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# grpc-interceptor

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## REFERENCE

- *grpc\_interceptor*
- *grpc\_interceptor.exceptions*
- *grpc\_interceptor.testing*

## 1.1 grpc\_interceptor

Simplified Python gRPC interceptors.

**class** `grpc_interceptor.ExceptionToStatusInterceptor` (*status\_on\_unknown\_exception:*  
*Optional[grpc.StatusCode]* =  
*None*)

An interceptor that catches exceptions and sets the RPC status and details.

`ExceptionToStatusInterceptor` will catch any subclass of `GrpcException` and set the status code and details on the gRPC context.

**Parameters** `status_on_unknown_exception` – Specify what to do if an exception which is not a subclass of `GrpcException` is raised. If `None`, do nothing (by default, gRPC will set the status to `UNKNOWN`). If not `None`, then the status code will be set to this value. It must not be `OK`. The details will be set to the value of `repr(e)`, where `e` is the exception. In any case, the exception will be propagated.

**Raises** `ValueError` – If `status_code` is `OK`.

**intercept** (*method:* *Callable*, *request:* *Any*, *context:* *grpc.ServicerContext*, *method\_name:* *str*) →  
*Any*  
 Do not call this directly; use the interceptor kwarg on `grpc.server()`.

**class** `grpc_interceptor.MethodName` (*package:* *str*, *service:* *str*, *method:* *str*)  
 Represents a gRPC method name.

gRPC methods are defined by three parts, represented by the three attributes.

### **package**

This is defined by the *package foo.bar*; designation in the protocol buffer definition, or it could be defined by the protocol buffer directory structure, depending on the language (see <https://developers.google.com/protocol-buffers/docs/proto3#packages>).

### **service**

This is the service name in the protocol buffer definition (e.g., *service SearchService { ... }*).

**method**

This is the method name. (e.g., *rpc Search(...) returns (...);*).

**property fully\_qualified\_service**

Return the service name prefixed with the package.

**Example**

```
>>> MethodName("foo.bar", "SearchService", "Search").fully_qualified_service
'foo.bar.SearchService'
```

**class** `grpc_interceptor.ServerInterceptor`

Base class for server-side interceptors.

To implement an interceptor, subclass this class and override the `intercept` method.

**abstract intercept** (*method: Callable, request: Any, context: grpc.ServicerContext, method\_name: str*) → Any

Override this method to implement a custom interceptor.

You should call `method(request, context)` to invoke the next handler (either the RPC method implementation, or the next interceptor in the list).

**Parameters**

- **method** – Either the RPC method implementation, or the next interceptor in the chain.
- **request** – The RPC request, as a protobuf message.
- **context** – The `ServicerContext` pass by gRPC to the service.
- **method\_name** – A string of the form “/protobuf.package.Service/Method”

**Returns** This should generally return the result of `method(request, context)`, which is typically the RPC method response, as a protobuf message. The interceptor is free to modify this in some way, however.

**intercept\_service** (*continuation, handler\_call\_details*)

Implementation of `grpc.ServerInterceptor`.

This is not part of the `grpc_interceptor.ServerInterceptor` API, but must have a public name. Do not override it, unless you know what you’re doing.

`grpc_interceptor.parse_method_name` (*method\_name: str*) → `grpc_interceptor.server.MethodName`

Parse a method name into package, service and endpoint components.

**Parameters** **method\_name** – A string of the form “/foo.bar.SearchService/Search”, as passed to `ServerInterceptor.intercept()`.

**Returns** A `MethodName` object.

## Example

```
>>> parse_method_name("/foo.bar.SearchService/Search")
MethodName(package='foo.bar', service='SearchService', method='Search')
```

## 1.2 grpc\_interceptor.exceptions

Exceptions for ExceptionToStatusInterceptor.

See [https://grpc.github.io/grpc/core/md\\_doc\\_statuscodes.html](https://grpc.github.io/grpc/core/md_doc_statuscodes.html) for the source of truth on status code meanings.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.Aborted` (*details: Optional[str] = None, status\_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] = None*)

The operation was aborted.

Typically this is due to a concurrency issue such as a sequencer check failure or transaction abort. See the guidelines on other exceptions for deciding between FAILED\_PRECONDITION, ABORTED, and UNAVAILABLE.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.AlreadyExists` (*details: Optional[str] = None, status\_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] = None*)

The entity that a client attempted to create already exists.

