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# instagram\_private\_api Documentation

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A Python wrapper for the Instagram private API with no 3rd party dependencies. Supports both the app and web APIs.



- Supports many functions that are only available through the official app
- Compatibility patch available to match the public API methods
- Beta Python 3 support.

## 1.1 Installation

### 1.1.1 Pip

Install via pip

```
$ pip install instapi
```

Update your install with the latest release

```
$ pip install instapi --upgrade
```

Force an update from source

```
$ pip install instapi --upgrade --force-reinstall
```

### 1.1.2 Source Code

The library is maintained on GitHub. Feel free to clone the repository.

```
git clone git://github.com/breuerfelix/instapi.git
```

## 1.2 Usage

The private app API client emulates the official app and has a larger number of functions.

### 1.2.1 App API

```
from instapi import Client, ClientCompatPatch

user_name = 'YOUR_LOGIN_USER_NAME'
password = 'YOUR_PASSWORD'

api = Client(user_name, password)
results = api.feed_timeline()
items = results.get('items', [])
for item in items:
    # Manually patch the entity to match the public api as closely as possible,
    ↪ optional
    # To automatically patch entities, initialise the Client with auto_patch=True
    ClientCompatPatch.media(item)
    print(media['code'])
```

### 1.2.2 Avoiding Re-login

You are advised to persist/cache the auth cookie details to avoid logging in every time you make an api call. Excessive logins is a surefire way to get your account flagged for removal. It's also advisable to cache the client details such as user agent, etc together with the auth details.

The saved auth cookie can be reused for up to 90 days.

An example of how to save and reuse the auth setting can be found in the [examples](#).

## 1.3 FAQ

- *Can I create accounts with this library?*
- *Can I \_\_\_\_\_ with this library?*
- *What does error code XXX mean?*
- *“Your version of Instagram is out of date. Please upgrade your app to log in to Instagram.”*
- *How to direct message/share?*
- *What does `sentry_block` error mean?*
- *Why are the captions not posted?*
- *What does `checkpoint_challenge_required`, `challenge_required` mean?*

### 1.3.1 Can I create accounts with this library?

No. This library will not support account creation because of abuse by spammers. If you need an account, use the official app or website.

### 1.3.2 Can I \_\_\_\_\_ with this library?

This library is limited to what the mobile app interface can do. If you can't do it on those platforms, you can't do it through the library.

### 1.3.3 What does error code XXX mean?

- **400:** Bad request. Please check the parameters specified.
- **403:** The method requires authentication (web client) or the request has been denied by IG.
- **404:** The entity requested is not found (web client) or the endpoint does not exist.
- **429:** Too many requests. You're making too many calls.

IG may also return other 4XX or 5XX codes.

### 1.3.4 “Your version of Instagram is out of date. Please upgrade your app to log in to Instagram.”

Instagram is rejecting the app version that the lib is using.

If discarding the cached auth and relogging in does not work, you may need to:

1. update the lib, or
2. extract the latest signature key and version from the latest Instagram APK or from <https://github.com/mgp25/Instagram-API/blob/master/src/Constants.php>.

With the new sig key and app version, you can modify the client like so

```
new_app_version = '10.3.2'
new_sig_key = '5ad7d6f013666cc93c88fc8af940348bd067b68f0dce3c85122a923f4f74b251'
new_key_ver = '4' # does not freq change
new_ig_capa = '3ToAAA==' # does not freq change

api = Client(
    user_name, password,
    app_version=new_app_version,
    signature_key=new_sig_key,
    key_version= new_key_ver,
    ig_capabilities=new_ig_capa)
```

### 1.3.5 How to direct message/share?

There are no plans to implement direct messaging/sharing functions.

### 1.3.6 What does `sentry_block` error mean?

This is the response for detected spam/bot behavior. Stop using the api in whatever way that triggered this response.

### 1.3.7 Why are the captions not posted?

This is due to your account / access location (IP) being soft-blocked.

### 1.3.8 What does `checkpoint_challenge_required`, `challenge_required` mean?

Your access attempt has been flagged. Login manually to pass the required challenge.

## 1.4 Developer Interface

This page of the documentation will cover all methods and classes available to the developer.

The api currently has two main interfaces:

- *App API*

- `instapi.Client`
- `instapi.ClientCompatPatch`
- `instapi.ClientError`
- `instapi.ClientLoginError`
- `instapi.ClientLoginRequiredError`
- `instapi.ClientCookieExpiredError`
- `instapi.ClientThrottledError`
- `instapi.ClientReqHeadersTooLargeError`
- `instapi.ClientConnectionError`
- `instapi.ClientCheckpointRequiredError`
- `instapi.ClientChallengeRequiredError`
- `instapi.ClientSentryBlockError`
- `instapi.MediaRatios`
- `instapi.MediaTypes`

### 1.4.1 App API

**class** `instapi.Client` (*username*, *password*, **\*\*kwargs**)

Main API client class for the private app api.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*username*, *password*, **\*\*kwargs**)

**Parameters**

- **username** – Login username

- **password** – Login password
- **kwargs** – See below

#### Keyword Arguments

- **auto\_patch**: Patch the api objects to match the public API. Default: False
- **drop\_incompat\_key**: Remove api object keys that is not in the public API. Default: False
- **timeout**: Timeout interval in seconds. Default: 15
- **api\_url**: Override the default api url base
- **cookie**: Saved cookie string from a previous session
- **settings**: A dict of settings from a previous session
- **on\_login**: Callback after successful login
- **proxy**: Specify a proxy ex: 'http://127.0.0.1:8888' (ALPHA)
- **proxy\_handler**: Specify your own proxy handler

