df” cmdline utility.

Changed in version 4.3.0: `percent` value takes root reserved space into account.

**psutil.disk_io_counters(perdisk=False, nowrap=True)**

Return system-wide disk I/O statistics as a named tuple including the following fields:

- **read_count**: number of reads
- **write_count**: number of writes
- **read_bytes**: number of bytes read
- **write_bytes**: number of bytes written

Platform-specific fields:

- **read_time**: (all except NetBSD and OpenBSD) time spent reading from disk (in milliseconds)
- **write_time**: (all except NetBSD and OpenBSD) time spent writing to disk (in milliseconds)
- **busy_time**: (Linux, FreeBSD) time spent doing actual I/Os (in milliseconds)
- **read_merged_count**: (Linux): number of merged reads (see iostats doc)
• **write_merged_count** *(Linux)*: number of merged writes (see iostats doc)

If *perdisk* is *True* return the same information for every physical disk installed on the system as a dictionary with partition names as the keys and the named tuple described above as the values. See iotop.py for an example application. On some systems such as Linux, on a very busy or long-lived system, the numbers returned by the kernel may overflow and wrap (restart from zero). If *nowrap* is *True* psutil will detect and adjust those numbers across function calls and add “old value” to “new value” so that the returned numbers will always be increasing or remain the same, but never decrease. *disk_io_counters.cache_clear()* can be used to invalidate the *nowrap* cache. On Windows it may be necessary to issue *diskperf -y* command from cmd.exe first in order to enable IO counters. On diskless machines this function will return *None* or *{}* if *perdisk* is *True*.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.disk_io_counters()
sdiskio(read_count=8141, write_count=2431, read_bytes=290203, write_bytes=537676, ...
    read_time=5868, write_time=94922)
>>> psutil.disk_io_counters(perdisk=True)
{'sda1': sdiskio(read_count=920, write_count=1, read_bytes=2933248, write_bytes=512, read_time=6016, write_time=4),
    'sda2': sdiskio(read_count=18707, write_count=8830, read_bytes=6060, write_bytes=3443, read_time=24585, write_time=1572),
    'sdb1': sdiskio(read_count=161, write_count=0, read_bytes=786432, write_bytes=0, read_time=44, write_time=0)}
```

**Note:** on Windows "diskperf -y" command may need to be executed first otherwise this function won’t find any disk.

Changed in version 5.3.0: numbers no longer wrap (restart from zero) across calls thanks to new *nowrap* argument.

Changed in version 4.0.0: added *busy_time* *(Linux, FreeBSD)*, *read_merged_count* and *write_merged_count* *(Linux)* fields.

Changed in version 4.0.0: NetBSD no longer has *read_time* and *write_time* fields.

### 5.4 Network

**psutil.net_io_counters**(pernic=False, nowrap=True)

Return system-wide network I/O statistics as a named tuple including the following attributes:

- **bytes_sent**: number of bytes sent
- **bytes_recv**: number of bytes received
- **packets_sent**: number of packets sent
- **packets_recv**: number of packets received
- **errin**: total number of errors while receiving
- **errout**: total number of errors while sending
- **dropin**: total number of incoming packets which were dropped
- **dropout**: total number of outgoing packets which were dropped (always 0 on macOS and BSD)

If *pernic* is *True* return the same information for every network interface installed on the system as a dictionary with network interface names as the keys and the named tuple described above as the values. On some systems
such as Linux, on a very busy or long-lived system, the numbers returned by the kernel may overflow and wrap (restart from zero). If \texttt{nowrap} is \texttt{True} psutil will detect and adjust those numbers across function calls and add “old value” to “new value” so that the returned numbers will always be increasing or remain the same, but never decrease. \texttt{net_io_counters.cache_clear()} can be used to invalidate the \texttt{nowrap} cache. On machines with no network interfaces this function will return \texttt{None} or \texttt{[]} if \texttt{pernic} is \texttt{True}.

>>> \texttt{import psutil}
>>> \texttt{psutil.net_io_counters()}
\texttt{snetio(bytes\_sent=14508483, bytes\_recv=62749361, packets\_sent=84311, packets\_recv=94888, errin=0, errout=0, dropin=0, dropout=0)}

```python
>>> \texttt{psutil.net\_io\_counters(pernic=True)}
{'lo': \texttt{snetio(bytes\_sent=547971, bytes\_recv=547971, packets\_sent=5075, packets\_recv=5075, errin=0, errout=0, dropin=0, dropout=0)},
'wlan0': \texttt{snetio(bytes\_sent=13921765, bytes\_recv=62162574, packets\_sent=79097, packets\_recv=89648, errin=0, errout=0, dropin=0, dropout=0)}
```

Also see \texttt{nettop.py} and \texttt{ifconfig.py} for an example application.

Changed in version 5.3.0: numbers no longer wrap (restart from zero) across calls thanks to new \texttt{nowrap} argument.

\texttt{psutil.net\_connections (kind='inet')}

Return system-wide socket connections as a list of named tuples. Every named tuple provides 7 attributes:

- \texttt{fd}: the socket file descriptor. If the connection refers to the current process this may be passed to \texttt{socket.fromfd} to obtain a usable socket object. On Windows and SunOS this is always set to \texttt{-1}.

- \texttt{family}: the address family, either \texttt{AF_INET}, \texttt{AF_INET6} or \texttt{AF_UNIX}.

- \texttt{type}: the address type, either \texttt{SOCK_STREAM}, \texttt{SOCK_DGRAM} or \texttt{SOCK_SEQPACKET}.

- \texttt{laddr}: the local address as a (ip, port) named tuple or a path in case of AF_UNIX sockets. For UNIX sockets see notes below.

- \texttt{raddr}: the remote address as a (ip, port) named tuple or an absolute path in case of UNIX sockets. When the remote endpoint is not connected you’ll get an empty tuple (AF_INET*) or "" (AF_UNIX). For UNIX sockets see notes below.

- \texttt{status}: represents the status of a TCP connection. The return value is one of the \texttt{psutil.CONN_*} constants (a string). For UDP and UNIX sockets this is always going to be \texttt{psutil.CONN_NONE}.

- \texttt{pid}: the PID of the process which opened the socket, if retrievable, else \texttt{None}. On some platforms (e.g. Linux) the availability of this field changes depending on process privileges (root is needed).

The \texttt{kind} parameter is a string which filters for connections matching the following criteria:

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<tr>
<td>&quot;unix&quot;</td>
<td>UNIX socket (both UDP and TCP protocols)</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot;all&quot;</td>
<td>the sum of all the possible families and protocols</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
On macOS and AIX this function requires root privileges. To get per-process connections use `Process.connections()`. Also, see netstat.py example script. Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.net_connections()
[pconn(fd=115, family=<AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, type=<SocketType.SOCK_STREAM: 1>, laddr=addr(ip='10.0.0.1', port=48776), raddr=addr(ip='93.186.135.91', port=80), status='ESTABLISHED', pid=1254),
 pconn(fd=117, family=<AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, type=<SocketType.SOCK_STREAM: 1>, laddr=addr(ip='10.0.0.1', port=43761), raddr=addr(ip='72.14.234.100', port=80), status='CLOSING', pid=2987),
 pconn(fd=-1, family=<AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, type=<SocketType.SOCK_STREAM: 1>, laddr=addr(ip='10.0.0.1', port=60759), raddr=addr(ip='72.14.234.104', port=80), status='ESTABLISHED', pid=None),
 pconn(fd=-1, family=<AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, type=<SocketType.SOCK_STREAM: 1>, laddr=addr(ip='10.0.0.1', port=51314), raddr=addr(ip='72.14.234.83', port=443), status='SYN_SENT', pid=None)]
```

**Note:** (macOS and AIX) `psutil.AccessDenied` is always raised unless running as root. This is a limitation of the OS and `lsof` does the same.

**Note:** (Solaris) UNIX sockets are not supported.

**Note:** (Linux, FreeBSD) “raddr” field for UNIX sockets is always set to “”. This is a limitation of the OS.

**Note:** (OpenBSD) “laddr” and “raddr” fields for UNIX sockets are always set to “”. This is a limitation of the OS.

New in version 2.1.0.

Changed in version 5.3.0: `socket “fd”` is now set for real instead of being `-1`.

Changed in version 5.3.0: “laddr” and “raddr” are named tuples.