E.g., a file or directory that a client is trying to create already exists.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.Cancelled` (*details: Optional[str] = None, status\_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] = None*)

The operation was cancelled, typically by the caller.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.DataLoss` (*details: Optional[str] = None, status\_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] = None*)

Unrecoverable data loss or corruption.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.DeadlineExceeded` (*details: Optional[str] = None, status\_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] = None*)

The deadline expired before the operation could complete.

For operations that change the state of the system, this error may be returned even if the operation has completed successfully. For example, a successful response from a server could have been delayed long.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.FailedPrecondition` (*details: Optional[str] = None, status\_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] = None*)

The operation failed because the system is in an invalid state for execution.

For example, the directory to be deleted is non-empty, an rmdir operation is applied to a non-directory, etc. Service implementors can use the following guidelines to decide between FAILED\_PRECONDITION, ABORTED, and UNAVAILABLE: (a) Use UNAVAILABLE if the client can retry just the failing call. (b) Use ABORTED if the client should retry at a higher level (e.g., when a client-specified test-and-set fails, indicating the client should restart a read-modify-write sequence). (c) Use FAILED\_PRECONDITION if the client should not retry until the system state has been explicitly fixed. E.g., if an “rmdir” fails because the directory is non-empty,

FAILED\_PRECONDITION should be returned since the client should not retry unless the files are deleted from the directory.

```
exception grpc_interceptor.exceptions.GrpcException(details: Optional[str] =
None, status_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] =
None)
```

Base class for gRPC exceptions.

Generally you would not use this class directly, but rather use a subclass representing one of the standard gRPC status codes (see: [https://grpc.github.io/grpc/core/md\\_doc\\_statuscodes.html](https://grpc.github.io/grpc/core/md_doc_statuscodes.html) for the official list).

### status\_code

A `grpc.StatusCode` other than OK. The only use case for this is if gRPC adds a new status code that isn't represented by one of the subclasses of `GrpcException`. Must not be OK, because gRPC will not raise an `RpcError` to the client if the status code is OK.

### details

A string with additional information about the error.

### Parameters

- **details** – If not None, specifies a custom error message.
- **status\_code** – If not None, sets the status code.

**Raises** `ValueError` – If `status_code` is OK.

### property status\_string

Return `status_code` as a string.

**Returns** The status code as a string.

## Example

```
>>> GrpcException(status_code=StatusCode.NOT_FOUND).status_string
'NOT_FOUND'
```

```
exception grpc_interceptor.exceptions.Internal(details: Optional[str] = None, sta-
tus_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] =
None)
```

Internal errors.

This means that some invariants expected by the underlying system have been broken. This error code is reserved for serious errors.

```
exception grpc_interceptor.exceptions.InvalidArgument(details: Optional[str] =
None, status_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] =
None)
```

The client specified an invalid argument.

Note that this differs from `FAILED_PRECONDITION`. `INVALID_ARGUMENT` indicates arguments that are problematic regardless of the state of the system (e.g., a malformed file name).

```
exception grpc_interceptor.exceptions.NotFound(details: Optional[str] = None, sta-
tus_code: Optional[grpc.StatusCode] =
None)
```

Some requested entity (e.g., file or directory) was not found.



Note to server developers: if a request is denied for an entire class of users, such as gradual feature rollout or undocumented whitelist, `NOT_FOUND` may be used. If a request is denied for some users within a class of users, such as user-based access control, `PERMISSION_DENIED` must be used.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.OutOfRange` (*details:* `Optional[str]` = `None`, *status\_code:* `Optional[grpc.StatusCode]` = `None`)

The operation was attempted past the valid range.

E.g., seeking or reading past end-of-file. Unlike `INVALID_ARGUMENT`, this error indicates a problem that may be fixed if the system state changes. For example, a 32-bit file system will generate `INVALID_ARGUMENT` if asked to read at an offset that is not in the range `[0, 232-1]`, but it will generate `OUT_OF_RANGE` if asked to read from an offset past the current file size. There is a fair bit of overlap between `FAILED_PRECONDITION` and `OUT_OF_RANGE`. We recommend using `OUT_OF_RANGE` (the more specific error) when it applies so that callers who are iterating through a space can easily look for an `OUT_OF_RANGE` error to detect when they are done.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.PermissionDenied` (*details:* `Optional[str]` = `None`, *status\_code:* `Optional[grpc.StatusCode]` = `None`)

The caller does not have permission to execute the specified operation.