#### Returns

##### **authenticated\_user\_id**

The current authenticated user id

##### **authenticated\_user\_name**

The current authenticated user name

##### **autocomplete\_user\_list ()**

User list for autocomplete

##### **block\_friend\_reel (user\_id)**

Hide your stories from a specific user

**Parameters** **user\_id** – User id

#### Returns

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "incoming_request": false,
  "is_blocking_reel": true,
  "followed_by": false,
  "is_muting_reel": false,
  "outgoing_request": false,
  "following": false,
  "blocking": true,
  "is_private": false
}
```

##### **blocked\_reels ()**

Get list of users from whom you've hid your stories

##### **blocked\_user\_list ()**

Get list of blocked users

##### **broadcast\_comment (broadcast\_id, comment\_text)**

Post a comment to a live broadcast

#### Parameters

- **broadcast\_id** – Broadcast id

- **comment\_text** – Comment text

**Returns****broadcast\_comments** (*broadcast\_id*, *last\_comment\_ts=0*)

Get a live broadcast's latest comments

**Parameters**

- **broadcast\_id** – Broadcast id
- **last\_comment\_ts** –

**Returns****broadcast\_heartbeat\_and\_viewercount** (*broadcast\_id*)

Get a live broadcast's heartbeat and viewer count

**Parameters** **broadcast\_id** – Broadcast id**Returns****broadcast\_info** (*broadcast\_id*)

Get broadcast information. Known broadcast\_status values: 'active', 'interrupted', 'stopped', 'hard\_stop'

**Parameters** **broadcast\_id** – Broadcast Id**Returns**

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "broadcast_status": "active",
  "media_id": "12345678934374208_123456789",
  "cover_frame_url": "https://scontent-hkg3-1.cdninstagram.com/
↪something.jpg",
  "broadcast_owner": {
    "username": "abc",
    "friendship_status": {
      "incoming_request": false,
      "followed_by": false,
      "outgoing_request": false,
      "following": false,
      "blocking": false,
      "is_private": false
    },
    "profile_pic_url": "http://scontent-hkg3-1.cdninstagram.com/
↪somethingelse.jpg",
    "profile_pic_id": "1234567850644676241_123456789",
    "full_name": "ABC",
    "pk": 123456789,
    "is_verified": true,
    "is_private": false
  },
  "dash_abr_playback_url": null,
  "broadcast_message": "",
  "published_time": 1485312576,
  "dash_playback_url": "https://scontent-hkg3-1.cdninstagram.com/
↪hvideo-ash1/v/dash-hd/spomething.mpd",
  "rtmp_playback_url": "rtmp://svelivestream007.16.ash1.facebook.
↪com:16000/live-hd/something",
  "id": 178591123456789,
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    "viewer_count": 9000.0
  }

```

**broadcast\_like** (*broadcast\_id*, *like\_count=1*)

Like a live broadcast

**Parameters**

- **broadcast\_id** – Broadcast id
- **like\_count** –

**Returns**

**broadcast\_like\_count** (*broadcast\_id*, *like\_ts=0*)

Get a live broadcast's like count

**Parameters** **broadcast\_id** – Broadcast id

**Returns**

**bulk\_delete\_comments** (*media\_id*, *comment\_ids*)

Bulk delete comment

**Parameters**

- **media\_id** – Media id
- **comment\_ids** – List of comment ids

**Returns**

```

{"status": "ok"}

```

**bulk\_translate** (*comment\_ids*)

Get translations of comments

**Parameters** **comment\_ids** – list of comment/caption IDs

**Returns**

**change\_profile\_picture** (*photo\_data*)

Change profile picture

**Parameters** **photo\_data** – byte string of image

**Returns**

**check\_username** (*username*)

Check username

**Parameters** **username** –

**Returns**

```

{
  "status": "ok",
  "available": false,
  "username": "xxx",
  "error_type": "username_is_taken",
  "error": "The username xxx is not available."
}

```

**collection\_feed** (*collection\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get the items in a collection.

**Parameters** **collection\_id** – Collection ID

**Returns**

**comment\_inline\_replies** (*media\_id*, *comment\_id*, *max\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get inline comment replies. Check for ‘next\_max\_child\_cursor’ from `media_comments()` to determine if there are inline comment replies to retrieve.

**Parameters**

- **media\_id** – Media id
- **comment\_id** – Comment id
- **max\_id** – The comment’s ‘next\_max\_child\_cursor’ value from ‘media\_comments()’

**Returns**

**comment\_like** (*comment\_id*)

Like a comment

**Parameters** **comment\_id** –

**Returns**

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**comment\_likers** (*comment\_id*)

Get users who have liked a comment

**Parameters** **comment\_id** –

**Returns**

**comment\_replies** (*media\_id*, *comment\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get comment replies. Fixed at 20 replies returned per page. Check for ‘has\_more\_tail\_child\_comments’, ‘next\_max\_child\_cursor’ to determine if there are more replies to page through.

**Parameters**

- **media\_id** – Media id
- **comment\_id** – Comment id
- **kwargs** – **max\_id**: For pagination

**Returns**

**comment\_unlike** (*comment\_id*)

Unlike a comment

**Parameters** **comment\_id** –

**Returns**

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**classmethod compatible\_aspect\_ratio** (*size*)

Helper method to check aspect ratio for standard uploads

**Parameters** **size** – tuple of (width, height)

**Returns** True/False

**configure** (*upload\_id, size, caption=""*, *location=None*, *disable\_comments=False*, *is\_sidecar=False*)  
Finalises a photo upload. This should not be called directly. Use `post_photo()` instead.

