
ncplib Documentation

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NCP library for Python 3, developed by [CRFS](#).

CHAPTER 1

Features

- *NCP client.*
- *NCP server.*
- Asynchronous connections via `asyncio`.

CHAPTER 2

Resources

- [Documentation](#) is on [Read the Docs](#).
- [Examples](#), [issue tracking](#) and [source code](#) are on [GitHub](#).

3.1 Installation

3.1.1 Requirements

ncplib supports Python 3.7 and above. It has no other dependencies.

3.1.2 Installing

It's recommended to install *ncplib* in a virtual environment using *venv*.

Install *ncplib* using *pip*.

```
pip install ncplib
```

3.1.3 Upgrading

Upgrade *ncplib* using *pip*:

```
pip install --upgrade ncplib
```

Important: Check the *Changelog* before upgrading.

3.2 NCP client

ncplib allows you to connect to a *NCP server* and issue commands.

3.2.1 Overview

Connecting to a NCP server

Connect to a *NCP server* using `connect()`. The returned *Connection* will automatically close when the connection block exits.

```
import ncplib

async with await ncplib.connect("127.0.0.1", 9999) as connection:
    pass # Your client code here.

# Connection is automatically closed here.
```

Sending a packet

Send a *NCP packet* containing a single *NCP field* using `Connection.send()`:

```
response = connection.send("DSPC", "TIME", SAMP=1024, FCTR=1200)
```

Receiving replies to a packet

The return value of `Connection.send()` is a *Response*. Receive a single *NCP field* reply using `Response.recv()`:

```
field = await response.recv()
```

Alternatively, use the *Response* as an *async iterator* to loop over multiple *NCP field* replies:

```
async for field in response:
    pass
```

Important: The *async for loop* will only terminate when the underlying connection closes.

Accessing field data

The return value of `Response.recv()` is a *Field*, representing a *NCP field*. Access contained *NCP parameters* using item access:

```
print(field["TSDC"])
```

Advanced usage

- *NCP connection documentation.*

3.2.2 API reference

`ncplib.connect` (*host*: *str*, *port*: *Optional[int]* = *None*, *, *remote_hostname*: *Optional[str]* = *None*, *hostname*: *Optional[str]* = *None*, *connection_username*: *Optional[str]* = *None*, *connection_domain*: *str* = "", *timeout*: *int* = 60, *auto_erro*: *bool* = *True*, *auto_warn*: *bool* = *True*, *auto_ackn*: *bool* = *True*, *ssl*: *bool* | *ssl.SSLContext* = *False*, *username*: *str* = "", *password*: *str* = "") → *Connection*

Connects to a *NCP server*.

Parameters

- **host** (*str*) – The hostname of the *NCP server*. This can be an IP address or domain name.
- **port** (*int*) – The port number of the *NCP server*.
- **remote_hostname** (*str*) – The identifying hostname for the remote end of the connection. If omitted, this will be the host:port of the NCP server.
- **hostname** (*str*) – The identifying hostname in the client connection. Defaults to the system hostname.
- **connection_username** (*str*) – The identifying username in the client connection. Defaults to the login name of the system user.
- **connection_domain** (*str*) – The identifying domain in the client connection.
- **timeout** (*int*) – The network timeout (in seconds). Applies to: connecting, receiving a packet, closing connection.
- **auto_erro** (*bool*) – Automatically raise a *CommandError* on receiving an *ERRO NCP parameter*.
- **auto_warn** (*bool*) – Automatically issue a *CommandWarning* on receiving a *WARN NCP parameter*.
- **auto_ackn** (*bool*) – Automatically ignore *NCP fields* containing an *ACKN NCP parameter*.
- **ssl** (*bool*) – Connect to the Node using an encrypted (TLS) connection. Requires TLS support on the Node.
- **username** (*str*) – Authenticate with the Node using the given username. Requires authentication support on the Node.
- **password** (*str*) – Authenticate with the Node using the given password. Requires authentication support on the Node.

Raises *ncplib.NCPError* – if the NCP connection failed.

Returns The client *Connection*.

Return type *Connection*

3.3 NCP server

ncplib allows you to create a NCP server and respond to incoming *NCP client* connections.

3.3.1 Overview

Defining a connection handler

A connection handler is a coroutine that starts whenever a new *NCP client* connects to the server. The provided *Connection* allows you to receive incoming NCP commands as *Field* instances.

```
async def client_connected(connection):  
    pass
```

When the connection handler exits, the *Connection* will automatically close.

