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# **python-semver Documentation**

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# CHAPTER 1

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Welcome to python-semver's documentation!

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## 1.1 Installation

For Python 2:

```
pip install semver
```

For Python 3:

```
pip3 install semver
```

## 1.2 Usage

This module provides just couple of functions, main of which are:

```
>>> import semver
>>> semver.compare("1.0.0", "2.0.0")
-1
>>> semver.compare("2.0.0", "1.0.0")
1
>>> semver.compare("2.0.0", "2.0.0")
0
>>> semver.match("2.0.0", ">=1.0.0")
True
>>> semver.match("1.0.0", ">1.0.0")
False
>>> semver.format_version(3, 4, 5, 'pre.2', 'build.4')
'3.4.5-pre.2+build.4'
>>> version_parts = semver.parse("3.4.5-pre.2+build.4")
>>> version_parts == {
...     'major': 3, 'minor': 4, 'patch': 5,
```

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```
...     'prerelease': 'pre.2', 'build': 'build.4'}
True
>>> version_info = semver.parse_version_info("3.4.5-pre.2+build.4")
>>> # or using static method parse
>>> from semver import VersionInfo
>>> version_info = VersionInfo.parse("3.4.5-pre.2+build.4")
>>> version_info
VersionInfo(major=3, minor=4, patch=5, prerelease='pre.2', build='build.4')
>>> version_info.major
3
>>> version_info > (1, 0)
True
>>> version_info < (3, 5)
True
>>> semver.bump_major("3.4.5")
'4.0.0'
>>> semver.bump_minor("3.4.5")
'3.5.0'
>>> semver.bump_patch("3.4.5")
'3.4.6'
>>> semver.max_ver("1.0.0", "2.0.0")
'2.0.0'
>>> semver.min_ver("1.0.0", "2.0.0")
'1.0.0'
```

## 1.3 How to Contribute

When you make changes to the code please run the tests before pushing your code to your fork and opening a [pull request](#):

```
python setup.py test
```

We use `py.test` and `tox` to run tests against all supported Python versions. All test dependencies are resolved automatically, apart from `virtualenv`, which for the moment you still may have to install manually:

```
pip install "virtualenv<14.0.0" # <14.0.0 needed for Python 3.2 only
```

You can use the `clean` command to remove build and test files and folders:

```
python setup.py clean
```

## 1.4 API

Python helper for Semantic Versioning (<http://semver.org/>)

```
class semver.VersionInfo (major, minor, patch, prerelease=None, build=None)
```

### Parameters

- **major** (*int*) – version when you make incompatible API changes.
- **minor** (*int*) – version when you add functionality in a backwards-compatible manner.
- **patch** (*int*) – version when you make backwards-compatible bug fixes.



- **prerelease** (*str*) – an optional prerelease string
- **build** (*str*) – an optional build string

**build**

**major**

**minor**

**static parse** (*version*)

Parse version string to a `VersionInfo` instance.

```
>>> from semver import VersionInfo
>>> VersionInfo.parse('3.4.5-pre.2+build.4')
VersionInfo(major=3, minor=4, patch=5, prerelease='pre.2', build='build.4')
```

**Parameters** *version* – version string

**Returns** a `VersionInfo` instance

**Return type** `VersionInfo`

**patch**

**prerelease**

`semver.bump_build` (*version*, *token*='build')

Raise the build part of the version

**Parameters**

- **version** – version string
- **token** – defaults to 'build'

**Returns** the raised version string

**Return type** `str`

```
>>> bump_build('3.4.5-rc.1+build.9')
'3.4.5-rc.1+build.10'
```

`semver.bump_major` (*version*)

Raise the major part of the version

**Param** version string

**Returns** the raised version string

**Return type** `str`

```
>>> import semver
>>> semver.bump_major("3.4.5")
'4.0.0'
```

`semver.bump_minor` (*version*)

Raise the minor part of the version

**Param** version string

**Returns** the raised version string

**Return type** `str`

```
>>> import semver
>>> semver.bump_minor("3.4.5")
'3.5.0'
```

`semver.bump_patch(version)`

Raise the patch part of the version

**Param** version string

**Returns** the raised version string

**Return type** str