#### Parameters

- **upload\_id** –
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)
- **caption** –
- **location** – a dict of venue/location information, from `location_search()` or `location_fb_search()`
- **disable\_comments** –
- **is\_sidecar** – bool flag for album upload

#### Returns

**configure\_to\_reel** (*upload\_id, size*)

Finalises a photo story upload. This should not be called directly. Use `post_photo_story()` instead.

#### Parameters

- **upload\_id** –
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)

#### Returns

**configure\_video** (*upload\_id, size, duration, thumbnail\_data, caption=""*, *location=None*, *disable\_comments=False*, *is\_sidecar=False*)

Finalises a video upload. This should not be called directly. Use `post_video()` instead.

#### Parameters

- **upload\_id** –
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)
- **duration** – in seconds
- **thumbnail\_data** – byte string of thumbnail photo
- **caption** –
- **location** – a dict of venue/location information, from `location_search()` or `location_fb_search()`
- **disable\_comments** –
- **is\_sidecar** – bool flag for album upload

#### Returns

**configure\_video\_to\_reel** (*upload\_id, size, duration, thumbnail\_data*)

Finalises a video story upload. This should not be called directly. Use `post_video_story()` instead.

#### Parameters

- **upload\_id** –
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)
- **duration** – in seconds
- **thumbnail\_data** – byte string of thumbnail photo

#### Returns

**configure\_video\_to\_tv** (*upload\_id, size, duration, thumbnail\_data, title, caption*)

Finalises a video IGTV upload. This should not be called directly. Use `post_video_tv()` instead.

#### Parameters

- **upload\_id** –
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)
- **duration** – in seconds
- **thumbnail\_data** – byte string of thumbnail photo
- **title** –
- **caption** –

#### Returns

**cookie\_jar**

The client's cookiejar instance.

**create\_collection** (*name, added\_media\_ids=None*)

Create a new collection.

#### Parameters

- **name** – Name for the collection
- **added\_media\_ids** – list of media\_ids

#### Returns

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "collection_id": "1700000000123",
  "cover_media": {
    "media_type": 1,
    "original_width": 1080,
    "original_height": 1080,
    "id": 1492726080000000,
    "image_versions2": {
      "candidates": [
        {
          "url": "http://scontent-xx4-1.cdninstagram.com/...123.jpg",
          "width": 1080,
          "height": 1080
        },
        ...
      ]
    }
  },
  "collection_name": "A Collection"
}
```

**csrftoken**

The client's current csrf token

**current\_user** ()

Get current user info

**delete\_collection** (*collection\_id*)

Delete a collection.

**Parameters** `collection_id` – Collection ID

**Returns**

```
{
  "status": "ok"
}
```

**delete\_comment** (*media\_id*, *comment\_id*)

Delete a comment

**Parameters**

- `media_id` – Media id
- `comment_id` – Comment id

**Returns**

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**delete\_like** (*media\_id*, *module\_name='feed\_timeline'*)

Unlike a post

**Parameters**

- `media_id` –
- `module_name` – Example: 'feed\_timeline', 'video\_view', 'photo\_view'

**Returns**

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**delete\_media** (*media\_id*)

Delete a media

**Parameters** `media_id` – Media id

**Returns**

```
{"status": "ok", "did_delete": true}
```

**direct\_v2\_inbox** ()

Get v2 inbox

**direct\_v2\_thread** (*thread\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get v2 thread

**Parameters**

- `thread_id` –
- `kwargs` –
  - `cursor`: For pagination

**Returns**

**disable\_comments** (*media\_id*)

Disable comments for a media

**Parameters** `media_id` –

**Returns**

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**disable\_post\_notifications** (*user\_id*)

Turn off post notifications for specified user.

**Parameters** *user\_id* –

**Returns**

**disable\_presence\_status** ()

Disable presence status setting

**discover\_chaining** (*user\_id*)

Get suggested users

**Parameters** *user\_id* –

**Returns**

**discover\_channels\_home** ()

Discover channels home

**discover\_top\_live** (\*\**kwargs*)

Get top live broadcasts

**Parameters** *kwargs* –

- *max\_id*: For pagination

**Returns**

**edit\_collection** (*collection\_id*, *added\_media\_ids*)

Add media IDs to an existing collection.

**Parameters**

- *collection\_id* – Collection ID
- *added\_media\_ids* – list of media IDs

**Returns** Returns same object as *create\_collection()*

**edit\_media** (*media\_id*, *caption*, *usertags=None*)

Edit a media's caption

**Parameters**

- *media\_id* – Media id
- *caption* – Caption text
- *usertags* – array of *user\_ids* and positions in the format below:

