

Organizing, documenting and distributing code

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= How to make your code (more) usable



Why bother?





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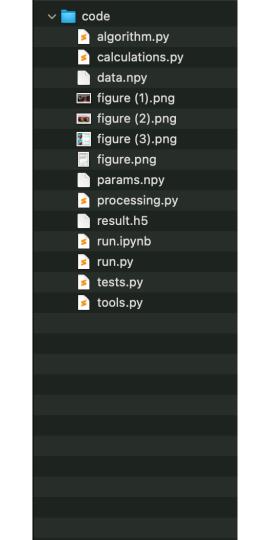
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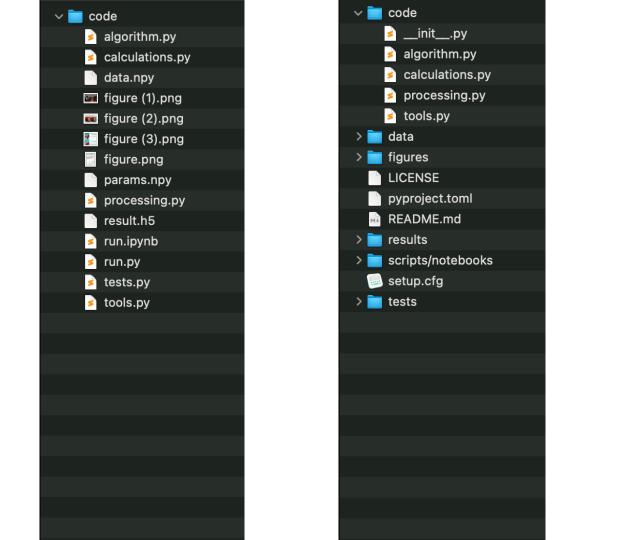


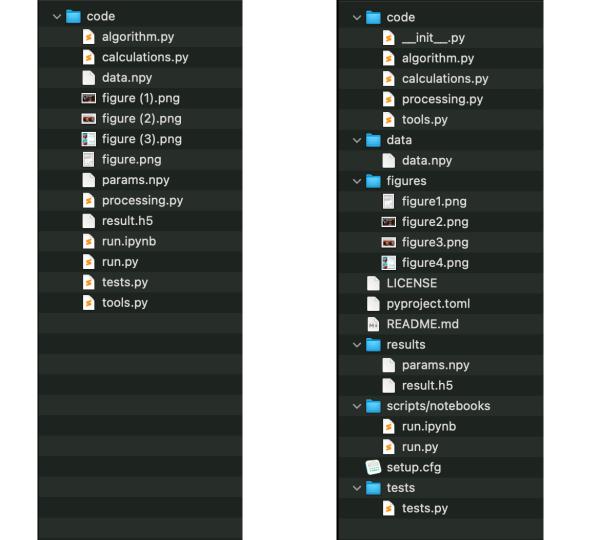


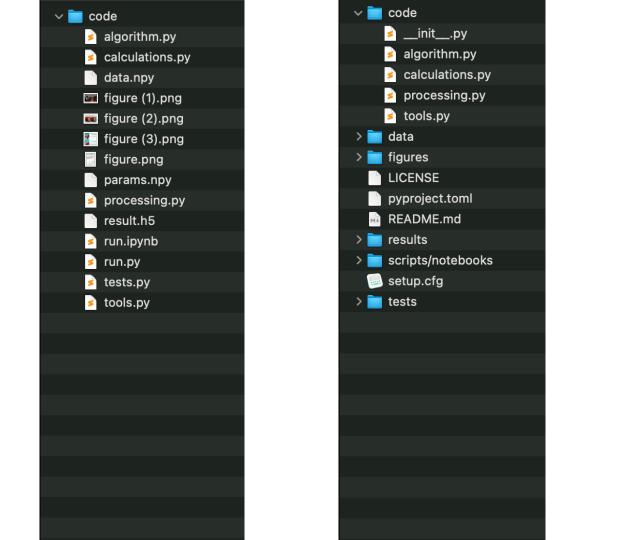
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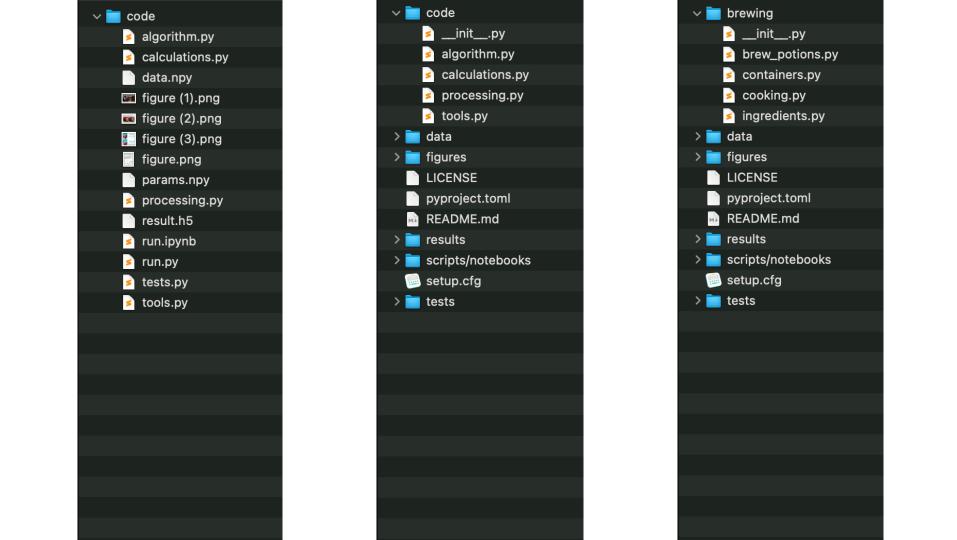
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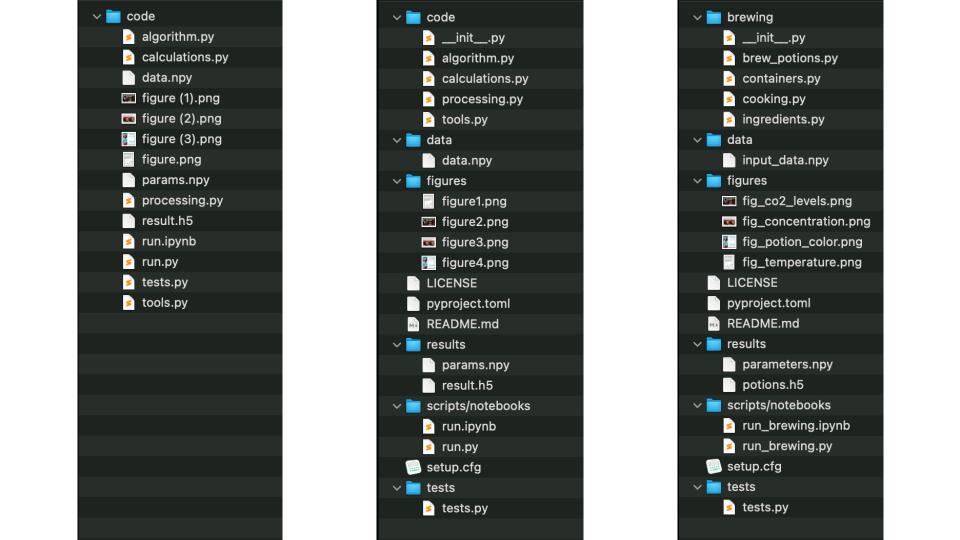


