
NHS DoS Client Documentation

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Contents:

A client library for interacting with NHS DoS APIs

- Free software: GNU General Public License v3
- Documentation: <https://nhs-dos.readthedocs.io>.

1.1 Python Support

Support for Python 3.6+ only.

This library does not support **Legacy Python** (Python 2).

1.2 Features

This package provides a simple python API client for interacting with NHS Service Directories.

Current support for the Urgent & Emergency Care DoS APIs:

- GetServiceByServiceId
- GetServiceByOdsCode

1.3 Credits

This package was created with [Cookiecutter](#) and the [audreyr/cookiecutter-pypackage](#) project template.

2.1 Stable release

To install NHS DoS Client, run this command in your terminal:

```
$ pip install nhs_dos
```

This is the preferred method to install NHS DoS Client, as it will always install the most recent stable release.

If you don't have [pip](#) installed, this [Python installation guide](#) can guide you through the process.

2.2 From sources

The sources for NHS DoS Client can be downloaded from the [Github repo](#).

You can either clone the public repository:

```
$ git clone git://github.com/nhsd-a2si/nhs_dos
```

Or download the [tarball](#):

```
$ curl -OL https://github.com/nhsd-a2si/nhs_dos/tarball/master
```

Once you have a copy of the source, you can install it with:

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


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Usage

To use the NHS DoS client library in a project:

```
from nhs_dos import User
```

Firstly, you will need to create a User object using your API credentials:

```
u = nhs_dos.User('my_username', 'my_password')
```

This object can then be used with either the REST or SOAP APIs.

3.1 REST API

Firstly, create a RestApiClient object, passing in your User object:

```
from nhs_dos.rest_api import RestApiClient  
client = RestApiClient(u)
```

3.2 SOAP API

Firstly, create a SoapApiClient object, passing in your User object:

```
client = SoapApiClient(u)
```


Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given. You can contribute in many ways:

4.1 Types of Contributions

4.1.1 Report Bugs

Report bugs at <https://github.com/nhsd-a2si/nhs-dos-py/issues>.

If you are reporting a bug, please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

4.1.2 Fix Bugs

Look through the GitHub issues for bugs. Anything tagged with “bug” and “help wanted” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

4.1.3 Implement Features

Look through the GitHub issues for features. Anything tagged with “enhancement” and “help wanted” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

4.1.4 Write Documentation

NHS DoS Client could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official NHS DoS Client docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

4.1.5 Submit Feedback

The best way to send feedback is to file an issue at https://github.com/nhsd-a2si/nhs_dos/issues.

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome :)

4.2 Get Started!

Ready to contribute? Here's how to set up *nhs_dos* for local development.

1. Fork the *nhs_dos* repo on GitHub.
2. Clone your fork locally:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:your_name_here/nhs_dos.git
```

3. Install your local copy into a virtualenv. Assuming you have virtualenvwrapper installed, this is how you set up your fork for local development:

```
$ mkvirtualenv nhs_dos
$ cd nhs_dos/
$ python setup.py develop
```

4. Create a branch for local development:

```
$ git checkout -b name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

Now you can make your changes locally.

5. When you're done making changes, check that your changes pass flake8 and the tests, including testing other Python versions with tox:

```
$ flake8 nhs_dos tests
$ python setup.py test or py.test
$ tox
```

To get flake8 and tox, just pip install them into your virtualenv.

6. Commit your changes and push your branch to GitHub:

```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Your detailed description of your changes."
$ git push origin name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

7. Submit a pull request through the GitHub website.

4.3 Pull Request Guidelines

Before you submit a pull request, check that it meets these guidelines:

1. The pull request should include tests.
2. If the pull request adds functionality, the docs should be updated. Put your new functionality into a function with a docstring, and add the feature to the list in README.rst.
3. The pull request should work for Python 3.6, and for PyPy. Check https://travis-ci.org/nhsd-a2si/nhs_dos/pull_requests and make sure that the tests pass for all supported Python versions.

4.4 Tips

To run a subset of tests:

```
$ py.test tests.test_nhs_dos
```


5.1 Development Lead

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5.2 Contributors

None yet. Why not be the first?

6.1 0.2.0 (2018-05-19)

REST API

- Getting a single service using Service ID or ODS Code

Misc

- Requires Python 3.6+

6.2 0.1.0 (2017-12-21)

- First release on PyPI.

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