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# **python-sdbus-secrets**

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This package contains python-sdbus binds for [Freedesktop secrets](#) standard.



## FREEDESKTOP SECRETS TUTORIAL

This tutorial will guide you through the basic steps on how to use Freedesktop Secrets API using the python-sdbus binds.

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**Note:** This tutorial will use blocking API for simplicity. Async API can be easily used instead.

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### 1.1 Creating a new session

To interact with the secrets API a process needs to acquire a new session.

Secrets API supports an in-transit encryption but its not required. Most of secrets implementations should support plain mode without encryption. This is the simplest way to use secrets API.

```
secrets_service = SecretService()

session_algorithm = 'plain' # Plain mode, no encryption
session_input = ('s', '') # Variant of an empty string

# With plain algorithm we only need session path
# output of algorithm negotiation can be ignored (assigned to _)
_, my_session_path = secrets_service.open_session(
    session_algorithm,
    session_input,
)
```

Session is identified by an object path. In this case the session path is stored in the `my_session_path` variable.

Session can be closed manually using `SecretSessionInterface.close()` method or automatically when process that acquired session disconnects from the bus.

## 1.2 Acquiring default collection

Unless you need to store multiple secrets it is better to find a default collection.

This collection should always be present.

```
default_collection_path = secrets_service.read_alias('default')

default_collection = SecretCollection(default_collection_path)
```

## 1.3 Creating secrets

`SecretCollectionInterface.create_item()` should be used to create new items.

The secret can be created with properties to uniquely identify it. Each property name must be prefixed with `org.freedesktop.Secret.Item.` string. For example, secret attributes would be `org.freedesktop.Secret.Item.Attributes`. See example.

The secret data itself is a tuple of session path, encryption parameters bytes (empty in case of plain mode), bytes of value and content type string. (for example, `text/plain; charset=utf8`)

Last argument is a boolean whether or not to replace existing secret with same attributes.

```
secret_properties_dict = {
    'org.freedesktop.Secret.Item.Label': ('s', 'MyItem'),
    'org.freedesktop.Secret.Item.Type': ('s', 'Test'),
    'org.freedesktop.Secret.Item.Attributes': ('a{ss}', {
        "Attribute1": "Value1",
        "Attribute2": "Value2",
    })
}

new_secret_path, prompt = default_collection.create_item(
    secret_properties_dict,
    (
        my_session_path, # session path
        b'', # encryption parameters, empty in plain mode
        b'my secret', # secret value it self
        'text/plain; charset=utf8', # content type
    ),
    False, # do not replace secret with same attributes
)
```



## 1.4 Searching secrets

After getting a collection you can either search the items using `SecretCollectionInterface.search_items()` or iterate over `SecretCollectionInterface.items()` property and examine each secret individually.

Each secret has a dictionary of attributes which can be used to uniquely identify a secret.

```
found_secrets_paths = default_collection.search_items(  
    {  
        "Attribute1": "Value1",  
        "Attribute2": "Value2",  
    }  
)
```

## 1.5 Getting secrets

After finding the secret path in order to get the secret you should use the `SecretItemInterface.get_secret()` method to get secret data.

Secret data contains tuple of session path, encryption parameters bytes (empty in case of plain mode), secret value bytes and content type string.

```
secret = SecretItem(new_secret_path)  
  
session_path, params, value, content_type = secret.get_secret(my_session_path)
```

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**Note:** See [secrets specification](#) for more in depth look.

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## SECRETS OBJECTS

**class** `sdbus_async.secrets.SecretService`(*bus=None*)

Secret service main object.

Implements [\*SecretServiceInterface\*](#)

Bus name and object path is predetermined at `org.freedesktop.secrets` and `/org/freedesktop/secrets` respectively.

**Parameters** `bus` (*SDBus*) – Use specific bus or session bus by default.

**Return type** `None`

**class** `sdbus_async.secrets.SecretCollection`(*collection\_path, bus=None*)

Secrets collection.

Implements [\*SecretCollectionInterface\*](#)

Bus name is predetermined at `org.freedesktop.secrets`

**Parameters**

- **collection\_path** (*str*) – Object path to collection.
- **bus** (*SDBus*) – Use specific bus or session bus by default.