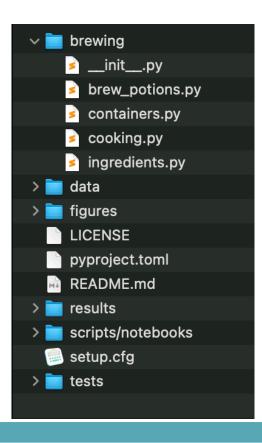


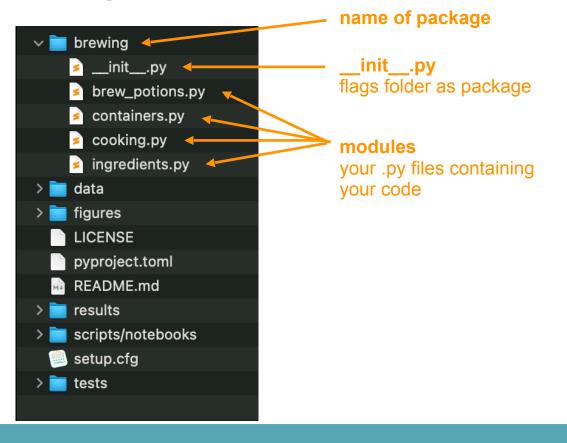


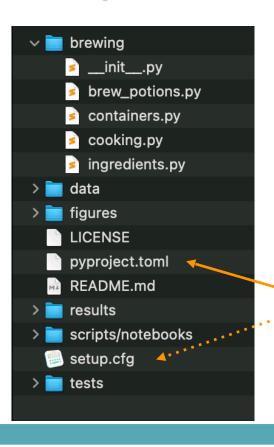












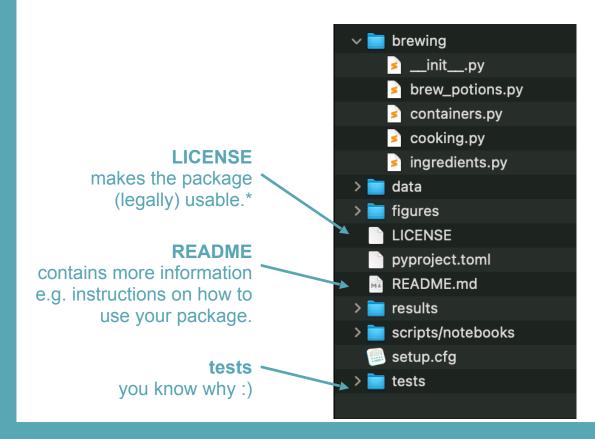
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Advantage 1

-> know where to find items

e.g. wardrobe

- suit, shirts
- towels
- socks

same concept applies to code

—> use meaningful file names





Advantage 2

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? Importing

Brewing package

- content of brewing package
 - walk through code
 - run brew_potions.py
 - point out files for exercise

brewing package

Importing



Follow the instructions in
 Exercise 1 Importing.md

(There is no need to submit a pull request for this exercise)

