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**PyVMF**

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# CHAPTER 1

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PyVMF

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```
class AllowedVerts(matrix, dic: Optional[dict] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    NAME = 'allowed_verts'

class Alphas(matrix, dic: Optional[dict] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    NAME = 'alphas'

    export()
        Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

        Returns All predefined (in export_list) variable names and their associated values

        Return type dict, dict

class Box(dic: Optional[dict] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    NAME = 'box'

class Camera(dic: Optional[dict] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    NAME = 'camera'

class Cameras(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    NAME = 'cameras'

    export_children()
        Gets all the children classes

        Returns All predefined children classes

        Return type list of Common instances
```

**class Color**(*r*: int = 255, *g*: int = 255, *b*: int = 255)

Bases: object

Simple RGB color class

### Parameters

- **r**(int) – Value for RED between 0 and 255
- **g**(int) – Value for GREEN between 0 and 255
- **b**(int) – Value for BLUE between 0 and 255

**export**() → Tuple[int, int, int]

**random**()

Sets a random color

**set**(*r*: int = -1, *g*: int = -1, *b*: int = -1)

Sets the color

### Parameters

- **r**(int) – Value for RED between 0 and 255, if equals to -1 keeps previous value
- **g**(int) – Value for GREEN between 0 and 255, if equals to -1 keeps previous value
- **b**(int) – Value for BLUE between 0 and 255, if equals to -1 keeps previous value

**class ColorLight**(*r*: int = 255, *g*: int = 255, *b*: int = 255, *brightness*: int = 200)

Bases: *PyVMF.Color*

Simple RGB color class with brightness (used for lights)

### Parameters

- **r**(int) – Value for RED between 0 and 255
- **g**(int) – Value for GREEN between 0 and 255
- **b**(int) – Value for BLUE between 0 and 255
- **brightness**(int) – Value for brightness, above 0

**export**() → Tuple[int, int, int]

**set\_brightness**(*brightness*: int)

Parameters **brightness**(int) – New brightness value

**class Common**

Bases: object

The parent class to all VMF classes that need to be exported to the .VMF file.

**ID** = 0

**copy**()

Copies the class using `deepcopy()`

**Returns** A `deepcopy` of itself

**Return type** *Common* instance

**export**()

Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

**Returns** All predefined (in `export_list`) variable names and their associated values

```
    Return type dict, dict
export_children()
    Gets all the children classes
        Returns All predefined children classes
        Return type list of Common instances

ids()

class Connections(dic: Optional[dict] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common
        NAME = 'connections'

class Convert
    Bases: object
        Converts strings to usable instances
            static string_to_3x_vertex(string: str) → List[Vertex, Vertex, Vertex]
            static string_to_color(string: str) → PyVMF.Color
            static string_to_color_light(string: str) → PyVMF.ColorLight
            static string_to_uvaxis(string: str) → PyVMF.UVaxis
            static string_to_vertex(string: str) → PyVMF.Vertex

class Cordon(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common
        NAME = 'cordon'
        export_children()
            Gets all the children classes
                Returns All predefined children classes
                Return type list of Common instances

class Cordons(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common
        NAME = 'cordons'
        export_children()
            Gets all the children classes
                Returns All predefined children classes
                Return type list of Common instances

class DispInfo(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None, parent_side: Optional[PyVMF.Side] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common
        Keeps track of all the different displacement settings and values
        NAME = 'dispinfo'
        export_children()
            Gets all the children classes
                Returns All predefined children classes
                Return type list of Common instances
```

```
is_flipped() → bool
    Finds out if the displacement has been flipped, might not work if the face is non rectangular

    Returns If the displacement has been flipped

    Return type bool

power = None
    The displacement power, can only be 2, 3 or 4

startposition

class DispVert
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    Keeps track of each individual displacement vertex

    set(normal: PyVMF.Vertex, distance: int)
        Sets the normal direction and distance

        Parameters
            • normal (Vertex) – The normal direction (x, y and z)
            • distance (int) – How far to go in the normal direction

    set_alpha(amount: int)
        Sets the alpha, used by blend textures, 0 is the first texture, 255 is the second texture, 127 is both

        Parameters amount (int) – The alpha amount, between 0 and 255

    class Distances(matrix, dic: Optional[dict] = None)
        Bases: PyVMF.Common

        NAME = 'distances'

        export()
            Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

            Returns All predefined (in export_list) variable names and their associated values

            Return type dict, dict

    class Editor(dic: Optional[dict] = None, parent_type=None)
        Bases: PyVMF.Common

        NAME = 'editor'

        export()
            Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

            Returns All predefined (in export_list) variable names and their associated values

            Return type dict, dict

        has_visgroup() → bool

    class Entity(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
        Bases: PyVMF.Common

