

1. General Python presentation :

- Why (not) Python ?
- *History & Community*
- *Implementations & bundles (flavors)*
- *Frameworks & libs*

2. Some coding bases

3. Peps & the zen of Python









# Why (not) Python

## Why not ?

- You need realtime ( < µsec)  
*but check Viper ( <http://doc.viperize.it> )*
- You have very little RAM  
*but Tiny Python = 64K & VM of micropython = 2,4K*
- You have very little CPU  
*but there are implementations even for Arduino*
- Compiled code is your God, Interpreted code is your Evil.
- You need protected code
- You need compatibility with bullshit managers  
*(justification + job-protection) > technical rationality*



# Why (not) Python

## Why ?

- Very high-level, short yet very readable, intuitive syntax
  - ✓ Easy to learn (pseudo-code-like) (*no funky WTF characters series...follow my eyes*).
  - ✓ Great for non-trivial business-logic (*You still understand while your client is long time lost in his own specs*)
  - ✓ Maintainable even after 150 last-minute changes (*Don't tell me it never happens*)
  - ✓ Maintainable even after 10,000 lines of code (*Maintenance = €*)
- Totally Free & Truly Open Source (PEPs, PSF, ...)
- Portable on most OS, including embed systems, including GUI lib
- Many different uses:
  - ◆ Small helper-scripts (*Any Sys-admins in the room ?*)
  - ◆ Softs with GUI (*Cool to build cross-OS heavy clients*)
  - ◆ Serious daemons (*numerous frameworks & protocol libs, API-Hour being the best*)
  - ◆ Scripting in other softs (*GNU Radio, Blender, OOo, AutoDesk Maya, ArcGIS, GIMP, Minecraft, Corel, Rhino 3D ...*)
  - ◆ Live data processing in shell (*Any mad scientist or mathematician in the room ?*)
  - ◆ Full engine embed in SSC (*SSCs invasion won't stop anytime soon*)
  - ◆ Simplified engine in some micro-controllers
- Huge community with many different types of users



# Why (not) Python

- Interpreted with
  - Bytecode caching (.py to .pyc)
  - Interpreter available at runtime (*reason why increasingly used as macro language in apps*)
  - Interactive mode (*Cool for micro testing while coding, cool for quick data processing*)
- Procedural and/or OO (*community diversity => Python is more secular*)
  - multiple inheritance
  - overloading of everything, reflective meta-programming.
  - Introspection (*question, change objects, setters & getters runtime, fn decorators...*)
  - Powerful exceptions handling (*with readable stack-traces...follow my eyes*)
- Strongly typed, non-declarative (“Duck typing”). (*but change is around the corner...*)



# History & community:

- Conceived in the 1980's, and implemented by 1990 by Guido van Rossum, named after the BBC show “Monty Python's flying circus”
- 1994: Python 1.0
- 2000: Python 2.0 (true Open Source, community-based project)
- 2001: Python Software Foundation non-profit org
- 2002: Award from the Free Software Foundation
- 2006: Python 2.5 (in all older Unixes)
- 2008: Python 2.6 (in all recent Unixes)
- 2009: Python 3.0
- 2010: Python 2.7 (last of 2)
- 2014: Python 3.4



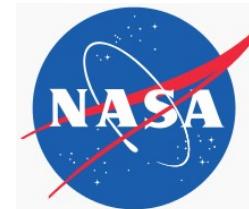
Belgian beer





# History & community:

Some of the brands using it for serious and less serious stuff...





# History & community:

- Python Software Foundation non-profit org, many sponsors
- Many annual conferences & workshops:

DjangoCon Europe

- EuroPython

- EuroSciPy

- Kiwi PyCon (New Zealand)

- OSCON/IPC (O'Reilly Open Source Convention / International Python Conference)

- pyArkansas

- PyCon (original conference, US / North America)

- PyCon Argentina (formerly Python en Santa Fe (Argentina))

- PyCon Asia Pacific

- PyCon AU (Australia)

- PyCon Brasil

- PyCon FI (Finland)

- PyCon FR (France) - Journées Python

- PyCon DE (Germany)

- PyCon India

- PyCon Ireland

- PyCon Italia (Report on 2007 Conference)

- PyCon PH (Philippines)

- PyCon PL (Poland)



- PyCon UK

- PyCon Ukraine

- PyCon ZA (South Africa)