Importing code

- you can always import code from your current directory
 - by calling import brew_potions, Python will look for
 - a module called brew_potions.py inside the current directory
 - a package called brew_potions inside in the current directory
 (= folder called brewing with an __init__.py file)
- Importing a module will execute <u>all</u> the code in the module (including imports, print statements)

names & mains

```
any code running under if ___name__ == "__main__":
```

- will be ignored when importing
- will be executed when the module is run as a script

```
if name == "__main__":
    i_will_not_be_imported = True
    print("Not printing when importing")
    print("But printing when run as script")
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- what does an editable pip installation do?
- what are the requirements for this?

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You can import the package you are currently working on as if it were a package you downloaded.

- —> This lets you use your own code as any other package you installed Advantages:
 - 1. you can **import** the objects in the package **from any directory** (no longer bound to the directory which contains the package)
 - 2. at the same time you can keep your project in your current directory
 - 3. you use your code as someone else would use it, which forces you to write it in a more usable way

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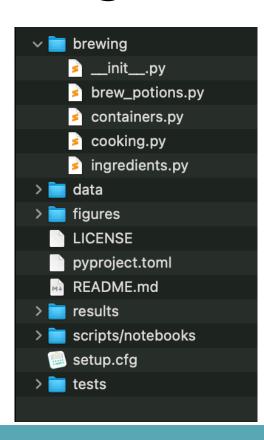
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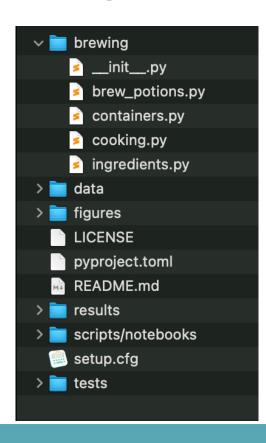
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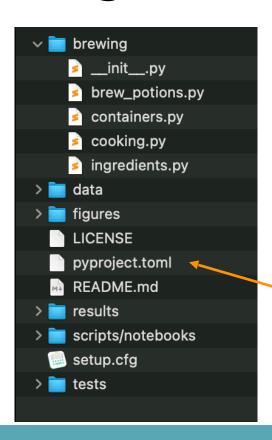
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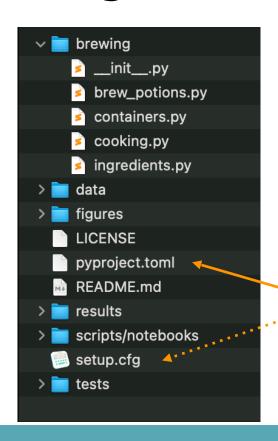
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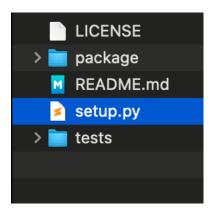
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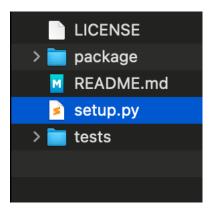
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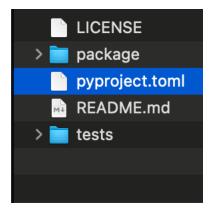
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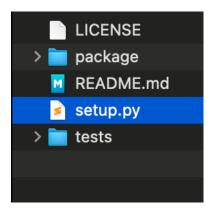
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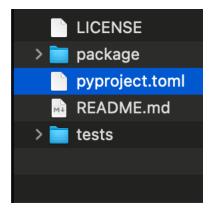
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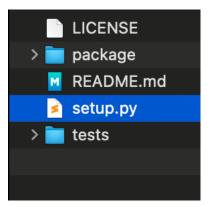
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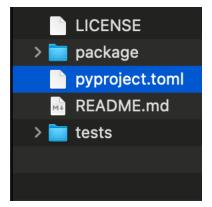
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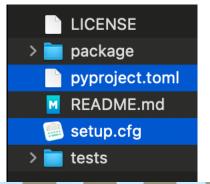
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Pip editable installation

pip install -e <path-to-folder-above-brewing>



or in the directory above brewing

pip install -e •

Follow the instructions in

Exercise: Editable installation

(There is no need to submit a pull request for this exercise)

? how to develop code if it's in a package

Using the editable installation

- You set your imports once and then never worry about them again
- You have not lost any capability, you only gained usability

 If you absolutely must use notebooks, then you can import your code from your modules into your notebook much easier

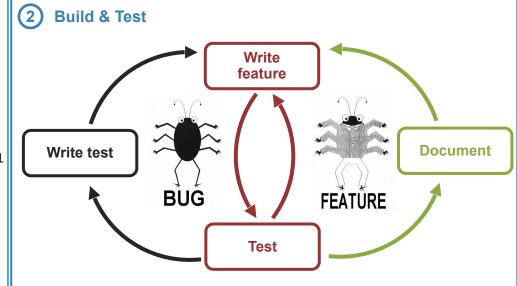


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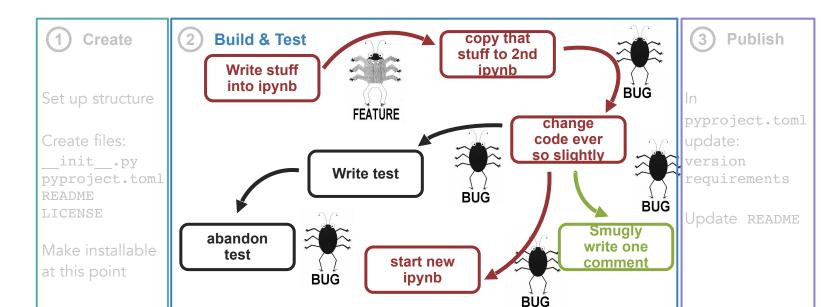




Publish