### psutil.net_if_addrs()

Return the addresses associated to each NIC (network interface card) installed on the system as a dictionary whose keys are the NIC names and value is a list of named tuples for each address assigned to the NIC. Each named tuple includes 5 fields:

- **family**: the address family, either `AF_INET` or `AF_INET6` or `psutil.AF_LINK`, which refers to a MAC address.
- **address**: the primary NIC address (always set).
- **netmask**: the netmask address (may be `None`).
- **broadcast**: the broadcast address (may be `None`).
- **ptp**: stands for “point to point”; it’s the destination address on a point to point interface (typically a VPN). `broadcast` and `ptp` are mutually exclusive. May be `None`.

Example:
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.net_if_addrs()
{'lo': [snicaddr(family=AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, address='127.0.0.1', netmask= '255.0.0.0', broadcast='127.0.0.1', ptp=None),
    snicaddr(family=AddressFamily.AF_INET6: 10>, address='::1', netmask='ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff', broadcast=None, ptp=None),
    snicaddr(family=AddressFamily.AF_LINK: 17>, address='00:00:00:00:00:00', ptp=None)],
'wlan0': [snicaddr(family=AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, address='192.168.1.3', netmask='255.255.255.0', broadcast='192.168.1.255', ptp=None),
    snicaddr(family=AddressFamily.AF_INET6: 10>, address='fe80::c685:8ff:fe45:641%wlan0', netmask='ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff::', broadcast=None, ptp=None),
    snicaddr(family=AddressFamily.AF_LINK: 17>, address='c4:85:08:45:06:41', netmask=None, broadcast='ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff', ptp=None)]

See also nettop.py and ifconfig.py for an example application.

Note: if you’re interested in others families (e.g. AF_BLUETOOTH) you can use the more powerful netifaces extension.

Note: you can have more than one address of the same family associated with each interface (that’s why dict values are lists).

Note: broadcast and ptp are not supported on Windows and are always None.

New in version 3.0.0.

Changed in version 3.2.0: ptp field was added.

Changed in version 4.4.0: added support for netmask field on Windows which is no longer None.

psutil.net_if_stats()
Return information about each NIC (network interface card) installed on the system as a dictionary whose keys are the NIC names and value is a named tuple with the following fields:

- **isup**: a bool indicating whether the NIC is up and running (meaning ethernet cable or Wi-Fi is connected).
- **duplex**: the duplex communication type; it can be either NIC_DUPLEX_FULL, NIC_DUPLEX_HALF or NIC_DUPLEX_UNKNOWN.
- **speed**: the NIC speed expressed in mega bits (MB), if it can’t be determined (e.g. ‘localhost’) it will be set to 0.
- **mtu**: NIC’s maximum transmission unit expressed in bytes.

Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.net_if_stats()
{'eth0': snicstats(isup=True, duplex=NickDuplex.NIC_DUPLEX_FULL: 2>, speed=100, mtu=1500),
'lo': snicstats(isup=True, duplex=NickDuplex.NIC_DUPLEX_UNKNOWN: 0>, speed=0, mtu=65536)}
```
5.5 Sensors

psutil.sensors_temperatures(fahrenheit=False)
Return hardware temperatures. Each entry is a named tuple representing a certain hardware temperature sensor (it may be a CPU, an hard disk or something else, depending on the OS and its configuration). All temperatures are expressed in celsius unless fahrenheit is set to True. If sensors are not supported by the OS an empty dict is returned. Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.sensors_temperatures()
{'acpitz': [shwtemp(label='', current=47.0, high=103.0, critical=103.0)],
 'asus': [shwtemp(label='', current=47.0, high=None, critical=None)],
 'coretemp': [shwtemp(label='Physical id 0', current=52.0, high=100.0, critical=100.0),
              shwtemp(label='Core 0', current=45.0, high=100.0, critical=100.0),
              shwtemp(label='Core 1', current=52.0, high=100.0, critical=100.0),
              shwtemp(label='Core 2', current=45.0, high=100.0, critical=100.0),
              shwtemp(label='Core 3', current=47.0, high=100.0, critical=100.0)]}
```

See also temperatures.py and sensors.py for an example application.
Availability: Linux, FreeBSD

New in version 5.1.0.

Changed in version 5.5.0: added FreeBSD support

psutil.sensors_fans()
Return hardware fans speed. Each entry is a named tuple representing a certain hardware sensor fan. Fan speed is expressed in RPM (revolutions per minute). If sensors are not supported by the OS an empty dict is returned. Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.sensors_fans()
{'asus': [sfan(label='cpu_fan', current=3200)]}
```

See also fans.py and sensors.py for an example application.
Availability: Linux

New in version 5.2.0.

psutil.sensors_battery()
Return battery status information as a named tuple including the following values. If no battery is installed or metrics can’t be determined None is returned.

- **percent**: battery power left as a percentage.
- **secsleft**: a rough approximation of how many seconds are left before the battery runs out of power. If the AC power cable is connected this is set to **psutil.POWER_TIME_UNLIMITED**. If it can’t be determined it is set to **psutil.POWER_TIME_UNKNOWN**.
- **power_plugged**: True if the AC power cable is connected, False if not or None if it can’t be determined.
Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> def secs2hours(secs):
...     mm, ss = divmod(secs, 60)
...     hh, mm = divmod(mm, 60)
...     return "%d:%02d:%02d" % (hh, mm, ss)
...
>>> battery = psutil.sensors_battery()
>>> battery
sbattery(percent=93, secsleft=16628, power_plugged=False)
>>> print("charge = %s, time left = %s
... (battery.percent, secs2hours(battery.
˓→secsleft)))
charge = 93%, time left = 4:37:08
```

See also battery.py and sensors.py for an example application.

Availability: Linux, Windows, FreeBSD

New in version 5.1.0.

Changed in version 5.4.2: added macOS support

## 5.6 Other system info

**psutil.boot_time()**

Return the system boot time expressed in seconds since the epoch. Example:

```python
>>> import psutil, datetime
>>> psutil.boot_time()
1389563460.0
>>> datetime.datetime.fromtimestamp(psutil.boot_time()).strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:
˓→%S")
'2014-01-12 22:51:00'
```

**Note:** on Windows this function may return a time which is off by 1 second if it’s used across different processes (see issue #1007).

**psutil.users()**

Return users currently connected on the system as a list of named tuples including the following fields:

- **name**: the name of the user.
- **terminal**: the tty or pseudo-tty associated with the user, if any, else None.
- **host**: the host name associated with the entry, if any.
- **started**: the creation time as a floating point number expressed in seconds since the epoch.
- **pid**: the PID of the login process (like sshd, tmux, gdm-session-worker, …). On Windows and OpenBSD this is always set to None.

Example:
```
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.users()
[suser(name='giampaolo', terminal='pts/2', host='localhost', started=1340737536.0,
       pid=1352),
  suser(name='giampaolo', terminal='pts/3', host='localhost', started=1340737792.0,
       pid=1788)]
```

Changed in version 5.3.0: added “pid” field
6.1 Functions

`psutil.pids()`  
Return a sorted list of current running PIDs. To iterate over all processes and avoid race conditions `process_iter()` should be preferred.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.pids()
[1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, ..., 32498]
```

Changed in version 5.6.0: PIDs are returned in sorted order

`psutil.process_iter(attrs=None, ad_value=None)`  
Return an iterator yielding a `Process` class instance for all running processes on the local machine. This should be preferred over `psutil.pids()` to iterate over processes as it’s safe from race condition.

Every `Process` instance is only created once, and then cached for the next time `psutil.process_iter()` is called (if PID is still alive). Also it makes sure process PIDs are not reused.

`attrs` and `ad_value` have the same meaning as in `Process.as_dict()`. If `attrs` is specified `Process.as_dict()` result will be stored as a `info` attribute attached to the returned `Process` instances. If `attrs` is an empty list it will retrieve all process info (slow).

Sorting order in which processes are returned is based on their PID.

Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> for proc in psutil.process_iter(['pid', 'name', 'username']):
...     print(proc.info)
...     ...
{'name': 'systemd', 'pid': 1, 'username': 'root'}
{'name': 'kthreadd', 'pid': 2, 'username': 'root'}
{'name': 'ksoftirqd/0', 'pid': 3, 'username': 'root'}
...
A dict comprehensions to create a \{pid: info, \ldots\} data structure:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> procs = {p.pid: p.info for p in psutil.process_iter(['name', 'username'])}
>>> procs
{1: {'name': 'systemd', 'username': 'root'},
2: {'name': 'kthreadd', 'username': 'root'},
3: {'name': 'ksoftirqd/0', 'username': 'root'},
...}
```

Changed in version 5.3.0: added “attrs” and “ad_value” parameters.