`PERMISSION_DENIED` must not be used for rejections caused by exhausting some resource (use `RESOURCE_EXHAUSTED` instead for those errors). `PERMISSION_DENIED` must not be used if the caller can not be identified (use `UNAUTHENTICATED` instead for those errors). This error code does not imply the request is valid or the requested entity exists or satisfies other pre-conditions.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.ResourceExhausted` (*details:* `Optional[str]` = `None`, *status\_code:* `Optional[grpc.StatusCode]` = `None`)

Some resource has been exhausted.

Perhaps a per-user quota, or perhaps the entire file system is out of space.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.Unauthenticated` (*details:* `Optional[str]` = `None`, *status\_code:* `Optional[grpc.StatusCode]` = `None`)

The request does not have valid authentication credentials for the operation.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.Unavailable` (*details:* `Optional[str]` = `None`, *status\_code:* `Optional[grpc.StatusCode]` = `None`)

The service is currently unavailable.

This is most likely a transient condition, which can be corrected by retrying with a backoff. Note that it is not always safe to retry non-idempotent operations.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.Unimplemented` (*details:* `Optional[str]` = `None`, *status\_code:* `Optional[grpc.StatusCode]` = `None`)

The operation is not implemented or is not supported/enabled in this service.

**exception** `grpc_interceptor.exceptions.Unknown` (*details:* `Optional[str]` = `None`, *status\_code:* `Optional[grpc.StatusCode]` = `None`)

Unknown error.

For example, this error may be returned when a Status value received from another address space belongs to an error space that is not known in this address space. Also errors raised by APIs that do not return enough error information may be converted to this error.

## 1.3 grpc\_interceptor.testing

A framework for testing interceptors.

**class** `grpc_interceptor.testing.DummyRequest`

**input**

Field DummyRequest.input

**class** `grpc_interceptor.testing.DummyResponse`

**output**

Field DummyResponse.output

**class** `grpc_interceptor.testing.DummyService` (*special\_cases: Dict[str, Callable[str, str]]*)

A gRPC service used for testing.

**Parameters** **special\_cases** – A dictionary where the keys are strings, and the values are functions that take and return strings. The functions can also raise exceptions. When the `Execute` method is given a string in the dict, it will call the function with that string instead, and return the result. This allows testing special cases, like raising exceptions.

**Execute** (*request: grpc\_interceptor.testing.protos.dummy\_pb2.DummyRequest, context: grpc.ServicerContext*) → `grpc_interceptor.testing.protos.dummy_pb2.DummyResponse`  
Echo the input, or take on of the special cases actions.

**ExecuteClientServerStream** (*request\_iter: Iterable[grpc\_interceptor.testing.protos.dummy\_pb2.DummyRequest], context: grpc.ServicerContext*) → `Iterable[grpc_interceptor.testing.protos.dummy_pb2.DummyResponse]`  
Stream input to output.

**ExecuteClientStream** (*request\_iter: Iterable[grpc\_interceptor.testing.protos.dummy\_pb2.DummyRequest], context: grpc.ServicerContext*) → `grpc_interceptor.testing.protos.dummy_pb2.DummyResponse`  
Iterate over the input and concatenates the strings into the output.

**ExecuteServerStream** (*request: grpc\_interceptor.testing.protos.dummy\_pb2.DummyRequest, context: grpc.ServicerContext*) → `Iterable[grpc_interceptor.testing.protos.dummy_pb2.DummyResponse]`  
Stream one character at a time from the input.

`grpc_interceptor.testing.dummy_client` (*special\_cases: Dict[str, Callable[str, str]], interceptors: List[grpc\_interceptor.server.ServerInterceptor]*)  
A context manager that returns a gRPC client connected to a `DummyService`.

`grpc_interceptor.testing.raises` (*e: Exception*) → `Callable`  
Return a function that raises the given exception when called.

**Parameters** **e** – The exception to be raised.

**Returns** A function that can take any arguments, and raises the given exception.

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The primary aim of this project is to make Python gRPC interceptors simple. The Python `grpc` package provides service interceptors, but they’re a bit hard to use because of their flexibility. The `grpc` interceptors don’t have direct access to the request and response objects, or the service context. Access to these are often desired, to be able to log data in the request or response, or set status codes on the context.

The secondary aim of this project is to keep the code small and simple. Code you can read through and understand quickly gives you confidence and helps debug issues. When you install this package, you also don’t want a bunch of other packages that might cause conflicts within your project. Too many dependencies also slow down installation as well as runtime (fresh imports take time). Hence, a goal of this project is to keep dependencies to a minimum. The only core dependency is the `grpc` package, and the `testing` extra includes `protobuf` as well.