        NAME = 'entity'

        export_children()
            Gets all the children classes

            Returns All predefined children classes

            Return type list of Common instances
```

**class EntityGenerator**

Bases: object

Generates entities from scratch, remember you still need to add them to VMF using `add_entities()`**static info\_decal** (`origin: PyVMF.Vertex, texture: str`) → PyVMF.InfoDecal

Generates a basic decal

**Parameters**

- **origin** (`Vertex`) – The position of the decal in the world
- **texture** (`str`) – The name of the texture (ex: “tools/toolsnodraw”)

**Returns** A generated decal**Return type** `InfoDecal`**static info\_overlay** (`origin: PyVMF.Vertex, texture: str, angle: PyVMF.Vertex = <PyVMF.Vertex object>, *sides`) → PyVMF.InfoOverlay

Generates a basic overlay

**Parameters**

- **origin** (`Vertex`) – The position of the overlay in the world
- **texture** (`str`) – The name of the texture (ex: “tools/toolsnodraw”)
- **angle** (`Vertex`) – The rotation of the overlay in the world

**Returns** A generated overlay**Return type** `InfoOverlay`**static light** (`origin: PyVMF.Vertex, color: PyVMF.Color, brightness: int = 200`) → PyVMF.Light

Generates a basic light

**Parameters**

- **origin** (`Vertex`) – The position of the light in the world
- **color** (`Color`) – The color of the light
- **brightness** (`int`) – The brightness of the light

**Returns** A generated light**Return type** `Light`**static prop\_static** (`origin: PyVMF.Vertex, model: str, angle: PyVMF.Vertex = <PyVMF.Vertex object>, color: PyVMF.Color = <PyVMF.Color object>, scale: int = 1`) → PyVMF.PropStatic

Generates a basic prop static

**Parameters**

- **origin** (`Vertex`) – The position of the prop in the world
- **model** (`str`) – The name of the prop (ex: models/penguin/penguin.mdl)
- **angle** (`Vertex`) – The rotation of the prop in the world
- **color** (`Color`) – Color of the prop
- **scale** (`int`) – Size of the prop

**Returns** A generated prop static**Return type** `PropStatic`

```
class Group (dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    NAME = 'group'

    export_children()
        Gets all the children classes

        Returns All predefined children classes

        Return type list of Common instances

class Hidden (dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    NAME = 'hidden'

    export_children()
        Gets all the children classes

        Returns All predefined children classes

        Return type list of Common instances

class InfoDecal (dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Entity

    SUBNAME = 'infodecal'

class InfoOverlay (dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Entity

    SUBNAME = 'info_overlay'

    add_sides (*sides)

class Light (dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Entity

    SUBNAME = 'light'

class Matrix (size: int)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    A grid for keeping track of the displacement values.

    Parameters size (int) – The size of the 2 dimensional grid

    column (x: int) → List[DispVert, ...]

        Parameters x (int) – The column to get

        Returns All the disp verts on the given column

        Return type list of DispVert

    export_attr (attribute)
        Exports the data in .VMF file ready format, used when exporting the PyVMF, you shouldn't need to use this

        Parameters attribute (str) – Which of the attributes to export (normals, distances, ...)

        Returns Row to values association

        Return type dict of str: str

    extract_dic (dic, a_var=1, triangle=False)
        Extracts the data from the .VMF file string, you shouldn't need to use this
```

**Parameters**

- **dic** (dict of str: str) – Holds all the rows
- **a\_var** (int) – How many variables to group, use 3 to group the ‘x y z’ format, if single int use 1
- **triangle** (bool) – *TriangleTags* holds 1 less value than all other displacement variables

**Returns** The x and y position in the matrix and the values

**Return type** int, int, list of str

**get** (x: int, y: int) → PyVMF.DispVert

**Parameters**

- **x** (int) – Position x in the matrix
- **y** (int) – Position y in the matrix

**Returns** Displacement information at the given position

**Return type** DispVert

**inv\_rect** (x, y, w, h, step)

**rect** (x: int, y: int, w: int, h: int) → Generator[DispVert, ...]

**Parameters**

- **x** – Position x in the matrix
- **y** – Position y in the matrix
- **w** – Width of the rectangle
- **h** – Height of the rectangle

**Returns** Yields all the disp verts inside the given rectangle

**Return type** generator of DispVert

**row** (y: int) → List[DispVert, ...]

**Parameters** **y** (int) – The row to get

**Returns** All the disp verts on the given row

**Return type** list of DispVert

**class Normals** (matrix, dic: Optional[dict] = None)

Bases: *PyVMF.Common*

**NAME** = 'normals'

**export**()

Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

**Returns** All predefined (in *export\_list*) variable names and their associated values

**Return type** dict, dict

**class OffsetNormals** (matrix, dic: Optional[dict] = None)

Bases: *PyVMF.Common*

**NAME** = 'offset\_normals'

```
export()
    Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

    Returns All predefined (in export_list) variable names and their associated values

    Return type dict,dict

class Offsets(matrix, dic: Optional[dict] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    NAME = 'offsets'

export()
    Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

    Returns All predefined (in export_list) variable names and their associated values

    Return type dict,dict

class PropStatic(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Entity

    SUBNAME = 'prop_static'

class Side(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

Corresponds to a face/side of a solid. Sides are defined by 3 vertices, the combination of which define an infinitely large plane, source calculates the intersection between these planes to determine where the edges are. This is not currently calculated in PyVMF, so some methods may behave unpredictably.

Parameters

- dic (dict) – All the values to be initialized, if empty default values are used.
- children (list) – Holds a potential displacement DispInfo to be initialized



NAME = 'side'

export()
    Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

    Returns All predefined (in export_list) variable names and their associated values

    Return type dict,dict

export_children()
    Gets all the children classes

    Returns All predefined children classes

    Return type list of Common instances

flip(x=None, y=None, z=None)

get_displacement() → PyVMF.DispInfo

    Returns The current displacement, only 1 per side

    Return type DispInfo or None

get_naive_rotation() → int

    Gets the rotation if and only if it's a multiple of 90, please don't use this if it's not necessary