Listening for an incoming packet

When writing a *NCP server*, you most likely want to wait for the connected client to execute a command. Within your `client_connected` function, listen for an incoming *NCP field* using `Connection.recv()`.

```
field = await connection.recv()
```

Alternatively, use the *Connection* as an *async iterator* to loop over multiple *NCP field* replies:

```
async for field in connection:  
    pass
```

Important: The *async for loop* will only terminate when the underlying connection closes.

Accessing field data

The return value of `Connection.recv()` is a *Field*, representing a *NCP field*.

Access information about the *NCP field* and enclosing *NCP packet*:

```
print(field.packet_type)  
print(field.name)
```

Access contained *NCP parameters* using item access:

```
print(field["FCTR"])
```

Replying to the incoming field

Send a reply to an incoming *Field* using `Field.send()`.

```
field.send(ACKN=1)
```

Putting it all together

A simple `client_connected` callback might look like this:

```

async def client_connected(connection):
    async for field in connection:
        if field.packet_type == "DSPC" and field.name == "TIME":
            field.send(ACNK=1)
            # Do some more command processing here.
        else:
            field.send(ERRO="Unknown command", ERRC=400)
            break

```

Start the server

Start a new NCP server.

```

loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
server = loop.run_until_complete(_start_server(client_connected))
try:
    loop.run_forever()
finally:
    server.close()
    loop.run_until_complete(server.wait_closed())

```

Advanced usage

- [NCP connection documentation](#).

3.3.2 API reference

`ncplib.start_server` (*client_connected*: Callable[[`ncplib.connection.Connection`], Awaitable[None]], *host*: str = '0.0.0.0', *port*: Optional[int] = None, *, *timeout*: int = 60, *start_serving*: bool = True, *ssl*: Optional[`ssl.SSLContext`] = None, *authenticate*: Optional[Callable[[str, str], bool]] = None) → `asyncio.base_events.Server`

Creates and returns a new `Server` on the given host and port.

Parameters

- **client_connected** – A coroutine function taking a single `Connection` argument representing the client connection. When the connection handler exits, the `Connection` will automatically close. If the client closes the connection, the connection handler will exit.
- **host** (*str*) – The host to bind the server to.
- **port** (*int*) – The port to bind the server to.
- **timeout** (*int*) – The network timeout (in seconds). Applies to: creating server, receiving a packet, closing connection, closing server.
- **start_serving** (*bool*) – Causes the created server to start accepting connections immediately.
- **ssl** (`ssl.SSLContext`) – Start the server using an encrypted (TLS) connection.
- **authenticate** – A callable taking a username and password argument, returning True if the authentication is successful, and false if not. When present, authentication is mandatory.

Returns The created `Server`.

Return type `Server`

3.4 NCP connection

NCP connections are used by the *NCP client* and *NCP server* to represent each side of a connection.

3.4.1 Overview

Getting started

- *NCP client documentation.*
- *NCP server documentation.*

Spawning tasks

Spawn a concurrent task to handle long-running commands:

```
import asyncio

loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()

async def handle_dspc_time(field):
    field.send(ACKN=1)
    await asyncio.sleep(10)  # Simulate a blocking task.
    field.send(TSDC=0, TIMM=1)

for field in connection:
    if field.packet_type == "DSPC" and field.name == "TIME":
        # Spawn a concurrent task to avoid blocking the accept loop.
        loop.create_task(handle_dspc_time(field))
    # Handle other field types here.
```

3.4.2 API reference

Important: Do not instantiate these classes directly. Use `connect()` to create a *NCP client* connection. Use `start_server()` to create a *NCP server*.

```
class ncplib.Connection(reader: asyncio.streams.StreamReader, writer:
                        asyncio.streams.StreamWriter, predicate: Callable[[ncplib.connection.Field],
                        bool], *, logger: logging.Logger, remote_hostname: str, timeout: int)
```

A connection between a *NCP client* and a *NCP server*.

Connections can be used as *async iterators* to loop over each incoming *Field*:

```
async for field in connection:
    pass
```

Important: The *async for loop* will only terminate when the underlying connection closes.

Connections can also be used as *async context managers* to automatically close the connection:


```

async with connection:
    pass

# Connection is automatically closed.