**psutil.pid_exists(pid)**

Check whether the given PID exists in the current process list. This is faster than doing `pid in psutil.pids()` and should be preferred.

**psutil.wait_procs(procs, timeout=None, callback=None)**

Convenience function which waits for a list of `Process` instances to terminate. Return a `(gone, alive)` tuple indicating which processes are gone and which ones are still alive. The `gone` ones will have a new `returncode` attribute indicating process exit status as returned by `Process.wait()`. `callback` is a function which gets called when one of the processes being waited on is terminated and a `Process` instance is passed as callback argument (the instance will also have a `returncode` attribute set). This function will return as soon as all processes terminate or when `timeout` (seconds) occurs. Differently from `Process.wait()` it will not raise `TimeoutExpired` if timeout occurs. A typical use case may be:

- send SIGTERM to a list of processes
- give them some time to terminate
- send SIGKILL to those ones which are still alive

Example which terminates and waits all the children of this process:

```python
import psutil

def on_terminate(proc):
    print("process {} terminated with exit code {}".format(proc, proc.returncode))

procs = psutil.Process().children()
for p in procs:
    p.terminate()
gone, alive = psutil.wait_procs(procs, timeout=3, callback=on_terminate)
for p in alive:
    p.kill()
```

### 6.2 Exceptions

**class psutil.Error**

Base exception class. All other exceptions inherit from this one.

**class psutil.NoSuchProcess (pid=None, name=None, msg=None)**

Raised by `Process` class methods when no process with the given `pid` is found in the current process list, or when a process no longer exists. `name` is the name the process had before disappearing and gets set only if `Process.name()` was previously called.

**class psutil.ZombieProcess (pid=None, name=None, ppid=None, msg=None)**

This may be raised by `Process` class methods when querying a zombie process on UNIX (Windows doesn’t
have zombie processes). `name` and `ppid` attributes are available if `Process.name()` or `Process.ppid()` methods were called before the process turned into a zombie.

**Note:** this is a subclass of `NoSuchProcess` so if you’re not interested in retrieving zombies (e.g. when using `process_iter()`) you can ignore this exception and just catch `NoSuchProcess`.

New in version 3.0.0.

**class** `psutil.AccessDenied` *(pid=None, name=None, msg=None)*

Raised by `Process` class methods when permission to perform an action is denied due to insufficient privileges. `name` attribute is available if `Process.name()` was previously called.

**class** `psutil.TimeoutExpired` *(seconds, pid=None, name=None, msg=None)*

Raised by `Process.wait()` method if timeout expires and the process is still alive. `name` attribute is available if `Process.name()` was previously called.

### 6.3 Process class

**class** `psutil.Process` *(pid=None)*

Represents an OS process with the given `pid`. If `pid` is omitted current process `pid` (`os.getpid`) is used. Raise `NoSuchProcess` if `pid` does not exist. On Linux `pid` can also refer to a thread ID (the `id` field returned by `threads()` method). When accessing methods of this class always be prepared to catch `NoSuchProcess` and `AccessDenied` exceptions. `hash` builtin can be used against instances of this class in order to identify a process univocally over time (the hash is determined by mixing process PID + creation time). As such it can also be used with `set`.

**Note:** In order to efficiently fetch more than one information about the process at the same time, make sure to use either `oneshot()` context manager or `as_dict()` utility method.

**Note:** the way this class is bound to a process is uniquely via its **PID**. That means that if the process terminates and the OS reuses its PID you may end up interacting with another process. The only exceptions for which process identity is preemptively checked (via PID + creation time) is for the following methods: `nice()` (set), `ionice()` (set), `cpu_affinity()` (set), `rlimit()` (set), `children()`, `parent()`, `parents()`, `suspend()` `resume()`, `send_signal()`, `terminate()`, `kill()`. To prevent this problem for all other methods you can use `is_running()` before querying the process or `process_iter()` in case you’re iterating over all processes. It must be noted though that unless you deal with very “old” (inactive) `Process` instances this will hardly represent a problem.

**oneshot()**

Utility context manager which considerably speeds up the retrieval of multiple process information at the same time. Internally different process info (e.g. `name()`, `ppid()`, `uids()`, `create_time()`, ...) may be fetched by using the same routine, but only one value is returned and the others are discarded. When using this context manager the internal routine is executed once (in the example below on `name()` the value of interest is returned and the others are cached. The subsequent calls sharing the same internal routine will return the cached value. The cache is cleared when exiting the context manager block. The advice is to use this every time you retrieve more than one information about the process. If you’re lucky, you’ll get a hell of a speedup. Example:
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> with p.oneshot():
...     p.name()  # execute internal routine once collecting multiple info
...     p.cpu_times()  # return cached value
...     p.cpu_percent()  # return cached value
...     p.create_time()  # return cached value
...     p.ppid()  # return cached value
...     p.status()  # return cached value
...     ...

Here’s a list of methods which can take advantage of the speedup depending on what platform you’re on. In the table below horizontal empty rows indicate what process methods can be efficiently grouped together internally. The last column (speedup) shows an approximation of the speedup you can get if you call all the methods together (best case scenario).

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New in version 5.0.0.

**pid**

The process PID. This is the only (read-only) attribute of the class.

**ppid()**

The process parent PID. On Windows the return value is cached after first call. Not on POSIX because ppid may change if process becomes a zombie See also parent() and parents() methods.

**name()**

The process name. On Windows the return value is cached after first call. Not on POSIX because the process name may change. See also how to find a process by name.

**exe()**

The process executable as an absolute path. On some systems this may also be an empty string. The return value is cached after first call.
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.Process().exe()
'/usr/bin/python2.7'

cmdline()
The command line this process has been called with as a list of strings. The return value is not cached because the cmdline of a process may change.

>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.Process().cmdline()
['python', 'manage.py', 'runserver']
environ()
The environment variables of the process as a dict. Note: this might not reflect changes made after the process started.

>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.Process().environ()
{'LC_NUMERIC': 'it_IT.UTF-8', 'QT_QPA_PLATFORMTHEME': 'appmenu-qt5', 'IM__CONFIG_PHASE': '1', 'XDG_GREETER_DATA_DIR': '/var/lib/lightdm-data/giampaolo', 'GNOME_DESKTOP_SESSION_ID': 'this-is-deprecated', 'XDG_CURRENT_DESKTOP': 'Unity', 'UPSTART_EVENTS': 'started starting', 'HOME': '/home/giampaolo/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin:/home/giampaolo/svn/sysconf/bin', 'XDG_PAPER': 'it_IT.UTF-8', 'GNOME_KEYRING_CONTROL': '', 'GTK_IM_MODULE': 'ibus', 'DISPLAY': ':0', 'LANG': 'en_US.UTF-8', 'LOGNAME': 'giampaolo', 'USER': 'giampaolo', 'PATH': '/home/giampaolo/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin:/home/giampaolo/svn/sysconf/bin', 'LC_PAPER': 'it_IT.UTF-8', 'GNOME_KEYRING_PID': '', 'XDG_VTNR': '7', 'QT_IM_MODULE': 'ibus', 'LOGNAME': 'giampaolo', 'USER': 'giampaolo', 'PATH': '/home/giampaolo/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin:/home/giampaolo/svn/sysconf/bin', 'LC_PAPER': 'it_IT.UTF-8', 'GNOME_KEYRING_CONTROL': '', 'GTK_IM_MODULE': 'ibus', 'DISPLAY': ':0', 'LANG': 'en_US.UTF-8', 'LOGNAME': 'giampaolo', 'USER': 'giampaolo', 'PATH': '/home/giampaolo/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin:/home/giampaolo/svn/sysconf/bin', 'LC_PAPER': 'it_IT.UTF-8', 'GNOME_KEYRING_CONTROL': ''}
create_time()

The process creation time as a floating point number expressed in seconds since the epoch. The return value is cached after first call.

```python
>>> import psutil, datetime
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> p.create_time()
1307289803.47
>>> datetime.datetime.fromtimestamp(p.create_time()).strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S")
'2011-03-05 18:03:52'
```

as_dict(attrs=None, ad_value=None)

