

Let's implement useless Python objects

役に立たない Python オブジェクトを作ろう

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- TBA(O'Reilly Japan) [New!](#)

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- [Introducing Python 2nd ed.](#)(O'Reilly Japan)
- [Robust Python](#)(O'Reilly Japan)

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Selected My Talks

- Symbolic Mathematics using SymPy(PyCon JP 2018)
- How to Use In-Memory Streams(PyCon JP 2020)
- Unknown Evolution of the Built-in Function pow(PyCon JP 2021)

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Let's implement `useless` Python
objects

What is it mean useless?

From LDOCE

- ① not useful or effective in any way
- ② (informal) unable or unwilling to do anything properly

Is the useless object really useless?

From Zhuangzi Ren-jian shi (莊子 人間世篇)

人皆知有用之用 而莫知無用之用也

Everyone knows the usefulness of the useful, but no one knows the usefulness of the useless.

Today's Theme

Let's implement useless Python objects

The useless objects are useless, but how to make a useless object is very useful.

What is a useless Python object?

Example: ElasticSized

```
>>> s = ElasticSized([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> for _ in range(3):
...     print(len(s), end=" ")
...
1 3 4
```

What is a useless Python object?

Example: ForgottenContainer

```
>>> c = ForgottenContainer([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> for _ in range(3):
...     print(3 in c, end=" ")
...
False True False
```

What is a useless Python object?

Example: ShuffledIterable

```
>>> it = ShuffledIterable([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> for _ in range(3):
...     for v in it:
...         print(v, end=" ")
...     print()
...
5 3 4 2 1
4 1 2 3 5
2 5 3 1 4
```

What is a useless Python object?

Definition of a useless Python object in this talk

A useless Python object behave *Pythonic*, but does not work as expected.

Data Structures and Operations

Basic Data Structures of Python

List [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Tuple ("pen", "pineapple", "apple", "pen")

Dictionary {"Answer": 42}

Set {41, 43, 47, 53, 57, 59}

Common Operations of Data Structure

len() Length of object

in Membership test

for Iteration

Useless Abstract Base Class

Example: Useless ABC

```
class Useless(abc.ABC):  
    def __init__(self, data: Optional[Iterable] = None):  
        if data is not None:  
            self._data = [v for v in data]  
        else:  
            self._data = []
```

Useless abstract base is useful, contrary to its name.

len() and Sized

`object.__len__()`

Called to implement the built-in function `len()`.

Example: ElasticSized

```
class ElasticSized(Useless, Sized):  
    def __len__(self) -> int:  
        return random.randint(0, len(self._data))
```


in and Container

`object.__contains__()`

Called to implement membership test operators.

Example: ForgottenContainer

```
class ForgottenContainer(Useless, Container):  
    def __contains__(self, item) -> bool:  
        return True if random.random() >= 0.5 else False
```

for and Iterable

```
object.__iter__()
```

Called when an iterator is required for a container.

Example: ShuffledIterable

```
class ShuffledIterable(Useless, Iterable):  
    def __iter__(self) -> Iterator:  
        return iter(random.sample(self._data, k=len(self._data)))
```

Object Protocols and Abstract Base Class

How to implement Pythonic Python objects

We need to understand [object protocols](#).