    Returns Rotation of the face either 0, 90, 180 or 270

    Return type int
```

`get_vector()``get_vertices() → List[Vertex, Vertex, Vertex]`

**Returns** All 3 vertices that define the plane

**Return type** list of `Vertex`

`move(x, y, z)`

Moves the side by the given amount

**Parameters**

- `x` (int or float) – Amount to move the x axis by
- `y` (int or float) – Amount to move the y axis by
- `z` (int or float) – Amount to move the z axis by

`remove_displacement()`

Removes the displacement from the side

`rotate_x(center: PyVMF.Vertex, angle)`

Rotates the side around the x axis

**Parameters**

- `center` (`Vertex`) – The point to rotate around
- `angle` (int or float) – How much to rotate in degrees

`rotate_y(center: PyVMF.Vertex, angle)`

Rotates the vertex around the y axis

**Parameters**

- `center` (`Vertex`) – The point to rotate around
- `angle` (int or float) – How much to rotate in degrees

`rotate_z(center: PyVMF.Vertex, angle)`

Rotates the vertex around the z axis

**Parameters**

- `center` (`Vertex`) – The point to rotate around
- `angle` (int or float) – How much to rotate in degrees

`set_texture(new_material: str)`

Sets the given texture on all sides

**Parameters** `new_material` (str) – The texture to use

`class Solid(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)`

Bases: `PyVMF.Common`

Corresponds to an individual solid just like in Hammer

**Parameters**

- `dic` (dict) – All the values to be initialized, if empty default values are used.
- `children` (list) – The `Side`'s and `Editor` to be initialized

`NAME = 'solid'``add_sides(*args)`

Adds sides to the solid, note that no checks are made for validity

**Parameters** `args` (list of `Side`) – List of sides to be added

**center**

Finds the center of the solid based on the average of all vertices. **Can behave unpredictably** as faces only consists of 3 vertices so the center might be off by a tiny amount For a more reliable option see `center_geo()`

**Returns** The average center of the solid

**Return type** `Vertex`

**center\_geo**

Finds the center of the solid based on the extremities of all 3 axes. More reliable than `center()`

**Returns** The geometric center of the solid

**Return type** `Vertex`

**export\_children()**

Gets all the children classes

**Returns** All predefined children classes

**Return type** list of `Common` instances

**flip** (`x=None`, `y=None`, `z=None`)

**get\_3d\_extremity** (`x: bool = None`, `y: bool = None`, `z: bool = None`) → Tuple[`Vertex`, List[`Vertex`, ...]]

Finds the vertices that are the furthest on the given axes, as well as ties

**Parameters**

- `x` (bool) – False for negative side of the axis, True for positive side
- `y` (bool) – False for negative side of the axis, True for positive side
- `z` (bool) – False for negative side of the axis, True for positive side

**Returns** The vertex furthest most on the given axes, and the ties, **the champion vertex is included**

**Return type** `Vertex`, list of `Vertex`

**get\_all\_vertices()** → List[`Vertex`, ...]

Finds all vertices on the solid, including overlapping ones from the different sides, for only unique vertices use `get_only_unique_vertices()`

**Returns** All the vertices on the solid

**Return type** list of `Vertex`

**get\_axis\_extremity** (`x: Optional[bool] = None`, `y: Optional[bool] = None`, `z: Optional[bool] = None`) → PyVMF.Vertex

Finds the vertex that is the furthest on the given axis, **only 1 axis per method call**, see `get_3d_extremity()`

**Parameters**

- `x` (bool) – False for negative side of the axis, True for positive side
- `y` (bool) – False for negative side of the axis, True for positive side
- `z` (bool) – False for negative side of the axis, True for positive side

**Returns** The vertex the furthest most on the given axis

**Return type** `Vertex`

**get\_displacement\_matrix\_sides()** → List[Matrix, ...]

Gets the matrices from all the sides that have displacements, use `get_displacement_sides()` to get the sides instead

**Returns** The matrices from the sides with displacements on them

**Type** list of `Matrix`

**get\_displacement\_sides()** → List[PyVMF.Side]

Gets the sides that have displacements, use `get_displacement_matrix_sides()` to get the matrices directly instead

**Returns** The sides with displacements on them

**Return type** list of `Side`

**get\_linked\_vertices** (vertex: `Vertex`, similar=0.0) → List[`Vertex`, ...]

**Parameters**

- **vertex** (`Vertex`) – The vertex to check against
- **similar** (float) – Distance between vertices to be considered similar (in Hammer units)

**Returns** All vertices that are in close proximity to the given vertex itself included

**Return type** list of `Vertex`

**get\_only\_unique\_vertices()** → List[`Vertex`, ...]

Finds all unique vertices on the solid, **you should not use this for vertex manipulation as changing one doesn't change all of them**. See `get_all_vertices()`

**Returns** all unique vertices

**Return type** list of `Vertex`

**get\_sides()** → List[`Side`, ...]

**Returns** All the sides on the solid

**Return type** list of `Side`

**get\_texture\_sides** (name: str, exact=False) → List[`Side`, ...]

**Parameters**

- **name** (string) – The name of the texture including path (ex: tools/toolsnodraw)
- **exact** (bool) – Determines if the material has to be letter for letter the same or just contain the string

**Returns** The sides using the given texture

**Return type** list of `Side`

**has\_texture** (name: str, exact=False) → bool

**Parameters**

- **name** (string) – The name of the texture including path (ex: tools/toolsnodraw)
- **exact** (bool) – Determines if the material has to be letter for letter the same or just contain the string