```
usertags = [  
    {"user_id":4292127751, "position":[0.625347,0.4384531]}  
]
```

**Returns**

**edit\_profile** (*first\_name*, *biography*, *external\_url*, *email*, *phone\_number*, *gender*)

Edit profile

**Parameters**

- *first\_name* –

- **biography** –
- **external\_url** –
- **email** – Required.
- **phone\_number** –
- **gender** – male: 1, female: 2, unspecified: 3

**Returns****enable\_comments** (*media\_id*)

Enable comments for a media

**Parameters** *media\_id* –**Returns**

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**enable\_post\_notifications** (*user\_id*)

Turn on post notifications for specified user.

**Parameters** *user\_id* –**Returns****enable\_presence\_status** ()

Enable presence status setting

**explore** (\*\*kwargs)

Get explore items

**Parameters** *kwargs* –

- **max\_id**: For pagination

**Returns****feed\_liked** (\*\*kwargs)

Get liked feed

**Parameters** *kwargs* –

- **max\_id**: For pagination. Taken from `next_max_id` in the previous page.

**Returns****feed\_location** (*location\_id*, *rank\_token*, \*\*kwargs)This endpoint is believed to be obsolete. Do not use. Replaced by `location_section()`.**Parameters**

- **location\_id** –
- **rank\_token** – Required for paging through a single feed and can be generated with `generate_uuid()`. You should use the same `rank_token` for paging through a single location.

**Returns****feed\_only\_me** (\*\*kwargs)

Get feed of archived media

:param *kwargs*

**feed\_popular** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Get popular feed. This endpoint is believed to be obsolete. Do not use.

**feed\_tag** (*tag, rank\_token, \*\*kwargs*)

Get tag feed

**Parameters**

- **tag** –
- **rank\_token** – Required for paging through a single feed and can be generated with `generate_uuid()`. You should use the same `rank_token` for paging through a single tag feed.
- **kwargs** –

**Returns****feed\_timeline** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Get timeline feed. To get a new timeline feed, you can mark a set of media as seen by setting `seen_posts = comma-separated list of media IDs`. Example: `api.feed_timeline(seen_posts='123456789_12345,987654321_54321')`

**friendships\_block** (*user\_id*)

Block a user

**Parameters** `user_id` – User id

**Returns**

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "incoming_request": false,
  "is_blocking_reel": false,
  "followed_by": false,
  "is_muting_reel": false,
  "outgoing_request": false,
  "following": false,
  "blocking": true,
  "is_private": false
}
```

**friendships\_create** (*user\_id*)

Follow a user

**Parameters** `user_id` – User id

**Returns**

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "friendship_status": {
    "incoming_request": false,
    "followed_by": false,
    "outgoing_request": false,
    "following": true,
    "blocking": false,
    "is_private": false
  }
}
```

**friendships\_destroy** (*user\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Unfollow a user

**Parameters**

- **user\_id** – User id
- **kwargs** –

**Returns**

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "incoming_request": false,
  "is_blocking_reel": false,
  "followed_by": false,
  "is_muting_reel": false,
  "outgoing_request": false,
  "following": false,
  "blocking": false,
  "is_private": false
}
```

**friendships\_pending** ()

Get pending follow requests

**friendships\_show** (*user\_id*)

Get friendship status with user id

**Parameters** **user\_id** –

**Returns**

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "incoming_request": false,
  "is_blocking_reel": false,
  "followed_by": false,
  "is_muting_reel": false,
  "outgoing_request": false,
  "following": false,
  "blocking": false,
  "is_private": false
}
```

**friendships\_show\_many** (*user\_ids*)

Get friendship status with multiple user ids

**Parameters** **user\_ids** – list of user ids

**Returns**

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "friendship_statuses": {
    "123456789": {
      "following": false,
      "incoming_request": true,
      "outgoing_request": false,
      "is_private": false
    }
  }
}
```

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}  
}
```

**friendships\_unblock** (*user\_id*)

Unblock a user

**Parameters** *user\_id* – User id**Returns**

```
{  
    "status": "ok",  
    "incoming_request": false,  
    "is_blocking_reel": false,  
    "followed_by": false,  
    "is_muting_reel": false,  
    "outgoing_request": false,  
    "following": false,  
    "blocking": false,  
    "is_private": false  
}
```

**generate\_adid** (*seed=None*)

Generate an Advertising ID based on the login username since the Google Ad ID is a personally identifying but resettable ID.

**Returns****classmethod generate\_deviceid** (*seed=None*)

Generate an android device ID

**Parameters** *seed* – Seed value to generate a consistent device ID**Returns****static generate\_useragent** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Helper method to generate a useragent string based on device parameters

**Parameters** *kwargs* –

- **app\_version**
- **android\_version**
- **android\_release**
- **brand**
- **device**
- **model**
- **dpi**
- **resolution**
- **chipset**

**Returns** A compatible user agent string**classmethod generate\_uuid** (*return\_hex=False, seed=None*)

Generate uuid

**Parameters**

- **return\_hex** – Return in hex format
- **seed** – Seed value to generate a consistent uuid

#### Returns

**highlight\_create** (*media\_ids*, *cover\_media\_id=None*, *title='Highlights'*, *source='self\_profile'*)

Create a new highlight

#### Parameters

- **media\_ids** – A list of *media\_ids*
- **cover\_media\_id** – The *media\_id* for the highlight cover image
- **title** – Title of the highlight
- **module** – The UI module via which the highlight is created

**highlight\_delete** (*highlight\_id*)

Deletes specified highlight

**Parameters** **highlight\_id** – *highlight\_id*, example 'highlight:1770000'

**highlight\_edit** (*highlight\_id*, *cover\_media\_id=None*, *added\_media\_ids=[]*, *removed\_media\_ids=[]*, *title=None*, *source='story\_viewer'*)

Edits a highlight

#### Parameters

- **highlight\_id** – *highlight\_id*, example 'highlight:1770000'
- **cover\_media\_id** – The *media\_id* for the highlight cover image
- **added\_media\_ids** – List of *media\_id* to be added
- **removed\_media\_ids** – List of *media\_id* to be removed
- **title** – Title of the highlight
- **module** – The UI module via which the highlight is created

**highlights\_user\_feed** (*user\_id*)

Returns a user's highlight tray

**Parameters** **user\_id** –

**ignore\_user** (*user\_id*)

Ignore a user's follow request.

**Parameters** **user\_id** –

#### Returns

**insights** ()

Get insights :param day: :return:

**link** (*contacts*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Sync contacts with instagram app

**Parameters** **contacts** – list of contact entities. Examples: {

