
hop-client Documentation

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`hop-client` is a pub-sub client library for Multimessenger Astrophysics.

USER'S GUIDE

1.1 Installation

You can install hop-client either via pip, conda, or from source.

To install with pip:

```
pip install -U hop-client
```

To install with conda, you must use the channel from the SCiMMA Anaconda organization:

```
conda install --channel scimma hop-client
```

To install from source:

```
tar -xzf hop-client-x.y.z.tar.gz
cd hop-client-x.y.z
python setup.py install
```

1.2 Quickstart

- *Using the CLI*
 - *Publish messages*
 - *Consume messages*
 - *View Available Topics*
- *Using the Python API*
 - *Publish messages*
 - *Consume messages*

1.2.1 Using the CLI

By default, authentication is enabled, reading in credentials from `auth.toml`. The path to this configuration can be found by running `hop auth locate`. One can initialize this configuration with default settings by running `hop auth add`. To disable authentication in the CLI client, one can use the `--no-auth` option.

Publish messages

```
hop publish kafka://hostname:port/gcn -f CIRCULAR example.gcn3
```

Example messages are provided in `tests/data` including:

- A GCN circular (`example.gcn3`)
- A VOEvent (`example_voevent.xml`)

Consume messages

```
hop subscribe kafka://hostname:port/gcn -s EARLIEST
```

This will read messages from the `gcn` topic from the earliest offset and read messages until an end of stream (EOS) is received.

View Available Topics

```
hop list-topics kafka://hostname:port/
```

This will list all of the topics on the given server which you are currently authorized to read or write.

1.2.2 Using the Python API

Publish messages

Using the python API, we can publish various types of messages, including structured messages such as GCN Circulars and VOEvents:

```
from hop import stream
from hop.models import GCNCircular

# read in a GCN circular
with open("path/to/circular.gcn3", "r") as f:
    circular = GCNCircular.load(f)

with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "w") as s:
    s.write(circular)
```

In addition, we can also publish unstructured messages as long as they are JSON serializable:

```
from hop import stream

with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "w") as s:
    s.write({"my": "message"})
```

By default, authentication is enabled for the Hop broker, reading in configuration settings from `config.toml`. In order to modify various authentication options, one can configure a `Stream` instance and pass in an `Auth` instance with credentials:

```
from hop import Stream
from hop.auth import Auth

auth = Auth("my-username", "my-password")
stream = Stream(auth=auth)

with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "w") as s:
    s.write({"my": "message"})
```

To explicitly disable authentication, one can set `auth` to `False`.

Consume messages

One can consume messages through the python API as follows:

```
from hop import stream

with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "r") as s:
    for message in s:
        print(message)
```

This will listen to the Hop broker, listening to new messages and printing them to stdout as they arrive until there are no more messages in the stream. By default, this will only process new messages since the connection was opened. The `start_at` option lets you control where in the stream you can start listening from. For example, if you'd like to listen to all messages stored in a topic, you can do:

```
from hop import stream
from hop.io import StartPosition

stream = Stream(start_at=StartPosition.EARLIEST)

with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "r") as s:
    for message in s:
        print(message)
```

1.3 Streaming

- *The Stream Object*
- *Anatomy of a Kafka URL*
- *Committing Messages Manually*

1.3.1 The Stream Object

The `Stream` object allows a user to connect to a Kafka broker and read in a variety of alerts, such as GCN circulars. It also allows one to specify default settings used across all streams opened from the `Stream` instance.

Let's open up a stream and show the `Stream` object in action:

```
from hop import Stream

stream = Stream(persist=True)
with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "r") as s:
    for message in s:
        print(message)
```

The `persist` option allows one to listen to messages forever and keeps the connection open after an end of stream (EOS) is received. This is to allow long-lived connections where one may set up a service to process incoming GCNs, for example.