Utility method retrieving multiple process information as a dictionary. If attrs is specified it must be a list of strings reflecting available Process class’s attribute names. Here’s a list of possible string values: 'cmdline', 'connections', 'cpu_affinity', 'cpu_num', 'cpu_percent', 'cpu_times', 'create_time', 'cwd', 'environ', 'exe', 'gids', 'io_counters', 'ionice', 'memory_full_info', 'memory_info', 'memory_maps', 'memory_percent', 'name', 'nice', 'num_ctx_switches', 'num_fds', 'num_handles', 'num_threads', 'open_files', 'pid', 'ppid', 'status', 'terminal', 'threads', 'uids', 'username'. If attrs argument is not passed all public read only attributes are assumed. ad_value is the value which gets assigned to a dict key in case AccessDenied or ZombieProcess exception is raised when retrieving that particular process information. Internally, as_dict() uses oneshot() context manager so there’s no need you use it also.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> p.as_dict(attrs=['pid', 'name', 'username'])
{'username': 'giampaolo', 'pid': 12366, 'name': 'python'}
>>> # get a list of valid attrs names
>>> list(psutil.Process().as_dict().keys())
['status', 'cpu_num', 'num_ctx_switches', 'pid', 'memory_full_info',
 'connections', 'cmdline', 'create_time', 'ionice', 'num_fds', 'memory_maps',
 'cpu_percent', 'terminal', 'ppid', 'cwd', 'nice', 'username', 'cpu_times',
 'io_counters', 'memory_info', 'threads', 'open_files', 'name', 'num_threads',
 'exe', 'uids', 'gids', 'cpu_affinity', 'memory_percent', 'environ']
```

parent()

Utility method which returns the parent process as a Process object, preemptively checking whether PID has been reused. If no parent PID is known return None. See also ppid() and parents() methods.
**parents()**
Utility method which return the parents of this process as a list of `Process` instances. If no parents are known return an empty list. See also `ppid()` and `parent()` methods.

New in version 5.6.0.

**status()**
The current process status as a string. The returned string is one of the `psutil.STATUS_*` constants.

**cwd()**
The process current working directory as an absolute path.

Changed in version 5.6.4: added support for NetBSD

**username()**
The name of the user that owns the process. On UNIX this is calculated by using real process uid.

**uids()**
The real, effective and saved user ids of this process as a named tuple. This is the same as `os.getresuid` but can be used for any process PID.

Availability: UNIX

**gids()**
The real, effective and saved group ids of this process as a named tuple. This is the same as `os.getresgid` but can be used for any process PID.

Availability: UNIX

**terminal()**
The terminal associated with this process, if any, else None. This is similar to “tty” command but can be used for any process PID.

Availability: UNIX

**nice(value=None)**
Get or set process niceness (priority). On UNIX this is a number which usually goes from -20 to 20. The higher the nice value, the lower the priority of the process.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> p.nice(10)  # set
>>> p.nice()    # get
10
```

Starting from Python 3.3 this functionality is also available as `os.getpriority` and `os.setpriority` (see BPO-10784). On Windows this is implemented via `GetPriorityClass` and `SetPriorityClass` Windows APIs and `value` is one of the `psutil._PRIORITY_CLASS` constants reflecting the MSDN documentation. Example which increases process priority on Windows:

```python
>>> p.nice(psutil.HIGH_PRIORITY_CLASS)
```

**ionice(ioclass=None, value=None)**
Get or set process I/O niceness (priority). If no argument is provided it acts as a get, returning a `(ioclass, value)` tuple on Linux and an `ioclass` integer on Windows. If `ioclass` is provided it acts as a set. In this case an additional `value` can be specified on Linux only in order to increase or decrease the I/O priority even further. Here’s the possible platform-dependent `ioclass` values.

Linux (see `ioprio_get` manual):

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• IOPRIO_CLASS_RT: (high) the process gets first access to the disk every time. Use it with care as it can starve the entire system. Additional priority level can be specified and ranges from 0 (highest) to 7 (lowest).

• IOPRIO_CLASS_BE: (normal) the default for any process that hasn’t set a specific I/O priority. Additional priority level ranges from 0 (highest) to 7 (lowest).

• IOPRIO_CLASS_IDLE: (low) get I/O time when no-one else needs the disk. No additional value is accepted.

• IOPRIO_CLASS_NONE: returned when no priority was previously set.

Windows:

• IOPRIO_HIGH: highest priority.

• IOPRIO_NORMAL: default priority.

• IOPRIO_LOW: low priority.

• IOPRIO_VERYLOW: lowest priority.

Here’s an example on how to set the highest I/O priority depending on what platform you’re on:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> if psutil.LINUX:
...     p.ionice(psutil.IOPRIO_CLASS_RT, value=7)
... else:
...     p.ionice(psutil.IOPRIO_HIGH)
...
>>> p.ionice()  # get
pionice(ioclass=<IOPriority.IOPRIO_CLASS_RT: 1>, value=7)
```

Availability: Linux, Windows Vista+

Changed in version 5.6.2: Windows accepts new IOPRIO_* constants including new IOPRIO_HIGH.

**rlimit** (*resource, limits=None*)

Get or set process resource limits (see man prlimit). resource is one of the psutil.RLIMIT_* constants. limits is a (soft, hard) tuple. This is the same as resource.getrlimit and resource.setrlimit but can be used for any process PID, not only os.getpid. For get, return value is a (soft, hard) tuple. Each value may be either and integer or psutil.RLIMIT_*. Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> p.rlimit(psutil.RLIMIT_NOFILE, (128, 128))  # process can open max 128 file descriptors
>>> p.rlimit(psutil.RLIMITFSIZE, (1024, 1024))  # can create files no bigger than 1024 bytes
>>> p.rlimit(psutil.RLIMITFSIZE)  # get
(1024, 1024)
```

Also see procinfo.py script.

Availability: Linux, FreeBSD

Changed in version 5.7.3: added FreeBSD support

**io_counters()**

Return process I/O statistics as a named tuple. For Linux you can refer to /proc filesystem documentation.
• **read_count**: the number of read operations performed (cumulative). This is supposed to count the number of read-related syscalls such as `read()` and `pread()` on UNIX.

• **write_count**: the number of write operations performed (cumulative). This is supposed to count the number of write-related syscalls such as `write()` and `pwrite()` on UNIX.

• **read_bytes**: the number of bytes read (cumulative). Always −1 on BSD.

• **write_bytes**: the number of bytes written (cumulative). Always −1 on BSD.

Linux specific:

• **read_chars** (Linux): the amount of bytes which this process passed to `read()` and `pread()` syscalls (cumulative). Differently from `read_bytes` it doesn’t care whether or not actual physical disk I/O occurred.

• **write_chars** (Linux): the amount of bytes which this process passed to `write()` and `pwrite()` syscalls (cumulative). Differently from `write_bytes` it doesn’t care whether or not actual physical disk I/O occurred.

Windows specific:

• **other_count** (Windows): the number of I/O operations performed other than read and write operations.

• **other_bytes** (Windows): the number of bytes transferred during operations other than read and write operations.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> p.io_counters()
pio(read_count=454556, write_count=3456, read_bytes=110592, write_bytes=0,
→read_chars=769931, write_chars=203)
```

Availability: Linux, BSD, Windows, AIX

Changed in version 5.2.0: added `read_chars` and `write_chars` on Linux; added `other_count` and `other_bytes` on Windows.

**num_ctx_switches()**

The number voluntary and involuntary context switches performed by this process (cumulative).

Changed in version 5.4.1: added AIX support

**num_fds()**

The number of file descriptors currently opened by this process (non cumulative).

Availability: UNIX

**num_handles()**

The number of handles currently used by this process (non cumulative).

Availability: Windows

**num_threads()**

The number of threads currently used by this process (non cumulative).

**threads()**

Return threads opened by process as a list of named tuples. On OpenBSD this method requires root privileges.

• **id**: the native thread ID assigned by the kernel. If `pid` refers to the current process, this matches the `native_id` attribute of the `threading.Thread` class, and can be used to reference individual Python threads running within your own Python app.
• **user_time**: time spent in user mode.
• **system_time**: time spent in kernel mode.

**cpu_times()**
Return a named tuple representing the accumulated process times, in seconds (see explanation). This is similar to os.times but can be used for any process PID.

• **user**: time spent in user mode.
• **system**: time spent in kernel mode.
• **children_user**: user time of all child processes (always 0 on Windows and macOS).
• **children_system**: system time of all child processes (always 0 on Windows and macOS).
• **iowait**: (Linux) time spent waiting for blocking I/O to complete. This value is excluded from user and system times count (because the CPU is not doing any work).

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> p.cpu_times()  
pcmputimes(user=0.03, system=0.67, children_user=0.0, children_system=0.0, ...
  → iowait=0.08)
>>> sum(p.cpu_times()[:2])  # cumulative, excluding children and iowait
0.70
```

Changed in version 4.1.0: return two extra fields: children_user and children_system.