```

logger

The `logging.Logger` used by this connection. Log messages will be prefixed with the host and port of the connection.

remote_hostname

The identifying hostname for the remote end of the connection.

close() → None

Closes the connection.

Hint: If you use the connection as an *async context manager*, there's no need to call `Connection.close()` manually.

is_closing() → bool

Returns True if the connection is closing.

A closing connection should not be written to.

recv() → ncplib.connection.Field

Waits for the next *Field* received by the connection.

Raises `ncplib.NCPError` – if a field could not be retrieved from the connection.

Returns The next *Field* received.

Return type *Field*

recv_field(packet_type: str, field_name: str) → ncplib.connection.Field

Waits for the next matching *Field* received by the connection.

Parameters

- **packet_type** (*str*) – The packet type, must be a valid *identifier*.
- **field_name** (*str*) – The field name, must be a valid *identifier*.

Raises `ncplib.NCPError` – if a field could not be retrieved from the connection.

Returns The next *Field* received.

Return type *Field*

send(packet_type: str, field_name: str, **params) → ncplib.connection.Response

Sends a *NCP packet* containing a single *NCP field*.

Parameters

- **packet_type** (*str*) – The packet type, must be a valid *identifier*.
- **field_name** (*str*) – The field name, must be a valid *identifier*.
- ****params** – Keyword arguments, one per *NCP parameter*. Each parameter name should be a valid *identifier*, and each parameter value should be one of the supported *value types*.

Returns A *Response* providing access to any *Field* instances received in reply to the sent packet.

Return type *Response*

Raises

- **ValueError** – if any of the packet, field or parameter names were not a valid *identifier*, or any of the parameter values were invalid.
- **TypeError** – if any of the parameter values were not one of the supported *value types*.

send_packet (*packet_type*: *str*, ***fields*) → ncplib.connection.Response

Sends a *NCP packet* containing multiple *NCP fields*.

Hint: Prefer *send()* unless you need to send multiple fields in a single packet.

Parameters

- **packet_type** (*str*) – The packet type, must be a valid *identifier*.
- ****fields** – Keyword arguments, one per field. Each field name should be a valid *identifier*, and the field value should be a *dict* of parameter names mapped to parameter values. Each parameter name should be a valid *identifier*, and each parameter value should be one of the supported *value types*.

Returns A *Response* providing access to any *Field* instances received in reply to the sent packet.

Return type *Response*

Raises

- **ValueError** – if any of the packet, field or parameter names were not a valid *identifier*, or any of the parameter values were invalid.
- **TypeError** – if any of the parameter values were not one of the supported *value types*.

transport

The *asyncio.WriteTransport* used by this connection.

wait_closed() → None

Waits for the connection to finish closing.

Hint: If you use the connection as an *async context manager*, there's no need to call *Connection.wait_closed()* manually.

class ncplib.**Response** (*connection*: ncplib.connection.Connection, *packet_type*: *str*, *expected_fields*: *Set[Tuple[str, int]]*)

A response to a *NCP packet*, returned by *Connection.send()*, *Connection.send_packet()* and *Field.send()*.

Provides access to any *Field* received in reply to the sent packet.

Responses can be used as *async iterators* to loop over each incoming *Field*:

```
async for field in response:
    pass
```

Important: The *async for* loop will only terminate when the underlying connection closes.

recv() → ncplib.connection.Field

Waits for the next *Field* received in reply to the sent *NCP packet*.

Raises *ncplib.NCPErrors* – if a field could not be retrieved from the connection.

Returns The next *Field* received.

Return type *Field*

recv_field(field_name: str) → ncplib.connection.Field

Waits for the next matching *Field* received in reply to the sent *NCP packet*.

Hint: Prefer *recv()* unless the sent packet contained multiple fields.

Parameters field_name (str) – The field name, must be a valid *identifier*.

Raises *ncplib.NCPErrors* – if a field could not be retrieved from the connection.

Returns The next *Field* received.

Return type *Field*

```
class ncplib.Field(connection: ncplib.connection.Connection, packet_type: str, packet_id: int,
                  packet_timestamp: datetime.datetime, name: str, id: int, params: Iterable[Tuple[str, Union[bytes, bytearray, str, int, float, ncplib.values.u32, ncplib.values.i64, ncplib.values.u64, ncplib.values.f64, bool, array.array]]])
```

A *NCP field* received by a *Connection*.