```
>>> import semver
>>> semver.bump_patch("3.4.5")
'3.4.6'
```

`semver.bump_prerelease(version, token='rc')`

Raise the prerelease part of the version

**Parameters**

- **version** – version string
- **token** – defaults to 'rc'

**Returns** the raised version string

**Return type** str

```
>>> bump_prerelease('3.4.5', 'dev')
'3.4.5-dev.1'
```

`semver.cmp(a, b)`

`semver.compare(ver1, ver2)`

Compare two versions

**Parameters**

- **ver1** – version string 1
- **ver2** – version string 2

**Returns** The return value is negative if `ver1 < ver2`, zero if `ver1 == ver2` and strictly positive if `ver1 > ver2`

**Return type** int

```
>>> import semver
>>> semver.compare("1.0.0", "2.0.0")
-1
>>> semver.compare("2.0.0", "1.0.0")
1
>>> semver.compare("2.0.0", "2.0.0")
0
```

`semver.finalize_version(version)`

Remove any prerelease and build metadata from the version

**Parameters** **version** – version string

**Returns** the finalized version string

**Return type** str

```
>>> finalize_version('1.2.3-rc.5')
'1.2.3'
```

`semver.format_version(major, minor, patch, prerelease=None, build=None)`

Format a version according to the Semantic Versioning specification

**Parameters**

- **major** (*str*) – the required major part of a version
- **minor** (*str*) – the required minor part of a version
- **patch** (*str*) – the required patch part of a version
- **prerelease** (*str*) – the optional prerelease part of a version
- **build** (*str*) – the optional build part of a version

**Returns** the formatted string

**Return type** str

```
>>> import semver
>>> semver.format_version(3, 4, 5, 'pre.2', 'build.4')
'3.4.5-pre.2+build.4'
```

`semver.match(version, match_expr)`

Compare two versions through a comparison

**Parameters**

- **version** (*str*) – a version string
- **match\_expr** (*str*) – operator and version; valid operators are < smaller than > greater than >= greater or equal than <= smaller or equal than == equal != not equal

**Returns** True if the expression matches the version, otherwise False

**Return type** bool

```
>>> import semver
>>> semver.match("2.0.0", ">=1.0.0")
True
>>> semver.match("1.0.0", ">1.0.0")
False
```

`semver.max_ver(ver1, ver2)`

Returns the greater version of two versions

**Parameters**

- **ver1** – version string 1
- **ver2** – version string 2

**Returns** the greater version of the two

**Return type** *VersionInfo*

```
>>> import semver
>>> semver.max_ver("1.0.0", "2.0.0")
'2.0.0'
```

`semver.min_ver(ver1, ver2)`

Returns the smaller version of two versions

**Parameters**

- **ver1** – version string 1
- **ver2** – version string 2

**Returns** the smaller version of the two

**Return type** *VersionInfo*

```
>>> import semver
>>> semver.min_ver("1.0.0", "2.0.0")
'1.0.0'
```

`semver.parse(version)`

Parse version to major, minor, patch, pre-release, build parts.

**Parameters** **version** – version string

**Returns** dictionary with the keys 'build', 'major', 'minor', 'patch', and 'prerelease'. The prerelease or build keys can be None if not provided

**Return type** dict

```
>>> import semver
>>> ver = semver.parse('3.4.5-pre.2+build.4')
>>> ver['major']
3
>>> ver['minor']
4
>>> ver['patch']
5
>>> ver['prerelease']
'pre.2'
>>> ver['build']
'build.4'
```

`semver.parse_version_info(version)`

Parse version string to a VersionInfo instance.

**Parameters** **version** – version string

**Returns** a *VersionInfo* instance

**Return type** *VersionInfo*

```
>>> import semver
>>> version_info = semver.parse_version_info("3.4.5-pre.2+build.4")
>>> version_info.major
3
>>> version_info.minor
4
>>> version_info.patch
5
>>> version_info.prerelease
'pre.2'
>>> version_info.build
'build.4'
```

A Python module for [semantic versioning](#). Simplifies comparing versions.



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