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# **composite Documentation**

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**composite** is an ODM tool for converting complex datatypes, such as objects, to and from native Python datatypes and using them to further different file formats conversion such like as XML, JSON, etc

Jump to [Examples](#) to have get acquainted.



# CHAPTER 1

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## Introduction

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Composite project began as a layer between XML (and xml like) documents and JSON in a *already in production* project to move obsolete xml schema towards JSON compatible.

Though this didn't happen **composite** solved its issue designed for. It can maintain layer of compatibility between different document formats and allow user work with them in ODM/ORM style.

For example you have strict xml document schema:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<Company>
  <ceo first_name="Alexander" last_name="Pepyako" age="23"
    gender="male" phone="+79110010203" email="com@alexander.pepyako">
    <id>1</id>
    <sign>Pepyako inc.</sign>
  </ceo>
  <title>Pepyako industries</title>
  <address>Third Vydrokushskaya street, 7 building</address>
  <company_type>GHMb</company_type>
</Company>
```

You would probably want to have python like object to handle its data, bind different methods to it to maintain your own business logic and in final you want to serialize this document to JSON or vice versa.

```
{
  "ceo": {
    "_attributes": {
      "first_name": "Alexander",
      "last_name": "Pepyako",
      "age": 23,
      "gender": "male",
      "phone": "+79110010203",
      "email": "com@alexander.pepyako"
    },
    "id": 1,
    "sign": "Pepyako inc."
  }
}
```

```
{,
  "title": "Pepyako industries",
  "address": "Third Vydrokushskaya street, 7 building",
  "company_type": "GHMb"
}
```

## Useful links

- You search for ODM/ORM library to handle JSON-like schemas, look for [marshmallow project](#)



- *Dependencies*
- *Using PyPI*

### Dependencies

- lxml-3.4.4 +
- six-1.9.0 +

### Using PyPI

```
pip install composite
```



- *XML to JSON*

## XML to JSON

1. Make class for reading document (*documents.py*)

```
from composite import Document, fields

class User(Document):
    id = fields.Field(name='id', type=int)
    sign = fields.Field(name='sign', type=str)

    def get_user_name(self):
        if self.get_attributes():
            return '%s %s' % (self.attributes.first_name,
                              self.attributes.last_name)
        return self.id

    def __str__(self):
        return '%s' % self.attributes.first_name

class Attributes:
    first_name = fields.AttributeField(name='first_name', type=str)
    last_name = fields.AttributeField(name='last_name', type=str)
    age = fields.AttributeField(name='age', type=int)
    gender = fields.AttributeField(name='gender', type=str)
    phone = fields.AttributeField(name='phone', type=str)
    email = fields.AttributeField(name='email', type=str)
```

```
class Company(Document):
    """
    Company document

    :param str title: title
    :param str address: address
    :param str company_type: company type
    :param User ceo: company CEO user profile
    """
    title = Field('title', str)
    address = Field('address', str)
    company_type = Field('company_type', str)
    ceo = Node('ceo', type=User)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.ceo.get_user_name()
```

## 2. Implement XML document

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<Company>
  <ceo first_name="Alexander" last_name="Pepyako" age="23"
    gender="male" phone="+79110010203" email="com@alexander.pepyako">
    <id>1</id>
    <sign>Pepyako inc.</sign>
  </ceo>
  <title>Pepyako industries</title>
  <address>Third Vydrokushskaya street, 7 building</address>
  <company_type>GHMb</company_type>
</Company>
```

## 3. Read XML document with help of implemented classes

```
>>> from documents import Company
>>> from composite.builders import LXMLDocumentBuilder
>>> from lxml import etree
>>> xml_document = etree.fromstring(open('company.xml', 'rb').read())
>>> company = Company.parse(LXMLDocumentBuilder, xml_document)
>>> company
<Company: Alexander Pepyako>
>>> company.ceo.get_user_name()
'Alexander Pepyako'
```