```
'first_name':      'khatam_testing',  'phone_numbers':  ['+989395405909'],
'email_addresses': ['khatam_testing@gmail.com']
```

```
},
```

#### Returns

- list of user accounts created based on contacts

**location\_fb\_search** (*query*, *rank\_token*, *exclude\_list=[]*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Search for locations by query text

**Parameters**

- **query** – search terms
- **rank\_token** – Required for paging through a single feed. See examples/pagination.py
- **exclude\_list** – List of numerical location IDs to exclude
- **kwargs** –

**Returns**

**location\_info** (*location\_id*)

Get a location info

**Parameters** *location\_id* –

**Returns**

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "location": {
    "external_source": "facebook_places",
    "city": "",
    "name": "Berlin Brandenburger Tor",
    "facebook_places_id": 114849465334163,
    "address": "Pariser Platz",
    "lat": 52.51588,
    "pk": 229573811,
    "lng": 13.37892
  }
}
```

**location\_related** (*location\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get related locations

**Parameters** *location\_id* –

**Returns**

**location\_search** (*latitude*, *longitude*, *query=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Location search

**Parameters**

- **latitude** –
- **longitude** –
- **query** –

**Returns**

**location\_section** (*location\_id*, *rank\_token*, *tab='ranked'*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get a location feed

**Parameters**

- **location\_id** –

- **rank\_token** – Required for paging through a single feed and can be generated with `generate_uuid()`. You should use the same rank\_token for paging through a single location.
- **tab** – One of ‘ranked’, ‘recent’

**Kwargs extract:** return the array of media items only **page:** for pagination **next\_media\_ids:** array of media\_id (int) for pagination **max\_id:** for pagination

#### Returns

**location\_stories** (*location\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get a location story feed

#### Parameters

- **location\_id** –
- **rank\_token** – Required for paging through a single feed and can be generated with `generate_uuid()`. You should use the same rank\_token for paging through a single location.

#### Returns

**login** ()

Login.

**logout** ()

Logout user

**media\_comments** (*media\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get media comments. Fixed at 20 comments returned per page.

#### Parameters

- **media\_id** – Media id
- **kwargs** – **max\_id:** For pagination

#### Returns

**media\_info** (*media\_id*)

Get media info

**Parameters** **media\_id** –

#### Returns

**media\_likers** (*media\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get users who have liked a post

**Parameters** **media\_id** –

#### Returns

**media\_likers\_chrono** (*media\_id*)

EXPERIMENTAL ENDPOINT, INADVISABLE TO USE. Get users who have liked a post in chronological order

**Parameters** **media\_id** –

#### Returns

**media\_n\_comments** (*media\_id*, *n=150*, *reverse=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Helper method to retrieve n number of comments for a media id

**Parameters**

- **media\_id** – Media id
- **n** – Minimum number of comments to fetch
- **reverse** – Reverse list of comments (ordered by created\_time)
- **kwargs** –

#### Returns

**media\_only\_me** (*media\_id*, *media\_type*, *undo=False*)

Archive/unarchive a media so that it is only viewable by the owner.

#### Parameters

- **media\_id** –
- **media\_type** – One of `MediaTypes.PHOTO`, `MediaTypes.VIDEO`, or `MediaTypes.CAROUSEL`
- **undo** – bool

#### Returns

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**media\_permalink** (*media\_id*)

Get media permalink

**Parameters** **media\_id** –

#### Returns

**media\_seen** (*reels*)

Mark multiple stories as seen

**Parameters** **reels** – A list of reel media objects, or a dict of `media_ids` and timings as defined below.

```
{
  "1309763051087626108_124317_124317": ["1470355944_1470372029"],
  "1309764045355643149_124317_124317": ["1470356063_1470372039"],
  "1309818450243415912_124317_124317": ["1470362548_1470372060"],
  "1309764653429046112_124317_124317": ["1470356135_1470372049"],
  "1309209597843679372_124317_124317": ["1470289967_1470372013"]
}

where
  1309763051087626108_124317 = <media_id>,
  124317 = <media.owner_id>
  1470355944_1470372029 is <media_created_time>_<view_time>
```

#### Returns

**media\_undo\_only\_me** (*media\_id*, *media\_type*)

Undo making a media only me.

#### Parameters

- **media\_id** –
- **media\_type** – One of `MediaTypes.PHOTO`, `MediaTypes.VIDEO`, or `MediaTypes.CAROUSEL`

**medias\_info** (*media\_ids*)

Get multiple media infos

**Parameters** **media\_ids** – list of media ids

**Returns**

**megaphone\_log** (*log\_type='feed\_aysf', action='seen', reason='', \*\*kwargs*)

A tracking endpoint of sorts

**Parameters**

- **log\_type** –
- **action** –
- **reason** –
- **kwargs** –

**Returns**

**news** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Get news feed of accounts the logged in account is following. This returns the items in the ‘Following’ tab.

**news\_inbox** ()

Get inbox feed of activity related to the logged in account. This returns the items in the ‘You’ tab.

**oembed** (*url, \*\*kwargs*)

Get oembed info

**Parameters**

- **url** –
- **kwargs** –

**Returns**

**phone\_id**

Current phone ID. For use in certain functions.

**post\_album** (*medias, caption='', location=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Post an album of up to 10 photos/videos.