Changed in version 5.6.4: added iowait on Linux.

**cpu_percent(interval=None)**
Return a float representing the process CPU utilization as a percentage which can also be > 100.0 in case of a process running multiple threads on different CPUs. When interval is > 0.0 compares process times to system CPU times elapsed before and after the interval (blocking). When interval is 0.0 or None compares process times to system CPU times elapsed since last call, returning immediately. That means the first time this is called it will return a meaningless 0.0 value which you are supposed to ignore. In this case is recommended for accuracy that this function be called a second time with at least 0.1 seconds between calls. Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> # blocking
>>> p.cpu_percent(interval=1)  
2.0
>>> # non-blocking (percentage since last call)
>>> p.cpu_percent(interval=None)
2.9
```

**Note:** the returned value can be > 100.0 in case of a process running multiple threads on different CPU cores.

**Note:** the returned value is explicitly not split evenly between all available CPUs (differently from psutil.cpu_percent()). This means that a busy loop process running on a system with 2 logical CPUs will be reported as having 100% CPU utilization instead of 50%. This was done in order to be consistent with top UNIX utility and also to make it easier to identify processes hogging CPU resources independently from the number of CPUs. It must be noted that taskmgr.exe on Windows does not
behave like this (it would report 50% usage instead). To emulate Windows `taskmgr.exe` behavior you can do: `p.cpu_percent() / psutil.cpu_count()`.

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**Warning:** the first time this method is called with interval = 0.0 or `None` it will return a meaningless `0.0` value which you are supposed to ignore.

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### `cpu_affinity(cpus=None)`

Get or set process current **CPU affinity**. CPU affinity consists in telling the OS to run a process on a limited set of CPUs only (on Linux cmdline, `taskset` command is typically used). If no argument is passed it returns the current CPU affinity as a list of integers. If passed it must be a list of integers specifying the new CPUs affinity. If an empty list is passed all eligible CPUs are assumed (and set). On some systems such as Linux this may not necessarily mean all available logical CPUs as in `list(range(psutil.cpu_count()))`).

```
>>> import psutil
>>> psutil.cpu_count()
4
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> # get
>>> p.cpu_affinity()
[0, 1, 2, 3]
>>> # set; from now on, process will run on CPU #0 and #1 only
>>> p.cpu_affinity([0, 1])
>>> p.cpu_affinity()
[0, 1]
>>> # reset affinity against all eligible CPUs
>>> p.cpu_affinity([])
```

Availability: Linux, Windows, FreeBSD

Changed in version 2.2.0: added support for FreeBSD

Changed in version 5.1.0: an empty list can be passed to set affinity against all eligible CPUs.

### `cpu_num()`

Return what CPU this process is currently running on. The returned number should be `<= psutil.cpu_count()`. On FreeBSD certain kernel process may return `-1`. It may be used in conjunction with `psutil.cpu_percent(percpu=True)` to observe the system workload distributed across multiple CPUs as shown by `cpu_distribution.py` example script.

Availability: Linux, FreeBSD, SunOS

New in version 5.1.0.

### `memory_info()`

Return a named tuple with variable fields depending on the platform representing memory information about the process. The “portable” fields available on all platforms are `rss` and `vms`. All numbers are expressed in bytes.

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6.3. Process class
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- **rss**: aka “Resident Set Size”, this is the non-swapped physical memory a process has used. On UNIX it matches “top”’s RES column. On Windows this is an alias for *wset* field and it matches “Mem Usage” column of taskmgr.exe.

- **vms**: aka “Virtual Memory Size”, this is the total amount of virtual memory used by the process. On UNIX it matches “top”’s VIRT column. On Windows this is an alias for *pagefile* field and it matches “Mem Usage” “VM Size” column of taskmgr.exe.

- **shared**: (*Linux*) memory that could be potentially shared with other processes. This matches “top”’s SHR column.

- **text** (*Linux, BSD*): aka TRS (text resident set) the amount of memory devoted to executable code. This matches “top”’s CODE column.

- **data** (*Linux, BSD*): aka DRS (data resident set) the amount of physical memory devoted to other than executable code. It matches “top”’s DATA column.

- **lib** (*Linux*): the memory used by shared libraries.

- **dirty** (*Linux*): the number of dirty pages.

- **pfaults** (*macOS*): number of page faults.

- **pageins** (*macOS*): number of actual pageins.

For an explanation of Windows fields rely on `PROCESS_MEMORY_COUNTERS_EX` structure doc. Example on Linux:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> p.memory_info()
<psutil.pid_objects.ProcessMemoryInfo object at 0x7f5265fc7f00>

pmem(rss=15491072, vms=84025344, shared=5206016, text=2555904, lib=0,
  data=9891840, dirty=0)
```

Changed in version 4.0.0: multiple fields are returned, not only *rss* and *vms*.

**memory_info_ex()**

Same as *memory_info()* (deprecated).

**Warning**: deprecated in version 4.0.0; use *memory_info()* instead.
memory_full_info()

This method returns the same information as `memory_info()`, plus, on some platform (Linux, macOS, Windows), also provides additional metrics (USS, PSS and swap). The additional metrics provide a better representation of “effective” process memory consumption (in case of USS) as explained in detail in this blog post. It does so by passing through the whole process address. As such it usually requires higher user privileges than `memory_info()` and is considerably slower. On platforms where extra fields are not implemented this simply returns the same metrics as `memory_info()`.

- **uss** (*Linux, macOS, Windows): aka “Unique Set Size”, this is the memory which is unique to a process and which would be freed if the process was terminated right now.
- **pss** (*Linux): aka “Proportional Set Size”, is the amount of memory shared with other processes, accounted in a way that the amount is divided evenly between the processes that share it. I.e. if a process has 10 MBs all to itself and 10 MBs shared with another process its PSS will be 15 MBs.
- **swap** (*Linux): amount of memory that has been swapped out to disk.

**Note:** `uss` is probably the most representative metric for determining how much memory is actually being used by a process. It represents the amount of memory that would be freed if the process was terminated right now.

Example on Linux:

```python
>>> import psutil

>>> p = psutil.Process()

>>> p.memory_full_info()

pfullmem(rss=10199040, vms=52133888, shared=3887104, text=2867200, lib=0,
  data=5967872, dirty=0, uss=6545408, pss=6872064, swap=0)
```

See also procsmem.py for an example application.

New in version 4.0.0.

memory_percent (memtype="rss")

Compare process memory to total physical system memory and calculate process memory utilization as a percentage. `memtype` argument is a string that dictates what type of process memory you want to compare against. You can choose between the named tuple field names returned by `memory_info()` and `memory_full_info()` (defaults to "rss").

Changed in version 4.0.0: added `memtype` parameter.

memory_maps (grouped=True)

Return process’s mapped memory regions as a list of named tuples whose fields are variable depending on the platform. This method is useful to obtain a detailed representation of process memory usage as explained here (the most important value is “private” memory). If `grouped` is `True` the mapped regions with the same `path` are grouped together and the different memory fields are summed. If `grouped` is `False` each mapped region is shown as a single entity and the named tuple will also include the mapped region’s address space (`addr`) and permission set (`perms`). See pmap.py for an example application.
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> p.children()
B, C, D

>>> p.children(recursive=True)
B, X, Y, C, D

Note that in the example above if process X disappears process Y won’t be returned either as the reference to process A is lost. This concept is well summarized by this unit test. See also how to kill a process tree and terminate my children.

open_files()
Return regular files opened by process as a list of named tuples including the following fields:

- **path**: the absolute file name.
- **fd**: the file descriptor number; on Windows this is always ~1.

Linux only:
• **position** (*Linux*): the file (offset) position.

• **mode** (*Linux*): a string indicating how the file was opened, similarly to open builtin mode argument. Possible values are 'r', 'w', 'a', 'r+' and 'a+'. There’s no distinction between files opened in binary or text mode ("b" or "t").

• **flags** (*Linux*): the flags which were passed to the underlying os.open C call when the file was opened (e.g. os.O_RDONLY, os.O_TRUNC, etc).