- PyData

- PyGotham

- PyOhio

- RuPy

- SciPy (US)

- SciPy (India)

- UKUUG Spring Conference 2008 includes a one day Python tutorial

- Workshop: Python in the German-Speaking Countries



# Implementations & Bundles :

## Implementations:

- Python (=Cpython)
- PyPy (Interpreter and JIT compiler in Python; !! RPython !!)
- Rpython
- Jython (Java, can extend java classes, compile to java bytecode for perf...)
- IronPython (written in; C# runs on .NET)
- Stackless Python (= Cpython + tasklets & messaging channels)
- Cython / Pyrex (Near Python language for C compiled Python extensions)
- Pyjamas (= Pyjs) Python to HTML + JS compiler + Ajax & UI framework)
- CLPython (Lisp impl.)





# *Implementations & Bundles :*

## **Bundles:**

- PythonXY (= Python(x,y) = Python Scientific = Cpython + scientific packages)
- WinPython
- Anaconda
- Python Anywhere



# (Web) frameworks:

## • APIHour

- Django 

- Flask

- Bottle

- Pyramid

- CherryPy



- Pylons

- Zope



- Tornado

- Twisted

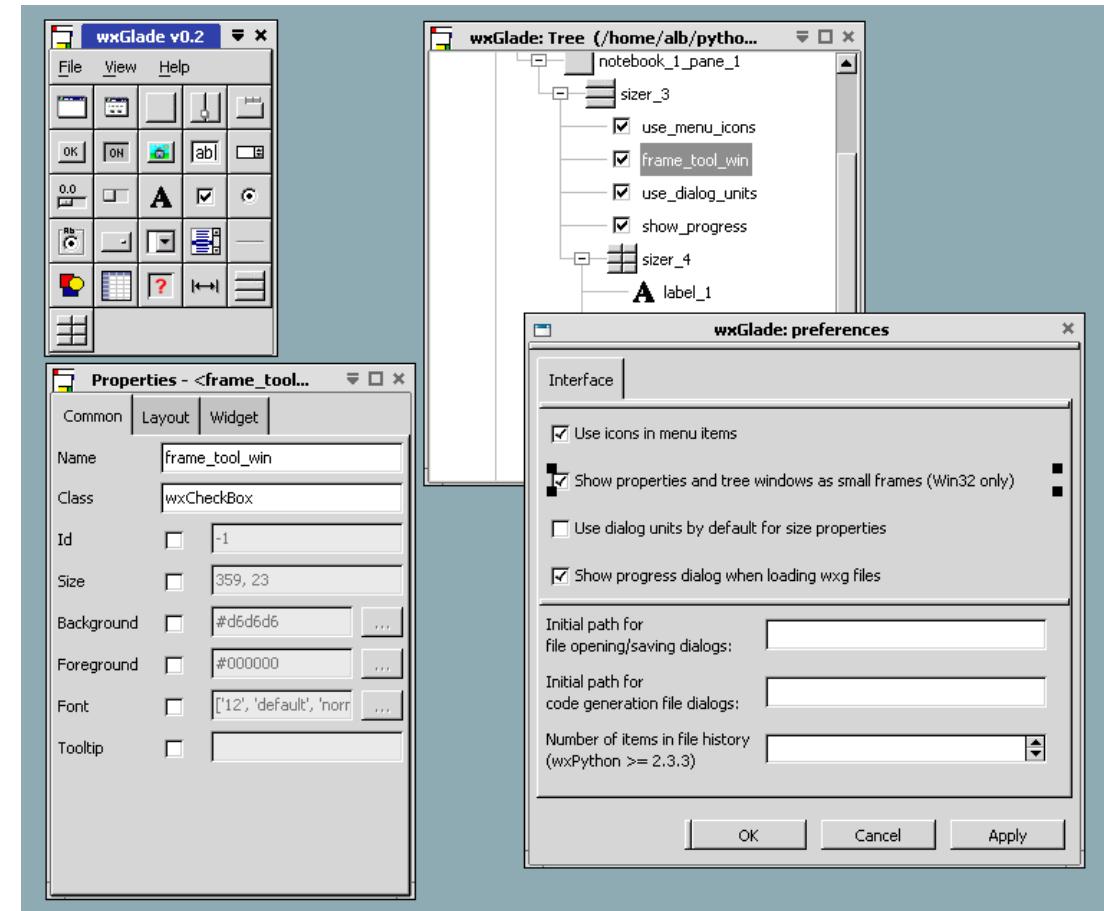
- Web2py





# GUI libraries:

- TkInter [std lib] ([Visual python](#) / [Page](#) / [PyhtonWorks](#) / [Komodo](#))
- WxPython (Wxglade)
- GnomePython
- PyGtk ( => PyGObject)
- PyQt (Qt Designer)
- PyKDE
- PyGUI
- PyGtk2Tk
- Kivy (Cross platform, multi-touch...)
- ...