**Returns** if any sides of the solid contain the given texture

**Return type** bool

**is\_simple\_solid()** → bool

**Returns** A solid is considered simple if it has 6 or less sides

**Return type** bool

**link\_vertices** (*similar=0.0*)

Tries to link all the vertices that are similar

**Parameters** **similar** –

**move** (*x, y, z*)

Moves all sides of the solid by the given amount in Hammer units

**Parameters**

- **x** (int or float) –
- **y** (int or float) –
- **z** (int or float) –

**naive\_subdivide** (*x=1, y=1, z=1*) → List[Solid, ...]

Naively subdivides a copy of the solid, works best for rectangular shapes. It's naive because it scales down the solid then creates an array from that

**Parameters**

- **x** (int) – Amount of cuts on the x axis
- **y** (int) – Amount of cuts on the y axis
- **z** (int) – Amount of cuts on the z axis

**Returns** Solids from a subdivided solid

**Return type** list of *Solid*

**remove\_all\_displacements()**

Removes all displacements from the solid

**replace\_texture** (*old\_material: str, new\_material: str*)

Checks all the sides if they have the given texture, if so replace it

**Parameters**

- **old\_material** (String) – The texture to check
- **new\_material** (String) – The texture to replace the old one with

**rotate\_x** (*center: PyVMF.Vertex, angle*)

Rotates the solid around the x axis

**Parameters**

- **center** (*Vertex*) – The point to rotate around
- **angle** (int or float) – How much to rotate in degrees

**rotate\_y** (*center: PyVMF.Vertex, angle*)

Rotates the solid around the y axis

**Parameters**

- **center** (*Vertex*) – The point to rotate around
- **angle** (int or float) – How much to rotate in degrees

**rotate\_z** (*center: PyVMF.Vertex, angle*)

Rotates the solid around the z axis

#### Parameters

- **center** (*Vertex*) – The point to rotate around
- **angle** (int or float) – How much to rotate in degrees

**scale** (*center: PyVMF.Vertex, x=1.0, y=1.0, z=1.0*)

Scales the solid using ratios. For example using the center of the solid and values of 2 makes it twice as big

#### Parameters

- **center** (*Vertex*) – The point from which the scaling is based, use the center of the solid for traditional scaling
- **x** (int or float) – Scale ratio on the x axis
- **y** (int or float) – Scale ratio on the y axis
- **z** (int or float) – Scale ratio on the z axis

**set\_texture** (*new\_material: str*)

Sets the given texture on all sides

**Parameters** **new\_material** (str) – The texture to replace them all

**size**

**Returns** The total size of the bounding rectangle around the solid

**Return type** *Vertex*

**window** (*direction: Vertex = None*) → List[*Solid*, *Solid*, *Solid*, *Solid*]

Creates a hole in the wall, only works on 90 degree blocks

**Parameters** **direction** (*Vertex*) – If set defines the direction the hole will be made, requires exactly 2 non-zero values

**Returns** The 4 blocks surrounding the hole

**Return type** list of *Solid*

**class SolidGenerator**

Bases: object

Generates solids from scratch, remember you still need to add them to *VMF* using *add\_solids()*

**static cube** (*vertex: PyVMF.Vertex, w, h, l, center=False, dev=0*) → PyVMF.Solid

Generates a solid cube

#### Parameters

- **vertex** (*Vertex*) – Start position from which to build the cube
- **w** (int) – Width of the cube
- **h** (int) – Height of the cube
- **l** (int) – Length of the cube
- **center** (bool) – If set to True centers the solid on the vertex
- **dev** (int) – If set, changes the cube texture, see *dev\_material()*

**Returns** A generated solid

**Return type** `Solid`

**static dev\_material**(`solid: PyVMF.Solid, dev: int`)

Changes the material of the solid to single color dev textures, quick and useful when testing

**Parameters**

- `solid`(`Solid`) – The target solid
- `dev`(`int`) – The target texture between 1 and 5

**static displacement\_triangle**(`vertex: PyVMF.Vertex, w, h, l, dev=0`) → `PyVMF.Solid`

Generates a displacement triangle (L shaped viewed from above)

**Parameters**

- `vertex`(`Vertex`) – Start position from which to build the triangle
- `w`(`int`) – Width of the triangle
- `h`(`int`) – Height of the triangle
- `l`(`int`) – Length of the triangle
- `dev`(`int`) – If set, changes the triangle texture, see `dev_material()`

**Returns** A generated triangle

**Return type** `Solid`

**static room**(`vertex: Vertex, w, h, l, thick: int = 64, dev=0`) → `List[Solid, Solid, Solid, Solid, Solid, Solid]`

Generates a sealed cubed room

**Parameters**

- `vertex`(`Vertex`) – Center position of the room
- `w`(`int`) – Width of the room
- `h`(`int`) – Height of the room
- `l`(`int`) – Length of the room
- `thick`(`int`) – The thickness of the walls
- `dev`(`int`) – If set, changes the room texture, see `dev_material()`

**Returns** A generated room

**Return type** list of `Solid`

**static surf\_ramp**(`vertex: PyVMF.Vertex, w, h, l, top_cut=32, side_cut=32, center=False, ramp_texture='cs_italy/cobble02', top_texture='cs_italy/plasterwall02a', side_texture='cs_italy/plasterwall02a'`) → `PyVMF.Solid`

Generates a ramp (triangle viewed from above: )

**Parameters**

- `vertex`(`Vertex`) – Start position from which to build the ramp (bottom middle of the ramp)
- `w`(`int`) – Width of the ramp
- `h`(`int`) – Height of the ramp
- `l`(`int`) – Length of the ramp
- `top_cut`(`int`) – Width of the cut at the top

- **side\_cut** (int) – Height of the cut on the side
- **center** (bool) – If set to True centers the ramp on the vertex
- **ramp\_texture** (str) –
- **top\_texture** (str) –
- **side\_texture** (str) –

**Returns** A generated ramp

**Return type** *Solid*