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pyproject.toml update: version requirements



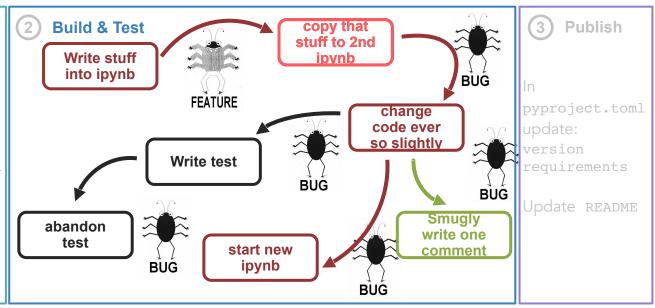


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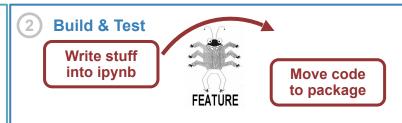


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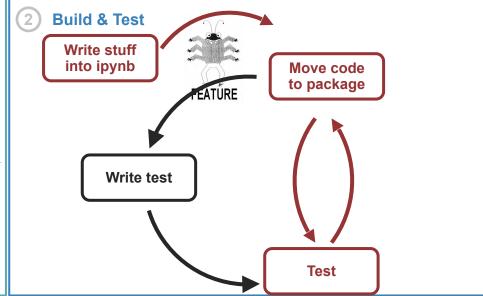


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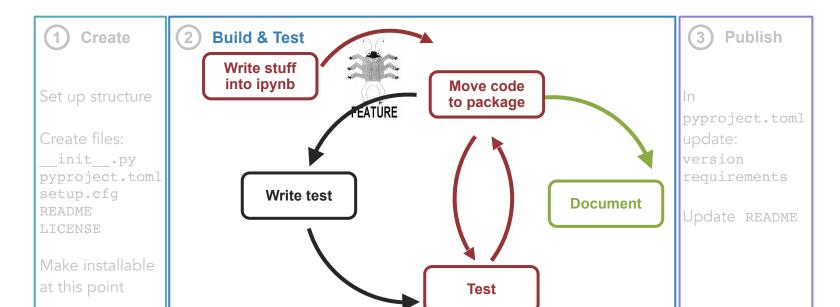




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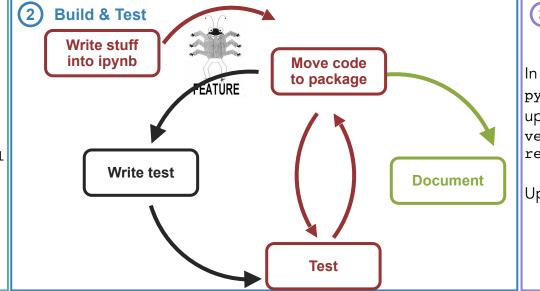


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Write your function

 Write the last remaining potion making function we need before sharing the package





Exercise:

- Create a branch with a unique name
- Follow the instructions in Exercise 3 Workflow to write and test a function to make a "Python expert" potion
- Create a Pull Request

? defend your code

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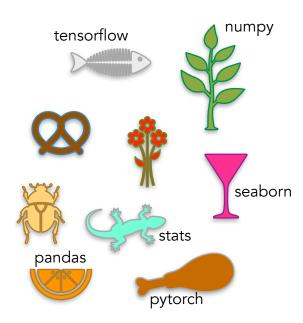
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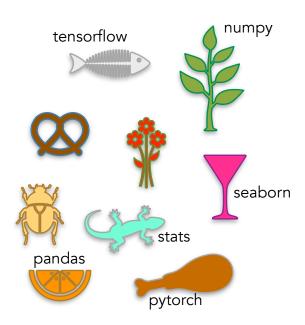




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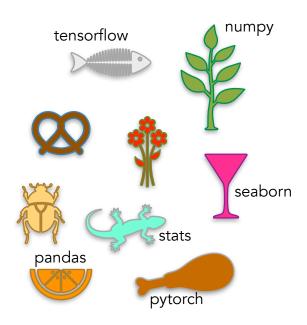
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word2vec







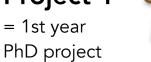
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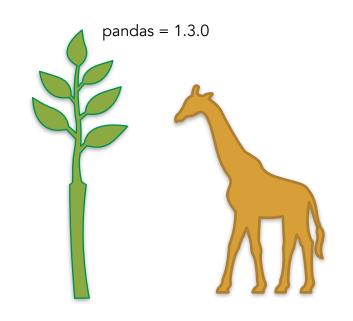


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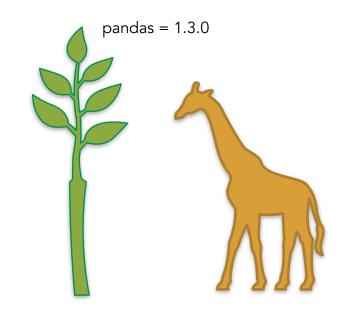


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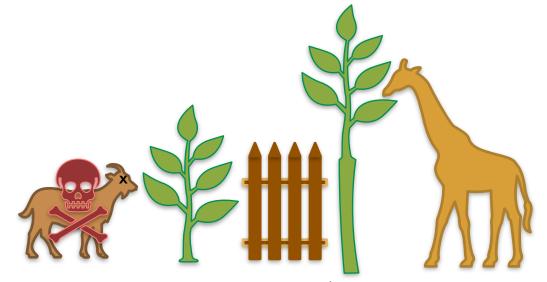
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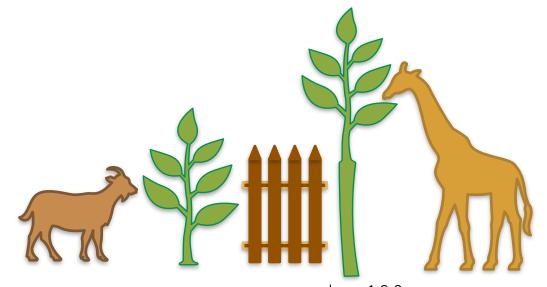
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Breaking changes

Ever ignored a one of these?

<stdin>:1: FutureWarning: In a future version of pandas all arguments of
concat except for the argument 'objs' will be keyword-only

- This means that if you keep updating your python packages, you will run into issues at some point
 - code errors
 - unexpected results

Previous behavior.

New behavior.

Virtual Environments

What is a virtual environment?

- A semi-isolated python environment -> you cannot access packages (libraries and their dependencies) installed in other environments.
- packages are installed inside a project-specific virtual environment folder (not added to general python path)
- If you break something, you can delete those folders and start over

Virtual Environments



 Create and activate a virtual environment following the directions in Exercise 5 Virtual Environments.md



 See what changed with regard to the Python interpreter and the installed packages

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Environment Managers

venv - current standard recommended by Python

poetry - super useful (if it works o.0).
 solves dependency conflicts, creates pyproject.toml for you, keeps record of all dependency versions in committable file

 pyenv - if you need different Python versions in different projects ? readability

Documentation

- Documenting your code provides a way of making you code usable for future you and others
 - Comments (#): describe
 what a line (or multiple lines
 of code do); notes to self
 - Function/method docstring (''' '''): purpose of function + params / return
 - Module docstring ("" ""):
 what's in this file

