
PyRMQ

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Python with RabbitMQ—simplified so you won't have to.

FEATURES

Stop worrying about boilerplating and implementing retry logic on your queues. PyRMQ already does it for you.

- Use out-of-the-box and thread-safe *Consumer* and *Publisher* classes created from *pika* for your projects and tests.
- Built-in retry logic for connecting, consuming, and publishing. Can also handle infinite retries.
- Works with Python 3.
- Production ready

QUICKSTART

PyRMQ is available at [PyPI](#).

```
$ pip install pyrmq
```

Just instantiate the feature you want with their respective settings. PyRMQ already works out of the box with RabbitMQ's [default initialization settings](#).

```
from pyrmq import Publisher
publisher = Publisher(
    exchange_name="exchange_name",
    queue_name="queue_name",
    routing_key="routing_key",
)
publisher.publish({"pyrmq": "My first message"})
```


3.1 PyRMQ Installation

There are multiple ways to install PyRMQ as long as multiple versions to choose from.

3.1.1 Stable Version

PyRMQ is available at [PyPI](#).

```
$ pip install pyrmq
```

3.1.2 Development Version

Since PyRMQ is continuously used in a growing number of internal microservices all working with RabbitMQ, you can see or participate in its active development in its [GitHub repository](#).

There are two ways to work or collaborate with its development version.

Git Checkout

Clone the code from GitHub and run it in a *virtualenv*.

```
$ git clone git@github.com:altusgerona/pyrmq.git
$ virtualenv venv --distribute
$ . venv/bin/activate
$ python setup.py install
```

This will setup PyRMQ and its dependencies on your local machine. Just fetch/pull code from the master branch to keep your copy up to date.

PyPI

```
$ mkdir pyrmq
$ cd pyrmq
$ virtualenv venv --distribute
$ . venv/bin/activate
$ pip install git+git://github.com/altusgerona/pyrmq.git
```

3.2 How to use PyRMQ

3.2.1 Publishing

Instantiate the *Publisher* class and plug in your application specific settings. PyRMQ already works out of the box with RabbitMQ's default initialization settings.

```
from pyrmq import Publisher
publisher = Publisher(
    exchange_name="exchange_name",
    queue_name="queue_name",
    routing_key="routing_key",
)
publisher.publish({"pyrmq": "My first message"})
```

This publishes a message that uses a *BlockingConnection* on its own thread with default settings and provides a handler for its retries.

Retries

PyRMQ's *Publisher* retries happen on two levels: connecting and publishing.

Connecting

PyRMQ instantiates a *BlockingConnection* when connecting. If this fails, it will retry for 2 more times by default with a delay of 5 seconds, a backoff base of 2 seconds, and a backoff constant of 5 seconds. All these settings are configurable via the *Publisher* class.

Publishing

PyRMQ calls pika's *basic_publish* when publishing. If this fails, it will retry for 2 more times by default with a delay of 5 seconds, a backoff base of 2 seconds, and a backoff constant of 5 seconds. All these settings are configurable via the *Publisher* class.

Max retries reached

When PyRMQ has tried one too many times, it will call your specified callback.

3.2.2 Consuming

Instantiate the *Consumer* class and plug in your application specific settings. PyRMQ already works out of the box with RabbitMQ's default initialization settings.

```
from pyrmq import Consumer

def callback(data):
    print(f"Received {data}!")

consumer = Consumer(
    exchange_name="exchange_name",
    queue_name="queue_name",
    routing_key="routing_key",
)

consumer.start()
```

Once the *Consumer* class is instantiated, just run `start()` to start its own thread that targets pika's `start_consuming` method on its own thread with default settings and provides a handler for its retries. Consumption calls `basic_ack` with `delivery_tag` set to what the message's method's was.

Retries

PyRMQ's *Consumer* retries happen on two levels: connecting and consuming.

Connecting

PyRMQ instantiates a *BlockingConnection* when connecting. If this fails, it will retry for 2 more times by default with a delay of 5 seconds, a backoff base of 2 seconds, and a backoff constant of 5 seconds. All these settings are configurable via the *Consumer* class.

Consuming

PyRMQ calls pika's `start_consuming` when *Consumer* is instantiated. If this fails, it will retry for 2 more times by default with a delay of 5 seconds, a backoff base of 2 seconds, and a backoff constant of 5 seconds. All these settings are configurable via the *Consumer* class.

Max retries reached

When PyRMQ has tried one too many times, it will call your specified callback.

3.3 API Documentation

3.3.1 Publisher Class

class `pyrmq.Publisher` (*exchange_name: str, queue_name: str, routing_key: str, **kwargs*)

This class offers a `BlockingConnection` from `pika` that automatically handles queue declares and bindings plus retry logic built for its connection and publishing.

`__Publisher__create_connection()` \rightarrow `pika.adapters.blocking_connection.BlockingConnection`
Creates `pika`'s `BlockingConnection` from the given connection parameters.

`__Publisher__send_reconnection_error_message` (*retry_count, error*) \rightarrow `None`
Send error message to your preferred location. :param *retry_count*: Amount retries the Publisher tried before sending an error message. :param *error*: Error that prevented the Publisher from sending the message.