```
class TriangleTag(x, y)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common
```

```
class TriangleTags(matrix, dic: Optional[dict] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common
```

**NAME** = 'triangle\_tags'

**export()**  
Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

**Returns** All predefined (in *export\_list*) variable names and their associated values

**Return type** dict, dict

```
class UVaxis(x, y, z, offset, scale)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common
```

**export()**  
Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

**Returns** All predefined (in *export\_list*) variable names and their associated values

**Return type** dict, dict

**localize(side)**

```
class VMF
    Bases: object
```

Equivalent to a single .VMF file, holds all categories and all sub-categories

**add\_entities(\*args)**  
Adds entities to the entity list

**Parameters** **args** – Entities to add

**add\_section(section: importer.TempCategory)**  
Adds temporary categories to the VMF, used when reading .VMF files, you shouldn't need to use this

**Parameters** **section** (*importer.TempCategory*) – The temporary category to add

**add\_solids(\*args)**  
Adds solids to the world

**Parameters** **args** – Solids to add

**add\_to\_visgroup(name: str, \*args)**  
Adds the given elements to a visgroup, if it doesn't exist one is created

**Parameters**

- **name** (str) – Name of the visgroup

- **args** – Elements to add to the visgroup

## `blank_vmf()`

Generates necessary categories (overwriting existing), use `new_vmf()` to generate the VMF itself

## `export(filename: str)`

Exports the VMF to a .VMF file

**Parameters** `filename` (str) – Exported file name, use a different filename or it will overwrite the existing file

## `get_all_from_visgroup(name: str)`

Gets everything from the visgroup

**Parameters** `name` (str) – Name of the visgroup

**Returns** Solids and entities in the visgroup

**Return type** list of (`Entity` or `Solid`)

## `get_entities(include_hidden=False, include_solid_entities=False) → List[Entity, ...]`

Gets all the entities

### Parameters

- `include_hidden` (bool) – Whether to include quick hidden solids (Hammer “h” hotkey) or not
- `include_solid_entities` (bool) – Whether to include solid entities (ex: trigger\_teleport) or not

**Returns** Entities in the VMF

**Return type** list of `Entity`

## `get_group_center(group: list, geo=False) → PyVMF.Vertex`

Gets a vertex based on the average center of all the solids

### Parameters

- `group` (list of `Solid`) – All the solids to include
- `geo` – Whether to use the geometric center or not, see `center()` and `center_geo()`

**Returns** The average center position of all the solids

**Return type** `Vertex`

## `get_solids(include_hidden=False, include_solid_entities=True) → List[Solid, ...]`

Gets all the solids

### Parameters

- `include_hidden` (bool) – Whether to include quick hidden solids (Hammer “h” hotkey) or not
- `include_solid_entities` (bool) – Whether to include solid entities (ex: trigger\_teleport) or not

**Returns** Solids in the VMF

**Return type** list of `Solid`

## `get_solids_and_entities(include_hidden=False)`

Gets all the solids and entities

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**Parameters** `include_hidden` (bool) – Whether to include quick hidden solids (Hammer “h” hotkey) or not

**Returns** Solids and entities in the VMF

**Return type** list of (`Entity` or `Solid`)

```
info_in_console = False
```

**mark\_vertex** (`vertex: PyVMF.Vertex, size: int = 32, dev: int = 1, visgroup: Optional[str] = None`)  
Quickly adds a solid cube at the given vertex, useful for debugging

**Parameters**

- `vertex` (`Vertex`) – The position on which the cube is centered on
- `size` (int) – The size of the cube
- `dev` (int) – The texture given to the cube, see `dev_material()`
- `visgroup` (None or str) – Optionally adding the cube to an existing visgroup

**sort\_by\_attribute** (`category_list: list, attr: str`)  
Sorts the list based on one of their attributes

**Parameters**

- `category_list` (list) – All the elements to sort
- `attr` – The attribute to sort by, for example `center_geo.x` for `Solid`

**Returns** The elements sorted in increasing order

**Return type** list

```
class Vector(x, y, z)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    angle(other)
    angle_to_origin()
    cross(other)
    dot(other)
    mag()
    normalize()
    to_vertex()

    classmethod vector_from_2_vertices(v1: PyVMF.Vertex, v2: PyVMF.Vertex)
    classmethod vectors_from_side(side: PyVMF.Side) → Tuple[PyVMF.Vector,
        PyVMF.Vector]

class VersionInfo(dic: Optional[dict] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    NAME = 'versioninfo'

class Vertex(x=0, y=0, z=0)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common

