

Stani's Python Editor

Python IDE with Blender, Kiki, PyChecker, wxGlade & XRC support



User Manual

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1 Introduction

1.1 About



Stani's Python Editor

SPE is a cross-platform python IDE with auto indentation, auto completion, call tips, syntax coloring, syntax highlighting, uml viewer, class explorer, source index, automatic todo list, sticky notes, integrated pycrust shell, python file browser, recent file browser, drag&drop, context help, ... Special is its Blender support with a Blender 3d object browser and its ability to run interactively inside Blender.

SPE runs on Windows, Linux and Mac OS X.

SPE is extensible with wxGlade.

1.2 Plugins

SPE ships with

- wxGlade (gui designer)
- PyChecker (source code doctor)
- Kiki (regular expression console)

SPE also integrates with

- XRCed (gui designer)

1.3 Internet links

- Homepage: <http://SPE.pycs.net>
- Website: <http://projects.blender.org/projects/SPE>
- Screenshots: <http://SPE.pycs.net/pictures/index.html>
- Forum: <http://projects.blender.org/forum/?groupid=30>
- RSS feed: <http://SPE.pycs.net/weblog/rss.xml>

1.4 Copyright

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1.5 License

SPE is released under the GPL. If you need SPE under another license, contact the author.

2 Installation

If you encounter any problems during or after installation, be sure to also read the FAQ.

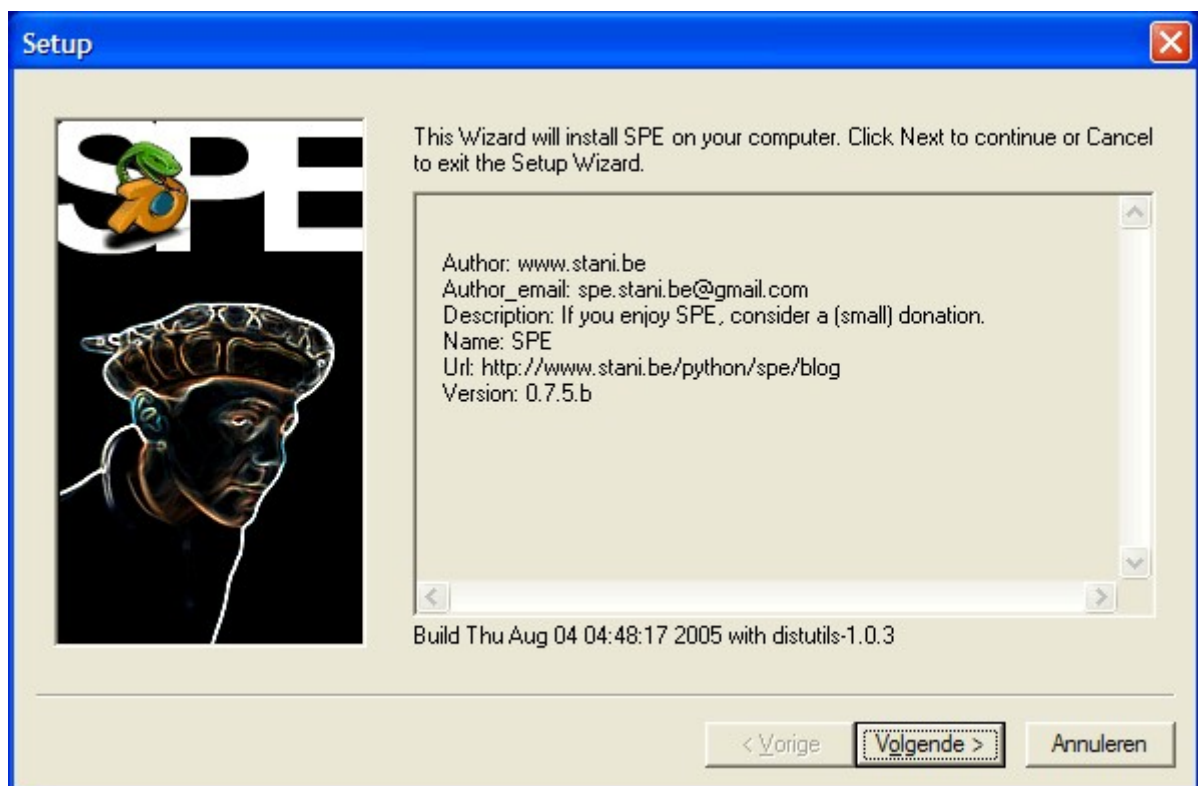
2.1 Requirements

- Python 2.3+
We recommend ActivePython distribution because of its excellent help files:
<http://www.activestate.com/Products/ActivePython/index.html>
- wxPython 2.6+
SPE follows the wxPython releases. Always use the latest wxPython release.
- Optional:
 - Blender 2.37
Cross-platform 3D software solution from modeling, animation, rendering and post-production to interactive creation and playback.
 - Win32 extensions (Windows only)
This module is needed to create shortcuts on Desktop and Start Menu during installation. This module is standard included in ActivePython

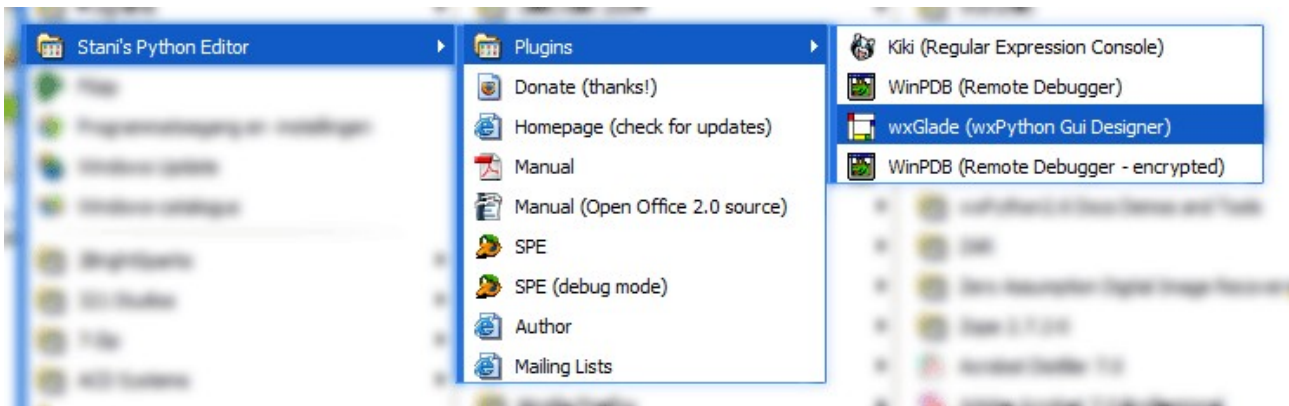
2.2 Windows

Install

Use the win32 installer (SPE-*-wx*-bl*.exe). Do not use the script `spe_winstall.py`, it will be called by the win32 installer automatically.



This will create icons on desktop & start menu and register SPE in the context menu of Windows Explorer:



Uninstall

Uninstall SPE with Add/Remove Programs in the Windows control panel. SPE should be mentioned as 'Python x.x SPE-x.x.x.x' If you don't find this entry, than do the action (Unix*) below.

2.3 Unix*: Linux, FreeBSD, ...

Install

Run the 'setup.py' script:

```
>python setup.py install
```

If you have any problems with permissions:

```
>sudo python setup.py install
```

This will install SPE in the standard library directory of python:
/usr/local/lib/pythonX.X/site-packages

A wrapper script called 'SPE' will be installed to PREFIX/bin. If necessary add PREFIX/bin to your PATH environment variable. PREFIX is determined by the install location of the modules, i.e. for the above PREFIX=/usr/local.

When SPE is launched in Blender, what might be missing in the PYTHONPATH, is /usr/local/lib/python2.3/site-packages. If you add this one in your .bashrc/.tcshrc/... to the PYTHONPATH variable everything should be fine (the subdirs SPE,sm,etc. aren't needed). Though you must start Blender from a bash – e.g. desktop menus usually don't read the .bashrc/.tcshrc/... and therefore Blender does not know about your user defined environment variables. If you set the PYTHONPATH in /etc/profile instead of .bashrc/.tcshrc/... then starting SPE/SPE from Blender will work also from menus.

Uninstall

Remove any '_spe' and 'sm' folders from your python site-packages directory.:

```
/usr/local/lib/pythonX.X/site-packages
```

One needs also to remove /usr/local/bin/SPE manually.

2.4 Mac Os X

Please follow same instructions as Unix*

★ So, why there is no specific Mac installer?

This can be solved easily. If you would donate a little more, I could buy a Mac Mini. This will not help only to release, but also to optimize SPE for Mac. A lot of money is there already, so please help to fill the last gap (or donate your old mac). Read more about this fund raising on the [SPE homepage](#).

3 Getting Started

3.1 Startup

Normal mode

Windows

Open the SPE folder and type 'python SPE.py' at the command prompt or make a shortcut to your desktop.

Linux, FreeBSD, Mac Os X, ...