Access *NCP parameter* values using item access:

```
print(field["PDAT"])
```

connection

The *Connection* that created this field.

packet_type

The type of *NCP packet* that contained this field. This will be a valid *identifier*.

packet_id

The ID of the of *NCP packet* that contained this field.

packet_timestamp

A timezone-aware *datetime.datetime* describing when the containing packet was sent.

name

The name of the *NCP field*. This will be a valid *identifier*.

id

The unique *int* ID of this field.

send(params)** → ncplib.connection.Response

Sends a *NCP packet* containing a single field in reply to this field.

Parameters **params – Keyword arguments, one per *NCP parameter*. Each parameter name should be a valid *identifier*, and each parameter value should be one of the supported *value types*.

Returns A *Response* providing access to any *Field* instances received in reply to the sent packet.

Return type *Response*

Raises

- **ValueError** – if any of the packet, field or parameter names were not a valid *identifier*, or any of the parameter values were invalid.
- **TypeError** – if any of the parameter values were not one of the supported *value types*.

3.5 Errors and warnings

NCP errors and warnings.

3.5.1 API reference

exception ncplib.NCPError

Base class for all exceptions thrown by *ncplib*.

exception ncplib.NetworkError

Raised when an NCP *Connection* cannot connect, or disconnects unexpectedly.

exception ncplib.AuthenticationError

Raised when an NCP *Connection* cannot authenticate.

exception ncplib.NetworkTimeoutError

Raised when an NCP *Connection* times out while performing network activity.

exception ncplib.ConnectionClosed

Raised when an NCP *Connection* is closed gracefully.

exception ncplib.CommandError (*field: Field, detail: str, code: int*)

Raised by the *NCP client* when the *NCP server* sends a *NCP field* containing an ERRO parameter.

Can be disabled by setting `auto_erro` to `False` in `ncplib.connect()`.

field

The *ncplib.Field* that triggered the error.

detail

The human-readable `str` message from the server.

code

The `int` code from the server,

exception ncplib.DecodeError

Raised when a non-recoverable error was encountered in a *NCP packet*.

exception ncplib.CommandWarning (*field: Field, detail: str, code: int*)

Issued by the *NCP client* when the *NCP server* sends a *NCP field* containing a WARN parameter.

Can be disabled by setting `auto_warn` to `False` in `ncplib.connect()`.

field

The *ncplib.Field* that triggered the error.

detail

The human-readable `str` message from the server.

code

The `int` code from the server,

exception `ncplib.DecodeWarning`

Issued when a recoverable error was encountered in a *NCP packet*.

3.6 Value types

3.6.1 Overview

NCP data types are mapped onto python types as follows:

NCP type	Python type
i32	<code>int</code>
u32	<code>ncplib.u32</code>
i64	<code>ncplib.i64</code>
u64	<code>ncplib.u64</code>
f32	<code>float</code>
f64	<code>ncplib.f64</code>
string	<code>str</code>
raw	<code>bytes</code>
data i8	<code>array.array(typecode="b")</code>
data i16	<code>array.array(typecode="h")</code>
data i32	<code>array.array(typecode="i")</code>
data u8	<code>array.array(typecode="B")</code>
data u16	<code>array.array(typecode="H")</code>
data u32	<code>array.array(typecode="I")</code>
data u64	<code>array.array(typecode="L")</code>
data i64	<code>array.array(typecode="l")</code>
data f32	<code>array.array(typecode="f")</code>
data f64	<code>array.array(typecode="d")</code>

3.6.2 API reference

class `ncplib.u32`

A *u32* value.

Wrap any `int` values to be encoded as u32 in *u32*.

class `ncplib.i64`

An *i64* value.

Wrap any `int` values to be encoded as i64 in *i64*.

class `ncplib.u64`

A *u64* value.

Wrap any `int` values to be encoded as u64 in *u64*.

class `ncplib.f64`

A *f64* value.

Wrap any `float` values to be encoded as f64 in *f64*.

4.1 Contributing

Bug reports, bug fixes, and new features are always welcome. Please raise issues on [GitHub](#), and submit pull requests for any new code.

4.1.1 Testing

It's recommended to test *ncplib* in a virtual environment using *venv*.

Run the test suite:

```
pip install -e .
python -m unittest discover tests
```

4.1.2 Contributors

ncplib was developed by [CRFS](#) and other [contributors](#).

