

# Using Sphinx

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## 1 Sphinx in Python

The following serves as a summary of the most important things to know about incorporating Sphinx into your Python comments. The full specification for the Python domain can be found at <http://sphinx-doc.org/domains.html#the-python-domain>.

### How to create function names and parameters

```
.. py:function:: enumerate(sequence[, start=0])  
  
    ...
```

There are other directives for documenting other types of Python objects, such as `py:class` and `py:method`. Please note that `py:` can be left out as Python is the default domain.

### How to add a short description following the function name. <sup>1</sup>

```
.. function:: enumerate(sequence[, start=0])  
  
    Return an iterator that yields tuples of an index and an item of the  
    *sequence*. (And so on.)
```

**Create a link to a specific object within the Sphinx documentation**  
`:py:func:'enumerate'` will create a link to the function `enumerate` where it appears in the actual Sphinx documentation.

**Using Autodoc** Firstly one must make sure that `sphinx.ext.autodoc` in the `conf.py` file is assigned to the list `extensions`. You may then use `.. autofunction:: io.open` to read the signature and docstring from the `io.open()` function. Similarly

```
.. automodule:: io  
    :members:
```

will document the whole `io` class.

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<sup>1</sup>The `*` characters which frame `'sequence'` serves to make the word `sequence` appear in *italics*

## 2 Formatting and markup

Please follow this link <http://sphinx-doc.org/rest.html> to find out how to add markups, if nessicary. The website is very complete and easy to follow.