`__init__` (*exchange_name: str, queue_name: str, routing_key: str, **kwargs*)

Parameters

- **`exchange_name`** – Your exchange name.
- **`queue_name`** – Your queue name.
- **`routing_key`** – Your queue name.
- **`host`** – Your RabbitMQ host. Checks env var `RABBITMQ_HOST`. Default: `"localhost"`
- **`port`** – Your RabbitMQ port. Checks env var `RABBITMQ_PORT`. Default: `5672`
- **`username`** – Your RabbitMQ username. Default: `"guest"`
- **`password`** – Your RabbitMQ password. Default: `"guest"`
- **`connection_attempts`** – How many times should PyRMQ try?. Default: `3`
- **`retry_delay`** – Seconds between retries.. Default: `5`
- **`error_callback`** – Callback function to be called when `connection_attempts` is reached.
- **`infinite_retry`** – Tells PyRMQ to keep on retrying to publish while firing `error_callback`, if any. Default: `False`

`__weakref__`
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

`connect` (*retry_count=1*) \rightarrow (`<class 'pika.adapters.blocking_connection.BlockingConnection'>`, `<class 'pika.adapters.blocking_connection.BlockingChannel'>`)

Creates `pika`'s `BlockingConnection` and initializes queue bindings. :param *retry_count*: Amount retries the Publisher tried before sending an error message.

`declare_queue` (*channel*) \rightarrow `None`
Declare and a bind a channel to a queue. :param *channel*: `pika Channel`

`publish` (*data: dict, attempt=0, retry_count=1*) \rightarrow `None`
Publishes data to RabbitMQ. :param *data*: Data to be published. :param *attempt*: Number of attempts made. :param *retry_count*: Amount retries the Publisher tried before sending an error message.

3.3.2 Consumer Class

class `pyrmq.Consumer` (*exchange_name: str, queue_name: str, routing_key: str, callback: Callable, **kwargs*)

This class uses a `BlockingConnection` from `pika` that automatically handles queue declares and bindings plus retry logic built for its connection and consumption. It starts its own thread upon initialization and runs `pika's start_consuming()`.

`__Consumer__create_connection()` \rightarrow `pika.adapters.blocking_connection.BlockingConnection`
Creates a `pika BlockingConnection` from the given connection parameters.

`__Consumer__send_reconnection_error_message(retry_count, error)` \rightarrow `None`
Send error message to your preferred location. :param `retry_count`: Amount retries the Publisher tried before sending an error message. :param `error`: Error that prevented the Publisher from sending the message.

`__init__` (*exchange_name: str, queue_name: str, routing_key: str, callback: Callable, **kwargs*)

Parameters

- **`exchange_name`** – Your exchange name.
- **`queue_name`** – Your queue name.
- **`routing_key`** – Your queue name.
- **`callback`** – Your callback that should handle a consumed message
- **`host`** – Your RabbitMQ host. Default: "localhost"
- **`port`** – Your RabbitMQ port. Default: 5672
- **`username`** – Your RabbitMQ username. Default: "guest"
- **`password`** – Your RabbitMQ password. Default: "guest"
- **`connection_attempts`** – How many times should PyRMQ try? Default: 3
- **`retry_delay`** – Seconds between retries.. Default: 5
- **`retry_backoff_base`** – Exponential backoff base in seconds. Default: 2
- **`retry_backoff_constant_secs`** – Exponential backoff constant in seconds. Default: 5

`__weakref__`
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

`__consume_message(channel, method, properties, data)` \rightarrow `None`
Wraps the user provided callback and gracefully handles its errors and calling `pika's basic_ack` once successful. :param `channel`: `pika's Channel` this message was received. :param `method`: `pika's basic`
Return :param `properties`: `pika's BasicProperties` :param `data`: Data received in bytes.

`close()` \rightarrow `None`
Manually closes a connection to RabbitMQ. Useful for debugging and tests.

`connect(retry_count=1)` \rightarrow `None`
Creates a `BlockingConnection` from `pika` and initializes queue bindings. :param `retry_count`: Amount retries the Publisher tried before sending an error message.

`consume(retry_count=1)` \rightarrow `None`
Wraps `pika's basic_consume()` and `start_consuming()` with retry logic.

3.4 Testing PyRMQ

We're not gonna lie. Testing RabbitMQ, mocks or not, is infuriating. Much harder than a traditional integration testing with a database. That said, we hope that you could help us expand on what we have started should you feel our current tests aren't enough.

3.4.1 RabbitMQ

Since PyRMQ strives to be as complete with testing as it can be, it has several integration tests that need a running RabbitMQ to pass. Currently, PyRMQ is tested against `rabbitmq:3.8`.

Run Docker image (recommended)

```
$ docker run -d --hostname my-rabbit --name rabbitmq -p 5672:5672 rabbitmq:alpine
```

This allows you to connect to RabbitMQ via localhost through port 5672. Default credentials are `guest/guest`.

Install and run RabbitMQ locally

```
$ # Depending on your OS
$ # Ubuntu
$ sudo apt install rabbitmq
$ # Arch Linux
$ sudo pacman -S rabbitmq
```

3.4.2 Using tox

Install `pip` install `tox` and run:

```
$ tox
$ tox -e py38 # If this is what you have installed or don't want to bother testing_
↪ for other versions
```


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