```
""" Module docstring """

def add_points(house_points,
    points=0):
    """ Function docstring."""
    # comment
    points += 1000
    return house_points + points
```

NumPy style

- triple double quotes below declaration
- The first line should be a short description
- If more explanation is required, that text should be separated from the first line by a blank line
- Specify Parameters and Returns as

```
name : type
     description
(put a line of --- below sections)
```

- Each line should begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop
- access docs: pydoc3 <module>.<object>

```
This module demonstrates docstrings.
def add points(house, house points, points=0):
   If the house is Gryffindor, Dumbledore adds
    Parameters
    Returns
    if house == "Gryffindor":
      points += 1000
    return house points + points
```

NumPy style

- personal suggestion:
 if you work with pandas, it is easy to forget the shape of DataFrames.
- Add the format into docstring (and keep up to date!)
 OR
 Write proper tests, you can always check

the DataFrame format there

```
def some function(df):
    Parameters
   df : pd.DataFrame
                   Slytherin
                  Hufflepuff
    return df
```

Typing

- you can declare the type of the function argument
- the package mypy checks whether the types make sense
- Be aware that this might be a pain to maintain if you change your functions often and pass complicated objects... tuple[int, dict[str, str]]

```
def add points(house: str,
               house points: int,
               points: int = 0)
               -> int:
   If the house is Gryffindor, Dumbledore adds
    Parameters
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```

 name your variables so that you can later go back and *read* what the code does (same principle as with module names)

```
x = 10
p = 10
poi = 10
points = 10
points_add = 10
points to be added = 10
```

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```
x = 10 \rightarrow terrible
p = 10 -> just as terrible
poi = 10 -> still terrible
points = 10 -> better, but potentially unspecific
points add = 10 -> possibly better, possible worse that the one before
points to be added = 10 # clear, but maybe a bit long
```

```
added points = [10, 5, 1]
# -> variable names use underscores
def add points(house, house points, points=0):
    if house == "Gryffindor":
       points += 1000
    return house points + points
def ScoreKeeper():
    def init (self):
        self.house points = 0
        self. secret bonus = 5
    def add points(self, house, points):
        if house == "Gryffindor":
            points += 1000
        return house points + points
 -> private variables (intended for use only within the class) prepend " "
```

Document your function



 Document the function you just wrote according to the instructions in Exercise 4 Documentation.



Use the same Pull Request

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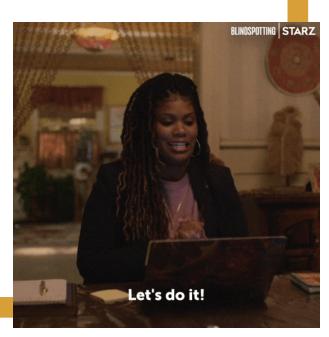


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Mischief Managed

Any questions?

? Extra material

Module structure

- constants
- functions
- **.**..

Importing modules

- you can always import code from other modules (.py files)
 in your current directory
- generally:

```
1. import module-name
```

+ module-name.object

2. import module-name as abbr

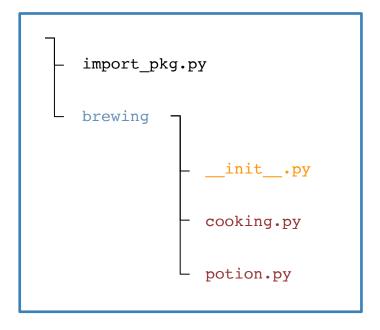
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3. from module-name import object

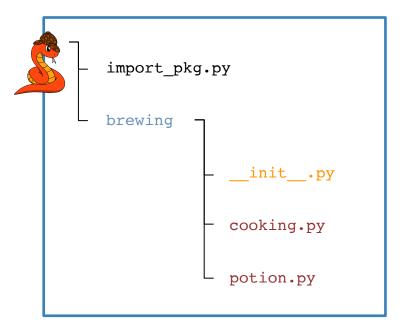
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4. from module-name import *

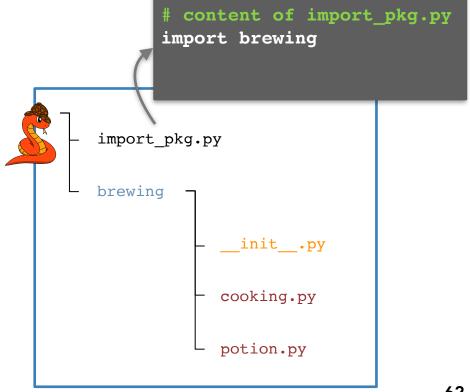




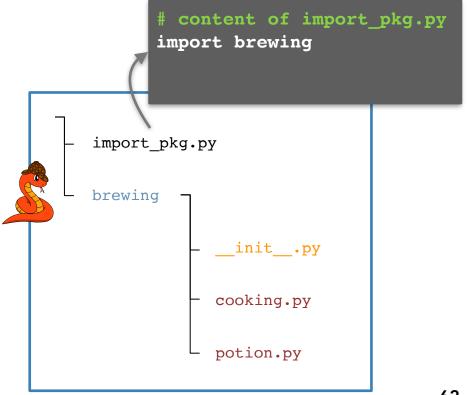
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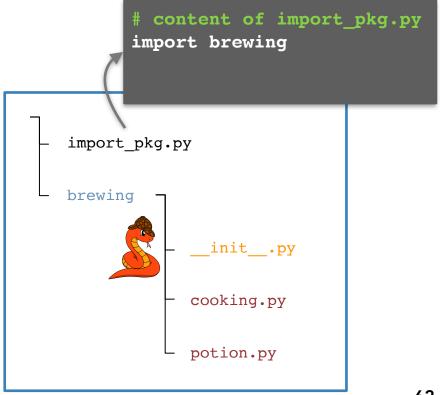


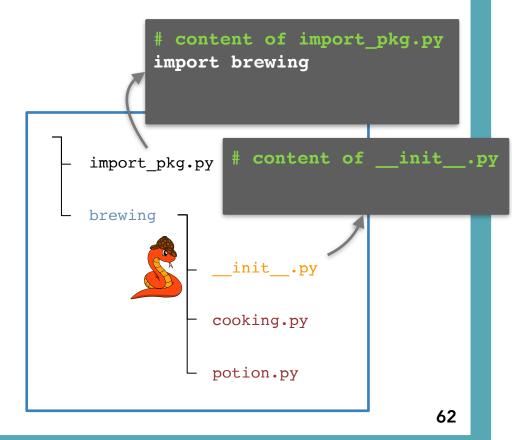
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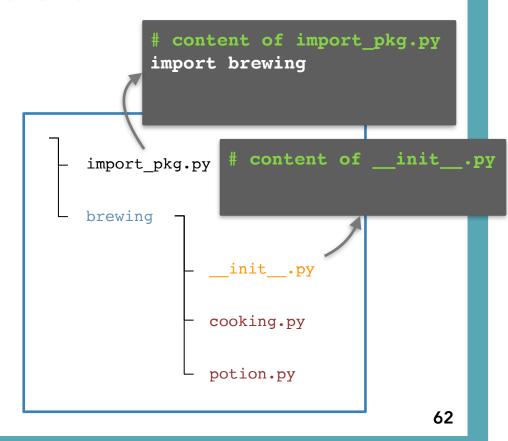
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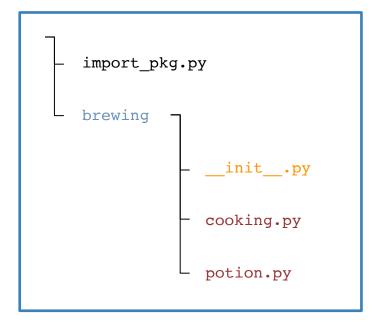




