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In Python anything can be anything

- Let's talk about this and stick to Python 3.10+
- How to prevent the mess
- Tools



Do we have data?

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print(len(V) if isinstance(V, list) else 42)
```

Some hours later and we have functions

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Union[U, V] $== U \mid V$

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from typing OR collections.abc

Apparently we are supposed to use collections abc.

Callable[[Arg, ...ArgN],Result]

Callable[..., Result]

Iterable[T]

Sequence[T] == tuple[T, ...]

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Iterable has __iter__ and is uncountable.

Callable Callable

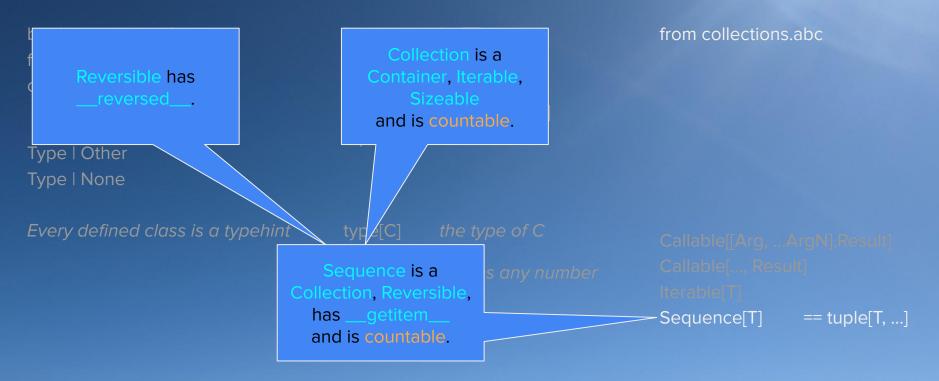
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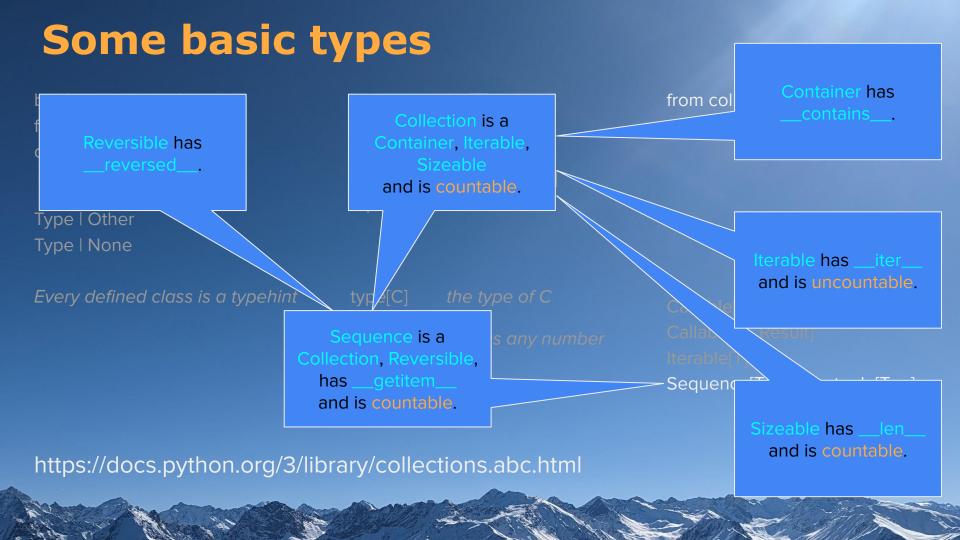
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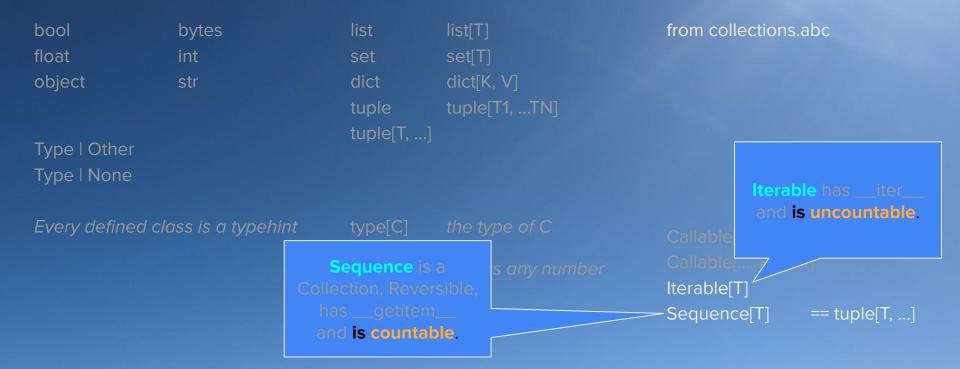
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MyPy

Install

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Mypy is a useless product. Python is a dynamic language. You are wasting yours, and, something I will never forgive you, my time. Please remove this [...]. Get a life.

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For us it flagged a lot of dynamic typing bugs before stuff went to production so it was cost effective. (usecase: enterprise software).

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Nothing is ever easy

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Nothing is checked unless there are type annotations.

Functions **must** have a return type annotation.

Flags:

- Disallow untyped
- Strict
- Things get complex -> use a config file.
 https://mypy.readthedocs.io/en/stable/config_file.htm

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mypy --disallow-untyped-defs mypy --strict mypy --config-file <ini-style-file>

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An example...