## 4. Convert company to JSON

```
>>> from composite.builders import PythonDocumentBuilder
>>> import json
>>> company_dict = company.build(PythonDocumentBuilder, company)
>>> company_dict
{'address': 'Third Vydrokushskaya street, 7 building',
 'ceo': {'_attributes': {'age': 23,
 'email': 'com@alexander.pepyako',
 'first_name': 'Alexander',
 'gender': 'male',
 'last_name': 'Pepyako',
 'phone': '+79110010203'},
 'id': 1,
 'sign': 'Pepyako inc.'},
```

```
'company_type': 'GHMb',
'title': 'Pepyako industries'}
>>> json.dumps(company_dict)
'{"ceo": {"_attributes": {"phone": "+79110010203", "first_name":
↪ "Alexander", "last_name": "Pepyako",
"gender": "male", "age": 23, "email": "com@alexander.pepyako"}, "id": 1,
"sign": "Pepyako inc."}, "title": "Pepyako industries",
"company_type": "GHMb", "address": "Third Vydrokushskaya street, 7_
↪ building"}'
```



- *Documents*
- *Fields*
- *Builders*
- *Visitors*
- *Exceptions*

## Documents

**class** `composite.documents.Document`

Document (some call them schema) example usage:

```
from composite import Document, fields, builders

class User(Document):
    name = fields.Field('name', str)
    age = fields.Field('age', int)
    address = fields.Field('address', str)

user = User.parse(builders.PythonDocumentBuilder,
    {'name': 'Alice', 'age': 10, 'address': 'Wonderland'})
user.name # Alice
User.build(builders.PythonDocumentBuilder, user)
{'name': 'Alice', 'age': 10, 'address': 'Wonderland'}
```

**classmethod** `build` (*build composite according to its build class business logic*)

**Parameters**

- **builder\_class** – builder class (*composite.builders.BaseDocumentBuilder*)
- **document** (*composite.Document*) – python instance (*composite.Document*)

**Return type** *any*

**Returns** any object, for example *lxml.etree.Element* if build process had been managed with *lxml* builder class

**get\_attributes()**  
get attributes node

**Return type** *DocumentAttribute* or *None*

**Returns** attributes

**has\_attributes()**  
if document has attributes

**Return type** *bool*

**Returns** check if given document has attributes

**classmethod parse** (*builder\_class, source*)  
parse to python-object instance with *build\_class* source data

**Parameters**

- **builder\_class** – builder class (*composite.builders.BaseDocumentBuilder*)
- **source** – any data to process

**Return type** *composite.Document*

**Returns** document instance

**class** *composite.documents.DocumentAttribute*  
Base class for building attributes inside *composite.documents.Document* instances example:

```
from composite import Document, fields, builders

class User(Document):
    name = fields.Field('name', str)

    class Attribute:
        age = fields.AttributeField('age', int)
        gender = fields.AttributeField('gender', str)

user = User.parse(builders.PythonDocumentBuilder,
    {'name': 'Alice', '_attributes': {'age': 10, 'gender': 'female'}})
user.attributes.gender # female
User.build(builders.PythonDocumentBuilder, user)
{'name': 'Alice', '_attributes': {'age': 10, 'gender': 'female'}}
```

**get\_attribute\_fields()**  
get attribute fields

**Return type** *dict*

**Returns** fields

**values()**  
attribute values bind



**Return type** `list`

**Returns** attribute values

**class** `composite.documents.DocumentMeta` (*name, bases, attrs*)  
 Document Meta class for building documents

## Fields

**class** `composite.fields.AttributeField` (*name, type, default=None*)  
 Same as `composite.fields.Field` but using only in attributes, as they include only simple data.

```
age = AttributeField('age', int) # int() by default
```

**visit** (*visitor, source*)  
 invoke visitor's `composite.visitors.FieldVisitor.visit_attribute_field()` method call with given source.

**Parameters** `source` (*any*) – base data types source data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

**class** `composite.fields.BaseField` (*name, type, default=None*)  
 Base Field abstract class

**class** `composite.fields.Field` (*name, type, default=None*)  
 Field processes simple types of data, for example: int, float, str:

```
age = Field('age', int, 21)
name = Field('name', str, '')
```

**visit** (*visitor, source*)  
 invoke visitor's `composite.visitors.FieldVisitor.visit_field()` method call with given source.