**Return type** `None`

**class** `sdbus_async.secrets.SecretItem`(*item\_path, bus=None*)

Secrets item.

Implements [\*SecretItemInterface\*](#)

Bus name is predetermined at `org.freedesktop.secrets`

**Parameters**

- **item\_path** (*str*) – Object path to item.
- **bus** (*SDBus*) – Use specific bus or session bus by default.

**Return type** `None`

**class** `sdbus_async.secrets.SecretPrompt`(*prompt\_path, bus=None*)

Secrets prompt.

Implements [\*SecretPromptInterface\*](#)

Bus name is predetermined at `org.freedesktop.secrets`

**Parameters**

- **prompt\_path** (*str*) – Object path to prompt.

- **bus** (*Sdbus*) – Use specific bus or session bus by default.

**Return type** None

**class** `sdbus_async.secrets.SecretSession`(*session\_path*, *bus=None*)  
Secrets session.

Implements [\*SecretSessionInterface\*](#)

Bus name is predetermined at `org.freedesktop.secrets`

**Parameters**

- **session\_path** (*str*) – Object path to session.
- **bus** (*Sdbus*) – Use specific bus or session bus by default.

**Return type** None

## SECRETS INTERFACES

All secrets D-Bus interfaces.

**class** `sdbus_async.secrets.SecretServiceInterface`

Secrets daemon interface.

Used to create new sessions and etc...

**Return type** `None`

**async** `open_session(algorithm, input)`

**D-Bus Method**

Create new session.

**Parameters**

- **algorithm** (*str*) – Session algorithm. The plain algorithm type with no encryption is always supported.
- **input** (*Tuple[str, Any]*) – Input arguments for the algorithm.

**Returns** Tuple of output of the algorithm negotiation and object path of the new session.

**Return type** `Tuple[Tuple[str, Any], str]`

**async** `create_collection(properties, alias)`

**D-Bus Method**

Create a new collection with the specified properties.

If new collection object path is / prompting is necessary.

If the returned prompt object path is / no prompt is needed.

**Parameters**

- **properties** (*Dict[str, Tuple[str, Any]]*) – Dict of variants with properties of the new collection.
- **alias** (*str*) – Set this to an empty string if the new collection should not be associated with a well known alias. (such as `default`)

**Returns** Tuple of object path of new collection and possible object path of prompt object.

**Return type** `Tuple[str, str]`

**async** `search_items(attributes)`

**D-Bus Method**

Find items in any collection.

**Parameters** **attributes** (*Dict[str, str]*) – Attributes that should match.

**Returns** Two arrays of matched object paths. First arrays contains unlocked items and second locked ones.

**Return type** Tuple[List[str],List[str]]

**async unlock**(*objects*)

**D-Bus Method**

Unlock the specified objects.

**Parameters** **objects** (*List[str]*) – List of object paths to unlock

**Returns** List of objects unlocked without prompt and a path to prompt object. (has a value of / if no prompt needed)

**Return type** Tuple[List[str], str]

**async lock**(*objects*)

**D-Bus Method**

Lock items.

**Parameters** **objects** (*List[str]*) – List of object paths to lock

**Returns** List of objects locked without prompt and a path to prompt object. (has a value of / if no prompt needed)

**Return type** Tuple[List[str], str]

**async get\_secrets**(*items, session*)

**D-Bus Method**

Retrieve multiple secrets from different items.

**Parameters**

- **items** (*List[str]*) – List of object paths to items.
- **session** (*str*) – Object path of current session.

**Returns** Dictionary with keys as requested object paths and values as secret items data.

**Return type** Dict[str,Tuple[str,bytes,bytes,str]]

**async read\_alias**(*name*)

**D-Bus Method**

Get the collection with the given alias.

**Parameters** **name** (*str*) – An alias, such as default.

**Retuns** Object path to collection or / if no such alias exists.

**Return type** str

**async set\_alias**(*name, collection*)

**D-Bus Method**

Setup a collection alias.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – The alias to use.
- **collection** (*str*) – Object path to collection to apply alias to.

**Return type** None

**collections:** List[str]

**D-Bus property**

Object paths of all collections.

**collection\_created:** str

**D-Bus signal**

Signal when collection has been created.