The `grpc_interceptor` package provides the following:

- A `ServerInterceptor` base class, to make it easy to define your own server-side interceptors. Do not confuse this with the `grpc.ServerInterceptor` class.
- An `ExceptionToStatusInterceptor` interceptor, so your service can raise exceptions that set the gRPC status code correctly (rather than the default of every exception resulting in an `UNKNOWN` status code). This is something for which pretty much any service will have a use.
- An optional testing framework. If you’re writing your own interceptors, this is useful. If you’re just using `ExceptionToStatusInterceptor` then you don’t need this.



## INSTALLATION

To install just the interceptors:

```
$ pip install grpc-interceptor
```

To also install the testing framework:

```
$ pip install grpc-interceptor[testing]
```



**USAGE**

To define your own interceptor (we can use a simplified version of `ExceptionToStatusInterceptor` as an example):

```
from grpc_interceptor import ServerInterceptor
from grpc_interceptor.exceptions import GrpcException

class ExceptionToStatusInterceptor(ServerInterceptor):

    def intercept(
        self,
        method: Callable,
        request: Any,
        context: grpc.ServicerContext,
        method_name: str,
    ) -> Any:
        """Override this method to implement a custom interceptor.

        You should call method(request, context) to invoke the
        next handler (either the RPC method implementation, or the
        next interceptor in the list).

        Args:
            method: The next interceptor, or method implementation.
            request: The RPC request, as a protobuf message.
            context: The ServicerContext pass by gRPC to the service.
            method_name: A string of the form
                "/protobuf.package.Service/Method"

        Returns:
            This should generally return the result of
            method(request, context), which is typically the RPC
            method response, as a protobuf message. The interceptor
            is free to modify this in some way, however.
        """
        try:
            return method(request, context)
        except GrpcException as e:
            context.set_code(e.status_code)
            context.set_details(e.details)
            raise
```

Then inject your interceptor when you create the grpc server:

```
interceptors = [ExceptionToStatusInterceptor()]
server = grpc.server(
    futures.ThreadPoolExecutor(max_workers=10),
    interceptors=interceptors
)
```

To use `ExceptionToStatusInterceptor`:

```
from grpc_interceptor.exceptions import NotFound

class MyService(my_pb2_grpc.MyServiceServicer):
    def MyRpcMethod(
        self, request: MyRequest, context: grpc.ServicerContext
    ) -> MyResponse:
        thing = lookup_thing()
        if not thing:
            raise NotFound("Sorry, your thing is missing")
        ...
```

This results in the gRPC status code being set to `NOT_FOUND`, and the details "Sorry, your thing is missing". This saves you the hassle of catching exceptions in your service handler, or passing the context down into helper functions so they can call `context.abort` or `context.set_code`. It allows the more Pythonic approach of just raising an exception from anywhere in the code, and having it be handled automatically.



## TESTING

The testing framework provides an actual gRPC service and client, which you can inject interceptors into. This allows end-to-end testing, rather than mocking things out (such as the context). This can catch interactions between your interceptors and the gRPC framework, and also allows chaining interceptors.

The crux of the testing framework is the `dummy_client` context manager. It provides a client to a gRPC service, which by default echos the `input` field of the request to the `output` field of the response. You can also provide a `special_cases` dict which tells the service to call arbitrary functions when the input matches a key in the dict. This allows you to test things like exceptions being thrown. Here's an example (again using `ExceptionToStatusInterceptor`):

```
from grpc_interceptor import ExceptionToStatusInterceptor
from grpc_interceptor.exceptions import NotFound
from grpc_interceptor.testing import dummy_client, DummyRequest, raises

def test_exception():
    special_cases = {"error": raises(NotFound())}
    interceptors = [ExceptionToStatusInterceptor()]
    with dummy_client(special_cases=special_cases, interceptors=interceptors) as client:
        # Test a happy path first
        assert client.Execute(DummyRequest(input="foo")).output == "foo"
        # And now a special case
        with pytest.raises(grpc.RpcError) as e:
            client.Execute(DummyRequest(input="error"))
        assert e.value.code() == grpc.StatusCode.NOT_FOUND
```



## **LIMITATIONS**

These are the current limitations, although supporting these is possible. Contributions or requests are welcome.

- The package only provides service interceptors.



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