**Parameters**

- **medias** – an iterable list/collection of media dict objects

```
medias = [
    {"type": "image", "size": (720, 720), "data": "..."},
    {
        "type": "image", "size": (720, 720),
        "usertags": [{"user_id": 4292127751, "position": [0.625347,
↪0.4384531]}],
        "data": "..."}
    ],
    {"type": "video", "size": (720, 720), "duration": 12.4,
↪"thumbnail": "...", "data": "..."}
]
```

- **caption** –
- **location** –

### Returns

**post\_comment** (*media\_id*, *comment\_text*)

Post a comment. Comment text validation according to [https://www.instagram.com/developer/endpoints/comments/#post\\_media\\_comments](https://www.instagram.com/developer/endpoints/comments/#post_media_comments)

### Parameters

- **media\_id** – Media id
- **comment\_text** – Comment text

### Returns

```
{
  "comment": {
    "status": "Active",
    "media_id": 123456789,
    "text": ":)",
    "created_at": 1479453671.0,
    "user": {
      "username": "x",
      "has_anonymous_profile_picture": false,
      "profile_pic_url": "http://scontent-sit4-1.cdninstagram.com/
↪abc.jpg",
      "full_name": "x",
      "pk": 123456789,
      "is_verified": false,
      "is_private": false
    },
    "content_type": "comment",
    "created_at_utc": 1479482471,
    "pk": 17865505612040669,
    "type": 0
  },
  "status": "ok"
}
```

**post\_like** (*media\_id*, *module\_name*='feed\_timeline')

Like a post

### Parameters

- **media\_id** – Media id
- **module\_name** – Example: 'feed\_timeline', 'video\_view', 'photo\_view'

### Returns

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**post\_photo** (*photo\_data*, *size*, *caption*="", *upload\_id*=None, *to\_reel*=False, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload a photo.

[CAUTION] FLAKY, IG is very finicky about sizes, etc, needs testing.

### Parameters

- **photo\_data** – byte string of the image
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)
- **caption** –

- **upload\_id** –
- **to\_reel** – a Story photo
- **kwargs** –
  - **location**: a dict of venue/location information, from `location_search()` or `location_fb_search()`
  - **disable\_comments**: bool to disable comments

#### Returns

**post\_photo\_story** (*photo\_data*, *size*)

Upload a photo story

#### Parameters

- **photo\_data** – byte string of the image
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)

#### Returns

**post\_video** (*video\_data*, *size*, *duration*, *thumbnail\_data*, *caption=""*, *title=None*, *to\_reel=False*, *to\_tv=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Upload a video

[CAUTION] FLAKY, IG is very picky about sizes, etc, needs testing.

#### Parameters

- **video\_data** – byte string or a file-like object of the video content
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)
- **duration** – in seconds
- **thumbnail\_data** – byte string of the video thumbnail content
- **caption** –
- **title** – to IGTV upload
- **to\_reel** – post to reel as Story
- **to\_tv** – post to IGTV
- **kwargs** –
  - **location**: a dict of venue/location information, from `location_search()` or `location_fb_search()`
  - **disable\_comments**: bool to disable comments
  - **max\_retry\_count**: maximum attempts to reupload. Default 10.

#### Returns

**post\_video\_igtv** (*video\_data*, *size*, *duration*, *thumbnail\_data*, *title*, *caption*)

Upload a video IGTV

#### Parameters

- **video\_data** – byte string or a file-like object of the video content
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)
- **duration** – in seconds

- **thumbnail\_data** – byte string of the video thumbnail content
- **title** –
- **caption** –

**Returns**

**post\_video\_story** (*video\_data, size, duration, thumbnail\_data*)

Upload a video story

**Parameters**

- **video\_data** – byte string or a file-like object of the video content
- **size** – tuple of (width, height)
- **duration** – in seconds
- **thumbnail\_data** – byte string of the video thumbnail content

**Returns**

**presence\_status** ()

Get presence status setting

**radio\_type**

For use in certain endpoints

**ranked\_recipients** ()

Get ranked recipients

**recent\_recipients** ()

Get recent recipients

**classmethod reel\_compatible\_aspect\_ratio** (*size*)

Helper method to check aspect ratio for story uploads

**Parameters** **size** – tuple of (width, height)

**Returns** True/False

**static reel\_ratios** ()

Deprecated. Use MediaRatios.reel instead. Acceptable min, max values of with/height ratios for a story upload

**Returns** tuple of (min. ratio, max. ratio)

**reels\_media** (*user\_ids, \*\*kwargs*)

Get multiple users' reel/story media

**Parameters**

- **user\_ids** – list of user IDs
- **kwargs** –

**Returns**

**reels\_tray** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Get story reels tray

**remove\_follower** (*user\_id*)

Remove a follower.

**Parameters** **user\_id** –

**Returns**

**remove\_profile\_picture** ()

Remove profile picture

**replay\_broadcast\_comments** (*broadcast\_id*, *starting\_offset=0*, *encoding\_tag='instagram\_dash\_remuxed'*)

Get comments for a post live broadcast.

**Parameters**

- **broadcast\_id** –
- **starting\_offset** –
- **encoding\_tag** –

**Returns**

**replay\_broadcast\_likes** (*broadcast\_id*, *starting\_offset=0*, *encoding\_tag='instagram\_dash\_remuxed'*)

Get likes for a post live broadcast.