# Standard libs:

## Numeric and Mathematical Modules

numbers, [math](#), cmath, decimal, fractions, random, statistics,

## Functional Programming Modules

itertools, functools, operator

## File and Directory Access

pathlib, os.path, fileinput, stat, filecmp, tempfile, glob, fnmatch, linecache, shutil, macpath

## Data Persistence

[pickle](#), copyreg, shelve, marshal, dbm, [sqlite3](#)

## Data Compression , Archiving and Crypto

zlib, gzip, bz2, lzma, [zipfile](#), tarfile, [hashlib](#), hmac

## File Formats

[csv](#), [configparser](#), netrc, xdrlib, plistlib

## Generic Operating System Services

os, io, time, [argparse](#), getopt, [logging](#), logging.config, logging.handlers, getpass, [curses](#), curses.textpad, curses.ascii, curses.panel, platform, errno, ctypes

## Concurrent Execution

[threading](#), [multiprocessing](#), concurrent.futures, [subprocess](#), sched, queue, dummy\_threading, \_thread, \_dummy\_thread

## Interprocess Communication and Networking

[socket](#), ssl, select, selectors, [asyncio](#) , event loop, coroutines and tasks  
asyncore, asynchat, signal, mmap

## Internet Data Handling

email, [json](#), mailcap, mailbox, mimetypes, base64, binhex, binascii, quopri, uu

## Structured Markup Processing Tools

html, [html.parser](#), html.entities

## XML Processing Modules

xml.etree.ElementTree, xml.dom, xml.dom.minidom, xml.dom.pulldom, xml.sax, xml.sax.handler, xml.sax.saxutils, xml.sax.xmlreader, xml.parsers.expat

## Internet Protocols and Support

webbrowser, cgi, cgitb, wsgiref, urllib, urllib.request, urllib.response, urllib.parse, urllib.error, urllib.robotparser, http, http.client, ftplib, poplib, imaplib, nntplib, smtplib, smtpd, telnetlib, uuid, socketserver, http.server, http.cookies, http.cookiejar, xmlrpc, xmlrpc.client, xmlrpc.server, ipaddress

## Multimedia Services

audioop, aifc, sunau, wave, chunk, colorsys, imghdr, sndhdr, ossaudiodev

## Internationalization

gettext, locale

## Graphical User Interfaces with Tk

[tkinter](#), tkinter.ttk, tkinter.tix, tkinter.scrolledtext, IDLE

## Development Tools

pydoc, doctest, unittest, unittest.mock, unittest.mock, 2to3  
test, test.support

## Debugging and Profiling

bdb, faulthandler, pdb, timeit, trace, tracemalloc

## Software Packaging and Distribution

distutils, ensurepip, venv

## Python Runtime Services

sys, sysconfig, builtins, \_\_main\_\_, warnings, contextlib, abc,  
atexit, traceback, \_\_future\_\_, gc, inspect, site, fpectl

## Custom Python Interpreters

code, codeop,31. Importing Modules  
zipimport, pkgutil, modulefinder, runpy, importlib

## Python Language Services

parser, ast, symtable, symbol, token, keyword, tokenize, tabnanny,  
pyclbr, py\_compile, compileall, dis, pickletools

## Misc / Windows / Unix

Formatter / msilib, msvcr, winreg, winsound / posix, pwd, spwd, grp, crypt, termios, tty,  
pty, fcntl, pipes, resource, nis, syslog



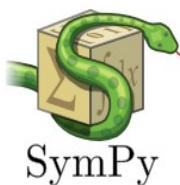
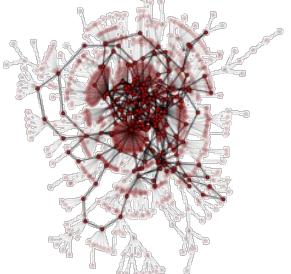
# Non standard libs:

Pypi: The Python package index repository

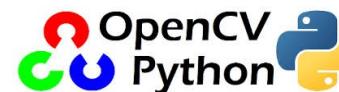
- About **65.000** Packages !
- Super easy install : “pip install xxx”
- Avoid system pollution: Virtual-Env



NetworkX



PyOpenGL



Python Imaging Library

Quick search on Github for Python Ham-related:

- APRSlib
- QUISK (SDR)
- HamRadioLogbook
- SkHamPy
- N1YWB Python Ham Radio Tools :  
geolog, hamtools.adif, hamtools.qrz,  
hamtools.ctydat, hamtools.kml, VoiceKeyer
- WxContestLogger
- DX-Cluster-Parser
- PyMorse
- PyKeyer (Reec)
- ...





# Coding:

## Python peculiarities

- Indentation = 2spaces or 4 spaces = ECMA curly brackets

```
if(x==5):
    print("That's a five!")
else:
    print("That's not a five !")
print('Out of test...')
```

Zen of Python says:  
Keep your lines short

- use “\” for multi-line statements (not for inline lists or dicts)

```
big_total= first_thing +
second_thing
```

```
x = ['aaa','bbb','ccc',
      'ddd','eee']
```

- use """ for long multi-line literals

```
big_string="""Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.
Nunc turpis nunc, dignissim vitae luctus ac, porttitor tempus
magna. Mauris ultrices dui ante, a facilisis leo. Duis nec mi eu sem
blandit sodales id vitae massa."""
```

- use # for comments (""" xyz """ for docstrings)

- No ++ or --, but += -= \*= /=



# Coding:

## Syntax overview

```
if( (x==1) and (y!=2)):  
    [block]  
elif:  
    [block]  
else:  
    [block]
```

```
while():  
    [block]  
    if(x==1): break  
    if(x==2): continue  
    [block]
```

```
for item in sequence_item: #(iterable)  
    [block]  
  
for item in generator: #(iterator)  
    [block]  
  
for x in range(1,10): #(iterable)  
    print x
```

```
try:  
    [block_to_try]  
except ZeroDivisionError:  
    [block]  
except ValueError:  
    [block]  
else  
    [block (only if block_to_try went ok)]  
finally  
    [always executed on way out]  
  
#####  
raise ZeroDivisionError
```

```
class MyClass(MyParent):  
  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.property="toto"  
  
    def method1(self,param='default'):  
        [block]  
        return(x)
```



# Coding:

## Python types (1/2)

### Numbers:

```
int:      x1=5    !!! x/3 = 1 !!!  
long:     x2=45L ; x2=long(45)  
float:    x3=45.23 ; x4=6.42e3 ; x5=6.43e-5  
complex:  x6=1.23+4.5j ; x6=complex(1.23,4.5)
```

### Casting:

```
int(x3)   #45  
float(x1/3) #1.0  
float(x1)/3 #1.6666666666666667
```

### Ex. of methods & attributes of these objects:

```
x3.is_integer() # False  
x7.imag         #4,5
```

### Other bases:

```
x=int('F0',16) ; x=0xF0 ; x=0b11110000
```

### Special “emptiness” type:

```
x=None  
!!! different than ", [], {}, 0, False !!!
```

### Booleans:

```
b=True   # b*5=5 and type(b) is still 'bool'  
b=False  # b*5=0 and type(b) is still 'bool'
```

### Iterable types (Sequences):

strings, unicode, list, tuple, bytearray, buffer, xrange  
-more in next slide-

### Iterators types (Generators):

An iterator type object implements **next()** method, which raises a **StopIteration** exception when called on last iteration,

File is a special (enriched) iterator  
(no other built-in type)

### Mapping types (hashes): dict

```
d={'first':'me','second':222,'third':False}  
d['fourth']=45.67  
print(d['second']) #222
```

### Dictionaries methods:

clear(), copy(), fromkeys(kseq,v), get(k, default), has\_key(k), items(), iteritems(), iterkeys(), itervalues(), keys(), values(), pop(key,default), popitem(), update(d2)



# Coding:

## Python types (2/2)

### Strings:

```
s1='coucou' ; s="coucou"
```

```
s2="""very long way of  
saying coucou"""
```

```
s3='hello %s %i %.1f %(t,x,f)
```

