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**pyfanotify**

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`pyfanotify` - is a Python wrapper for the Linux `fanotify`.

**See also:**

[man fanotify](#) for more info on `fanotify`.

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**Note:** Required python 3.6+

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**Warning:** Required execution from **ROOT**



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**USAGE**

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## 2.1 Installation

### 2.1.1 Using PIP

```
$ pip install pyfanotify
```

### 2.1.2 From sources

```
$ git clone https://github.com/baskiton/pyfanotify.git
$ cd pyfanotify
$ python setup.py install
```

## 2.2 pyfanotify

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**Note:** Requires execution from **ROOT!**

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### class pyfanotify.Fanotify

Wrapper for Linux fanotify. Runs in a new process.

```
__init__(init_fid=False, log=None, fn=None, fn_args=(), fn_timeout=0)
```

#### Parameters

- **init\_fid (bool)** – Enable filesystem events to watch (FAN\_CREATE, FAN\_DELETE, FAN\_MOVE, FAN\_ATTRIB). See **man fanotify\_init** for FAN\_REPORT\_FID and FAN\_REPORT\_DIR\_FID
- **log (Optional[Logger])** – Logger
- **fn (Optional[Callable])** – Function that will be called after the specified *fn\_timeout*
- **fn\_args (Tuple)** – Arguments for *fn*
- **fn\_timeout (int)** – Timeout for *fn*

#### Raises

- **OSError** – if fanotify is not set in kernel or other fanotify error (see **man fanotify\_init**)

- **TypeError** – if *fn* is not callable or *fn\_args* is not tuple

**property with\_fid:** bool

**start()**

Start Fanotify process

**Return type**

None

**stop()**

Stop Fanotify process

**Return type**

None

**connect(*rule*)**

Add [FanoRule](#) to receive events on it

**Parameters**

**rule** ([FanoRule](#)) –

**Return type**

None

**disconnect(*rule*)**

Delete the [FanoRule](#) so as not to receive events for it

**Parameters**

**rule** ([FanoRule](#)) –

**Return type**

None

**mark(*path*, *ev\_types*=FAN\_ALL\_EVENTS, *is\_type*='', *dont\_follow*=False, *as\_ignore*=False, *remove*=False)**

To detail see **man fanotify\_mark**

Adds, removes, or modifies an fanotify mark on a filesystem object. The caller must have read permission on the filesystem object that is to be marked. *ev\_types* must be nonempty

**Parameters**

- **path** (*Iterable*) – path to be marked
- **ev\_types** (*int*) – defines which events shall be listened for (or which shall be ignored). It is a bit mask composed values. See man
- **is\_type** (*str*) – type of *path*. It can be:
  - 'mp' - is mount point
  - 'fs' - is filesystem
  - 'dir' - is directory
- **dont\_follow** (*bool*) – if *path* is a symbolic link, mark the link itself, rather than the file to which it refers.
- **as\_ignore** (*bool*) – if *True* add/remove to/from ignore mask.
- **remove** (*bool*) – if *True*, events in *ev\_types* will be removed from the mark mask (or from ignore mask); else events will be added to the mark mask (or to ignore mask).

**Return type**

None

```
flush(do_non_mounts=True, do_mounts=True, do_fs=True)
```

To detail see **man fanotify\_mark** for FAN\_MARK\_FLUSH

Remove either all marks for filesystems, all marks for mounts, or all marks for directories and files from the fanotify group.

#### Parameters

- **do\_non\_mounts** – Remove all marks for directories and files
- **do\_mounts** – Remove all marks for mounts
- **do\_fs** – Remove all marks for filesystems (since Linux 4.20)

#### Return type

None

```
class pyfanotify.FanoRule
```

```
FanoRule(name, pids=(), ev_types=0, exe_pattern=None, cwd_pattern=None, path_pattern=None, pass_fd=False)
```

Rule to receive events on it via fanotify. At least one rule parameter must be specified (other than the required *name* and optional *pass\_fd*)

#### Parameters

- **name** (*AnyStr*) – Name of rule
- **pids** (*Iterable[Union[int, AnyStr]]*) – PIDS
- **ev\_types** (*int*) – Event types mask
- **exe\_pattern** (*AnyStr*) – exe
- **cwd\_pattern** (*AnyStr*) – cwd
- **path\_pattern** (*AnyStr*) – path
- **pass\_fd** (*bool*) – Pass file descriptor

#### Raises

- **TypeError** – if *pids* is not a set, list or tuple
- **ValueError** – if no one rule parameter are specified

```
class pyfanotify.FanotifyClient
```

Client for easy use and getting data via Fanotify.

```
__init__(fanotify, **rkw)
```

#### Parameters

- **fanotify** (*Fanotify*) – *Fanotify* object to associate with it.
- **rkw** (*dict*) – Keyword arguments for *FanoRule*, excluding *FanoRule.name* - this will be auto-generated and stored to *FanotifyClient.rname*

#### Return type

None

```
close()
```

Close the connection to the Fanotify object. The data will no longer be received.

#### Return type

None

**get\_events()**

Receive fanotify events according to the established rules for the current client.

**Return type**

FanotifyData

**class pyfanotify.FanotifyData**

Contains fanotify event information

**fd: int = -1**

File descriptor if passed, -1 otherwise

**pid: int = 0**

PID of caused process

**ev\_types: int = 0**

Event types of fanotify event

**exe: str = None**

EXE of the event caused process if passed, None otherwise

**cwd: str = None**

CWD of the event caused process if passed, None otherwise

**path: str = None**

PATH of the event caused file if passed, None otherwise

**\_\_init\_\_(fd=-1, pid=0, ev\_types=0, exe=None, cwd=None, path=None)**

**Parameters**

- **fd (int)** – File descriptor if passed
- **pid (int)** – PID of caused process
- **ev\_types (int)** – Event types of fanotify event
- **exe (Optional[str])** – EXE of the event caused process if passed
- **cwd (Optional[str])** – CWD of the event caused process if passed
- **path (Optional[str])** – PATH of the event caused file if passed

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