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# **babelfish Documentation**

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BabelFish is a Python library to work with countries and languages.



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# **COUNTRY**

Simple country representation from two-letters code (ISO-3166):

```
>>> country = babelfish.Country('GB')
>>> country
<Country UNITED KINGDOM>
```



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# LANGUAGE

Simple language representation from three-letters code (ISO-639-3):

```
>>> language = babelfish.Language('eng')
>>> language
<Language English>
```

Country specific language:

```
>>> language = babelfish.Language('por', 'BR')
>>> language
<Language Portuguese, country=BRAZIL>
```

Built-in converters (alpha2, alpha3b, name and opensubtitles):

```
>>> language.alpha2
'pt'
>>> language.opensubtitles
'pob'
>>> babelfish.Language.fromalpha3b('fre')
<Language French>
```



# CUSTOM CONVERTERS

Build your own converter:

```
class MyCodeConverter(babelfish.ReverseConverter):
    def __init__(self):
        self.to_mycode = {'fra': 'mycode1', 'eng': 'mycode2'}
        self.from_mycode = {'mycode1': 'fra', 'mycode2': 'eng'}
    def convert(self, alpha3, country=None):
        if alpha3 not in self.to_mycode:
            raise babelfish.NoConversionError
        return self.to_mycode[alpha3]
    def reverse(self, mycode):
        if mycode not in self.from_mycode:
            raise babelfish.NoConversionError
        return (self.from_mycode[mycode], None)
```

Use it:

```
>>> babelfish.register_converter('mycode', MyCodeConverter)
>>> babelfish.Language.frommycode('mycode2')
<Language English>
>>> babelfish.Language('fra').mycode
'mycode1'
```



# API DOCUMENTATION

If you are looking for information on a specific function, class or method, this part of the documentation is for you.

## 4.1 Country

`babelfish.country.COUNTRIES`

Dictionary of country ISO-3166 codes to English names

`class babelfish.country.Country(country)`

A country on Earth

A country is represented by a two-letters code from the ISO-3166 standard

**Parameters** `country (string)` – two-letters ISO-3166 country code

`alpha2 = None`

ISO-3166 two-letters country code

`name`

English name of the country

## 4.2 Language

`babelfish.language.LANGUAGES`

Set of ISO-639-3 three-letters code

`class babelfish.language.Language(language, country=None)`

A human language

A human language is composed of a language part following the ISO-639 standard and can be country-specific when a Country is specified.

The Language is extensible with custom converters (see *Custom Converters*)

**Parameters**

- `language (string)` – the language as a three-letters ISO-639-3 code
- `country (string or Country or None)` – the country (if any) as a two-letters ISO-3166 code or Country instance

`babelfish.language.CONVERTERS`

Registered converters

`babelfish.language.register_converter(name, converter)`

Register a Converter with the given name

This will add the `name` property to the `Language` class and an alternative constructor `fromname` if the `converter` is a `ReverseConverter`

#### Parameters

- `name (string)` – name of the converter to register
- `converter (Converter)` – converter to register

`babelfish.language.unregister_converter(name)`

Unregister a Converter by name

#### Parameters `name (string)` – name of the converter to unregister

`babelfish.language.load_converters()`

Load converters from the entry point

Call `register_converter()` for each entry of the ‘`babelfish.converters`’ entry point

`babelfish.language.clear_converters()`

Clear all converters

Call `unregister_converter()` on each registered converter in `CONVERTERS`

## 4.3 Converter Bases

`class babelfish.converters.Converter`

A Converter supports converting an alpha3 language code with an alpha2 country code into a custom code

`convert(alpha3, country=None)`

Convert an alpha3 language code with an alpha2 country code into a custom code

#### Parameters

- `alpha3 (string)` – ISO-639-3 language code
- `country (string or None)` – ISO-3166 country code, if any

`Returns` the corresponding custom code

`Return type` string

`class babelfish.converters.ReverseConverter`

A Converter able to reverse a custom code into a alpha3 ISO-639-3 language code and alpha2 ISO-3166-1 country code

`reverse(code)`

Reverse a custom code into alpha3 and country code

`Parameters code (string)` – custom code to reverse

`Returns` the corresponding alpha3 ISO-639-3 language code and alpha2 ISO-3166-1 country code

`Return type` tuple

## 4.4 Exceptions

```
class babelfish.exceptions.BabelfishError
    Base class for all exceptions in babelfish

class babelfish.exceptions.NoConversionError
    Raised when no conversion could be done with the converter on the given code
```



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