**Parameters** `source` (*any*) – any source data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

**class** `composite.fields.ListField` (*name, type, default=None*)  
 List of fields combined together:

```
mana_cost = ListField('mana_cost', int, [90, 100, 110, 120])
player_names = ListField('player_names', str) # empty list, []
```

**visit** (*visitor, source*)  
 invoke visitor's `composite.visitors.FieldVisitor.visit_list_field()` method call with given source.

**Parameters** `source` (*any*) – any source data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

**class** `composite.fields.ListNode` (*name, type, default=None*)  
 List of nodes

```
class User(Document):
    age = Field('age', int)
    name = Field('name', str)

class Users(Document):
    users = ListNode('users', User)
```

**visit** (*visitor*, *source*)

invoke visitor's `composite.visitors.FieldVisitor.visit_list_node()` method call with given source.

**Parameters** **source** (*any*) – any source of data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

**class** `composite.fields.MetaListField` (*name*, *type*, *default=None*)

For list fields, list nodes, list etc usage

**class** `composite.fields.Node` (*name*, *type*, *default=None*)

Node field serves to read different data types combined together (ADT).

```
class User(Document):
    age = Field('age', int)
    name = Field('name', str)

class Company(Document):
    title = Field('title', str)
    address = Field('address', str)

class Profile(Document):
    user = Node('user', User)
    company = Node('company', Company)
```

**visit** (*visitor*, *source*)

invoke visitor's `composite.visitors.FieldVisitor.visit_node()` method call with given source.

**Parameters** **source** (*any*) – any source of data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

## Builders

**class** `composite.builders.BaseDocumentBuilder` (*document*)

Base builder (abstract) class for building/parsing Documents

**build** (*node\_name='document'*)

build instance from python object (document)

**Parameters** **node\_name** (*str*) – name of the node to

**Return type** *any*

**Returns** built instance

**build\_attributes** (*source\_object*)

builds attributes

**Parameters** **source\_object** (*str*) – source object

**Returns** attribute object

**Raises** **NotImplemented** –

- build object should be implemented in real classes

**build\_object** (*node\_name*)

builds object

**Parameters** **node\_name** (*str*) – node name

**Returns** object

**Raises** **NotImplemented** –

- build object should be implemented in real classes

**get\_attribute\_class** ()

get attribute class

**Return type** *composite.documents.DocumentAttribute*

**Returns** attribute class

**get\_attribute\_fields** ()

get document attribute fields

**Return type** *dict*

**Returns** fields

**get\_build\_visitor** (*document*)

get build visitor

**Return type** *composite.visitors.FieldVisitor*

**Returns** build visitor class

**get\_build\_visitor\_class** ()

get build visitor class

**Return type** *type*

**Returns** build visitor class

**get\_document\_fields** ()

get document fields

**Return type** *dict*

**Returns** document fields

**get\_document\_fields\_mapping** ()

get document fields mapping

**Return type** *dict*

**Returns** mapping

**get\_parse\_visitor** ()

get parse visitor

**Return type** *composite.visitors.FieldVisitor*

**Returns** parse visitor class

**get\_parse\_visitor\_class** ()  
get parse visitor class

**Return type** `type`

**Returns** parse visitor class

**init\_blank\_attributes** (*source\_object*)  
initiate blank attributes

**Parameters** **source\_object** – source object

**Raises** **NotImplemented** –

- should be implement in children classes

**classmethod** **iterate** (*source*)  
iterate through source

**Parameters** **source** (*any*) – any source data, for example `dict`

**Return type** generator

**Returns** generator with tuple[node name, node content]

**parse** (*source*)  
parse source data with any format to final document

**Parameters** **source** – source data (`dict`, `lxml.etree.Element` element, etc)

**Return type** `composite.Document`

**Returns** document instance

**class** `composite.builders.LXMLDocumentBuilder` (*document*)  
XML documents builder class for parse documents from raw format (via `lxml`) and build to them directly.