A common use case is to not specify any defaults ahead of time, so a shorthand is provided for using one:

```
from hop import stream

with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "r") as s:
    for message in s:
        print(message)
```

A complete list of configurable options in `Stream` are:

- `auth`: A `bool` or `auth.Auth` instance to provide authentication
- `start_at`: The message offset to start at, by passing in an `io.StartPosition`
- `persist`: Whether to keep a long-live connection to the client beyond EOS

One doesn't have to use the context manager protocol (`with` block) to open up a stream as long as the stream is explicitly closed afterwards:

```
from hop import stream

s = stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "r")
for message in s:
    print(message)
s.close()
```

So far, all examples have shown the iterator interface for reading messages from an open stream. But one can instead call `s.read()` directly or in the case of more specialized workflows, may make use of extra keyword arguments to configure an open stream. For example, the `metadata` option allows one to retrieve Kafka message metadata as well as the message itself, such as the Kafka topic, key, timestamp and offset. This may be useful in the case of listening to multiple topics at once:

```
from hop import stream

with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic1,topic2", "r") as s:
    for message, metadata in s.read(metadata=True):
        print(message, metadata.topic)
```

1.3.2 Anatomy of a Kafka URL

Both the CLI and python API take a URL that describes how to connect to various Kafka topics, and takes the form:

```
kafka://[username@]broker/topic[,topic2[,...]]
```

The broker takes the form `hostname[:port]` and gives the URL to connect to a Kafka broker. Optionally, a `username` can be provided, which is used to select among available credentials to use when communicating with the broker. Finally, one can publish to a topic or subscribe to one or more topics to consume messages from.

1.3.3 Committing Messages Manually

By default, messages that are read in by the stream are marked as read immediately after returning them from an open stream instance for a given group ID. This is suitable for most cases, but some workflows have more strict fault tolerance requirements and don't want to lose messages in the case of a failure while processing the current message. We can instead commit messages after we are done processing them so that in the case of a failure, a process that is restarted can get the same message back and finish processing it before moving on to the next. This requires returning broker-specific metadata as well as assigning yourself to a specific group ID. A workflow to do this is shown below:

```
from hop import stream

with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic1", "r", "mygroup") as s:
    for message, metadata in s.read(metadata=True, autocommit=False):
        print(message, metadata.topic)
        s.mark_done(metadata)
```

1.4 Authentication

- *Configuration*
- *Using Credentials*

1.4.1 Configuration

Since connections to the Hopskotch server require authentication, there are several utilities exposed to generate and provide credentials for both the CLI and python API. `hop auth` provides command line options to generate a configuration file with proper credentials needed to authenticate.

In order to generate a configuration file, one can run `hop auth add`, which prompts for a username and password to connect to Hopskotch to publish or subscribe to messages. If you have the credentials csv file, you can use it directly with `hop auth add <CREDENTIALS_FILE>`.

The default location for the authentication data file can be found with `hop auth locate`, which points by default to `${XDG_CONFIG_HOME}/hop/auth.toml` or `${HOME}/.config/hop/auth.toml` if the `XDG_CONFIG_HOME` variable is not set.

1.4.2 Using Credentials

Authentication is enabled by default and will read credentials from the path resolved by `hop auth locate`.

Multiple credentials may be stored together using this mechanism. Additional credentials may be added using `hop auth add`, while the currently available credentials may be displayed with `hop auth list` and unwanted credentials can be removed with `hop auth remove`. Credentials can be added either interactively or from CSV files. For removal, credentials are specified by username, or `<username>@<hostname>` in case of ambiguity.

When using the *hop* CLI to connect to connect to a kafka server, a credential will be selected according to the following rules:

1. A credential with a matching hostname will be selected, unless no stored credential has a matching hostname, in which case a credential with no specific hostname can be selected.
2. If a username is specified as part of the authority component of the URL (e.g. `kafka://username@example.com/topic`) only credentials with that username will be considered.
3. If no username is specified and there is only one credential, which is not specifically associated with any hostname, it will be used for all hosts.

For the python API, one can modify various authentication options by passing in an `Auth` instance with credentials to a `Stream` instance. This provides a similar interface to authenticating as with the `requests` library.

```
from hop import Stream
from hop.auth import Auth

auth = Auth("my-username", "my-password")
stream = Stream(auth=auth)

with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "w") as s:
    s.write({"my": "message"})
```

A list of multiple `Auth` instance may also be passed, in which case the best match for the connection being opened will be selected as described above.

In order to disable authentication in the command line interface, you can pass `--no-auth` for various CLI commands. For the python API, you can set `auth` to `False`.