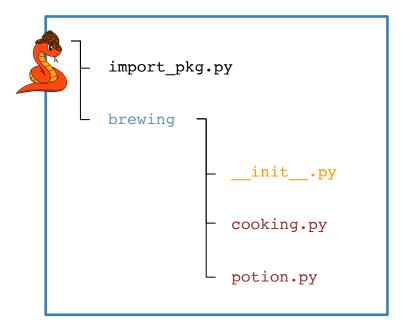


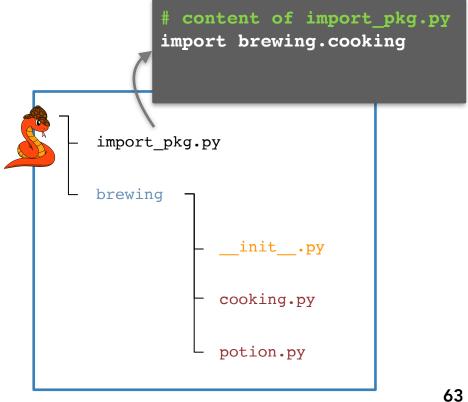


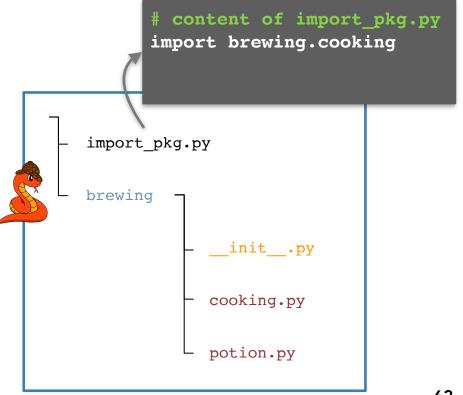


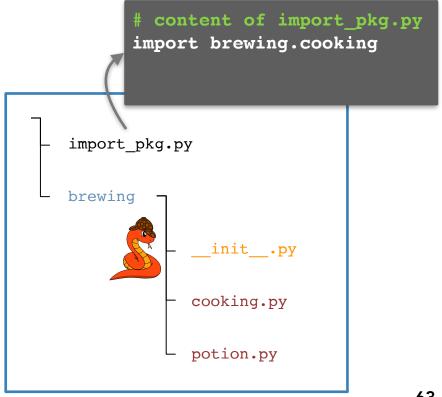


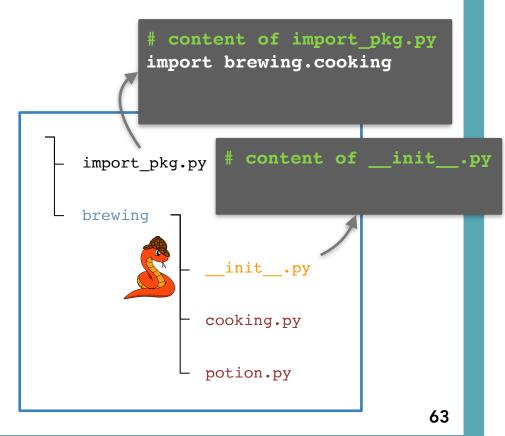
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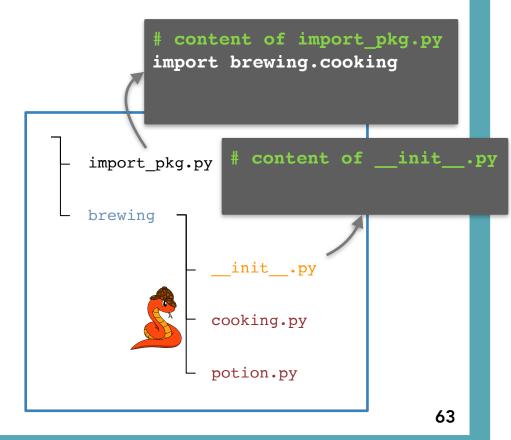












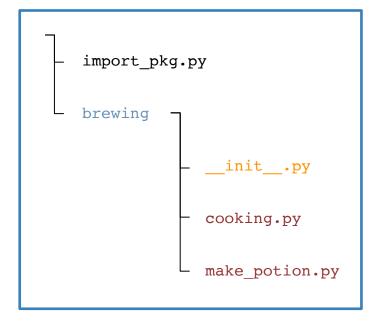
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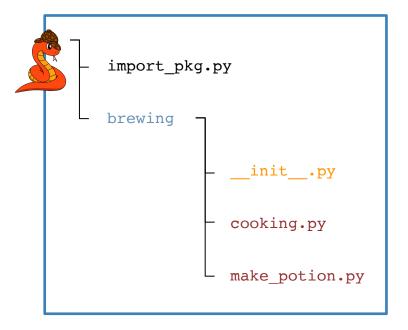
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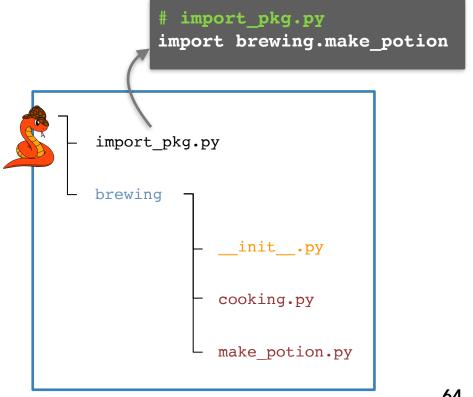
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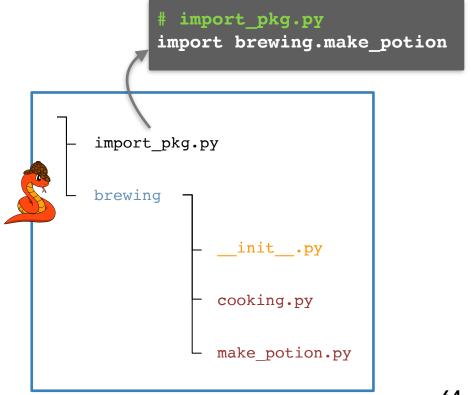


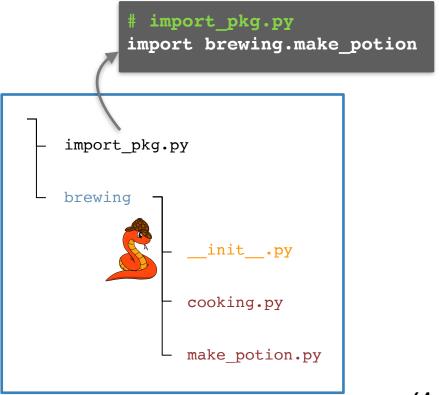
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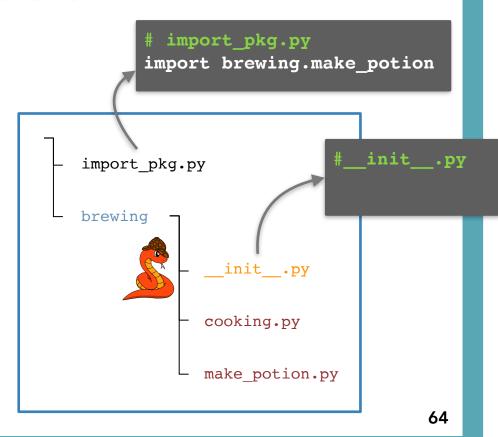