```
def Read(
     files,
     root = None):
  text = None
  for f in files:
    path = root + f
    with open(path, 'r') as f:
    text = text + f.read()
  return text
```

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An example... let's add some types.

```
def Read(
    files: list[str],
    root: str | None = None) -> str:
  text: str | None = None
  for f in files:
    path: str = root + f
    with open(path, 'r') as f:
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```
$> mypy test.py
test.py:6: error: Unsupported left operand type for +
("None") [operator]
test.py:6: note: Left operand is of type "str | None"
test.py:7: error: Incompatible types in assignment
(expression has type "TextlOWrapper", variable has type
"str") [assignment]
test.py:8: error: "str" has no attribute "read" [attr-defined]
test.py:9: error: Incompatible return value type (got "str |
None", expected "str") [return-value]
Found 4 errors in 1 file (checked 1 source file)
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Run mypy

Address errors!

- If we concat root die and filename,
 then we likely want a '/' separator.
- 2) The variable `f` was already defined as a string.It cannot suddenly become a TextIOWrapper.So we use a different name to clearly differentiate.
- 3) The function may return None, so we annotate that.

```
def Read(
     files: list[str],
     root: str | None = None) -> str | None:
text: str | None = None
for f in files:
   path: str = (root + '/' if root else '') + f
   with open(path, 'r') as file:
   text = text + file.read()
return text
```

Typehints work nicely for everything that is already defined.

```
class Foo:
pass
```

```
class Bar:

def Foos(self, foo: Foo) -> None:

pass
```

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Init methods should be annotated.