**Parameters**

- **broadcast\_id** –
- **starting\_offset** –
- **encoding\_tag** –

**Returns**

**save\_photo** (*media\_id*, *added\_collection\_ids=None*)

Save a photo

**Parameters**

- **media\_id** – Media id
- **added\_collection\_ids** – optional list of collection IDs to add the media to

**Returns**

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**saved\_feed** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Get saved photo feed

**Parameters** *kwargs* –

- **count**: Limit the number of items returned

**Returns**

**search\_igtv** (*text*)

Search igtv

**Parameters** *text* – Search term

**search\_users** (*query*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Search users

**Parameters** *query* – Search string

**Returns**

**self\_feed** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Get authenticated user's own feed

**set\_account\_private()**

Make account private

**set\_account\_public()**

Make account public

**set\_presence\_status()** (*disabled*)

Set presence status setting

**Parameters disabled** – True if disabling, else False

**set\_reel\_block\_status()** (*user\_ids, block\_status='block'*)

Unhide your stories from a specific user

**Parameters**

- **user\_ids** – list of user IDs
- **block\_status** – One of 'block', 'unblock'

**Returns**

```
{
  "friendship_statuses": {
    "123456790": {
      "following": true,
      "is_private": false,
      "incoming_request": false,
      "outgoing_request": false,
      "is_blocking_reel": true,
      "is_muting_reel": false
    },
    "123456791": {
      "following": true,
      "is_private": false,
      "incoming_request": false,
      "outgoing_request": false,
      "is_blocking_reel": true,
      "is_muting_reel": false
    }
  },
  "status": "ok"
}
```

**set\_reel\_settings()** (*message\_prefs, allow\_story\_reshare=None, reel\_auto\_archive=None, save\_to\_camera\_roll=None*)

Set story message replies settings

**Parameters**

- **message\_prefs** – One of 'anyone', 'following', 'off'
- **allow\_story\_reshare** – bool
- **auto\_archive** – One of 'on', 'off'
- **save\_to\_camera\_roll** – bool

**Returns**

```
{
  "message_prefs": "off",
```

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```

    "status": "ok"
}

```

**settings**

Helper property that extracts the settings that you should cache in addition to username and password.

**static standard\_ratios()**

Deprecated. Use `MediaRatios.standard` instead. Acceptable min, max values of with/height ratios for a standard media upload

**Returns** tuple of (min. ratio, max. ratio)

**stickers** (*sticker\_type='static\_stickers', location=None*)

Get sticker assets

**Parameters**

- **sticker\_type** – One of ['static\_stickers']
- **location** – dict containing 'lat', 'lng', 'horizontalAccuracy'. Example: {'lat': "", 'lng': "", 'horizontalAccuracy': ""} 'horizontalAccuracy' is a float in meters representing the estimated horizontal accuracy [https://developer.android.com/reference/android/location/Location.html#getAccuracy\(\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/location/Location.html#getAccuracy())

**Returns****stories\_archive** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Returns the authenticated user's story archive. The returned items's id value is passed to `reels_media()` to retrieve

**Example:**

```

archived_stories = api.stories_archive()
if archived_stories.get('items'):
    item_ids = [a['id'] for a in archived_stories['items']]
    archived_stories_media = api.reels_media(user_ids=item_ids)

```

**Returns**

```

{
  "items": [{
    "timestamp": 1510090000,
    "media_count": 3,
    "id": "archiveDay:1710000000",
    "reel_type": "archive_day_reel",
    "latest_reel_media": 1510090000
  }],
  "num_results": 1,
  "more_available": false,
  "max_id": null,
  "status": "ok"
}

```

**story\_viewers** (*story\_pk, \*\*kwargs*)

Get list of story viewers

**Parameters**

- **story\_pk** – Story media's PK identifier, e.g. "1700000123"

- **kwargs** – **max\_id**: For pagination

**Returns**

**suggested\_broadcasts** (\*\*kwargs)

Get suggested broadcasts

**Parameters** **kwargs** –

**Returns**

**sync** (prelogin=False)

Synchronise experiments.

**tag\_follow** (tag)

Follow a tag

**Parameters** **tag** –

**Returns**

**tag\_follow\_suggestions** ()

Get suggestions for tags to follow

**tag\_info** (tag)

Get tag info

**Parameters** **tag** –

**Returns**

**tag\_related** (tag, \*\*kwargs)

Get related tags

**Parameters** **tag** –

**Returns**

**tag\_search** (text, rank\_token, exclude\_list=[], \*\*kwargs)

Search tag

**Parameters**

- **text** – Search term
- **rank\_token** – Required for paging through a single feed. See examples/pagination.py
- **exclude\_list** – List of numerical tag IDs to exclude
- **kwargs** –

**Returns**

**tag\_section** (tag, tab='top', \*\*kwargs)

Get a tag feed section

**Parameters**

- **tag** – tag text (without '#')
- **tab** – One of 'top', 'recent', 'places'

**Kwargs** **extract**: return the array of media items only **page**: for pagination **next\_media\_ids**: array of media\_id (int) for pagination **max\_id**: for pagination

**Returns**

**tag\_unfollow** (*tag*)

Unfollow a tag

**Parameters** **tag** –**Returns****tags\_user\_following** (*user\_id*)

Get tags a user is following

**Parameters** **user\_id** –**Returns****timezone\_offset**

Timezone offset in seconds. For use in certain functions.

**token**For compatibility. Equivalent to `csrftoken()`**top\_live\_status** (*broadcast\_ids*)Get status for a list of `broadcast_ids`**Returns****top\_search** (*query*)

Search for top matching hashtags, users, locations

**Parameters** **query** – search terms**Returns****translate** (*object\_id, object\_type*)**Parameters**

- **object\_id** – id value for the object
- **object\_type** – One of [1, 2, 3] where 1 = CAPTION - unsupported 2 = COMMENT - unsupported 3 = BIOGRAPHY

**Returns****tvchannel** (*channel\_id, \*\*kwargs*)

Get channel

**Parameters** **channel\_id** – One of ‘for\_you’, ‘chrono\_following’, ‘popular’, ‘continue\_watching’ (as returned by `tvguide()`) or for a user ‘user\_12345’ where `user_id = ‘12345’`**tvguide** ()

TV guide to popular, following, suggested channels, etc

**unblock\_friend\_reel** (*user\_id*)

Unhide your stories from a specific user

**Parameters** **user\_id** – User id**Returns**