**build\_attributes** (*source\_object*)  
attributes

**Parameters** **source\_object** (`lxml.etree.Element`) – etree element

**Return type** `dict`

**Returns** attributes

**build\_object** (*node\_name*)  
returns blank `lxml.etree.Element` object

**Parameters** **node\_name** (*str*) – document node name

**Return type** `lxml.etree.Element`

**Returns** `lxml` Element instance

**init\_blank\_attributes** (*source\_object*)  
`lxml` etree Element objects already has blank initiated attribute children object

**Parameters** **source\_object** (`lxml._etree.Element`) – source element

**Returns** `None`

**Return type** `None`

**classmethod** **iterate** (*source*)  
iterate through source document

**Parameters** `source` (`lxml.etree.Element` | `lxml.etree._Attrib`) – xml document or its attribute

**Return type** generator

**Returns** tuple[node name, node]

**class** `composite.builders.PythonDocumentBuilder` (`document`)

Python documents builder class for parse documents from raw (dict) format and build to them directly. Could help to build json documents with json/simplejson/anyjson/etc.

**build\_attributes** (`source_object`)  
attributes

**Parameters** `source_object` (`dict`) – source element

**Return type** `dict`

**Returns** attributes

**init\_blank\_attributes** (`source_object`)  
update source object with attributes

**Parameters** `source_object` (`dict`) – source object

**Returns** None

**Return type** `None`

**classmethod** `iterate` (`source`)  
iterate through source document

**Parameters** `source` (`lxml.etree.Element`) – xml document

**Return type** generator

**Returns** tuple[node name, node]

## Visitors

**class** `composite.visitors.FieldVisitor` (`builder_class`, `composite`)

Field visitor, helps to parse and build documents. There are 5 types of fields:

- attribute field, field attribute:

```
<font size="12em" color="black" weight="bold">
```

size, color and weight are attributes

- field, simple data field:

```
<Document>
  <x>0</x>
  <name>Jim</name>
  <pi>3.14</pi>
</Document>
```

- list field, simple data fields combined in array/list:

```
<Document>
  <name>Jim</name>
  <name>Jill</name>
  <name>Jerry</name>
</Document>
```

- node, block with several data in it:

```
<User>
  <name>Alexander</name>
  <last_name>Pepyako</last_name>
  <age>32</age>
  <email>com@alexander.pepyako</email>
</User>
```

- list node, several nodes combined in array/list:

```
<Clients>
  <user>
    <name>Alexander</name>
    <last_name>Pepyako</last_name>
    <age>32</age>
    <email>com@alexander.pepyako</email>
  </user>
  <user>
    <name>Mary</name>
    <last_name>Noname</last_name>
    <age>27</age>
    <email>mary@noname.nozone</email>
  </user>
</Clients>
```

**visit\_attribute\_field** (*field*, *source*)

visit attribute field

#### Parameters

- **field** (`composite.fields.AttributeField`) – field to visit
- **source** – any source of data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

**visit\_field** (*field*, *source*)

visit field

#### Parameters

- **field** (`composite.fields.Field`) – field to visit
- **source** – any source of data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

**visit\_list\_field** (*field*, *source*)

visit list field

#### Parameters

- **field** (`composite.fields.ListField`) – field to visit
- **source** – any source of data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

**visit\_list\_node** (*node*, *source*)  
visit list node

**Parameters**

- **field** (`composite.fields.ListNode`) – field to visit
- **source** – any source of data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

**visit\_node** (*node*, *source*)  
visit node

**Parameters**

- **node** (`composite.fields.Node`) – node field to visit
- **source** – any source of data

**Return type** `None`

**Returns** `None`

## Exceptions

**exception** `composite.exceptions.ImproperlyConfigured` (*message*, *errors=None*)  
Improperly configure exception





## CHAPTER 5

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### Changelog

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#### 0.1.0

- Bump version
- Python 3.5+ (including python 3.6) compatibility check

#### 0.0.1

Initial release



## CHAPTER 6

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