- They have a shortcut:
 The None return type can be omitted,
 if at least one param is annotated.
- But that is inconsistent, so avoid.

```
class Foo:
      def ___init___(self) -> None:
            pass
      def Bars(self, bar: Bar):
            pass
class Bar:
      def __init__(self, foo: Foo):
            pass
      def Foos(self, foo: Foo):
            pass
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from typing import ClassVar

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A callable member can be a ClassVar.

from typing import Callable, ClassVar

class Foo:

member: ClassVar[int] = 42

call: ClassVar[Callable[[Foo, int], None]

Circularity

Sometimes code is separated into multiple files.

And sometimes that creates circular dependencies.

Using typing.TYPE_CHECKING allows to break those.

bar.py

from foo import BarList

class Bar:
 def BarList(self) -> 'list[Bar]':
 return BarList(self)

util.py

from typing import TYPE_CHECKING

if TYPE_CHECKING: import bar

def BarList(arg: 'bar.Bar') -> 'list[bar.Bar]':
 return [arg]

Some libraries and generated code have type stubs.

Their annotations may not be available at runtime.

TYPE_CHECKING + future annotations to the rescue.

from __future__ import annotations from typing import TYPE_CHECKING

if TYPE_CHECKING:
 from _typeshed import SupportsRead

def Read(data: SupportsRead, count) -> Any
return data.read(count)

TYPE_CHECKING sometimes helps you pick right.

from __future__ import annotations from typing import TYPE_CHECKING

if TYPE_CHECKING:
from grpc_health.v1 import health_pb
else:

from health_grpc_py_proto_pb.src.proto.grpc.health.v1 import health_pb

def CheckHealth(health: health_pb) -> bool
 return True

Type Stubs allow to explain complex type rules.

The can handle generics, methods and much much more.

They are very useful for SWIG and other forms of binding.

first.py

```
def _marker = object()

def first(iterable, default=_marker):
    try:
    return next(iter(iterable))
    except StopIteration as e:
    if default is _marker:
        raise ValueError('empty value or no default'
        ) from e
    return default
```

first.pyi

```
from typing import Iterable from typing_extensions import TypeVar, overload
```

```
_T = TypeVar('_T')
_U = TypeVar('_U')
```

@overload def first(iterable: Iterable[_T]) -> _T: ...

@overload def first(iterable: Iterable[_T], default: _U) -> _TI_U: ...

One of the most useful things is to keep runtime simple.

While at the same time being very precise when checking!

The example on the right demonstrates OpenTextMode.

open.py

```
def open(file, mode = 'r'):
...
```

open.pyi

from typing import Iterable from typing_extensions import TypeVar, overload

OpenTextMode = Literal["r", "r+"] # AND MANY MORE

def open(file: str, mode: OpenTextMode = 'r')

Beyond the ducks

Type stubs can explain complex class type requirements.

The example defines a Protocol typehint OpenRead:

- which has two methods: open and read.
- the signature of open follows builtin open.
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from typing import Protocol

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def read(self) -> str: ...

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Their types (e.g. Data) must also adhere but not inherit!

```
from typing import Protocol
class OpenRead(Protocol):
 def open(self, file: str) -> None
 def read(self) -> str: ...
class Data:
 def open(self, file: str) -> None
  self.data = open(file)
 def read(self) -> str:
  return data.read()
def Read(thing: OpenRead) -> str:
 return thing.read()
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Dependencies

I don't wanna do it all myself

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argparse-formatter freezegun humanize parameterized pytimeparse requests responses

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paddlepaddle~=2.6.1 pandas>=2.2 pyarrow==15.0.2 protobuf>=5.26.0,<6

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Separate required modules from system constraints with -c.

Separate common requirements using -r.

requirements.txt

-c constraints.txt paddlepaddle pandas

constraints.txt

pandas>=2.2 # Security issue pyarrow==15.0.2 # Format compatibility protobuf>=5.26.0 # NO MAX VERSION



Considerations

Submit the lock file? Which repositories to allow? How to monitor transitive dependencies? When and how often to update? What if dependencies cannot be upgraded? What about licenses?

Github

```
.pre-commit-config.yaml
name: "mypy check"
on: [pull_request]
jobs:
 static-type-check:
  runs-on: ubuntu-latest
  steps:
  - uses: actions/checkout@v2
  - uses: actions/setup-python@v3
   with:
    python-version: '3.11'
  - run: pip install mypy
  - name: Get Python changed files
   id: changed-py-files
   uses: tj-actions/changed-files@v23
   with:
    files: **.py
  - name: Run if any of the listed files above is changed
   if: steps.changed-py-files.outputs.any_changed == 'true'
```