Signal data is an object path to new collection.

**collection\_deleted:** str

**D-Bus signal**

Signal when collection was deleted.

Signal data is an object path of removed collection.

**collection\_changed:** str

**D-Bus signal**

Signal when a collection was modified.

Signal data is the modified collection object path.

**class** sdbus\_async.secrets.SecretCollectionInterface

Collection of items containing secrets.

**Return type** None

**async delete()**

**D-Bus Method**

Delete this collection.

**Returns** Object path of the prompt or / if no prompt is needed.

**Return type** str

**async search\_items(attributes)**

**D-Bus Method**

Search for items in this collection.

**Parameters** **attributes** (Dict[str, str]) – Attributes that should match.

**Returns** List of matched items object paths.

**Return type** List[str]

**async create\_item(properties, secret, replace)**

**D-Bus Method**

Create new item.

**Parameters**

- **properties** (Dict[str, Tuple[str, Any]]) – Set properties of the new item. The keys are names of properties with prefixed with org.freedesktop.Secret.Item.. For example, label property will have a org.freedesktop.Secret.Item.Label key.
- **secret** (Tuple[str, bytes, bytes, str]) – Secret data. Secret data contains tuple of session path, encryption parameters bytes (empty in case of plain mode), secret value bytes and content type string.
- **replace** (bool) – Replace existing item with same attributes.

**Returns** Object path of new item or / if prompt needed and object path of prompt or / if prompt is not needed.

**Return type** Tuple[str,str]

**items:** List[str]

**D-Bus property**

List of object paths of items in this collection.

**label:** str

**D-Bus property**

Display name of this collection.

**locked:** bool

**D-Bus property**

Whether the collection is locked or not.

**created:** int

**D-Bus property**

Unix time of creation.

**modified:** int

**D-Bus property**

Unix time of last modified.

**item\_created:** str

**D-Bus signal**

Signal when new item was created.

Signal data is object path of new item.

**item\_deleted:** str

**D-Bus signal**

Signal when item was deleted.

Signal data is object path of deleted item.

**item\_changed:** str

**D-Bus signal**

Signal when an item was changed.

Signal data is object path of changed item.

**class** sdbus\_async.secrets.SecretItemInterface

Item containing a secret.

**Return type** None

**async delete()**

**D-Bus Method**

Delete this item.

**Returns** Path to prompt or / if no prompt necessary.

**Return type** str



**async get\_secret**(*session*)

**D-Bus Method**

Get secret of this item.

**Returns** Secret data. Secret data contains tuple of session path, encryption parameters bytes (empty in case of plain mode), secret value bytes and content type string.

**Return type** Tuple[str,bytes,bytes,str]

**Parameters** **session** (*str*) –

**async set\_secret**(*secret*)

**D-Bus Method**

Set the secret for this item.

**Parameters** **secret** (*Tuple[str,bytes,bytes,str]*) – Secret data. Secret data contains tuple of session path, encryption parameters bytes (empty in case of plain mode), secret value bytes and content type string.

**Return type** None

**locked:** bool

**D-Bus property**

Is secret locked?

**attributes:** Dict[str, str]

**D-Bus property**

Item attributes.

**label:** str

**D-Bus property**

Item display name.

**created:** int

**D-Bus property**

Unix time of creation.

**modified:** int

**D-Bus property**

Unix time of last modified.

**class** sdbus\_async.secrets.**SecretPromptInterface**

Prompt necessary to complete and operation.

**Return type** None

**async prompt**(*window\_id*)

**D-Bus Method**

Preform a prompt.

**Parameters** **window\_id** (*str*) – Platform specific window handle to use for showing the prompt.

**Return type** None

**async dismiss**()

**D-Bus Method**

Dismiss the prompts.

**Return type** None

**completed:** Tuple[bool, Tuple[str, Any]]

**D-Bus signal**

Signal when prompt is completed.

Signal data is:

- Boolean whether the prompt was dismissed or not.
- Possibly empty, operation specific result.

**class** sdbus\_async.secrets.**SecretSessionInterface**

Session state between client and service.

**Return type** None

**async** close()

**D-Bus Method**

Close this session.

**Return type** None

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