1.5 Message Formats

- *Structured Messages*
- *Unstructured Messages*
- *Register External Message Models*
 - *Define a message model*
 - *Register a message model*
 - *Set up entry points within your package*

The hop client provides a few in-memory representations for common message types for easy access to various message properties, as well as loading messages from their serialized forms or from disk. These message formats, or models, can be sent directly to an open `Stream` to provide seamless serialization of messages through Hopskotch.

1.5.1 Structured Messages

Currently, the structured messages available through the hop client are `VOEvent` and `GCNCircular`. To give an example of its usage:

```
from hop import Stream
from hop.auth import load_auth
from hop.models import VOEvent

xml_path = "/path/to/voevent.xml"
voevent = VOEvent.load_file(xml_path)

stream = Stream(auth=load_auth())
with stream.open("kafka://hostname:port/topic", "w") as s:
    s.write(voevent)
```

1.5.2 Unstructured Messages

Unstructured messages can be sent directly to an open `Stream` instance and will be serialized appropriately. Any python object that can be JSON serialized can be sent. Examples include a dictionary, a byte64 encoded string, and a list.

1.5.3 Register External Message Models

Sometimes it may be useful to use custom structured messages that aren't currently available in the stock client. For instance, sending specialized messages between services that are internal to a specific observatory. The hop client provides a mechanism in which to register custom message types that are discoverable within hop when publishing and subscribing for your own project. This requires creating an external python library and setting up an entry point so that hop that discover it upon importing the client.

There are three steps involved in creating and registering a custom message model:

1. Define the message model.
2. Register the message model.
3. Set up an entry point within your package.

Define a message model

To do this, you need to define a dataclass that subclasses `hop.models.MessageModel` and implement functionality to load your message mode via the `load()` class method. As an example, assuming the message is represented as JSON on disk:

```
from dataclasses import dataclass
import json

from hop.models import MessageModel

@dataclass
class Donut(MessageModel):

    category: str
    flavor: str
```

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```
has_filling: bool

@classmethod
def load(cls, input_):
    # input_ is a file object
    if hasattr(donut_input, "read"):
        donut = json.load(input_)
    # serialized input_
    else:
        donut = json.loads(input_)

    # unpack the JSON dictionary and return the model
    return cls(**donut)
```

For more information on dataclasses, see the [Python Docs](#).

Register a message model

Once you have defined your message model, registering the message model involves defining a function with the `hop.plugins.register` decorator with key-value pairs mapping a message model name and the model:

```
from hop import plugins

...

@plugins.register
def get_models():
    return {
        "donut": Donut,
    }
```

Set up entry points within your package

After registering your model, you'll need to set up an entry point to your package named `hop_plugin` as that entry point is explicitly used to auto-discover new plugins. The module used for the entry point is wherever you registered your model.

Setting up entry points may be different depending on how your package is set up. Below we'll give an example for `setuptools` and `setup.py`. In `setup.py`:

```
from setuptools import setup

...

setup(
    ...

    entrypoints = {"hop_plugin": ["donut-plugin = my.custom.module"]}
)
```

Some further resources on entry points:

- <https://setuptools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/setuptools.html#dynamic-discovery-of-services-and-plugins>

1.6 Commands

- `hop auth`
- `hop list-topics`
- `hop publish`
- `hop subscribe`
- `hop version`

hop-client provides a command line interface for various tasks:

- `hop auth`: Authentication utilities
- `hop list-topics`: Show accessible Kafka topics
- `hop publish`: Publish messages such as GCN circulars and notices
- `hop subscribe`: Listen to messages such as GCN circulars and notices
- `hop version`: Show version dependencies of hop-client

1.6.1 hop auth

This command allows a user to configure credentials for authentication.

```
usage: hop auth [-h] <command> ...

Authentication configuration utilities.

optional arguments:
  -h, --help  show this help message and exit

commands:
  <command>
  locate      display configuration path
  list        Display all stored credentials
  add         Load a credential, specified either via a CSV file or
              interactively
  remove      Delete a stored credential

No valid credential data found
You can get a credential from https://my.hop.scimma.org
To load your credential, run `hop auth add`
```

1.6.2 hop list-topics

This command allows a user to view the topics that are available for subscribing or publishing on a given Hopskotch server.

Note that other topics may exist which the current user does not have permission to access.