Bazel

```
MODULES.bazel
_PYTHON_VER = "3.12"
bazel_dep(name = "rules_python", version = "0.34.0", dev_dependency = True)
bazel_dep(name = "rules_mypy", version = "0.6.0")
bazel_dep(name = "aspect_rules_py", version = "0.8.0")
python = use_extension("@rules_python//python/extensions:python.bzl", "python",
  dev_dependency = True)
python.toolchain(configure_coverage_tool = True, is_default = True, python_version = _PYTHON_VER)
use_repo(python, "python_" + PYTHON_VER.replace(".", "_"), "python_versions")
pip = use_extension("@rules_python//python/extensions:pip.bzl", "pip", dev_dependency = True)
pip.parse(experimental_index_url = "https://pypi.org/simple", hub_name = "my_pip_deps",
  python_version = _PYTHON_VER, requirements_lock = "//:requirements_lock.txt")
use_repo(pip, "my_pip_deps")
types = use_extension("@rules_mypy//mypy:types.bzl", "types")
types.requirements(name = "pip_types", pip_requirements = "@my_pip_deps//:requirements.bzl",
  requirements_txt = "//:requirements.in")
use_repo(types, "pip_types")
tools = use_extension("@aspect_rules_py//py:extensions.bzl", "py_tools")
tools.rules py tools()
use_repo(tools, "rules_py_pex_2_3_1")
```

Bazel

BUILD

```
load("@rules_python//python:pip.bzl", "compile_pip_requirements")
exports_files([
    "mypy.ini",
    "requests.txt",
])

compile_pip_requirements(
    name = "requirements",
    src = "requirements.in",
    requirements_txt = "requirements_lock.txt",
)
```

Do not be disruptive

Checks have to be fast.

Checks have to be helpful.

The team has to accept (not agree).

Things must be documented.

Sanity for everyone

Github

.pre-commit-config.yaml

repos:

- repo: https://github.com/pre-commit/pre-commit-hooks

rev: v3.4.0 hooks:

- id: trailing-whitespace

- id: end-of-file-fixer

- id: check-yaml

- repo: https://github.com/MichaelAquilina/pre-commit-hooks

rev: 316de29ff011015cf49b2d64d9fba41abf8e4281

hooks:

- id: requirements-txt-fixer

- repo: https://github.com/psf/black

rev: 24.4.2

hooks:

- id: black

- repo: https://github.com/pycga/isort

rev: 5.12.0 hooks:
- id: isort

Custom stuff

Github

.pre-commit-config.yaml

repos:

- repo: local hooks:
 - id: no-do-not-merge

name: No 'DO NOT MERGE'

description: |

- * No: 'DONOTMERGE', 'DONOTSUBMIT'
- * No: 'DO NOT MERGE', 'DO NOT SUBMIT'
- * No: 'DON'T MERGE', 'DON'T SUBMIT'
- * Or the same with underscores instead of spaces to prevent merging.
- * To run `pre-commit` without this hook, run `SKIP="no-do-not-merge" kpre-commit`.
- * Use `export SKIP="no-do-not-merge"` to disable the hook locally.

language: pygrep

args: [-i]

entry: DO([_]?NOTIN'T)[_]?(SUBMITIMERGE)

exclude: ^.pre-commit-config.yaml\$

types: [text]

Custom stuff

Github

.pre-commit-config.yaml

repos:

- repo: local hooks:
 - id: no-todos-without-context name: No TODOs without context description: |
 - * Use descriptive, referenceable TODOs and FIXMEs. Like:
 - * \text{\text{//} TODO(nero.windstriker)}\text{\text{\text{}}}
 - * `# FIXME(https://my.company.com/bugs/XYZ-919)`
 - * \'/* TODO(XYZ-919) */`
 - * Read google style guide for details.
 - * A bug or other URL reference is better than a person, as the person may leave the team/company.
 - * A developer can be identified by their email addresses (or just the handle@).
 - * If a developer is referenced then it does not need to be the one writing the TODO.
 - * It is more important to note the most knowledgable person.
 - * If you add someone else, first clarify with them.

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