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> f = open('file.ext', 'w')
>>> p = psutil.Process()
>>> p.open_files()
[popenfile(path='/home/giampaolo/svn/psutil/file.ext', fd=3, position=0, mode='w', flags=32769)]
```

**Warning:** on Windows this method is not reliable due to some limitations of the underlying Windows API which may hang when retrieving certain file handles. In order to work around that psutil spawns a thread to determine the file handle name and kills it if it’s not responding after 100ms. That implies that this method on Windows is not guaranteed to enumerate all regular file handles (see issue 597). Tools like ProcessHacker has the same limitation.

**Warning:** on BSD this method can return files with a null path (""") due to a kernel bug, hence it’s not reliable (see issue 595).

Changed in version 3.1.0: no longer hangs on Windows.

Changed in version 4.1.0: new *position*, *mode* and *flags* fields on Linux.

**connections** (**kind**="inet")

Return socket connections opened by process as a list of named tuples. To get system-wide connections use `psutil.net_connections()`. Every named tuple provides 6 attributes:

• **fd**: the socket file descriptor. This can be passed to `socket.fromfd` to obtain a usable socket object. On Windows, FreeBSD and SunOS this is always set to -1.

• **family**: the address family, either `AF_INET`, `AF_INET6` or `AF_UNIX`.

• **type**: the address type, either `SOCK_STREAM`, `SOCK_DGRAM` or `SOCK_SEQPACKET`.

• **laddr**: the local address as a `(ip, port)` named tuple or a `path` in case of AF_UNIX sockets. For UNIX sockets see notes below.

• **raddr**: the remote address as a `(ip, port)` named tuple or an absolute `path` in case of UNIX sockets. When the remote endpoint is not connected you’ll get an empty tuple (`AF_INET*`) or "" (AF_UNIX). For UNIX sockets see notes below.

• **status**: represents the status of a TCP connection. The return value is one of the `psutil.CONN_*` constants. For UDP and UNIX sockets this is always going to be `psutil.CONN_NONE`.

The **kind** parameter is a string which filters for connections that fit the following criteria:
## Kind value | Connections using
---|---
"inet" | IPv4 and IPv6
"inet4" | IPv4
"inet6" | IPv6
"tcp" | TCP
"tcp4" | TCP over IPv4
"tcp6" | TCP over IPv6
"udp" | UDP
"udp4" | UDP over IPv4
"udp6" | UDP over IPv6
"unix" | UNIX socket (both UDP and TCP protocols)
"all" | the sum of all the possible families and protocols

Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process(1694)
>>> p.name()
'firefox'
>>> p.connections()
[pconn(fd=115, family=<AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, type=<SocketType.SOCK_STREAM: 1>, laddr=addr(ip='10.0.0.1', port=48776), raddr=addr(ip='93.186.135.91', port=80), status='ESTABLISHED'),
pconn(fd=117, family=<AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, type=<SocketType.SOCK_STREAM: 1>, laddr=addr(ip='10.0.0.1', port=43761), raddr=addr(ip='72.14.234.100', port=80), status='CLOSING'),
pconn(fd=119, family=<AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, type=<SocketType.SOCK_STREAM: 1>, laddr=addr(ip='10.0.0.1', port=60759), raddr=addr(ip='72.14.234.104', port=80), status='ESTABLISHED'),
pconn(fd=123, family=<AddressFamily.AF_INET: 2>, type=<SocketType.SOCK_STREAM: 1>, laddr=addr(ip='10.0.0.1', port=51314), raddr=addr(ip='72.14.234.83', port=443), status='SYN_SENT')]
```

**Note:** (Solaris) UNIX sockets are not supported.

**Note:** (Linux, FreeBSD) “raddr” field for UNIX sockets is always set to “”. This is a limitation of the OS.

**Note:** (OpenBSD) “laddr” and “raddr” fields for UNIX sockets are always set to “”. This is a limitation of the OS.

**Note:** (AIX) `psutil.AccessDenied` is always raised unless running as root (lsof does the same).

Changed in version 5.3.0: “laddr” and “raddr” are named tuples.

**is_running()**
Return whether the current process is running in the current process list. This is reliable also in case the process is gone and its PID reused by another process, therefore it must be preferred over doing `psutil.pid_exists(p.pid)`.
send_signal(signal)
Send a signal to process (see signal module constants) preemptively checking whether PID has been reused. On UNIX this is the same as os.kill(pid, sig). On Windows only SIGTERM, CTRL_C_EVENT and CTRL_BREAK_EVENT signals are supported and SIGTERM is treated as an alias for kill(). See also how to kill a process tree and terminate my children.

Changed in version 3.2.0: support for CTRL_C_EVENT and CTRL_BREAK_EVENT signals on Windows was added.

suspend()
Suspend process execution with SIGSTOP signal preemptively checking whether PID has been reused. On UNIX this is the same as os.kill(pid, signal.SIGSTOP). On Windows this is done by suspending all process threads execution.

resume()
Resume process execution with SIGCONT signal preemptively checking whether PID has been reused. On UNIX this is the same as os.kill(pid, signal.SIGCONT). On Windows this is done by resuming all process threads execution.

terminate()
Terminate the process with SIGTERM signal preemptively checking whether PID has been reused. On UNIX this is the same as os.kill(pid, signal.SIGTERM). On Windows this is an alias for kill(). See also how to kill a process tree and terminate my children.

kill()
Kill the current process by using SIGKILL signal preemptively checking whether PID has been reused. On UNIX this is the same as os.kill(pid, signal.SIGKILL). On Windows this is done by using TerminateProcess. See also how to kill a process tree and terminate my children.

wait(timeout=None)
Wait for a process PID to terminate. The details about the return value differ on UNIX and Windows.

On UNIX: if the process terminated normally, the return value is a positive integer >= 0 indicating the exit code. If the process was terminated by a signal return the negated value of the signal which caused the termination (e.g. -SIGTERM). If PID is not a children of os.getpid (current process) just wait until the process disappears and return None. If PID does not exist return None immediately.

On Windows: always return the exit code, which is a positive integer as returned by GetExitCodeProcess.

timeout is expressed in seconds. If specified and the process is still alive raise TimeoutExpired exception. timeout=0 can be used in non-blocking apps: it will either return immediately or raise TimeoutExpired.

The return value is cached. To wait for multiple processes use psutil.wait_procs().

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> p = psutil.Process(9891)
>>> p.terminate()
>>> p.wait()
<Negsignal.SIGTERM: -15>
```

Changed in version 5.7.1: return value is cached (instead of returning None).

Changed in version 5.7.1: on POSIX, in case of negative signal, return it as a human readable enum.
class `psutil.Popen`(*args, **kwargs)

Same as `subprocess.Popen` but in addition it provides all `psutil.Process` methods in a single class. For the following methods which are common to both classes, psutil implementation takes precedence: `send_signal()`, `terminate()`, `kill()`. This is done in order to avoid killing another process in case its PID has been reused, fixing BPO-6973.

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> from subprocess import PIPE
>>> p = psutil.Popen(["/usr/bin/python", "-c", "print('hello')"], stdout=PIPE)
>>> p.name()
'python'
>>> p.username()
'giampaolo'
>>> p.communicate()
('hello\n', None)
>>> p.wait(timeout=2)
0
```

Changed in version 4.4.0: added context manager support
CHAPTER 7

Windows services

psutil.

\texttt{win_service_iter()}\\
\begin{itemize}
\item Return an iterator yielding a \texttt{WindowsService} class instance for all Windows services installed.
\item New in version 4.2.0.
\item Availability: Windows
\end{itemize}

psutil.

\texttt{win_service_get(name)}\\
\begin{itemize}
\item Get a Windows service by name, returning a \texttt{WindowsService} instance. Raise \texttt{psutil.NoSuchProcess} if no service with such name exists.
\item New in version 4.2.0.
\item Availability: Windows
\end{itemize}

\textbf{class} psutil.