Type 'SPE' on the command line (assuming PREFIX/bin is on your PATH)

Debugging mode

If you have problems starting up SPE, type at the command prompt:

```
> python SPE.py --debug
```

or if you want to report:

```
> python SPE.py --debug > debug.txt 2>&1
```

and send me the error message (debug.txt).

Blender mode

Open SPE.blend and press Alt+P in the corresponding text window.

When SPE is active, the Blender screen will always be redrawn automatically. So the results of any command you type in the interactive shell or of any program you run within SPE, will be visible in the Blender window. Unfortunately it is not possible to interact with Blender directly when SPE is active. So it is impossible to rotate for example the view with the mouse.

3.2 Syntax-checking

Every time you save SPE does syntax checking. If there is any error, SPE will jump to the line in the source code and try to highlight the error.

3.3 Refreshing

SPE has a lot of features like explore tree, index, todo list, and so on... This gets updated every time the file is saved or every time the refresh command is given. This can be done by pressing F5 on the keyboard, the refresh toolbar button or clicking the View>Refresh menu.

3.4 Running files

★ Warning:

SPE doesn't require you to save your files before running. However it is recommended to do so not to loose source code if your program makes SPE hang.

SPE provides many ways to run files:

Run (F9)

Use this by default, unless you have specific reasons to use the other ones. It will run in the namespace of the interactive shell. So all the objects and functions of your program become available in the shell and in the locals browser (the tab next to the shell).

Run with profile (Ctrl-P)

Same as above but with a profile added. A profile is a report of the program execution which shows which processes or functions are time consuming. So if you want to speed up your code, you can define the priorities based on this report.

Run in separate namespace (Ctrl-R):

Like run, but all the objects and functions defined by the program will not become available in the namespace of the interactive shell. Instead they will be defined in the dictionary 'namespace' of the interactive shell. So if the file 'script.py' is run in this way, type `namespace['script.py']` in the shell, to access this dictionary, or `namespace['script.py'].keys()` to get a list of all defined names, or `namespace['script.py'].items()` to get tuples of all the names and their values. More easy is to just browse 'namespace' in the locals browser.

Run verbose (Alt-R)

This is for very simple programs, which do not indent more than once. It will send all source lines, as if they were typed in the interactive shell. It is probably a good learning tool for beginners.

Import (F10)

Imports the source file as a module. For running files, they don't have to be saved. For importing files, it is recommended to save them first.

3.5 Separators

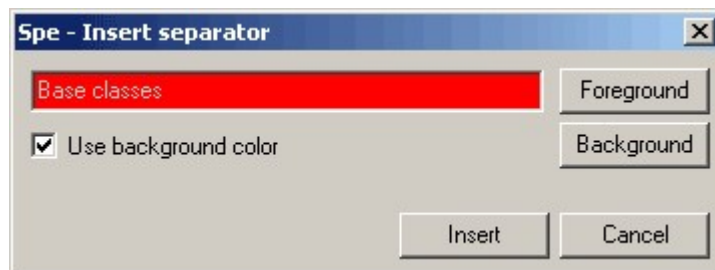
A separator is a label which appears in the explore tree of the sidebar to help structuring the script. An easy way to add separators is to use the 'Edit'>'Insert colored separator' wizard from the menu.

Syntax:

- normal: `#---label`
- colored: `#---label---#foreground color#background color`
- highlighted: `####label`

Foreground and background color are in html notation, eg.:

- red on blue label: `#---red on blue---#FF0000#0000FF`



3.6 Remember option

This can be activated by checking File>Remember or by pressing the heart toolbar button. It will open automatically the scripts which were open in the last session. Useful for Blender if you have to switch continuously between Blender and SPE.

3.7 Psycho

If you don't know the python psyco module, you can ignore this item, as it won't have any effect for you. Psycho programs can't run in SPE, as they disable the 'locals()' function. Of course you can edit programs using psyco in SPE, but if you want to run them, comment the psyco activation code out.

3.8 Customize

Keyboard shortcuts

If you want to change the default keyboard shortcuts, open a shortcut file (*.py) `_spe/shortcuts/shortcuts.py` and adapt it to your own taste. Save it with another name and fill in the name in preferences dialog box, of course without the '.py' extension.

Menus and toolbar (deprecated)

You can define your own menus and toolbar buttons, which can execute any python code and also external files. Look at 'framework/menus/Extra.py' for an example.

Instructions:

1. Suppose you want to add a new menu with the name 'XXX' to the menubar. Create a new file with the name XXX.py in the 'framework/menus/' directory

2. Import or define some actions, with the following structure:

```
def action(script, app, event) :  
    ...
```

The arguments of the function are:

- `script`: current script window
- `app`: application window
- `event`: event

Some usefull stuff:

- `script.fileName`
- `script.source`
 - `script.source.GetText()`
 - `script.source.SetText(text)`
 - `script.source.GetSelectedText()`
 - `script.source.ReplaceSelection(text)`
- `app.run(fileName)`
runs an external file
- `app.new()`
creates a new file
- `app.open(fileName, lineno, col)`
opens a file at given position
- `app.message(text)`
shows a dialog window with the text
- `app.messageEntry(text)`
shows a dialog prompting an entry
- `app.messageError(text)`
shows an error dialog window with the text
- `app.SetStatus(text)`
sets the status text

3. Define the 'main' function:

```
def main(app):  
    menu(app,  
        item(label=<str:label that will appear in menu>,  
              action=<function:that will be called>),  
        item(...),  
        SEPARATOR,  
        item(...),  
        item(...),  
        ...  
        SEPARATOR,  
        item(...),  
        ...)
```

If you want this menu item also to have a toolbar button, than make a 16x16pixels png image (transparency is allowed). The image has to be located in the menu folder. Pass the the fileName with the toolbar keyword:

```
item(label=<str:label that will appear in menu>,  
      action=<function:that will be called>,  
      toolbar=<str:fileName of the toolbar image (optional)>)
```

4 Features

4.1 Sidebar

- Class browser
- File browser
- Automatic todo list, highlighting the most important ones
- Automatic alphabetic source index of classes and methods
- Sticky notes

4.2 Tools

These tools appear as tabs down.

Shell

Interactive PyCrust shell

- Double mouse click to jump to error source code

Locals

Local object browser

- Left mouse click to open
- Right mouse click to run

Session

Separate session recorder

Find

Find recursively text in files

- Leave the 'Path' field empty to search in all open files

Browser

Quick access to python files in specified folders and their sub folders

- Left mouse click to open

Recent

Unlimited recent file list

- Left mouse click to open
- Right mouse click to run

Todo

Automatic todo list of all open files, highlighting the most important ones (jump to source)

- Left mouse click to jump to source

Index

Automatic alphabetic index of all open files (jump to source)

Notes

Sticky note for general development comments

Blender

Blender object browser. It is only working when SPE is launched in Blender mode.

Donate

If you like SPE, please consider to give a donation

4.3 Editor

As you type:

- Syntax-coloring
- Auto-indentation
- Auto-completion
- Call-tips

When you save a file:

- Syntax-checking

Uml view

- Graphical layout of class hierarchy

Special keyboard shortcuts

- Ctrl+Enter: browse source of module

4.4 Drag&Drop

Drag&drop any amount of files or folders on ...

- main frame to open them
- shell to run them
- recent files to add them
- browser to add folders

4.5 General

- Context help defined everywhere
- Add your own menus and toolbar buttons
- Exit & remember: all open files will next time automatically be loaded
 - handy for Blender sessions
 - heart icon on toolbar
- Scripts can be executed in different ways: run, run verbose and import

4.6 Blender

- Redraw the Blender screen on idle (no blackout)
- Blender object tree browser (cameras,objects,lamps,...)
- Add your favorite scripts to the menu
- 100% Blender compatible: can run within Blender, so all previous described features are available within Blender

4.7 Windows

- SPE registers itself in the windows explorer context menu
- optional creation of desktop and quick launch shortcuts

5 Tutorial

5.1 Introduction

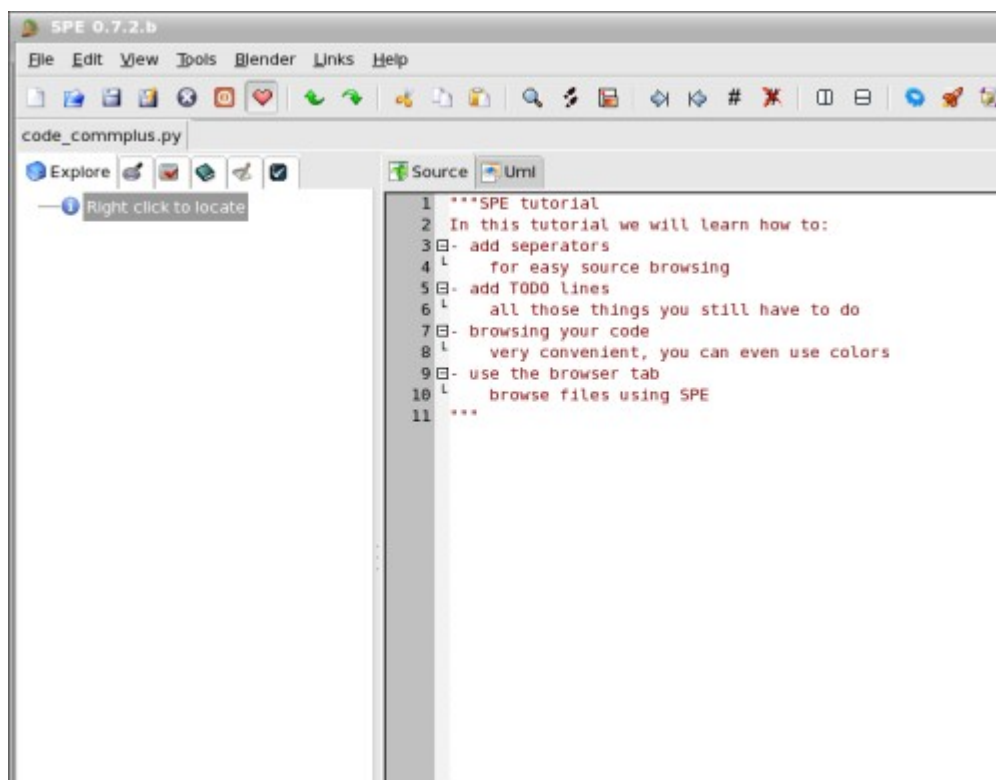
This tutorial was written by Dimitri from www.serpia.com Please visit his website for more Python tutorials.