```
usage: hop list-topics [-h] [--no-auth] URL

List available topics.

positional arguments:
  URL                  Sets the URL (kafka://host[:port]/topic) to publish messages to.

optional arguments:
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit
  --no-auth           If set, disable authentication.

No valid credential data found
You can get a credential from https://my.hop.scimma.org
To load your credential, run `hop auth add`
```

1.6.3 hop publish

This command allows a user to publish various structured and unstructured messages, including:

- RFC 822 formatted GCN circular
- An XML formatted GCN/VOEvent notice
- Unstructured messages such as JSON-serializable data.

Structured messages such as GCN circulars and VOEvents are published as JSON-formatted text.

Unstructured messages may be piped to this command to be published. This mode of operation requires JSON input with individual messages separated by newlines, and the Blob format (*-f BLOB*) to be selected.

```
usage: hop publish [-h] [--no-auth] [-f {VOEVENT,CIRCULAR,BLOB}]
                  URL [MESSAGE [MESSAGE ...]]

Publish messages.

positional arguments:
  URL                  Sets the URL (kafka://host[:port]/topic) to publish
                        messages to.
  MESSAGE              Messages to publish.

optional arguments:
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit
  --no-auth           If set, disable authentication.
  -f {VOEVENT,CIRCULAR,BLOB}, --format {VOEVENT,CIRCULAR,BLOB}
                        Specify the message format. Defaults to BLOB for an
                        unstructured message.

No valid credential data found
You can get a credential from https://my.hop.scimma.org
To load your credential, run `hop auth add`
```

1.6.4 hop subscribe

This command allows a user to subscribe to messages and print them to stdout.

```
usage: hop subscribe [-h] [--no-auth] [-s {EARLIEST,LATEST}] [-p]
                    [-g GROUP_ID] [-j]
                    URL

Subscribe to messages.

positional arguments:
  URL                  Sets the URL (kafka://host[:port]/topic) to publish
                        messages to.

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  --no-auth             If set, disable authentication.
  -s {EARLIEST,LATEST}, --start-at {EARLIEST,LATEST}
                        Set the message offset offset to start at. Default:
                        LATEST.
  -p, --persist         If set, persist or listen to messages indefinitely.
                        Otherwise, will stop listening when EOS is received.
  -g GROUP_ID, --group-id GROUP_ID
                        Consumer group ID. If unset, a random ID will be
                        generated.
  -j, --json            Request message output as raw json

No valid credential data found
You can get a credential from https://my.hop.scimma.org
To load your credential, run `hop auth add`
```

1.6.5 hop version

This command prints all the versions of the dependencies

```
usage: hop version [-h]

List all the dependencies' versions.

