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# **Python Binary Memcached (bmemached) Documentation**

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# INTRODUCTION TO BMEMCACHED

A pure python module to access memcached via it's binary with SASL auth support.

The main purpose of this module it to be able to communicate with memcached using binary protocol and support authentication, so it can work with Heroku for example.

## 1.1 Installing

Use pip or easy\_install.

```
pip install python-binary-memcached
```

## 1.2 Using

```
import bmemcached
client = bmemcached.Client(('127.0.0.1:11211', ), 'user',
                           'password')
client.set('key', 'value')
print client.get('key')
```

## 1.3 Running the tests

First run memcached with:

```
memcached -S -vvv
memcached -p5000 -S -vvv
memcached -S -s/tmp/memcached.sock -vvv
```

This is to cover all tests with socket, standard port and non standard port.

Then, run the tests.

```
cd src_dir/
py.test
```

## 1.4 Using with Django

If you want to use it with Django, go to [django-bmemcached](#) to get a Django backend.

# BMEMCACHED PACKAGE

## 2.1 bmemcached Package

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Set a value for a key on server.

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**exception** `bmemcached.exceptions.AuthenticationNotSupported`

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**class** `bmemcached.server.Server` (*server, username=None, password=None*)

Bases: `object`

This class is used by Client class to communicate with server.

**COMMANDS** = {'auth\_negotiation': {'command': 32}, 'getkq': {'command': 13, 'struct': '%ds'}, 'stat': {'command': 16},

**COMPRESSION\_THRESHOLD** = 128

**FLAGS** = {'integer': 2, 'pickle': 1, 'compressed': 8, 'long': 4}

**HEADER\_SIZE** = 24

**HEADER\_STRUCT** = '!BBHBBHLLQ'

**MAGIC** = {'request': 128, 'response': 129}

**STATUS** = {'key\_exists': 2, 'auth\_error': 8, 'unknown\_command': 129, 'success': 0, 'key\_not\_found': 1}

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Add a key/value to server only if it does not exist.

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**Return type** bool

**authenticate** (*username, password*)

Authenticate user on server.

**Parameters**

- **username** (*basestring*) – Username used to be authenticated.
- **password** (*basestring*) – Password used to be authenticated.

**Returns** True if successful.

**Raises** InvalidCredentials, AuthenticationNotSupported, MemcachedException

**Return type** bool

**decr** (*key, value, default=0, time=100*)

Decrement a key, if it exists, returns it's actual value, if it don't, return 0. Minimum value of decrement return is 0.

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**deserialize** (*value, flags*)

Deserialized values based on flags or just return it if it is not serialized.

**Parameters**

- **value** (*basestring, int*) – Serialized or not value.
- **flags** (*int*) – Value flags

**Returns** Deserialized value

**Return type** basestringint

**disconnect** ()

Disconnects from server.

**Returns** Nothing

**Return type** None

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**split\_host\_port** (*server*)

Return (host, port) from server.

Port defaults to 11211.

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Return server stats.

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