The tutorial will focus primarily on the functionality of SPE's sidebar. SPE allows you, amongst many other things like syntax coloring, to create separators which makes it very easy to keep your code structured. This results in a clear and fast way to maintain your code more easily. So I won't tell you anything about SPE's blender support, if there is anyone who wants to write a tutorial on that subject (or any other subject regarding SPE), I'd be more than happy to add it to this webpage.

5.2 The comments

Let's start SPE and study the screen. SPE's main window is roughly divided into four parts. The upper part is where the file menu and toolbar resides, beneath it you will see two vertical windows, the left one is the sidebar and on the right you'll see the editor itself. On the bottom of the main window is the Python shell and clicking on one of the tabs will give you another view of you code. Some of these tabs are common to the one in the sidebar, but here you will find some extra functionality like a search function and an interface to Blender. As I said earlier, we will primarily focus on the sidebar.

First, add some comments for your source (something you should always do) starting on the first line of the editor. Something like depicted below:



code:

```
""""SPE tutorial
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- add TODO lines
    all those things you still have to do
- browsing your code
    very convenient, you can even use colors
- use the browser tab
    browse files using SPE
""""
```

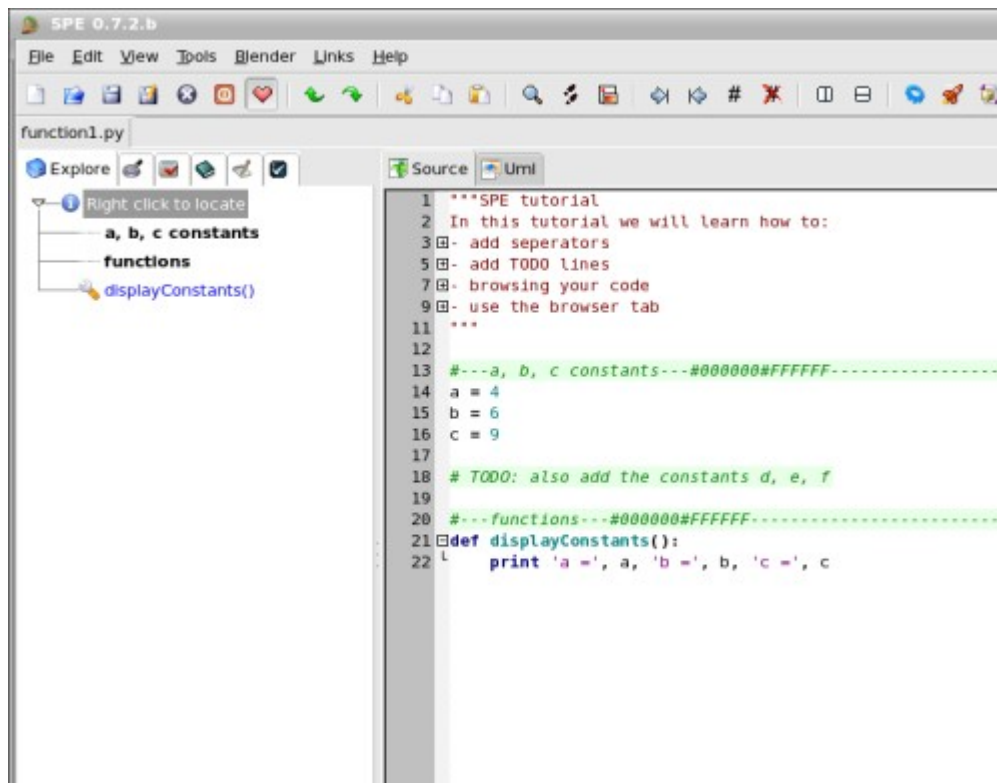
It is very convenient that the text can be placed inside a tree hierarchy, you can expand the text using '+' and vice versa. To give a line a lower hierarchy, press the <tab> key.

5.3 Adding a separator and todo

Adding a separator is a convenient way to structure your code, thus simpler to maintain. This is not only important for large files, you will find that it is also a great feature for smaller files (small files tend to grow bigger). You can add a separator using different methods: just type "#---some text" on an empty line in the editor, select it from the Edit menu or use the Alt+i shortcut. The newly created separator will appear in the explore tab of the sidebars. Rightclicking on the reference to the separator in the explore tab will locate it in your code. This allows you to quickly find chunks of code in your source without having to scroll up and down and staring at the screen. This is, from a view of usability, something that can actually increase your productivity.

Another handy feature is the auto creation of a todo list. Just add '# TODO:sometext' to your code and the todo tab of the sidebar will store the text following the '#TODO:' tag. A very easy way to keep track of the inevitable todo's! But of course, you can store all sorts of other information here for future references (e.g. 'this code fragment is from Harry's webtutorial'). A cool feature of the todo tag is that you can determine its priority by the amount of exclamation marks ("!"). The one with the most exclamation marks will be highlighted. As this you don't have to think any more about the order in which you insert your todo's. There is a special tab dedicated to the todo's on the sidebar, here you can see the priorities of your todo's.

In the next picture you can see that I also added a function definition, this will also appear in the sidebar. The reference for this function in the sidebar uses a blue font and you can use it to jump to the location in your source code. [SPE's author](#) was smart enough to add an icon also, human beings are visually orientated and icons work very well in this regard.



code: function1

```

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"""

#---a, b, c constants---#000000#FFFFFF-----
a = 4
b = 6
c = 9

# TODO: also add the constants d, e, f

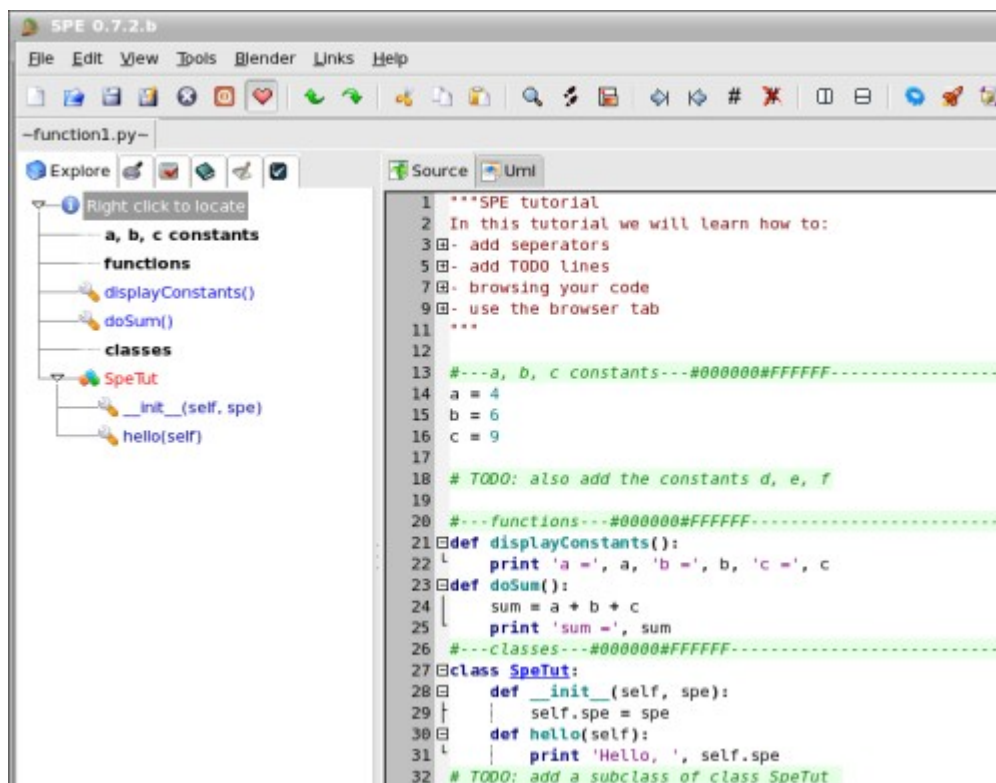
#---functions---#000000#FFFFFF-----
def displayConstants():
    print 'a =', a, 'b =', b, 'c =', c

```

5.4 Browsing a class

The next thing we'll do is to add a class to our program, but first let's create another separator named "classes". By doing so, it will be easier to identify the location of your classes. Beneath this separator we will create a class named *SpeTut*, this class contains two methods, `__init__` (aka the constructor) and the method *hello*. As you can see in the picture below, the class browser *SpeTut* will be visible in the explore tab, including the aforementioned methods. Use the little triangle on the leftside to expand the tree and vice versa. The reference to the class in the explore tab has a red font and a unique icon (click on it to expand the tree!). You can also add a separator inside a class, a nice feature for larger classes with many methods.