    Corresponds to a single position on the Hammer grid
```

**Parameters**

- `x` (int or float) – x position

- **y** (int or float) – y position
- **z** (int or float) – z position

### `align_to_grid()`

Turns x, y and z into integers

### `diff(other)` → PyVMF.Vertex

**Parameters** `other` – The vertex to differentiate with

**Returns** The difference in distance between 2 vertices

**Return type** `Vertex`

### `divide(amount)`

Divides all the axes uniformly by the given amount (for separate division see `divide_separate()`)

**Parameters** `amount` (int or float) – How much to divide each axis by

### `divide_separate(x, y, z)`

Divides all the axes separately by the given amounts (for uniform division see `divide()`)

**Parameters**

- **x** (int or float) – Amount to divide x axis by
- **y** (int or float) – Amount to divide y axis by
- **z** (int or float) – Amount to divide z axis by

### `export()` → Tuple[int, int, int]

Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file

**Returns** All predefined (in `export_list`) variable names and their associated values

**Return type** dict, dict

### `flip(x=None, y=None, z=None)`

### `move(x, y, z)`

Moves the vertex by the given amount

**Parameters**

- **x** (int or float) – Amount to move the x axis by
- **y** (int or float) – Amount to move the y axis by
- **z** (int or float) – Amount to move the z axis by

### `multiply(amount)`

Multiplies all the axes uniformly by the given amount

**Parameters** `amount` (int or float) – How much to multiply each axis by

### `rotate_x(center: PyVMF.Vertex, angle)`

Rotates the vertex around the x axis

**Parameters**

- **center** (`Vertex`) – The point to rotate around
- **angle** (int or float) – How much to rotate in degrees

### `rotate_y(center: PyVMF.Vertex, angle)`

Rotates the vertex around the y axis

**Parameters**

- **center** (`Vertex`) – The point to rotate around
- **angle** (int or float) – How much to rotate in degrees

**rotate\_z** (`center: PyVMF.Vertex, angle`)  
Rotates the vertex around the z axis

#### Parameters

- **center** (`Vertex`) – The point to rotate around
- **angle** (int or float) – How much to rotate in degrees

**set** (`x, y, z`)  
Sets the vertex position to the given position

#### Parameters

- **x** (int or float) – New x position
- **y** (int or float) – New y position
- **z** (int or float) – New z position

**similar** (`other, accuracy=0.001`) → bool  
Compares the current vertex with the given one to see if they are similar

#### Parameters

- **other** (`Vertex`) –
- **accuracy** (float) – Distance from the current vertex to be considered similar (in Hamming units)

**Returns** If the given vertex is within the proximity of the current vertex

**Return type** bool

```
class ViewSettings (dic: Optional[dict] = None)
Bases: PyVMF.Common

NAME = 'viewsettings'

class VisGroup (dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
Bases: PyVMF.Common

NAME = 'visgroup'

export_children()
Gets all the children classes

Returns All predefined children classes
Return type list of Common instances

class VisGroups (dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
Bases: PyVMF.Common

NAME = 'visgroups'

export_children() → Tuple[PyVMF.VisGroup, ...]
Gets all the children classes

Returns All predefined children classes
Return type list of Common instances

get_visgroups() → List[PyVMF.VisGroup]
```

```
new_visgroup (name: str) → PyVMF.VisGroup
class World (dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)
    Bases: PyVMF.Common
    NAME = 'world'
    export_children()
        Gets all the children classes
        Returns All predefined children classes
        Return type list of Common instances
load_vmf (name: str, merge_vertices=0.0001) → PyVMF.VMF
    Loads a .VMF file
```

#### Parameters

- **name** (str) – The OS file to open, path needs to be included
- **merge\_vertices** (int or float) – Vertices on a solid within this distance are merged into a single vertex class, set to 0 for no merging

Returns A loaded VMF

Return type VMF

```
new_vmf () → PyVMF.VMF
    Generates a VMF with the necessary classes
```

Returns A blank VMF

Return type VMF

VMF()	Equivalent to a single .VMF file, holds all categories and all sub-categories
Solid(dic, children)	Corresponds to an individual solid just like in Hammer
SolidGenerator	Generates solids from scratch, remember you still need to add them to VMF using add_solids()
Entity(dic, children)	Generates entities from scratch, remember you still need to add them to VMF using add_entities()
EntityGenerator	Generates entities from scratch, remember you still need to add them to VMF using add_entities()
Side(dic, children)	Corresponds to a face/side of a solid.
Vertex([x, y, z])	Corresponds to a single position on the Hammer grid
DispInfo(dic, children, parent_side)	Keeps track of all the different displacement settings and values
DispVert()	Keeps track of each individual displacement vertex
Matrix(size)	A grid for keeping track of the displacement values.

## 1.1 PyVMF.VMF