\texttt{WindowsService}\\
\begin{itemize}
\item Represents a Windows service with the given \texttt{name}. This class is returned by \texttt{win_service_iter()} and \texttt{win_service_get()} functions and it is not supposed to be instantiated directly.
\item \texttt{name()}\\
\begin{itemize}
\item The service name. This string is how a service is referenced and can be passed to \texttt{win_service_get()} to get a new \texttt{WindowsService} instance.
\end{itemize}
\item \texttt{display_name()}\\
\begin{itemize}
\item The service display name. The value is cached when this class is instantiated.
\end{itemize}
\item \texttt{binpath()}\\
\begin{itemize}
\item The fully qualified path to the service binary/exe file as a string, including command line arguments.
\end{itemize}
\item \texttt{username()}\\
\begin{itemize}
\item The name of the user that owns this service.
\end{itemize}
\item \texttt{start_type()}\\
\begin{itemize}
\item A string which can either be \texttt{“automatic”}, \texttt{“manual”} or \texttt{“disabled”}.
\end{itemize}
\item \texttt{pid()}\\
\begin{itemize}
\item The process PID, if any, else \texttt{None}. This can be passed to \texttt{Process} class to control the service’s process.
\end{itemize}
\end{itemize}
status()
Service status as a string, which may be either “running”, “paused”, “start_pending”, “pause_pending”, “continue_pending”, “stopPending” or “stopped”.

description()
Service long description.

as_dict()
Utility method retrieving all the information above as a dictionary.

Example code:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> list(psutil.win_service_iter())
[<WindowsService(name='AeLookupSvc', display_name='Application Experience') at 38850096>,
 <WindowsService(name='ALG', display_name='Application Layer Gateway Service') at 38850128>,
 <WindowsService(name='APNMCP', display_name='Ask Update Service') at 38850160>,
 <WindowsService(name='AppIDSvc', display_name='Application Identity') at 38850192>, ...
]
>>> s = psutil.win_service_get('alg')
>>> s.as_dict()
{'binpath': 'C:\Windows\System32\alg.exe',
 'description': 'Provides support for 3rd party protocol plug-ins for Internet Connection Sharing',
 'display_name': 'Application Layer Gateway Service',
 'name': 'alg',
 'pid': None,
 'start_type': 'manual',
 'status': 'stopped',
 'username': 'NT AUTHORITY\LocalService'}
```
8.1 Operating system constants

`psutil.POSIX`
`psutil.LINUX`
`psutil.WINDOWS`
`psutil.MACOS`
`psutil.FREEBSD`
`psutil.NETBSD`
`psutil.OPENBSD`
`psutil.BSD`
`psutil.SUNOS`
`psutil.AIX`

bool constants which define what platform you’re on. E.g. if on Windows, `WINDOWS` constant will be `True`, all others will be `False`.

New in version 4.0.0.

Changed in version 5.4.0: added AIX

`psutil.OSX`

Alias for `MACOS`.

**Warning:** deprecated in version 5.4.7; use `MACOS` instead.

`psutil.PROCFS_PATH`

The path of the `/proc` filesystem on Linux, Solaris and AIX (defaults to `"/proc"`). You may want to re-set this constant right after importing psutil in case your `/proc` filesystem is mounted elsewhere or if you want to retrieve
information about Linux containers such as Docker, Heroku or LXC (see here for more info). It must be noted that this trick works only for APIs which rely on /proc filesystem (e.g. memory APIs and most Process class methods).

Availability: Linux, Solaris, AIX
New in version 3.2.3.
Changed in version 3.4.2: also available on Solaris.
Changed in version 5.4.0: also available on AIX.

8.2 Process status constants

psutil.STATUS_RUNNING
psutil.STATUS_SLEEPING
psutil.STATUS_DISK_SLEEP
psutil.STATUS_STOPPED
psutil.STATUS_TRACING_STOP
psutil.STATUS_ZOMBIE
psutil.STATUS_DEAD
psutil.STATUS_WAKE_KILL
psutil.STATUS_WAKING
psutil.STATUS_PARKED (Linux)
psutil.STATUS_IDLE (Linux, macOS, FreeBSD)
psutil.STATUS_LOCKED (FreeBSD)
psutil.STATUS_WAITING (FreeBSD)
psutil.STATUS_SUSPENDED (NetBSD)

Represent a process status. Returned by psutil.Process.status().

New in version 3.4.1: STATUS_SUSPENDED (NetBSD)
New in version 5.4.7: STATUS_PARKED (Linux)

8.3 Process priority constants

psutil.REALTIME_PRIORITY_CLASS
psutil.HIGH_PRIORITY_CLASS
psutil.ABOVE_NORMAL_PRIORITY_CLASS
psutil.NORMAL_PRIORITY_CLASS
psutil.IDLE_PRIORITY_CLASS
psutil.BELOW_NORMAL_PRIORITY_CLASS

Represent the priority of a process on Windows (see SetPriorityClass). They can be used in conjunction with psutil.Process.nice() to get or set process priority.
psutil Documentation, Release 5.9.1

Availability: Windows

psutil.IOPRIO_CLASS_NONE
psutil.IOPRIO_CLASS_RT
psutil.IOPRIO_CLASS_BE
psutil.IOPRIO_CLASS_IDLE

A set of integers representing the I/O priority of a process on Linux. They can be used in conjunction with psutil.Process.ionice() to get or set process I/O priority. IOPRIO_CLASS_NONE and IOPRIO_CLASS_BE (best effort) is the default for any process that hasn’t set a specific I/O priority. IOPRIO_CLASS_RT (real time) means the process is given first access to the disk, regardless of what else is going on in the system. IOPRIO_CLASS_IDLE means the process will get I/O time when no-one else needs the disk. For further information refer to manuals of ionice command line utility or ioprio_get system call.

Availability: Linux

psutil.IOPRIO_VERYLOW
psutil.IOPRIO_LOW
psutil.IOPRIO_NORMAL
psutil.IOPRIO_HIGH

A set of integers representing the I/O priority of a process on Windows. They can be used in conjunction with psutil.Process.ionice() to get or set process I/O priority.

Availability: Windows
New in version 5.6.2.

8.4 Process resources constants

Linux / FreeBSD:

psutil.RLIMIT_INFINITY
psutil.RLIMIT_AS
psutil.RLIMIT_CORE
psutil.RLIMIT_CPU
psutil.RLIMIT_DATA
psutil.RLIMITFSIZE
psutil.RLIMIT_NICE
psutil.RLIMIT_MMAP
psutil.RLIMIT_NOFILE
psutil.RLIMIT_NPROC
psutil.RLIMIT_RSS
psutil.RLIMIT_STACK

Linux specific:

psutil.RLIMITLOCKS
psutil.RLIMIT_MSGQUEUE
psutil.RLIMIT_NICE
\texttt{psutil.RLIMIT_RTPRIO} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.RLIMIT_RTTIME} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.RLIMIT_SIGPENDING} \hfill \\

FreeBSD specific: \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.RLIMIT_SWAP} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.RLIMIT_SBSIZE} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.RLIMIT_NPTS} \hfill \\

Constants used for getting and setting process resource limits to be used in conjunction with \texttt{psutil.Process.rlimit()}. See \texttt{resource.getrlimit} for further information.

Availability: Linux, FreeBSD

Changed in version 5.7.3: added FreeBSD support, added \texttt{RLIMIT_SWAP}, \texttt{RLIMIT_SBSIZE}, \texttt{RLIMIT_NPTS}.

### 8.5 Connections constants

\texttt{psutil.CONN_ESTABLISHED} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_SYN_SENT} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_SYN_RECV} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_FIN_WAIT1} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_FIN_WAIT2} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_TIME_WAIT} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_CLOSE} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_CLOSE_WAIT} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_LAST_ACK} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_LISTEN} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_CLOSING} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_NONE} \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_DELETE_TCB} (Windows) \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_IDLE} (Solaris) \hfill \\
\texttt{psutil.CONN_BOUND} (Solaris) \hfill \\

A set of strings representing the status of a TCP connection. Returned by \texttt{psutil.Process.connections()} and \texttt{psutil.net_connections()} (\texttt{status} field).

### 8.6 Hardware constants

\texttt{psutil.AF_LINK} \hfill \\

Constant which identifies a MAC address associated with a network interface. To be used in conjunction with \texttt{psutil.net_if_addrs()}.

New in version 3.0.0.
psutil.NIC_DUPLEX_FULL

psutil.NIC_DUPLEX_HALF

psutil.NIC_DUPLEX_UNKNOWN

Constants which identifies whether a NIC (network interface card) has full or half mode speed. NIC_DUPLEX_FULL means the NIC is able to send and receive data (files) simultaneously, NIC_DUPLEX_HALF means the NIC can either send or receive data at a time. To be used in conjunction with `psutil.net_if_stats()`.

New in version 3.0.0.

psutil.POWER_TIME_UNKNOWN

psutil.POWER_TIME_UNLIMITED

Whether the remaining time of the battery cannot be determined or is unlimited. May be assigned to `psutil.sensors_battery()`’s `secsleft` field.

New in version 5.1.0.

psutil.version_info

A tuple to check psutil installed version. Example:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> if psutil.version_info >= (4, 5):
...    pass
```
9.1 Find process by name