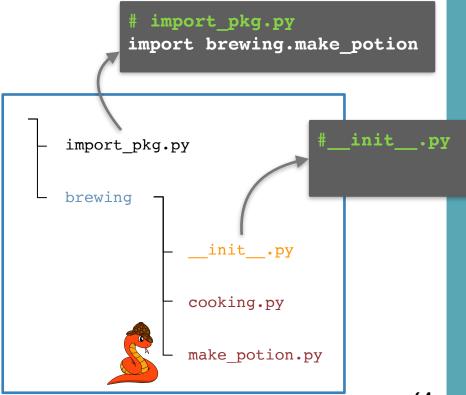


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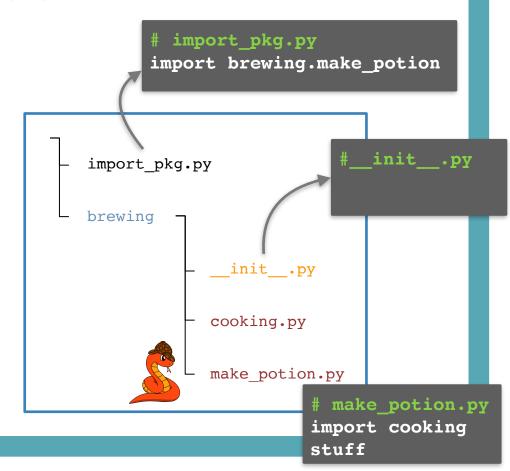




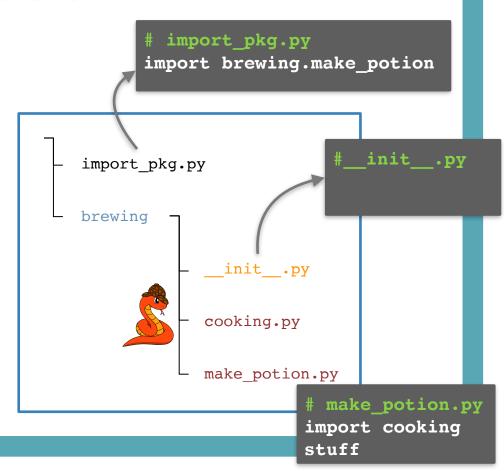




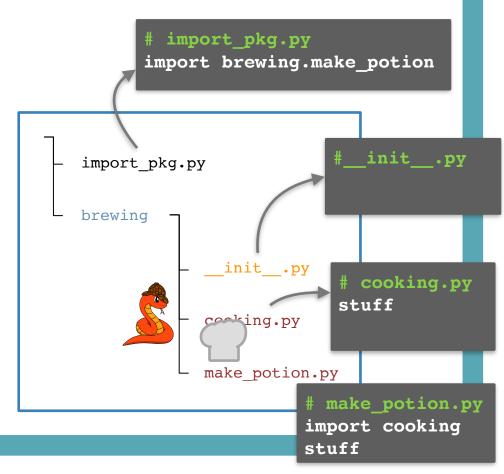
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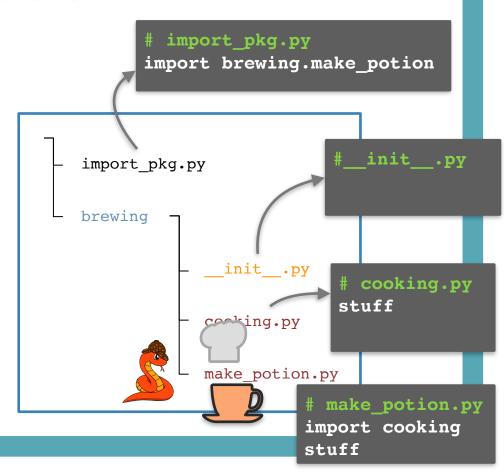
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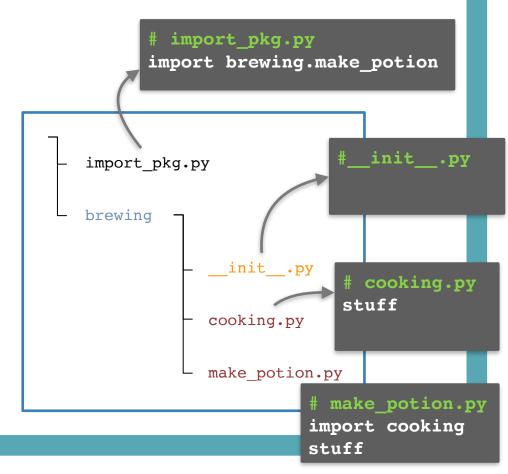


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Keeping track of docstrings

- Most commonly used hosting websites: facilitate building, versioning, and hosting
 - github.io
 - readthedocs.org
- Automate documentation
 - Sphinx: a package to collect docstrings and create a nicely formatted documentation website