One note though, after you have added a separator, a function or the like you have to refresh the tree by returning it to the highest hierarchy using the triangle.



code: 2func_class

```
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"""

#--a, b, c constants---#000000#FFFFFF-----
a = 4
b = 6
c = 9

# TODO: also add the constants d, e, f

#--functions---#000000#FFFFFF-----
def displayConstants():
    print 'a =', a, 'b =', b, 'c =', c
def doSum():
    sum = a + b + c
    print 'sum =', sum
#--classes---#000000#FFFFFF-----
class SpeTut:
    def __init__(self, spe):
        self.spe = spe
    def hello(self):
        print 'Hello, ', self.spe
# TODO: add a subclass of class SpeTut
```

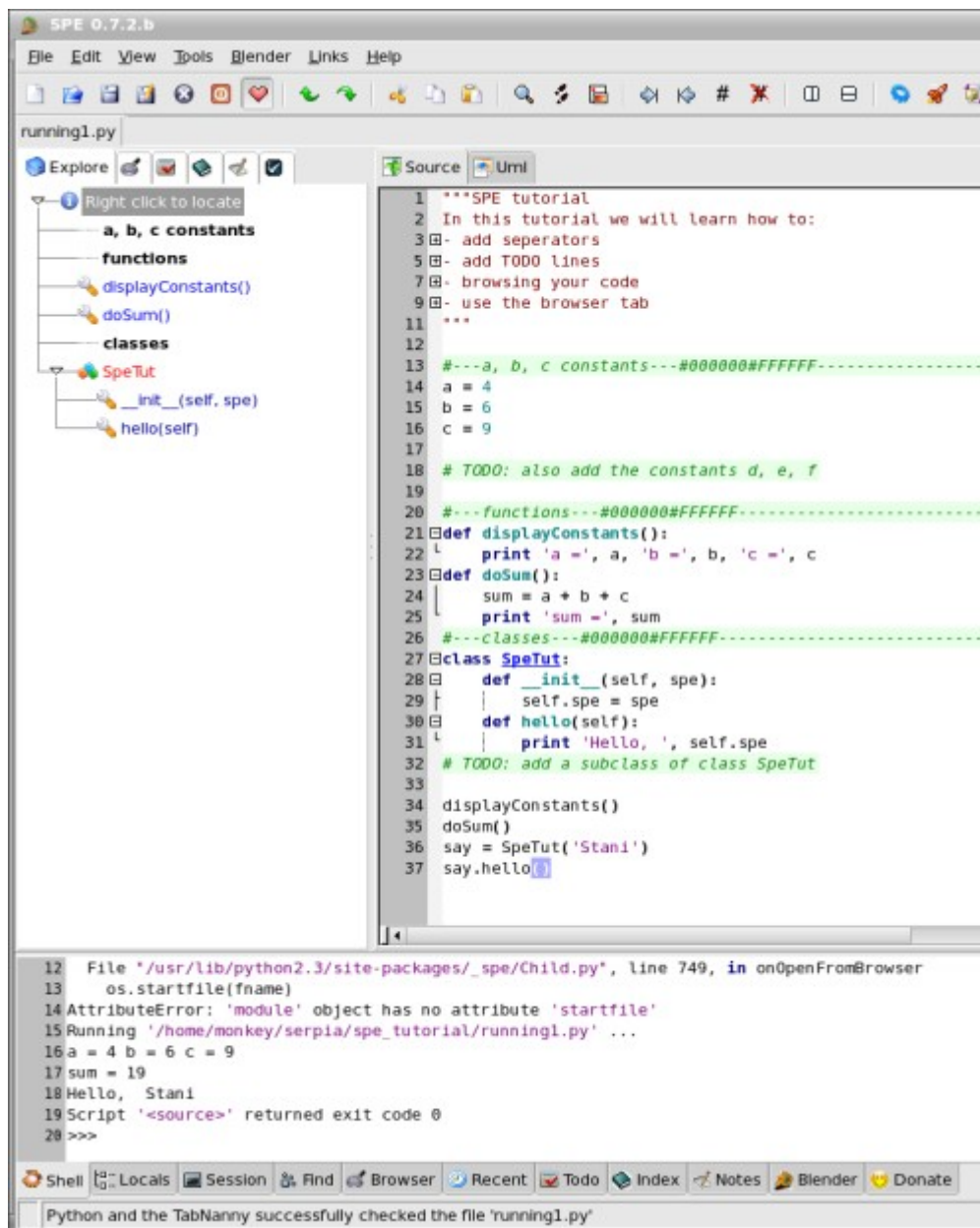
5.5 Run that py!

Now it's time to run our little program, so add:

- `displayConstant()` [this runs the function definition]
- `doSum()` [this runs the function definition]
- `say = SpeTut('Stani')` [this creates an *instance* with an *argument*]
- `say.hello()` [this runs the method from the class]

to the source code

Use F9 or use the icon on the toolbar and the code will be executed. You can see the output in the Python shell in the lower area of SPE's main window. It's a good practice to do this often as you're building your code. Another nice feature of the sidebar is the source code checker (PyChecker). You can use it by clicking on the appropriate tab located in the sidebar.



code: [running1](#)

```
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b = 6
c = 9

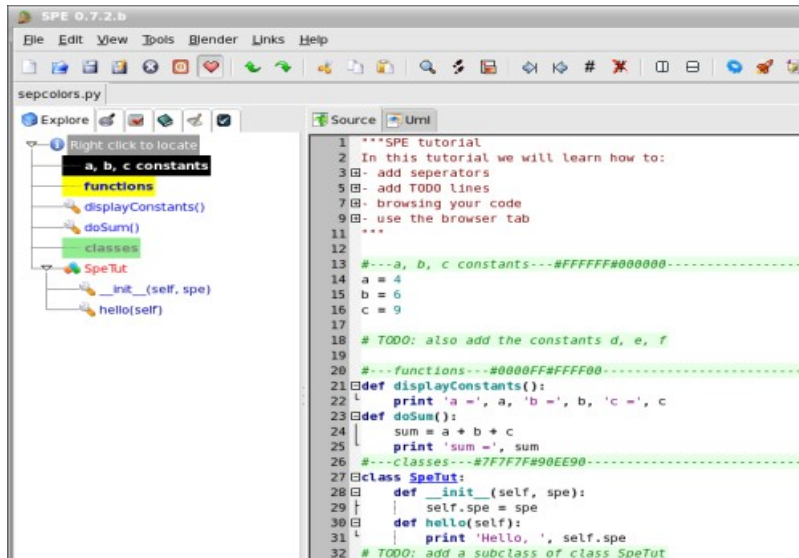
# TODO: also add the constants d, e, f

#--functions---#000000#FFFFFF-----
def displayConstants():
    print 'a =', a, 'b =', b, 'c =', c
def doSum():
    sum = a + b + c
    print 'sum =', sum
#--classes---#000000#FFFFFF-----
class SpeTut:
    def __init__(self, spe):
        self.spe = spe
    def hello(self):
        print 'Hello, ', self.spe
# TODO: add a subclass of class SpeTut

displayConstants()
doSum()
say = SpeTut('Stani')
say.hello()
```

5.6 Life is full of colors

Adding colors to the separator makes it even easier to keep track of your code (as long as you don't turn it into a Christmas tree...). There are two ways to add colors to the separator, a convenient way is to use filemenu --> edit, another way is to type the colorcode (Hex, e.g. #7F7F7F). Use whatever suits you best.