Check string against `Process.name()`:

```python
import psutil

def find_procs_by_name(name):
    "Return a list of processes matching 'name'."
    ls = []
    for p in psutil.process_iter(['name']):
        if p.info['name'] == name:
            ls.append(p)
    return ls
```

A bit more advanced, check string against `Process.name()`, `Process.exe()` and `Process.cmdline()`:

```python
import os
import psutil

def find_procs_by_name(name):
    "Return a list of processes matching 'name'."
    ls = []
    for p in psutil.process_iter(['name', 'exe', 'cmdline']):
        if name == p.info['name'] or 
           p.info['exe'] and os.path.basename(p.info['exe']) == name or 
           p.info['cmdline'] and p.info['cmdline'][0] == name:
            ls.append(p)
    return ls
```
9.2 Kill process tree

```python
import os
import signal
import psutil

def kill_proc_tree(pid, sig=signal.SIGTERM, include_parent=True,
    timeout=None, on_terminate=None):
    """Kill a process tree (including grandchildren) with signal
    "sig" and return a (gone, still_alive) tuple.
    "on_terminate", if specified, is a callback function which is
called as soon as a child terminates.
    ""
    assert pid != os.getpid(), "won't kill myself"
    parent = psutil.Process(pid)
    children = parent.children(recursive=True)
    if include_parent:
        children.append(parent)
    for p in children:
        try:
            p.send_signal(sig)
        except psutil.NoSuchProcess:
            pass
    gone, alive = psutil.wait_procs(children, timeout=timeout,
        callback=on_terminate)
    return (gone, alive)
```

9.3 Filtering and sorting processes

A collection of code samples showing how to use `process_iter()` to filter processes and sort them. Setup:

```python
>>> import psutil
>>> from pprint import pprint as pp

Processes owned by user:

```python
>>> import getpass
>>> pp([(p.pid, p.info['name']) for p in psutil.process_iter(['name', 'username']) if
...     p.info['username'] == getpass.getuser()])
[(16832, 'bash'),
 (19772, 'ssh'),
 (20492, 'python')]
```

Processes actively running:

```python
>>> pp([(p.pid, p.info) for p in psutil.process_iter(['name', 'status']) if p.info[
...     'status'] == psutil.STATUS_RUNNING])
[(1150, {'name': 'Xorg', 'status': 'running'}),
 (1776, {'name': 'unity-panel-service', 'status': 'running'}),
 (20492, {'name': 'python', 'status': 'running'})]
```

Processes using log files:
```python
>>> for p in psutil.process_iter(['name', 'open_files']):
...     for file in p.info['open_files'] or []:
...         if file.path.endswith('.log'):
...             print("%-5s %-10s %s
" % (p.pid, p.info['name'][:10], file.path))
...         1510 upstart /home/giampaolo/.cache/upstart/unity-settings-daemon.log
174 nautilus /home/giampaolo/.local/share/gvfs-metadata/home-ce08efac.log
2650 chrome /home/giampaolo/.config/google-chrome/Default/data_reduction_proxy_
˓→leveldb/000003.log

Processes consuming more than 500M of memory:
```}

```python
>>> pp([(p.pid, p.info['name'], p.info['memory_info'].rss) for p in psutil.process_iter(['name', 'memory_info']) if p.info['memory_info'].rss > 500 * 1024 * 1024])
[(2650, 'chrome', 532324352),
(3038, 'chrome', 1120088064),
(21915, 'sublime_text', 615407616)]

Top 3 processes which consumed the most CPU time:
```}

```python
>>> pp([[(p.pid, p.info['name'], sum(p.info['cpu_times'])) for p in sorted(psutil.process_iter(['name', 'cpu_times']), key=lambda p: sum(p.info['cpu_times'][:2]))][-3:]])
[(2721, 'chrome', 10219.73),
(1150, 'Xorg', 11116.989999999998),
(2650, 'chrome', 18451.97)]

9.4 Bytes conversion

```python
import psutil
def bytes2human(n):
    # http://code.activestate.com/recipes/578019
    # >>> bytes2human(10000)
    # '9.8K'
    # >>> bytes2human(100001221)
    # '95.4M'
    symbols = ('K', 'M', 'G', 'T', 'P', 'E', 'Z', 'Y')
    prefix = {}
    for i, s in enumerate(symbols):
        prefix[s] = 1 << (i + 1) * 10
    for s in reversed(symbols):
        if n >= prefix[s]:
            value = float(n) / prefix[s]
            return '%.1f%s' % (value, s)
        return '%dB' % n

total = psutil.disk_usage('/').total
print(total)
print(bytes2human(total))

...prints:
100399730688
93.5G

9.4. Bytes conversion
• Q: Why do I get `AccessDenied` for certain processes?

• A: This may happen when you query processes owned by another user, especially on macOS (see issue #883) and Windows. Unfortunately there’s not much you can do about this except running the Python process with higher privileges. On Unix you may run the Python process as root or use the SUID bit (`ps` and `netstat` does this). On Windows you may run the Python process as `NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM` or install the Python script as a Windows service (ProcessHacker does this).

• Q: is MinGW supported on Windows?

• A: no, you should Visual Studio (see development guide).
CHAPTER 11

Running tests

$ python3 -m psutil.tests
If you want to debug unusual situations or want to report a bug, it may be useful to enable debug mode via `PSUTIL_DEBUG` environment variable. In this mode, psutil may (or may not) print additional information to stderr. Usually these are error conditions which are not severe, and hence are ignored (instead of crashing). Unit tests automatically run with debug mode enabled. On UNIX:

```bash
$ PSUTIL_DEBUG=1 python3 script.py
psutil-debug [psutil/_psutil_linux.c:150]> setmntent() failed (ignored)
```

On Windows:

```bash
set PSUTIL_DEBUG=1 python.exe script.py
psutil-debug [psutil/arch/windows/process_info.c:90]> NtWow64ReadVirtualMemory64(pbi64.PebBaseAddress) -> 998 (Unknown error) (ignored)
```
To report a security vulnerability, please use the Tidelift security contact. Tidelift will coordinate the fix and disclosure.
CHAPTER 14

Development guide

If you want to develop psutil take a look at the development guide.
Platforms support history

- psutil 5.9.0 (2021-12): MidnightBSD
- psutil 5.8.0 (2020-12): PyPy 2 on Windows
- psutil 5.7.1 (2020-07): Windows Nano
- psutil 5.7.0 (2020-02): drop Windows XP & Server 2003 support
- psutil 5.7.0 (2020-02): PyPy 3 on Windows
- psutil 5.4.0 (2017-11): AIX
- psutil 3.4.1 (2016-01): NetBSD
- psutil 3.3.0 (2015-11): OpenBSD
- psutil 1.0.0 (2013-07): Solaris
- psutil 0.1.1 (2009-03): FreeBSD
- psutil 0.1.0 (2009-01): Linux, Windows, macOS

Supported Python versions are 2.6, 2.7, 3.4+ and PyPy3.
CHAPTER 16

Timeline

- 2021-12-29: 5.9.0 - what’s new - diff
- 2020-12-19: 5.8.0 - what’s new - diff
- 2020-10-23: 5.7.3 - what’s new - diff
- 2020-07-15: 5.7.2 - what’s new - diff
- 2020-07-15: 5.7.1 - what’s new - diff
- 2020-02-18: 5.7.0 - what’s new - diff
- 2019-11-26: 5.6.7 - what’s new - diff
- 2019-11-25: 5.6.6 - what’s new - diff
- 2019-11-06: 5.6.5 - what’s new - diff
- 2019-11-04: 5.6.4 - what’s new - diff
- 2019-06-11: 5.6.3 - what’s new - diff
- 2019-04-26: 5.6.2 - what’s new - diff
- 2019-03-11: 5.6.1 - what’s new - diff
- 2019-03-05: 5.6.0 - what’s new - diff
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- 2019-01-23: 5.5.0 - what’s new - diff
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• 2013-05-03: 0.7.1 - what’s new - diff
• 2013-04-12: 0.7.0 - what’s new - diff
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• 2012-08-13: 0.6.0 - what’s new - diff
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