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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Today's Theme

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（荘子 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.

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

What is a useless Python object?

Example: LiarContainer

```
>>> c = LiarContainer(["spam", "egg", "bacon"])
>>> "spam" in c
False
>>> "tomato" in c
True
```

What is a useless Python object?

Example: `FibonacciSized`

```
>>> s = FibonacciSized(range(50))
>>> len(s)
12586269025
```

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")`
Dictonary	`{"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.

in and Container

object.__contains__()

Called to implement membership test operators.

Example: LiarContainer

```
class LiarContainer(Useless, Container):
    def __contains__(self, item) -> bool:
        return item not in self._data
```

len() and Sized

object.__len__()

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

Example: FibonacciSized

```
class FibonacciSized(Useless, collections.abc.Sized):
    PHI: Final[float] = (1 + math.sqrt(5)) / 2

    def __len__(self) -> int:
        return math.floor(
            (1 / math.sqrt(5)) * pow(self.PHI, len(self._data))
            + (1 / 2)
        )
```

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

How to implement Pythonic Python objects

We need to understand object protocols.

Ref: `https://docs.python.org/3/reference/datamodel.html`

collections.abc

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This module provides abstract base classes that can be used to test whether a class provides a particular interface.

From `https://docs.python.org/3/library/collections.abc.html`

collections.abc and Interface

ABC	Interface
Sized	__len__()
Container	__contains__()
Iterable	__iter__()
Collection	Sized, Container, Iterable