optional arguments:
  -h, --help  show this help message and exit

No valid credential data found
You can get a credential from https://my.hop.scimma.org
To load your credential, run `hop auth add`
```


API REFERENCE

2.1 hop-client API

2.1.1 hop.auth

class `hop.auth.Auth` (*user*, *password*, *host*="", *ssl*=True, *method*=<SASLMethod.SCRAM_SHA_512:3>, ***kwargs*)

Attach SASL-based authentication to a client.

Returns client-based auth options when called.

Parameters

- **user** (*str*) – Username to authenticate with.
- **password** (*str*) – Password to authenticate with.
- **host** (*str*, optional) – The name of the host for which this authentication is valid.
- **ssl** (*bool*, optional) – Whether to enable SSL (enabled by default).
- **method** (*SASLMethod*, optional) – The SASL method to authenticate, default = SASLMethod.SCRAM_SHA_512. See valid SASL methods in SASLMethod.
- **ssl_ca_location** (*str*, optional) – If using SSL via a self-signed cert, a path/location to the certificate.

`hop.auth.add_credential` (*args*)

Load a new credential and store it to the persistent configuration.

Parameters **args** – Command line options/arguments object. *args.cred_file* is taken as the path to a CSV file to import, or if None the user is prompted to enter a credential directly. *args.force* controls whether an existing credential with an identical name will be overwritten.

`hop.auth.delete_credential` (*name*: *str*)

Delete a credential from the persistent configuration.

Parameters

- **name** – The username, or username and hostname separated by an '@' character of the credential
- **delete.** (*to*) –

Raises **RuntimeError** – If no credentials or more than one credential matches the specified name, making the operation impossible or ambiguous.

`hop.auth.list_credentials` ()

Display a list of all configured credentials.

`hop.auth.load_auth (config_file=None)`

Configures an Auth instance given a configuration file.

Parameters `config_file` – Path to a configuration file, loading from the default location if not given.

Returns A list of configured Auth instances.

Raises

- **RuntimeError** – The config file exists, but has unsafe permissions and will not be read until they are corrected.
- **KeyError** – An error occurred parsing the configuration file.
- **FileNotFoundError** – The configuration file, either as specified explicitly or found automatically, does not exist

`hop.auth.prune_outdated_auth (config_file=None)`

Remove auth data from a general configuration file.

This can be needed when updating auth data which was read from the general config for backwards compatibility, but is then written out to the correct new location in a separate auth config, as is now proper. With no further action, this would leave a vestigial copy from before the update in the general config file, which would not be rewritten, so this function exists to perform the necessary rewrite.

Parameters `config_file` – Path to a configuration file, rewriting the default location if not given.

Raises **RuntimeError** – The config file is malformed.

`hop.auth.read_new_credential (csv_file=None)`

Import a credential from a CSV file or obtain it interactively from the user.

Parameters `csv_file` – Path to a file from which to read credential data in CSV format. If unspecified, the user will be prompted to enter data instead.

Returns A configured *Auth* object containing the new credential.

Raises

- **FileNotFoundError** – If `csv_file` is not `None` and refers to a nonexistent path.
- **KeyError** – If `csv_file` is not `None` and the specified file does not contain either a username or password field.
- **RuntimeError** – If `csv_file` is `None` and the interactively entered username or password is empty.

`hop.auth.select_matching_auth (creds, hostname, username=None)`

Selects the most appropriate credential to use when attempting to contact the given host.

Parameters

- **creds** – A list of configured Auth objects. These can be obtained from `load_auth()`.
- **hostname** – The name of the host for which to select suitable credentials.
- **username** – *str*, optional The name of the credential to use.

Returns A single Auth object which should be used to authenticate.

Raises **RuntimeError** – Too many or too few credentials matched.

`hop.auth.write_auth_data (config_file, credentials)`

Write configuration file for the set of credentials.

Creates containing directories as needed.

Parameters

- **config_file** – configuration file path
- **credentials** – list of *Auth* objects representing credentials to be stored

2.1.2 hop.cli

`hop.cli.add_client_opts(parser)`

Add general client options to an argument parser.

Parameters **parser** – An *ArgumentParser* instance to add client options to.

2.1.3 hop.configure

`hop.configure.get_config_path(type: str = 'general')`

Determines the default location for auth configuration.

Parameters **type** – The type of configuration data for which the path should be looked up. Recognized types are ‘general’ and ‘auth’.

Returns The path to the requested configuration file.

Raises **ValueError** – Unrecognized config type requested.

2.1.4 hop.io

class `hop.io.Consumer(group_id, broker_addresses, topics, **kwargs)`

An event stream opened for reading one or more topics. Instances of this class should be obtained from `Stream.open()`.

close()

End all subscriptions and shut down.

mark_done(metadata)

Mark a message as fully-processed.

Parameters **metadata** – A *Metadata* instance containing broker-specific metadata.

read(metadata=False, autocommit=True, **kwargs)

Read messages from a stream.

Parameters

- **metadata** – Whether to receive message metadata alongside messages.
- **autocommit** – Whether messages are automatically marked as handled via *mark_done* when the next message is yielded. Defaults to True.
- **batch_size** – The number of messages to request from Kafka at a time. Lower numbers can give lower latency, while higher numbers will be more efficient, but may add latency.
- **batch_timeout** – The period of time to wait to get a full batch of messages from Kafka. Similar to *batch_size*, lower numbers can reduce latency while higher numbers can be more efficient at the cost of greater latency. If specified, this argument should be a *datetime.timedelta* object.

class `hop.io.Deserializer(value)`

An enumeration.

class `hop.io.Metadata` (*topic: str, partition: int, offset: int, timestamp: int, key: Union[str, bytes], _raw: cimpl.Message*)

Broker-specific metadata that accompanies a consumed message.

class `hop.io.Producer` (*broker_addresses, topic, **kwargs*)

An event stream opened for writing to a topic. Instances of this class should be obtained from `Stream.open()`.

close()

Wait for enqueued messages to be written and shut down.

write (*message*)

Write messages to a stream.

Parameters *message* – The message to write.

class `hop.io.Stream` (*auth=True, start_at=<ConsumerStartPosition.LATEST: 2>, persist=False*)

Defines an event stream.

Sets up defaults used within the client so that when a stream connection is opened, it will use defaults specified here.

Parameters

- **auth** – A *bool* or *Auth* instance. Defaults to loading from `auth.load_auth` if set to *True*. To disable authentication, set to *False*.
- **start_at** – The message offset to start at in read mode. Defaults to *LATEST*.
- **persist** – Whether to listen to new messages forever or stop when EOS is received in read mode. Defaults to *False*.

open (*url, mode='r', group_id=None*)

Opens a connection to an event stream.

Parameters

- **url** – Sets the broker URL to connect to.
- **mode** – Read ('r') or write ('w') from the stream.
- **group_id** – The consumer group ID from which to read. Generated automatically if not specified.

Returns An open connection to the client, either a *Producer* instance in write mode or a *Consumer* instance in read mode.

Raises **ValueError** – If the mode is not set to read/write, if more than one topic is specified in write mode, or if more than one broker is specified

2.1.5 hop.publish

2.1.6 hop.subscribe

`hop.subscribe.print_message` (*message, json_dump=False*)

Print the content of a message.

Parameters

- **message** – message to print
- **json_dump** – boolean indicating whether to print as raw json

Returns *None*

2.1.7 hop.models

class hop.models.Blob (*content: Union[str, int, float, bool, None, Dict[str, Any], List[Any]], missing_schema: bool = False*)

Defines an unformatted message blob.

asdict ()

Represents the message as a dictionary.

Returns The dictionary representation of the message.

classmethod load (*blob_input*)

Create a blob message from input text.

Parameters **blob_input** – The unstructured message text or file object.

Returns The Blob.

serialize ()

Wrap the message with its format and content.

Returns A dictionary with “format” and “content” keys.

class hop.models.GCNCircular (*header: dict, body: str*)

Defines a GCN Circular structure.

The parsed GCN circular is formatted as a dictionary with the following schema:

```
{‘headers’: {‘title’: ..., ‘number’: ..., ...}, ‘body’: ... }
```

classmethod load (*email_input*)

Create a new GCNCircular from an RFC 822 formatted circular.

Parameters **email_input** – A file object or string.

Returns The GCNCircular.

serialize ()

Wrap the message with its format and content.

Returns A dictionary with “format” and “content” key-value pairs.

class hop.models.MessageModel

An abstract message model.

asdict ()

Represents the message model as a dictionary.

abstract classmethod load (*input_*)

Create a new message model from a file object or string. This base implementation has no functionality and should not be called.

Parameters **input** – A file object or string.

Returns The message model.

classmethod load_file (*filename*)

Create a new message model from a file.

Parameters **filename** – The path to a file.

Returns The message model.

serialize ()

Wrap the message with its format and content.

Returns A dictionary with “format” and “content” keys.

```
class hop.models.VOEvent (ivorn: str, role: str = 'observation', version: str = '2.0', Who: dict =
    <factory>, What: dict = <factory>, WhereWhen: dict = <factory>, How:
    dict = <factory>, Why: dict = <factory>, Citations: dict = <factory>,
    Description: dict = <factory>, Reference: dict = <factory>)
```

Defines a VOEvent 2.0 structure.

Implements the schema defined by: <http://www.ivoa.net/Documents/VOEvent/20110711/>

```
classmethod load (xml_input)
```

Create a new VOEvent from an XML-formatted VOEvent.

Parameters `xml_input` – A file object, string, or generator.

Returns The VOEvent.

```
classmethod load_file (filename)
```

Create a new VOEvent from an XML-formatted VOEvent file.

Parameters `filename` – Name of the VOEvent file.

Returns The VOEvent.

2.1.8 hop.plugins

```
hop.plugins.get_models()
```

This plugin spec is used to return message models in the form: {"type": Model}

where the type refers to a specific message model.

2.1.9 hop.version

```
hop.version.get_packages()
```

Returns the package dependencies used within hop-client.

```
hop.version.print_packages_versions()
```

Print versions for the passed packages.

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