code: sepcolors

```
"""SPE tutorial
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"""

#---a, b, c constants---#FFFFFF#000000-----
a = 4
b = 6
c = 9

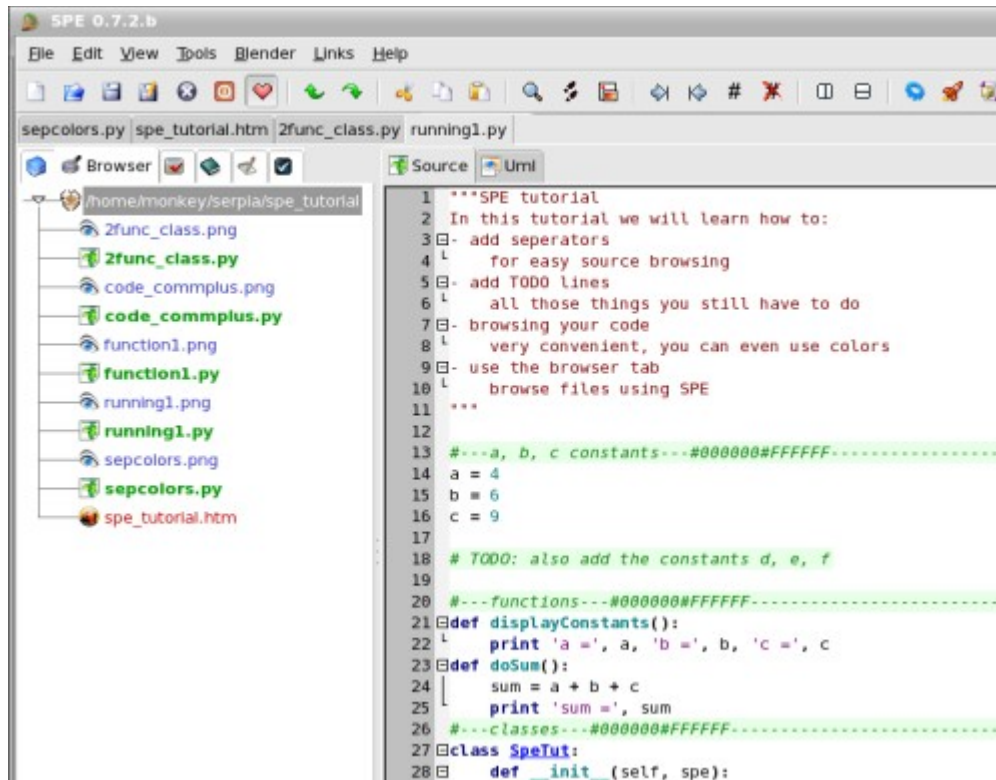
# TODO: also add the constants d, e, f

#---functions---#0000FF#FFFF00-----
def displayConstants():
    print 'a =', a, 'b =', b, 'c =', c
def doSum():
    sum = a + b + c
    print 'sum =', sum
#---classes---#7F7F7F#90EE90-----
class SpeTut:
    def __init__(self, spe):
        self.spe = spe
    def hello(self):
        print 'Hello, ', self.spe
# TODO: add a subclass of class SpeTut

displayConstants()
doSum()
say = SpeTut('Stani')
say.hello()
```

5.7 Browsing your files

Working on a project often means that you have a lot of files that you have keep track of. A recent feature makes it quite easy to do this. Just click on the browser tab and the files of your current directory will be displayed, right-click on a file and it is opened in SPE and you can edit the file. This works for Python files (yeah, right...), but you can also edit html files.



One last feature I will mention in this tutorial is the ability to create sticky notes. Just click on the notes tab located in the sidebar and type some notes about your program. Making notes about your program is more important then you might think, an idea you have today may be forgotten the next day (or the next hour), it's just a small effort to make notes and SPE makes this very easy for you. The notes will be saved as an external '.txt' file and has the same name as your file. Another simple but effective way to keep track of your coding. Once you make this empty, the external file will also disappear.

5.8 The end

Here is where my little tutorial ends (the second version anyway) and I just barely scratched the surface of SPE's functionality. If you are looking for a free Python IDE, you owe it to yourself to try SPE and I think you won't be disappointed. Okay, it lacks a full blown debugger that some *commercial* IDE's have, but the dynamic nature of Python makes it quite easy to do your "own" debugging. Oh, did I tell you that SPE includes wxGlade? You can find a [tutorial on wxGlade here!](#)

If you have found any errors or want some extra stuff explained in this tutorial (this is the second version after all), [please contact me.](#)

6 Debugger

6.1 Introduction

SPE & Debugger

To launch the debugger from SPE, choose “Debug” from the Tools menu in SPE. The python files of the debugger can be found in the “site-packages/_spe/plugins/winpdb” folder. The following documentation is general information about the Python Debugger. For further questions about the debugger, please use its source-forge project page for [support requests](#), [bug reports](#), and [forum](#): <http://sourceforge.net/projects/winpdb/>

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Reminder

Except for GUI documentation, whatever is written about Winpdb applies to rpdb2 too. Specifically, whenever `_winpdb.py` is used in the docs, it can be substituted with `_rpdb2.py`

6.2 Requirements

wxPython

To use the Winpdb GUI you need to install wxPython 2.6.x

You can still use `_rpdb2.py` which is the console version of the debugger even without wxPython.

<http://www.wxpython.org/>

Python Cryptography Toolkit

Winpdb uses the Python Cryptography Toolkit to encrypt its socket communication. You can still [use Winpdb without the toolkit](#), but then connections will be authenticated only.

<http://www.amk.ca/python/code/crypto>

Firewalls

You may experience connectivity problems that stem from firewall protection. Winpdb communicates with debugees over sockets. These sockets require that TCP ports 51000 to 51019 be unblocked to outgoing connections on the debugger machine and to incoming connections on the debugee machine. Usually unblocking TCP port 51000 alone will be enough, unless more than one active debugee is present or port 51000 is occupied by another process.

Multiple Threading

Winpdb requires the presence of the *thread* module.

6.3 Launching and Attaching

So, you have installed Winpdb, what now?

To start the debugger on UNIX systems, open a console and type:

```
_winpdb.py
```

On Windows systems you start the debugger with:

```
python %PYTHONHOME%\Scripts\_winpdb.py
```

Use the `-h` flag for command line help. A common flag at this point is `-t` which allows Winpdb to start even if the [Crypto package](#) is not installed.

The above technique starts the debugger, without starting a debug session, in the DETACHED state. You can start a debug session from the command line by appending the debug script name and its command line arguments to the command line of the debugger. For example:

```
_winpdb.py myscript.py myscript_arg1 myscript_arg2 ...
```

This will automatically launch the debugged script when the debugger starts. During this phase the debugger will move from the DETACHED state, through the LAUNCHING, ATTACHING, and BROKEN states. Once the debugger reaches the BROKEN state, it is ready for further commands.

Another option is to start the debugger and launch the script from the debugger console with the *launch* command.

```
launch myscript.py myscript_arg1 myscript_arg2 ...
```

Attaching to a Running Script

Launching starts the debugged script on the local host. What if you want to debug a script on a remote machine? To do that you need to start the debugger on the remote machine in "debuggee" mode with the `-d` flag. Example:

```
_winpdb.py -d -r -p"mypassword" myscript.py myscript_arg1 myscript_arg2 ...
```

This will start the debugged script and break into it. At that point the debugged script (debuggee) remains frozen until a debugger attaches to it. The `-p` flag sets the [connection password](#) and the `-r` flag allows [connections from remote machines](#).

To attach to the debuggee start the debugger as follows:

```
_winpdb.py -p"mypassword" -ohostname -a myscript.py
```

This will start the debugger and initiate an attachment attempt to the script *myscript.py* on host *hostname*. Another option is to start the debugger and attach from the debugger console with the *password*, *host*, and *attach* commands as follows:

```
password mypassword
host hostname
attach myscript.py
```

Using the *attach* command without argument will list all scripts available for attachment on the given host.

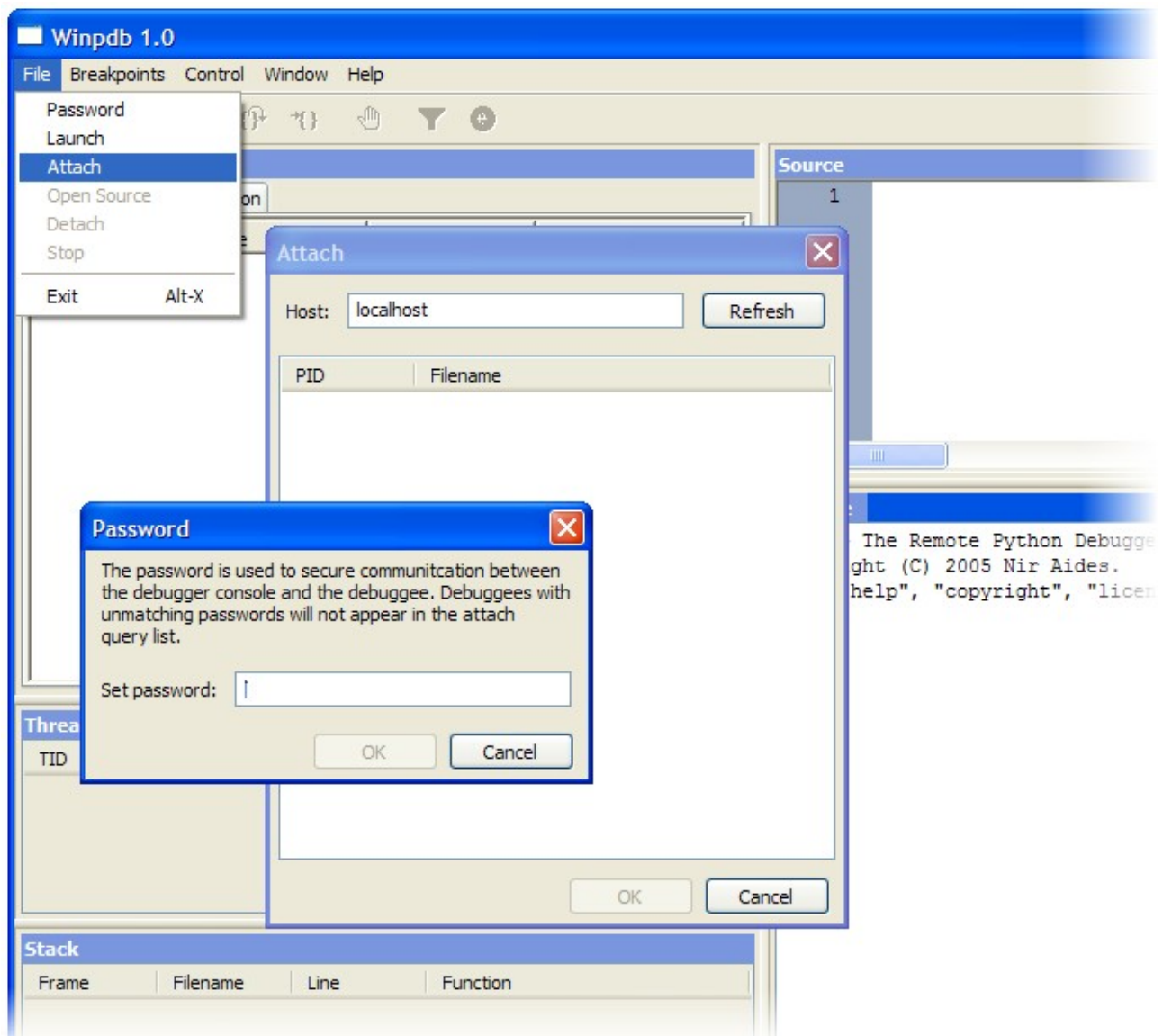
6.4 GUI control:

Setting a Password

To set the connection password click File->Password. This option is available only when the debugger is in the detached state.

Attaching to a Script

To attach to a script click File->Attach. This option is available only when the debugger is in the detached state. If the attach option is selected without a password having been set, the password dialog will pop up automatically, requesting for a password. To attach to a script on a remote machine, type the machine hostname in the *Host* edit box and click the *Refresh* button. Only scripts that match the password will show up in the dialog. Also, note that connectivity issues such as firewall protection may prevent scripts from being detected.



6.5 Embedded Debugging

Normally you would start a debug session by launching a script from the debugger. However, in some scenarios this is not possible. For example python scripts that are embedded in other programs. You can still debug embedded scripts by using the following technique:

Add the following line to any script you wish to debug with the embedded debugging technique:

```
import rpdb2; rpdb2.start_embedded_debugger(password)
```

Once this line is invoked, the script will freeze for a default period of 5 minutes, waiting for a debugger to attach. The password is used to secure client/server (debugger/buggee) communication. Naturally, the debugger has to use the same password in order to successfully attach.

Interactive Passwords

It is recommended not to use a hard coded password in a script, since anyone with read access rights to the script may read the password and compromise your system security. Instead it is preferable to query the password interactively. If applicable you can use the following line as an alternative to the one suggested above:

```
import rpdb2; rpdb2.start_embedded_debugger_interactive_password()
```

A common flag for both functions is *fAllowUnencrypted*, which allows unencrypted connections in case the [crypto package](#) is not installed.

Embedded Timeout

What if for any reason you fail to attach to the frozen script? The frozen script waits for you to attach for a default period of 5 minutes, and when this timeout expires it will resume execution. This prevents the need to terminate the server hosting the python script or all kinds of other desperate attempts in the hope of terminating the frozen script.

The functions are brought here for your convenience:

```
def start_embedded_debugger(
    pwd,
    fAllowUnencrypted = False,
    fRemote = False,
    timeout = TIMEOUT_FIVE_MINUTES,
    fDebug = False
):

    """
    pwd      - The password that governs security of client/server communication
    fAllowUnencrypted - Allow unencrypted communications. Communication will
                        be authenticated but encrypted only if possible.
    fRemote  - Allow debugger consoles on remote machines to connect.
    timeout  - Seconds to wait for attachment before giving up. If None,
                never give up. Once the timeout period expires, the buggee will
                resume execution.
    fDebug   - debug output.
    """

    return __start_embedded_debugger(pwd, fAllowUnencrypted, fRemote, timeout,
    fDebug)
```

```
def start_embedded_debugger_interactive_password(
    fAllowUnencrypted = False,
    fRemote = False,
    timeout = TIMEOUT_FIVE_MINUTES,
    fDebug = False,
    stdin = sys.stdin,
    stdout = sys.stdout
):

    if g_server != None:
        return

    if stdout != None:
        stdout.write('Please type password:')

    pwd = stdin.readline()[:-1]

    return __start_embedded_debugger(pwd, fAllowUnencrypted, fRemote, timeout,
    fDebug)
```

6.6 Multiple Threads

Unique Little Beings

While few python debuggers support threading, Winpdb may be the first Python debugger to do it right. Winpdb uses a novel approach to handling threads in the context of a debugger. Python threads are unique little beings. Unlike C++, you can't always break into them (make them stop), since they are not always doing Python code, and may actually be blocked indefinitely in some C++ code. And yet, even more peculiar is the fact that a Python session may exist without any threads of execution at all, for example, think of the python interactive interpreter.

Breaking Into the Debugger

In debugger lingo "breaking into the debugger" means requesting the debuggee to pause for our inspection. In Winpdb this is nothing more than a polite request. Individual threads will break at their leisure, and until they do their state is reported as running. The cool thing about the Winpdb model is that we can still control the debuggee in this half broken state as if it was completely broken.

The second scenario, in which no threads exist at all when the break is requested, is only relevant to embedded debugging. In that case we can do very little until the first thread shows up on the radar and the debugger finally really breaks.

Threads of the thread module

There are three kinds of threads in Python. The main thread, threads created through the *threading* module, and threads created via the *thread* module. The first two types of threads are traced by Winpdb automatically. However threads created via the *threads* module are born invisible to Winpdb. To make Winpdb trace a thread created with the thread module, add the following line to the thread's function:

```
rpdb2.settrace()
```

Again, this line is only needed for threads created with *thread.start_new_thread()* and is ignored for other kind of threads.

6.7 Smart Breakpoints

Valid Line Breakpoints

Winpdb is the first python debugger that allows you to set breakpoints to valid lines only. In python, some source lines are never executed, so setting a breakpoint to such lines results in the debugger ignoring them. With Winpdb you don't have to guess which lines are valid since the debugger knows that for you, and sets the breakpoint to the nearest previous valid line.

Persistent Breakpoints

Winpdb automatically saves breakpoints when you end a debug session. Next time you start a debug session to the same script, you can load the saved breakpoints. You can even save and load breakpoints manually and have more than one set of breakpoints by specifying a breakpoints file name.

Sticky Breakpoints

Winpdb is the first python debugger that uses truly sticky breakpoints. You can change a script considerably, and yet, next time you debug it and load the saved breakpoints, they will remain in the correct source lines.

Console Commands:

bp – Set a breakpoint.

bl, bd, be, bc – List, disable, enable, and clear breakpoints respectively.

load, save – Load and save breakpoints respectively.

Examples

bp 28 – Set a breakpoint to line 28 in the current file.

bp myscript.py:28 – Set to line 28 in file myscript.py.

bp myscript.py:CMyClass.my_method – Set to first line of method my_method of class CMyClass

bp foo, i > 100 – Set a conditional breakpoint to first line of function foo.

*bd * – Disable all breakpoints.*

save – Save breakpoints to the default session file.

save my_breakpoint_file – Save breakpoints to a file named 'my_breakpoint_file.bpl'.