```
class VMF
    Equivalent to a single .VMF file, holds all categories and all sub-categories
    __init__()
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.
```

## Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	Initialize self.
<code>add_entities(*args)</code>	Adds entities to the entity list
<code>add_section(section)</code>	Adds temporary categories to the VMF, used when reading .VMF files, you shouldn't need to use this
<code>add_solids(*args)</code>	Adds solids to the world
<code>add_to_visgroup(name, *args)</code>	Adds the given elements to a visgroup, if it doesn't exist one is created
<code>blank_vmf()</code>	Generates necessary categories (overwriting existing), use <code>new_vmf()</code> to generate the VMF itself
<code>export(filename)</code>	Exports the VMF to a .VMF file
<code>get_all_from_visgroup(name)</code>	Gets everything from the visgroup
<code>get_entities([include_hidden, ...])</code>	Gets all the entities
<code>get_group_center(group[, geo])</code>	Gets a vertex based on the average center of all the solids
<code>get_solids([include_hidden, ...])</code>	Gets all the solids
<code>get_solids_and_entities([include_hidden])</code>	Gets all the solids and entities
<code>mark_vertex(vertex, size, dev, visgroup)</code>	Quickly adds a solid cube at the given vertex, useful for debugging
<code>sort_by_attribute(category_list, attr)</code>	Sorts the list based on one of their attributes

## Attributes

<code>info_in_console</code>
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## 1.2 PyVMF.Solid

`class Solid(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)`

Corresponds to an individual solid just like in Hammer

### Parameters

- `dic` (dict) – All the values to be initialized, if empty default values are used.
- `children` (list) – The `Side`'s and `Editor` to be initialized

`__init__(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)`

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

## Methods

<code>__init__(dic, children)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>add_sides(*args)</code>	Adds sides to the solid, note that no checks are made for validity
<code>copy()</code>	Copies the class using <code>deepcopy()</code>
<code>export()</code>	Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file
<code>export_children()</code>	Gets all the children classes
<code>flip([x, y, z])</code>	

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<code>get_3d_extremity(x, y, z)</code>	Finds the vertices that are the furthest on the given axes, as well as ties
<code>get_all_vertices()</code>	Finds all vertices on the solid, including overlapping ones from the different sides, for only unique vertices use <code>get_only_unique_vertices()</code>
<code>get_axis_extremity(x, y, z)</code>	Finds the vertex that is the furthest on the given axis, <b>only 1 axis per method call</b> , see <code>get_3d_extremity()</code>
<code>get_displacement_matrix_sides()</code>	Gets the matrices from all the sides that have displacements, use <code>get_displacement_sides()</code> to get the sides instead
<code>get_displacement_sides()</code>	Gets the sides that have displacements, use <code>get_displacement_matrix_sides()</code> to get the matrices directly instead
<code>get_linked_vertices(vertex[, similar])</code>	<p><b>param vertex</b> The vertex to check against</p>
<code>get_only_unique_vertices()</code>	Finds all unique vertices on the solid, <b>you should not use this for vertex manipulation as changing one doesn't change all of them.</b>
<code>get_sides()</code>	<b>return</b> All the sides on the solid
<code>get_texture_sides(name[, exact])</code>	<p><b>param name</b> The name of the texture including path (ex: tools/toolsnodraw)</p>
<code>has_texture(name[, exact])</code>	<p><b>param name</b> The name of the texture including path (ex: tools/toolsnodraw)</p>
<code>ids()</code>	
<code>is_simple_solid()</code>	<p><b>return</b> A solid is considered simple if it has 6 or less sides</p>
<code>link_vertices([similar])</code>	Tries to link all the vertices that are similiar
<code>move(x, y, z)</code>	Moves all sides of the solid by the given amount in Hammer units
<code>naive_subdivide([x, y, z])</code>	Naively subdivides a copy of the solid, works best for rectangular shapes.
<code>remove_all_displacements()</code>	Removes all displacements from the solid
<code>replace_texture(old_material, new_material)</code>	Checks all the sides if they have the given texture, if so replace it
<code>rotate_x(center, angle)</code>	Rotates the solid around the x axis
<code>rotate_y(center, angle)</code>	Rotates the solid around the y axis
<code>rotate_z(center, angle)</code>	Rotates the solid around the z axis
<code>scale(center[, x, y, z])</code>	Scales the solid using ratios.
<code>set_texture(new_material)</code>	Sets the given texture on all sides

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<code>window(direction)</code>	Creates a hole in the wall, only works on 90 degree blocks
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**Attributes**

<code>ID</code>	
<code>NAME</code>	
<code>center</code>	Finds the center of the solid based on the average of all vertices.
<code>center_geo</code>	Finds the center of the solid based on the extremities of all 3 axes.
<code>size</code>	<p><b>return</b> The total size of the bounding rectangle around the solid</p>

## 1.3 PyVMF.SolidGenerator

**class SolidGenerator**

Generates solids from scratch, remember you still need to add them to VMF using `add_solids()`

**\_\_init\_\_()**

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

**Methods**

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>cube(vertex, w, h, l[, center, dev])</code>	Generates a solid cube
<code>dev_material(solid, dev)</code>	Changes the material of the solid to single color dev textures, quick and useful when testing
<code>displacement_triangle(vertex, w, h, l[, dev])</code>	Generates a displacement triangle (L shaped viewed from above)
<code>room(vertex, w, h, l, thick[, dev])</code>	Generates a sealed cubed room

## 1.4 PyVMF.Entity

**class Entity(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)****\_\_init\_\_(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)**

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

**Methods**

<code>__init__(dic, children)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>copy()</code>	Copies the class using <code>deepcopy()</code>

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<code>export()</code>	Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file
<code>export_children()</code>	Gets all the children classes
<code>ids()</code>	

### Attributes

ID
<code>NAME</code>

## 1.5 PyVMF.EntityGenerator

### `class EntityGenerator`

Generates entities from scratch, remember you still need to add them to `VMF` using `add_entities()`

#### `__init__()`

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

### Methods

<code>__init__</code>	Initialize self.
<code>light(origin, color, brightness)</code>	Generates a basic light
<code>prop_static(origin, model, angle, color, scale)</code>	Generates a basic prop static

## 1.6 PyVMF.Side

### `class Side(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)`

Corresponds to a face/side of a solid. Sides are defined by 3 vertices, the combination of which define an infinitely large plane, source calculates the intersection between these planes to determine where the edges are. This is not currently calculated in PyVMF, so some methods may behave unpredictably.

#### Parameters

- `dic` (dict) – All the values to be initialized, if empty default values are used.
- `children` (list) – Holds a potential displacement `DispInfo` to be initialized

#### `__init__(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None)`

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

### Methods

<code>__init__(dic, children)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>copy()</code>	Copies the class using <code>deepcopy()</code>
<code>export()</code>	Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file
<code>export_children()</code>	Gets all the children classes
<code>flip([x, y, z])</code>	

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<code>get_displacement()</code>	<b>return</b> The current displacement, only 1 per side
<code>get_vector()</code>	
<code>get_vertices()</code>	<b>return</b> All 3 vertices that define the plane
<code>ids()</code>	
<code>move(x, y, z)</code>	Moves the side by the given amount
<code>remove_displacement()</code>	Removes the displacement from the side
<code>rotate_x(center, angle)</code>	Rotates the side around the x axis
<code>rotate_y(center, angle)</code>	Rotates the vertex around the y axis
<code>rotate_z(center, angle)</code>	Rotates the vertex around the z axis

### Attributes

ID
NAME

## 1.7 PyVMF.Vertex

`class Vertex(x=0, y=0, z=0)`

Corresponds to a single position on the Hammer grid

### Parameters

- `x` (int or float) – x position
- `y` (int or float) – y position
- `z` (int or float) – z position

`__init__(x=0, y=0, z=0)`

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

### Methods

<code>__init__([x, y, z])</code>	Initialize self.
<code>align_to_grid()</code>	Turns x, y and z into integers
<code>copy()</code>	Copies the class using <code>deepcopy()</code>
<code>diff(other)</code>	<b>param other</b> The vertex to differentiate with
<code>divide(amount)</code>	Divides all the axes uniformly by the given amount (for separate division see <code>divide_separate()</code> )
<code>divide_separate(x, y, z)</code>	Divides all the axes separately by the given amounts (for uniform division see <code>divide()</code> )

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<code>export()</code>	Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file
<code>export_children()</code>	Gets all the children classes
<code>flip([x, y, z])</code>	
<code>ids()</code>	
<code>move(x, y, z)</code>	Moves the vertex by the given amount
<code>multiply(amount)</code>	Multiplies all the axes uniformly by the given amount
<code>rotate_x(center, angle)</code>	Rotates the vertex around the x axis
<code>rotate_y(center, angle)</code>	Rotates the vertex around the y axis
<code>rotate_z(center, angle)</code>	Rotates the vertex around the z axis
<code>set(x, y, z)</code>	Sets the vertex position to the given position
<code>similar(other[, accuracy])</code>	Compares the current vertex with the given one to see if they are similar

**Attributes**

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ID

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## 1.8 PyVMF.DisplInfo