4.2 Glossary

identifier A *str* of ascii uppercase letters and numbers, at most 4 characters long, e.g. "DSPC".

NCP Node Communication Protocol, a binary communication and control protocol, developed by [CRFS](#).

NCP field Each *NCP packet* contains zero or more fields. A field consists of a field *name*, which must be a valid *identifier*, and zero or more *NCP parameters*.

ncplib represents each field in an incoming *NCP packet* as a *ncplib.Field* instance.

NCP packet The basic unit of *NCP* communication. A packet consists of a packet *type*, which must be a valid *identifier*, and zero or more *NCP fields*.

NCP parameter Each *NCP field* contains zero or more parameters. A parameter consists of a parameter *name*, which must be a valid *identifier*, and a *value*, which must be one of the supported *value types*.

ncplib represents each parameter as a name/value mapping on a *ncplib.Field* instance.

4.3 Changelog

4.3.1 6.1.0 - 11/06/2022

- Added `connection_username` and `connection_domain` arguments to `connect()`.

4.3.2 6.0.1 - 23/12/2021

- Added explicit support for `async_timeout` 4.0.

4.3.3 6.0.0 - 23/12/2021

- Added support for NCP encrypted (TLS) connections via the `ssl` argument for `connect()` and `start_server()`.
- Added support for NCP authentication via the `username` and `password` arguments for `connect()`, and the `authenticate` argument for `start_server()`.
- **Breaking:** `start_server()` now returns a `asyncio.base_events.Server`, and the `ncplib.Server` class has been removed.

4.3.4 5.0.0 - 18/02/2021

- Added support for NCP connection timeout negotiation, improving reliability and cleanup of NCP connections when supported by the remote.
- Added support for NCP data types `i64`, `u64`, `f32`, `f64`, `data u64`, `data i64`, `data f32` and `data f64`.
- `Response.recv()` no longer requires the ID of the of *NCP packet* in replies.
- **Breaking:** `auto_link` and `auto_auth` arguments for `connect()` and `start_server()` removed.
- **Breaking:** `timeout` argument for `connect()` and `start_server()` must be an integer, and can no longer be `None`.
- **Breaking:** Removed `timeout` attribute from *Connection*.

4.3.5 4.1.1 - 14/09/2020

- Optimized `auto_link` background task.

4.3.6 4.1.0 - 07/07/2020

- Added `Field.packet_id` attribute.
- `Field.send()` now includes the ID of the of *NCP packet* that contained the field.
- `Response.recv()` now requires the ID of the of *NCP packet* in replies.

4.3.7 4.0.0 - 20/05/2020

- **Breaking:** Renamed `ConnectionError` to `NetworkError` to avoid conflicts with `stdlib`.
- Added `timeout` parameter to `connect()`, `start_server()` and `Connection`. This is the network timeout (in seconds). If `None`, no timeout is used, which can lead to deadlocks. The default timeout is 15 seconds. A `NetworkTimeoutError` error will be raised if a timeout is exceeded.

4.3.8 3.0.0 - 24/10/2019

This release requires a minimum Python version of 3.7.

- **Breaking:** Python 3.7 is now the minimum supported Python version.
- **Breaking:** Removed `app` framework.
- **Breaking:** Removed `run_client` and `run_app`.
- Added `Connection.wait_closed()` to ensure that the connection is fully closed (needed since Python 3.7).
- Added full PEP 484 type hints, allowing tools like *mypy* to be used to statically-verify *ncplib* programs.

4.3.9 2.3.3 - 27/03/2017

- Only applying `wait_for` compatibility shim to Python 3.4.2 and below.

4.3.10 2.3.2 - 15/03/2017

- Forcing cancellation of timed out connection in `run_client` in Python 3.4.2.
- Added `examples`.

4.3.11 2.3.1 - 02/03/2017

- Using `remote_hostname` in `connect` errors messages generated by `run_client`.
- Fixed issues with mixing coroutines and `async defs`.
- Fixed issues with logging connection errors in `run_client`.

4.3.12 2.3.0 - 02/03/2017

- Added `Field.connection`.
- Added `app`.
- Added `:class'NCPError'`, `ConnectionError` and `:class'ConnectionClosed'` exceptions.
- Added `run_client`.
- `connect()`, `Connection.recv()`, `Connection.recv_field()`, `Response.recv()` and `Response.recv_field()` no longer raise `EOFError` or `OSError`, but a subclass of `NCPError`.
- Micro-optimizations, roughly doubling the performance of encode/decode.
- Connection open and close log messages promoted from `DEBUG` to `INFO` level.