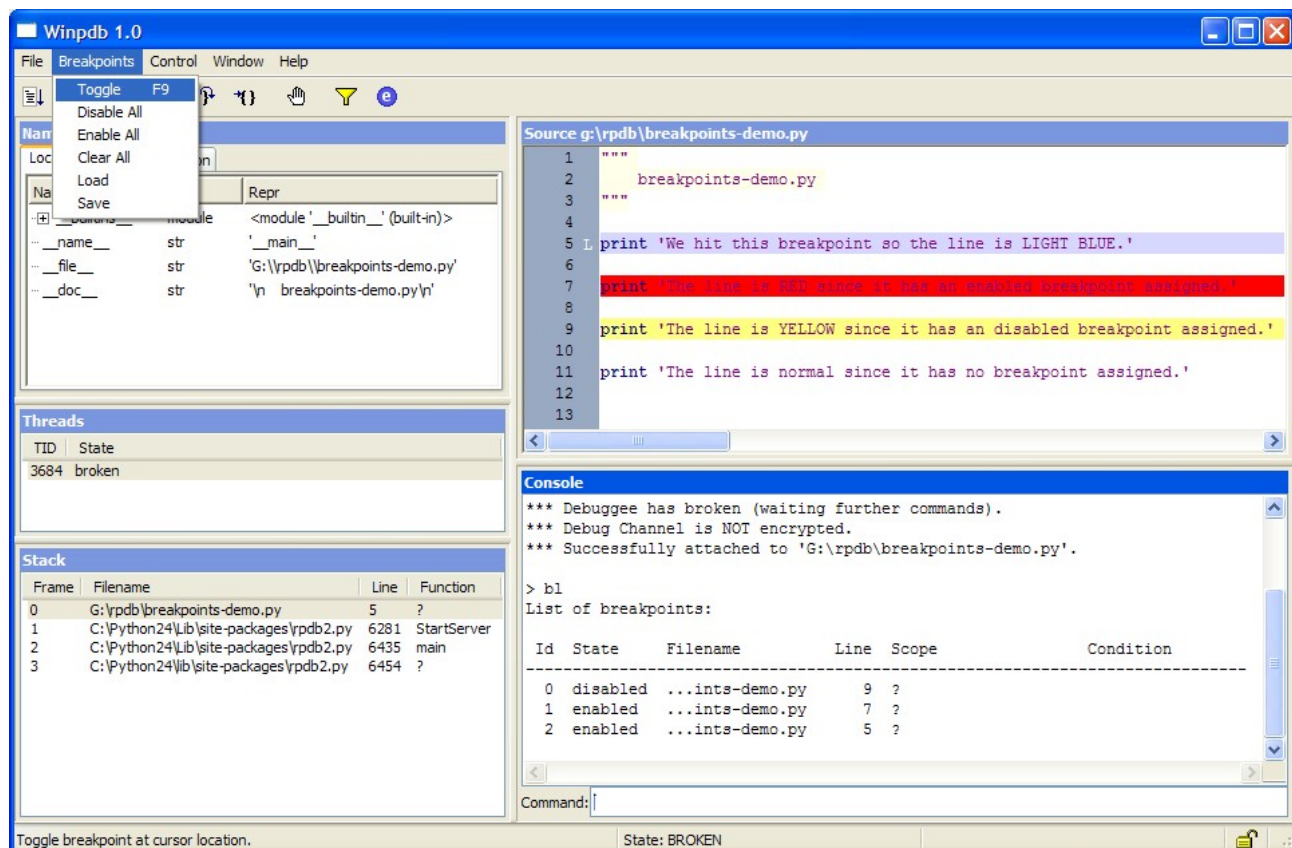
GUI control:

Toggle a Breakpoint

To toggle a breakpoint in the current line in the current file, click Breakpoints->Toggle or F9
Another option is to click the left margin of a source line in the source viewer.

Breakpoint Color

Breakpoints are represented in the source viewer as a colored background for a line with a breakpoint. The colors are RED for an enabled breakpoint and YELLOW for a disabled breakpoint. When a breakpoint is hit its color is LIGHT BLUE.



6.8 Security

Authenticated Communication

As a remote debugger Winpdb uses sockets to communicate between the debugger and the debugged script (debuggee). This communication is password authenticated, so that an intruder will not be able to control the debuggee.

Encrypted Communication

By default the socket communication is also encrypted. Winpdb uses the Python Cryptographic Toolkit (<http://www.amk.ca/python/code/crypto>) for encryption. Encryption can be allowed off (example: if the Crypto module is not present) with the -t flag.

Automatic Passwords

If a debug session is launched from Winpdb without having set a password, a pseudo random password will be generated transparently, without interrupting the user.

Remote Connections Denial

By default, the debuggee denies remote connections, and only accepts debugger connections from the local host. However, the debuggee can be set to accept connections from remote machines with the -r flag.

Command Line Flags:

```
-t - Allow unencrypted connections
-p <password> - Set communication password
-r - Allow connections from remote machines.
```

Examples

Start Winpdb in allow unencrypted connections mode. This flag must be set if the Crypto toolkit is NOT installed, either on the debugger or on the debuggee machine:

```
_winpdb.py -t
```

Console Commands:

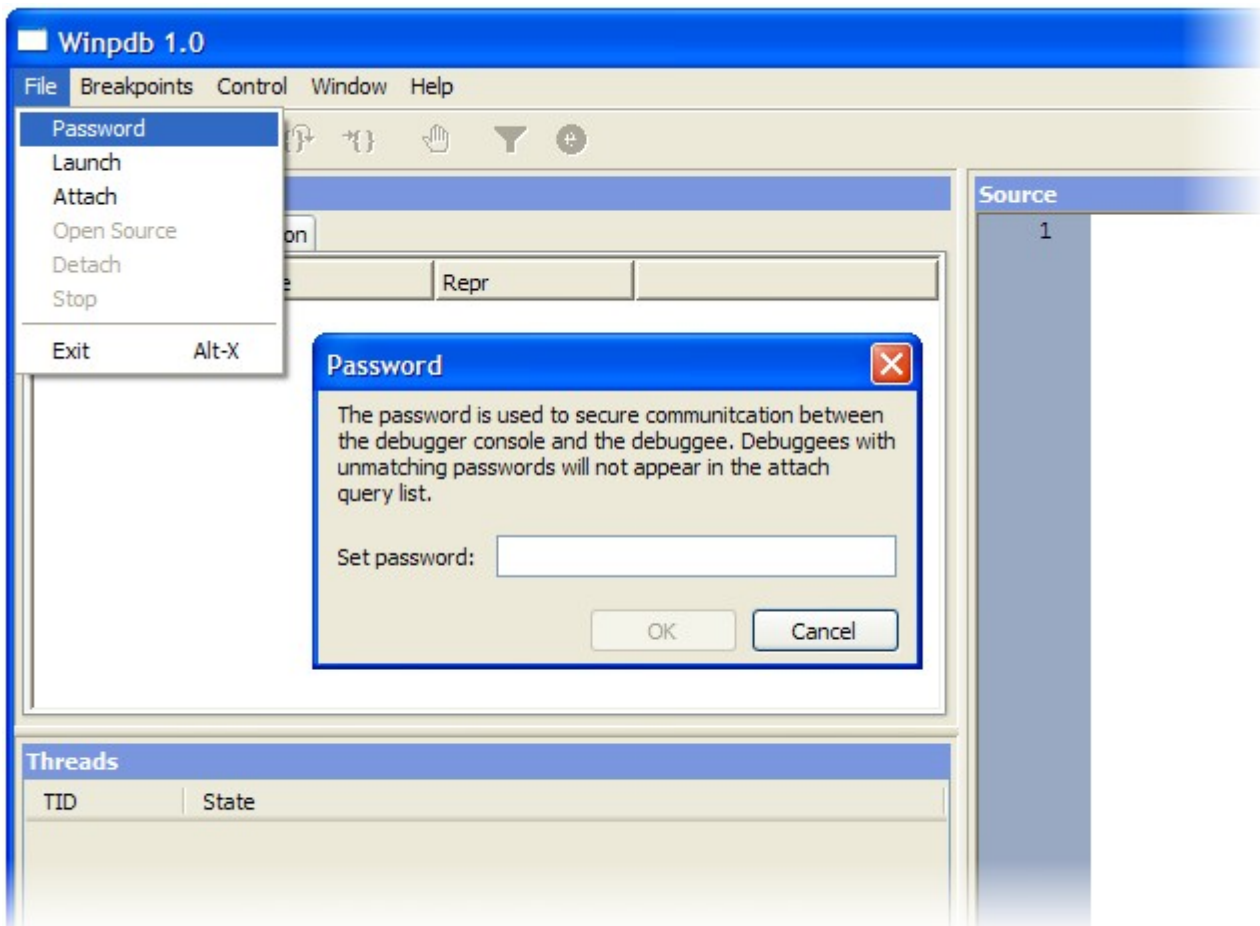
remote - Get or set the allow remote connections mode.
password - Get or set the password that governs connections.

GUI control:

Set Password

To set the password, click File->Password

If a password has not been set when the attach command is first invoked, the password dialog will pop up automatically.



7 FAQ

7.1 Install

Encoding Error

Q

I'm trying to install SPE 0.7.4.z on my Linux (Ubuntu) box.

I start Python and type "import _spe", but then it tells me:

```
"/usr/lib/python2.4/site-packages/_spe/info.py", line 96, in ?  
INFO['encoding'] = wx.GetDefaultPyEncoding()
```

What more do I need to do to get your IDE up and running?

A

Your version of wxPython is out of date, you need at least wxPython 2.5.4.1 Please upgrade and if you don't know how, trial and error an old version of SPE:

http://projects.blender.org/frs/?group_id=30&release_id=209

Don't ask which one, for sure one will work. You can always try to send an email to your linux distribution to ask to make a new wxPython package available or that they upgrade wxPython in next release.

Ogl Missing

Q

During install I get this ogl missing error....

```
File "C:\Progs\Python23\Lib\site-packages\sm\uml.py", line 3, in ?  
import wx, wx.lib.ogl as ogl  
ImportError: No module named ogl
```

A

Your version of wxPython is not built with ogl support. Again you need at least wxPython 2.5.4.1 with ogl support enabled. The ogl demo in the wxPython demo also won't work for you. This has nothing to do with SPE, so please, if you have further questions about these, please post them on the wxPython-user list:

<http://www.wxpython.org/maillist.php>

7.2 Editor

Find & Replace Dialog

Q

I have to press twice the "Find Next" button to find the next occurrence of a word.