```
class DispInfo(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None, parent_side: Optional[PyVMF.Side] = None)
```

Keeps track of all the different displacement settings and values

```
__init__(dic: Optional[dict] = None, children: Optional[list] = None, parent_side: Optional[PyVMF.Side] = None)
```

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

**Methods**

<code>__init__(dic, children, parent_side)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>copy()</code>	Copies the class using <code>deepcopy()</code>
<code>export()</code>	Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file
<code>export_children()</code>	Gets all the children classes
<code>ids()</code>	

**Attributes**

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## 1.9 PyVMF.DispVert

```
class DispVert
```

Keeps track of each individual displacement vertex

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**\_\_init\_\_()**  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__()</code>	Initialize self.
<code>copy()</code>	Copies the class using <code>deepcopy()</code>
<code>export()</code>	Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file
<code>export_children()</code>	Gets all the children classes
<code>ids()</code>	
<code>set(normal, distance)</code>	Sets the normal direction and distance
<code>set_alpha(amount)</code>	Sets the alpha, used by blend textures, 0 is the first texture, 255 is the second texture, 127 is both

## Attributes

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## 1.10 PyVMF.Matrix

**class Matrix(size: int)**  
A grid for keeping track of the displacement values.

**Parameters size (int)** – The size of the 2 dimensional grid

**\_\_init\_\_(size: int)**  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

## Methods

<code>__init__(size)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>column(x)</code>	<b>param x</b> The column to get
<code>copy()</code>	Copies the class using <code>deepcopy()</code>
<code>export()</code>	Gets all the variables than need to be exported into the .VMF file
<code>export_attr(attribute)</code>	Exports the data in .VMF file ready format, used when exporting the PyVMF, you shouldn't need to use this
<code>export_children()</code>	Gets all the children classes
<code>extract_dic(dic[, a_var, triangle])</code>	Extracts the data from the .VMF file string, you shouldn't need to use this
<code>get(x, y)</code>	<b>param x</b> Position x in the matrix
<code>ids()</code>	

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<i>inv_rect</i> (x, y, w, h, step)	
<i>rect</i> (x, y, w, h)	<b>param x</b> Position x in the matrix
<i>row</i> (y)	<b>param y</b> The row to get

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### Attributes

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## Tools

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`num(s: str)`

Tries to turn string into int or float

**Parameters** `s (str)` – The string to parse

**Returns** If unable to convert returns the input

**Return type** `int or float or str`



# CHAPTER 3

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## Importer

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**class TempCategory**(category, indent)

Bases: object

Temporarily holds the VMF categories when reading the .VMF file

### Parameters

- **category** (str) – The category name
- **indent** (int) – The level of indentation (how far nested inside other classes)

**add\_child**(category, indent)

### Parameters

- **category** (str) – The category name
- **indent** (int) – The level of indentation (how far nested inside other classes)

**add\_line**(line, indent)

### Parameters

- **line** (str) – The line of data to add to the current category
- **indent** (int) – The level of indentation (how far nested inside other classes)

**clean\_up**()

Goes through all the data to remove unnecessary characters

**file\_parser**(file)

Opens the file, extracts data line by line and turns it all into temporary categories

**Parameters** **file** (str) – The OS file to open, path needs to be included

**Returns** All the top level categories

**Return type** list of *TempCategory*



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## Triangulate Displacement

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```
triangulate_displacement (vmf: PyVMF.VMF, group: List[PyVMF.Solid], base_triangle:  
PyVMF.Solid = None, resolution=1, height=2)
```



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