```
{
  "status": "ok",
  "incoming_request": false,
  "is_blocking_reel": false,
  "followed_by": false,
```

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```
"is_muting_reel": false,  
"outgoing_request": false,  
"following": false,  
"blocking": true,  
"is_private": false  
}
```

**unlink()**

Unsync contacts with instagram

**Returns**

- list of users created based on contacts

**unsave\_photo** (*media\_id*, *removed\_collection\_ids=None*)

Unsave a photo

**Parameters**

- **media\_id** –
- **removed\_collection\_ids** – optional list of collection IDs to remove the media from

**Returns**

```
{"status": "ok"}
```

**user\_agent**

Returns the useragent string that the client is currently using.

**user\_broadcast** (*user\_id*)

Helper method to get a user's broadcast if there is one currently live. Returns none otherwise.

**Parameters** *user\_id* –**Returns****user\_detail\_info** (*user\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

EXPERIMENTAL ENDPOINT, INADVISABLE TO USE. Get user detailed info

**Parameters**

- **user\_id** –
- **kwargs** –
  - **max\_id**: For pagination
  - **min\_timestamp**: For pagination

**Returns****user\_feed** (*user\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get the feed for the specified user id

**Parameters**

- **user\_id** –
- **kwargs** –
  - **max\_id**: For pagination
  - **min\_timestamp**: For pagination

**Returns****user\_followers** (*user\_id*, *rank\_token*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get user followers

**Parameters**

- **user\_id** –
- **rank\_token** – Required for paging through a single feed and can be generated with `generate_uuid()`. You should use the same `rank_token` for paging through a single user followers.
- **kwargs** –
  - **query**: Search within the user followers
  - **max\_id**: For pagination

**Returns****user\_following** (*user\_id*, *rank\_token*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get user followings

**Parameters**

- **user\_id** –
- **rank\_token** – Required for paging through a single feed and can be generated with `generate_uuid()`. You should use the same `rank_token` for paging through a single user following.
- **kwargs** –
  - **query**: Search within the user following
  - **max\_id**: For pagination

**Returns****user\_info** (*user\_id*)

Get user info for a specified user id

**Parameters** **user\_id** –**Returns****user\_map** (*user\_id*)

Get a list of geo-tagged media from a user

**Parameters** **user\_id** – User id**Returns****user\_reel\_media** (*user\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get user story/reel media

**Parameters**

- **user\_id** –
- **kwargs** –

**Returns****user\_reel\_settings** ()

Get user reel settings

**user\_story\_feed** (*user\_id*)

Get a user's story feed and current/replay broadcasts (if available)

**Parameters** *user\_id* –

**Returns**

**username\_feed** (*user\_name*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get the feed for the specified user name

**Parameters**

- *user\_name* –
- *kwargs* –
  - *max\_id*: For pagination
  - *min\_timestamp*: For pagination

**Returns**

**username\_info** (*user\_name*)

Get user info for a specified user name :param user\_name: :return:

**usertag\_feed** (*user\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get a usertag feed

**Parameters**

- *user\_id* –
- *kwargs* –

**Returns**

**usertag\_self\_remove** (*media\_id*)

Remove your own user tag from a media post

**Parameters** *media\_id* – Media id

**Returns**

**static validate\_useragent** (*value*)

Helper method to validate a useragent string for format correctness

**Parameters** *value* –

**Returns**

**class** instapi.**ClientCompatPatch**

Utility to make entities from the private api similar to the ones from the public one by adding the necessary properties, and if required, remove any incompatible properties (to save storage space for example).

**\_\_init\_\_**

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**classmethod** **comment** (*comment*, *drop\_incompat\_keys=False*)

Patch a comment object

**classmethod** **list\_user** (*user*, *drop\_incompat\_keys=False*)

Patch a list user object, example in `Client.user_following()`, `Client.user_followers()`, `Client.search_users()`

**classmethod** **media** (*media*, *drop\_incompat\_keys=False*)

Patch a media object

**classmethod** `user` (*user*, *drop\_incompat\_keys=False*)

Patch a user object

**exception** `instapi.ClientError` (*msg*, *code=None*, *error\_response=""*)

Generic error class, catch-all for most client issues.

**exception** `instapi.ClientLoginError` (*msg*, *code=None*, *error\_response=""*)

Raised when login fails.

**exception** `instapi.ClientLoginRequiredError` (*msg*, *code=None*, *error\_response=""*)

Raised when login is required.

**exception** `instapi.ClientCookieExpiredError` (*msg*, *code=None*, *error\_response=""*)

Raised when cookies have expired.

**class** `instapi.MediaRatios`

Class holding valid aspect ratios (width: height) for media uploads.

**reel** = (0.5625, 0.75)

Acceptable min, max values of with/height ratios for a story or a IGTV upload

**standard** = (0.8, 1.9148936170212767)

Acceptable min, max values of with/height ratios for a standard media upload

**class** `instapi.MediaTypes`

Pseudo enum-ish/lookup class for media types.

**CAROUSEL** = 8

Carousel/Album type

**PHOTO** = 1

Photo type

**VIDEO** = 2

Video type

**static id\_to\_name** (*media\_type\_id*)

Convert a media type ID to its name

**static name\_to\_id** (*media\_type\_name*)

Convert a media type name to its ID



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