4.3.13 2.2.1 - 27/02/2017

- Fixed bug with Node authentication due to premature sending of LINK packets.
- Fixed edge-case bug in connection closing.

4.3.14 2.2.0 - 27/02/2017

- Added Python 3.4 support.
- Added `Connection.is_closing()`.
- Added `Connection.remote_hostname`.
- Added `auto_link` parameter to `connect()`, `start_server()` and `run_app`.
- Added `remote_hostname` parameter to `connect()`.
- Connection open and close log messages demoted from `INFO` to `DEBUG` level.

4.3.15 2.1.0 - 04/11/2016

- Client hostname used in `connect()` defaults to system hostname, instead of "python3-ncplib".
- Added `hostname` parameter to `connect()`, to override default client hostname.
- Removed multiplexing support for multiple `Response` over a single connection. This must now be implemented in application code.
- `Connection` logger no longer formats the host and port in log messages. This must now be done using the standard Python `logging.Formatter`.

4.3.16 2.0.14 - 04/11/2016

- Added support for parsing known embedded footer bug from Axis nodes.
- Fixed pending deprecation warning for legacy `__aiter__` protocol.

4.3.17 2.0.13 - 21/10/2016

- Using `transport.is_closing()` to detect lost connection, making ncplib compatible with `uvloop`.

4.3.18 2.0.12 - 21/10/2016

- `Connection.recv_field()` and `Response.recv_field()` now raise an exception on network error to match the behavior of `Connection.recv()` and `Response.recv()`. Previously they returned `None` on network error, an undocumented and undesired behavior.

4.3.19 2.0.11 - 14/10/2016

- Deprecated `wait_closed()` on `Connection`. It's now a no-op, and `Connection.close()` is sufficient to close the connection.

4.3.20 2.0.10 - 14/10/2016

- Fixed IPv6 handling in NCP server.

4.3.21 2.0.9 - 13/10/2016

- Handling more classes of shutdown errors.

4.3.22 2.0.8 - 13/10/2016

- Suppressing connection errors in NCP server.

4.3.23 2.0.7 - 13/10/2016

- Handling more classes of shutdown errors.

4.3.24 2.0.6 - 13/10/2016

- Handling more classes of client connection error gracefully.
- Handling shutdown of broken connections gracefully.

4.3.25 2.0.5 - 11/10/2016

- Gracefully closing client connections on authentication error.

4.3.26 2.0.4 - 05/09/2016

- Not validating packet format in incoming packets.

4.3.27 2.0.3 - 02/09/2016

- Not logging client errors and warnings, since raised exceptions/warnings will do this automatically.

4.3.28 2.0.2 - 01/09/2016

- Stripping trailing spaces from field names on decode, in addition to null bytes.

4.3.29 2.0.1 - 19/07/2016

- Added `run_app` function to *NCP server*.

4.3.30 2.0.0 - 17/03/2016

This release requires a minimum Python version of 3.5. This allows *ncplib* to take advantage of new native support for coroutines in Python 3.5. It also provides a new `start_server()` function for creating a *NCP server*.

A number of interfaces have been updated or removed in order to take better advantage of Python 3.5 async features, and to unify the interface between *NCP client* and *NCP server* connections. Please read the detailed release notes below for more information.

- *NCP server* support.
- *Connection* can be used as an *async context manager*.
- *Connection.send()* has a cleaner API, allowing params to be specified as keyword arguments.
- *Connection.send()* and *Connection.send_packet()* return a *Response* that can be used to access replies to the original messages.
- *Connection.recv()*, *Connection.recv_field()*, *Response.recv()* and *Response.recv_field()* return a *Field* instance, representing a *NCP field*.
- *Connection* and *Response* can be used as an *async iterator* of *Field*.
- *Field.send()* allows direct replies to be sent to the incoming *NCP field*.
- **Breaking:** Python 3.5 is now the minimum supported Python version.
- **Breaking:** *Connection.send()* API has changed to be single-field. Use *Connection.send_packet()* to send a multi-field *NCP packet*.
- **Breaking:** *Connection.execute()* has been removed. Use *Connection.send().recv()* instead.

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- First production release.

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