A

Unfortunately this is a bug in wxPython with unicode support. It also happens in the wxPython demo. It is not related to SPE. If you don't really need unicode support, you could install the ansi version of wxPython as a solution.

Opening Files

Q

When opening an existing file, the X close-button for that file (at the extreme right, on the menu "bar") as well as the minimise/maximise buttons for that file/window disappear. If many files are open, and one closes one using the round X-button (fifth gui button from the left), the other buttons reappear. This is mainly a cosmetic bug.

A

This is a wxPython bug. It also happens in the wxPython demo. It is not related to SPE.

Saving files

Q

Save a source with special characters like "á" fails. Is this a bug?

A

This is not a bug, your encoding is wrongly configured. Start SPE in debugging mode and check your encoding:

```
>>> python SPE.py --debug
Spe is running in debugging mode with this configuration:
- platform : win32
- python : 2.3.2
- wxPython : 2.6.1.0.
- interface : <default>
- encoding : ascii
```

If it's ascii, you should change it in the preferences dialog box to 'latin_1'. When you restart SPE now in debugging mode, it should display:

```
>>> python SPE.py --debug
Spe is running in debugging mode with this configuration:
- platform : win32
- python : 2.3.2
- wxPython : 2.6.1.0.
- interface : <default>
- encoding : latin_1
```

8 Contact

8.1 *Contribute*

If you would like to contribute to SPE in any way, send me an email with your skills

- programming
- graphics
- icons
- 3d
- html

We are sure you can help us.

8.2 *Feedback*

SPE is still under development. If you use SPE, please post a message on the appropriate forum on <http://projects.blender.org/forum/?groupid=30> describing the platform, the problems that occur and possible solutions if you know.

If SPE runs without any problems, I'm also interested to get a notice.

We develop SPE under Windows XP and have no access to Linux, Mac, FreeBSD or any other platform. So any help for these platforms is highly appreciated.

8.3 *Contact persons*

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- SVN and bugfixes: Sam Widmer (rigel\$asylumwear.com)

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Key	Action	Description
ALT '3'		Comment
ALT '4'		Uncomment
ALT 'D'	DEDENT	Dedent the lines
ALT 'I'		Insert separator
ALT BACK	UNDO	Undo one action in the undo history
ALT END	LINEENDDISPLAY	Move caret to last position on display line
ALT F4		Exit
ALT F9		Open terminal emulator
ALT HOME	HOMEDISPLAY	Move caret to first position on display line
ALT LEFT ARROW	WORDPARTLEFT	Move to the previous change in capitalisation
ALT RIGHT ARROW	WORDPARTRIGHT	Move to the next change in capitalisation
ALT+SHIFT END	LINEENDDISPLAYEXTEND	Move caret to last position on display line extending selection to new caret position
ALT+SHIFT HOME	HOMEDISPLAYEXTEND	Move caret to first position on display line extending selection to new caret position.
ALT+SHIFT LEFT ARROW	WORDPARTLEFTTEXTEND	Move to the previous change in capitalisation extending selection to new caret position
ALT+SHIFT RIGHT ARROW	WORDPARTRIGHTTEXTEND	Move to the next change in capitalisation extending selection to new caret position.
BACK	DELETEDBACK	Dedent the selected lines
CTRL 'A'	SELECTALL	Select all the text in the document
CTRL 'B'		Load in Blender
CTRL 'C'	COPY	Copy the selection to the clipboard
CTRL 'D'	DEBUG	Debug
CTRL 'F'		Find & replace
CTRL 'G'		Go to line
CTRL 'K'		Test regular expression with Kiki
CTRL 'L'	LINECUT	Cut the line containing the caret
CTRL 'N'		New
CTRL 'O'		Open
CTRL 'P'		Run with profile
CTRL 'R'		Run in separate namespace
CTRL 'S'		Save
CTRL 'T'	LINETRANSPOSE	Switch the current line with the previous
CTRL 'U'	LOWERCASE	Transform the selection to lower case
CTRL 'V'	PASTE	Paste the contents of the clipboard into the document replacing the selection
CTRL 'X'	CUT	Cut the selection to the clipboard
CTRL 'Y'	REDO	Redoes the next action on the undo history
CTRL 'Z'	UNDO	Undo one action in the undo history
CTRL @		Contact author
CTRL ADD	ZOOMIN	Magnify the displayed text by increasing the sizes by 1 point
CTRL BACK	DELWORDLEFT	Delete the word to the left of the caret
CTRL DELETE	DELWORDRIGHT	Delete the word to the right of the caret
CTRL DIVIDE	SETZOOM	Set the zoom level to 0. This returns the zoom to 'normal,' i.e., no zoom.
CTRL DOWN ARROW	LINESCROLLDOWN	Scroll the document down, keeping the caret visible

Key	Action	Description
CTRL END	DOCUMENTEND	Move caret to last position in document
CTRL ENTER		Browse source
CTRL F4		Close
CTRL F9		Run in terminal emulator
CTRL HOME	DOCUMENTSTART	Move caret to first position in document
CTRL INSERT	COPY	Copy the selection to the clipboard
CTRL LEFT ARROW	WORDLEFT	Move caret left one word
CTRL RIGHT ARROW	WORDRIGHT	Move caret right one word
CTRL SPACE		Auto complete
CTRL SUBTRACT	ZOOMOUT	Make the displayed text smaller by decreasing the sizes by 1 point
CTRL UP ARROW	LINESCROLLUP	Scroll the document up, keeping the caret visible
CTRL+ALT 'B'		Reference in Blender
CTRL+ALT 'C'		Check source with PyChecker
CTRL+ALT 'F'		Browse Object with PyFilling
CTRL+ALT 'G'		Design a gui with wxGlade
CTRL+ALT 'P'		Preferences
CTRL+ALT 'R'		Run Verbose
CTRL+ALT 'X'		Design a gui with XRC
CTRL+ALT F9		Run in terminal emulator & exit
CTRL+SHIFT 'L'	LINEDELETE	Delete the line containing the caret
CTRL+SHIFT 'U'	UPPERCASE	Transform the selection to upper case
CTRL+SHIFT BACK	DELLINELEFT	Delete back from the current position to the start of the line
CTRL+SHIFT DELETE	DELLINERIGHT	Delete forwards from the current position to the end of the line
CTRL+SHIFT END	DOCUMENTENDEXTEND	Move caret to last position in document extending selection to new caret position
CTRL+SHIFT HOME	DOCUMENTSTARTEXTEND	Move caret to first position in document extending selection to new caret position
CTRL+SHIFT LEFT ARROW	WORDLEFTTEXTEND	Move caret left one word extending selection to new caret position
CTRL+SHIFT RIGHT ARROW	WORDRIGHTTEXTEND	Move caret right one word extending selection to new caret position
DELETE	CLEAR	Delete all text in the document
DOWN ARROW	LINEDOWN	Move caret down one line
END	LINEEND	Move caret to last position on line
ESCAPE	CANCEL	Cancel any modes such as call tip or auto-completion list display
F02		Save
F03		Find next
F05		Refresh
F09		Run
F10		Import
F11		Show/hide sidebar
F12		Show/hide shell
HOME	VCHOME	Move caret to before first visible character on line. If already there move to first character on line
INSERT	EDITTOGGLEOVERTYPE	Switch from insert to overwrite mode or the reverse
LEFT ARROW	CHARLEFT	Move caret left one character
NEXT	PAGEDOWN	Move caret one page down
PRIOR	PAGEUP	Move caret one page up

Key	Action	Description
RETURN	NEWLINE	Insert a new line, may use a CRLF, CR or LF depending on EOL mode
RIGHT ARROW	CHARRIGHT	Move caret right one character
SHIFT BACK	BACKTAB	Delete the selection or if no selection, the character before the caret
SHIFT DELETE	CUT	Cut the selection to the clipboard
SHIFT DOWN ARROW	LINEDOWNEXTEND	Move caret down one line extending selection to new caret position
SHIFT END	LINEENDEXTEND	Move caret to last position on line extending selection to new caret position
SHIFT F9		Browse folder
SHIFT HOME	VCHOMEEXTEND	Like VCHome but extending selection to new caret position
SHIFT INSERT	PASTE	Paste the contents of the clipboard into the document replacing the selection
SHIFT LEFT ARROW	CHARLEFTTEXTEND	Move caret left one character extending selection to new caret position
SHIFT NEXT	SCI_PAGEDOWNEXTEND	Move caret one page down extending selection to new caret position
SHIFT PRIOR	PAGEUPEXTEND	Move caret one page up extending selection to new caret position
SHIFT RETURN	NEWLINE	Insert a new line, may use a CRLF, CR or LF depending on EOL mode
SHIFT RIGHT ARROW	CHARRIGHTTEXTEND	Move caret right one character extending selection to new caret position
SHIFT UP ARROW	LINEUPEXTEND	Move caret up one line extending selection to new caret position
TAB	TAB	If selection is empty or all on one line replace the selection with a tab character. If more than one line selected, indent the lines.
UP ARROW	LINEUP	Move caret up one line

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