Many usual string methods

### Because a string is a sequence:

```
print(s2[3]) #y#  
print(s2[0:4]) #very#  
print(s2[5:]) #long way of saying coucou#  
print(s2[5:-6]) #long way of saying #  
print(s2[:-6].upper()) #VERY LONG WAY OF SAYING #  
print(s2[-13:].replace('cou','to')) #saying toto#  
print(s2[3]*5) #yyyyy"
```

```
for letter in s2:  
    print(letter)
```

```
if('bidule' in s2):
```

### Lists:

```
li=['aa',12,'bb',23e-2,'cc']
```

### Lists methods:

append(elem), extend(lst), count(elem),  
index(elem,start,end), insert(i,elem), pop(i),  
remove(elem), reverse(), sort(cmp,k,reverse))



# Coding:

## *Python modules & packages*

### Importing modules:

```
### Basic import:  
import mylib  
obj=mylib.myclass1()  
result=mylib.staticfunction(param)
```

```
### Basic import with namespace change:  
import mylib as ml  
obj=ml.myclass1()  
result=ml.staticfunction(param)
```

```
### Selective import with namespace merging :  
from mylib import myclass1  
obj=myclass1()
```

```
### import everything with namespace merging :  
from mylib import *  
obj=myclass1()  
result=staticfunction(param)
```

### Importing packages:

```
### General  
from mypkg import *
```

```
### Selective  
from mypkg import module1,subdir.module2
```

### Modules:

#### File: mylid.py

```
class myclass1():  
    ###class definition ...
```

```
class myclass2():  
    ###class definition ...
```

### Packages:

Use a `__init__.py` file,

that defines

`__all__=['module1','module2']`

and eventually

`__path__=['mypkg','mypkg/subdir']`

### Special case:

```
from __future__ import *
```



# Coding:

## Class specialties

### Special methods :

`__new__` : static, called to create instance  
`__init__` : usual constructor (instance created)  
`__del__` : usual destructor

`__repr__`: python (debug) string representation  
`__str__`: called by `str()` & `print`

`__lt__`, `__le__`, `__eq__`, `__ne__`,  
`__gt__`, `__ge__`, `__cmp__`: comparison operators

`__getattr__`: called on attribute lookup & not found  
`__getattribute__`: called unconditionally on attribute lookup  
`__setattr__`: called on attribute assignment  
`__delattr__`: called on attribute deletion

`__len__`: `len()`  
(and several other methods for container type objects)

(methods for sequence type objects)

(methods for numeric type objects)

### Special attributes :

`__doc__` : docstring  
`__name__` : current function or class name  
`__dict__` : objects **writable** attributes  
`__bases__`: tuple of class parents  
also built-in function `dir()`

#### Typical:

```
if(__name__ == "__main__"):  
    [Do the main thing]
```

### Special built-in functions :

`callable(obj)`  
`dir(obj)`  
`delattr(obj,'attrname')` # same as `del(obj.attrname)`  
`hasattr(obj,'attrname')`  
`help(obj)` # interactive mode  
`id(obj)`  
`isinstance(obj,classinfo)`  
`setattr(obj,'attrname',v)`  
`str(obj)`  
`super()`  
`type(obj)`



# Peps & the zen of Python:

What's a pep ?

See PEP0 ;-)  
Python Enhancement Proposal

Good coding conventions: PEP8

- Indentation: Use 4 spaces per indentation level.
- Don't use ';
- Avoid very long lines (PEP8 says 79, I say < 140 )
- Use docstrings
- Put spaces around == , < , > , != , <> , <= , >=
- Naming :
  - Package and Module Names:** lowercase
  - Class Names:** Camelcase
  - Function or method Names:** lowercase
  - Variables:** lowercase (with \_)



# Peps & the zen of Python:

- Beautiful is better than ugly.
- Explicit is better than implicit.
- Simple is better than complex.
- Complex is better than complicated.
- Flat is better than nested.
- Sparse is better than dense.
- Readability counts.
- Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.
- Although practicality beats purity.
- Errors should never pass silently.
- Unless explicitly silenced.
- In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess.
- There should be one-- and preferably only one --obvious way to do it.
- Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutch.
- Now is better than never.
- Although never is often better than \*right\* now.
- If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.
- If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.
- Namespaces are one honking great idea -- let's do more of those!