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- Comments are descriptions that help programmers better understand the intent and functionality of the program.
- In Python, we use the hash symbol # to write a single-line comment.
- If we do not assign strings to any variable, they act as comments.
- We use triple quotation marks for multi-line strings.
- docstrings are strings used right after the definition of a function, method, class, or module.
- Even though they are single-lined, we still use the triple quotes around these docstrings as they can be expanded easily later.
- The closing quotes are on the same line as the opening quotes.
- There's no blank line either before or after the docstring.
- They should not be descriptive, rather they must follow "Do this, return that" structure ending with a period.
- Multi-line docstrings consist of a summary line just like a oneline docstring, followed by a

blank line, followed by a more elaborate description.

- The docstrings for Python Modules should list all the available classes, functions, objects and exceptions that are imported when the module is imported.
- They should also have a one-line summary for each item.
- The docstring for a function or method should summarize its behavior and document its arguments and return values.
- It should also list all the exceptions that can be raised and other optional arguments.
- we have included a short description of what the function does, the parameter it takes in and the value it returns.
- The docstrings for classes should summarize its behavior and list the public methods and instance variables.
- The subclasses, constructors, and methods should each have their own docstrings.
- We can also use the help() function to read the docstrings associated with various objects.
- The docstrings for Python script should document the script's functions and command-line

syntax as a usable message.

- It should serve as a quick reference to all the functions and arguments.
- The docstrings for a Python package is written in the package's __init__.py file.
- It should contain all the available modules and subpackages exported by the package.
- Anatomy of docstring
 - Description of what funcition does
 - Description of arguments
 - if anyDescription of return value if
 - value if
 any
 O Description
 of errors
 - of errors raised if any O Optional
 - extra notes or examples of usage
- Docstring formats
 - Google Style
 - o Numpydoc
 - o ReStructure dText
 - EpyText
- Google style example

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def function(arg_1, arg_2=42):
    """Description of what the function does.

Args:
    arg_1 (str): Description of arg_1 that can break onto the next line
    if needed.
    arg_2 (int, optional): Write optional when an argument has a default
    value.

Returns:
    bool: Optional description of the return value
    Extra lines are not indented.

Raises:
    ValueFrror: Include any error types that the function intentionally
    raises.

Notes:
    See https://www.datacamp.com/community/tutorials/docstrings-python
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• Numpydoc example

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def function(arg_1, arg_2=42):
                Description of what the function does.
               arg_1 : expected type of arg_1
Description of arg_1.
arg_2 : int, optional
Write optional when an argument has a default value.
Default=42.
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                The type of the return value

Can include a description of the return value.

Replace "Returns" with "Yields" if this function is a generator.
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https://github.co m/suhasid098/do cstring