:mod:`pdb` --- The Python Debugger

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.. module:: pdb
   :synopsis: The Python debugger for interactive interpreters.
```

Source code: :source:`Lib/pdb.py`

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.. index:: single: debugging
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The module :mod:`pdb` defines an interactive source code debugger for Python programs. It supports setting (conditional) breakpoints and single stepping at the source line level, inspection of stack frames, source code listing, and evaluation of arbitrary Python code in the context of any stack frame. It also supports post-mortem debugging and can be called under program control.

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.. index::
   single: Pdb (class in pdb)
   module: bdb
   module: cmd
```

The debugger is extensible -- it is actually defined as the class :class:`Pdb`. This is currently undocumented but easily understood by reading the source. The extension interface uses the modules :mod:`bdb` and :mod:`cmd`.

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The debugger's prompt is `(Pdb)`. Typical usage to run a program under control of the debugger is:

```
>>> import pdb
>>> import mymodule
>>> pdb.run('mymodule.test()')
> <string>(0)?()
(Pdb) continue
> <string>(1)?()
(Pdb) continue
NameError: 'spam'
> <string>(1)?()
(Pdb)
```

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.3
   Tab-completion via the :mod:`readline` module is available for commands and
   command arguments, e.g. the current global and local names are offered as
   arguments of the ``p`` command.
```

:file:`pdb.py` can also be invoked as a script to debug other scripts. For example:

```
python3 -m pdb myscript.py
```

When invoked as a script, pdb will automatically enter post-mortem debugging if the program being debugged exits abnormally. After post-mortem debugging (or after normal exit of the program), pdb will restart the program. Automatic restarting preserves pdb's state (such as breakpoints) and in most cases is more useful than quitting the debugger upon program's exit.

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.. versionadded:: 3.2
   :file:`pdb.py` now accepts a ``-c`` option that executes commands as if given
   in a :file:`.pdbrc` file, see :ref:`debugger-commands`.
```

```
.. versionadded:: 3.7
   :file:`pdb.py` now accepts a ``-m`` option that execute modules similar to the way
   ``python3 -m`` does. As with a script, the debugger will pause execution just
   before the first line of the module.
```

The typical usage to break into the debugger is to insert:

```
import pdb; pdb.set_trace()
```

at the location you want to break into the debugger, and then run the program. You can then step through the code following this statement, and continue running without the debugger using the :pdbcmd:`continue` command.

The typical usage to inspect a crashed program is:

```
>>> import pdb
>>> import mymodule
>>> mymodule.test()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "./mymodule.py", line 4, in test
    test2()
  File "./mymodule.py", line 3, in test2
    print(spam)
NameError: spam
>>> pdb.pm()
> ./mymodule.py(3)test2()
-> print(spam)
(Pdb)
```

The module defines the following functions; each enters the debugger in a slightly different way:

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```
.. function:: set_trace(*, header=None)

   Enter the debugger at the calling stack frame.  This is useful to hard-code
   a breakpoint at a given point in a program, even if the code is not
   otherwise being debugged (e.g. when an assertion fails).  If given,
   *header* is printed to the console just before debugging begins.

   .. versionchanged:: 3.7
      The keyword-only argument *header*.
```

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```
.. function:: post_mortem(traceback=None)

   Enter post-mortem debugging of the given *traceback* object.  If no
   *traceback* is given, it uses the one of the exception that is currently
   being handled (an exception must be being handled if the default is to be
   used).
```

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```
.. function:: pm()

   Enter post-mortem debugging of the traceback found in
   :data:`sys.last_traceback`.
```

The `run*` functions and :func:`set_trace` are aliases for instantiating the :class:`Pdb` class and calling the method of the same name. If you want to access further features, you have to do this yourself:

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Unknown interpreted text role "class".

Invalid class attribute value for "class" directive: "Pdb(completekey='tab', stdin=None, stdout=None, skip=None, \ nosigint=False, readrc=True)".

```
.. class:: Pdb(completekey='tab', stdin=None, stdout=None, skip=None, \
              nosigint=False, readrc=True)

   :class:`Pdb` is the debugger class.

   The *completekey*, *stdin* and *stdout* arguments are passed to the
   underlying :class:`cmd.Cmd` class; see the description there.

   The *skip* argument, if given, must be an iterable of glob-style module name
   patterns.  The debugger will not step into frames that originate in a module
   that matches one of these patterns. [1]_

   By default, Pdb sets a handler for the SIGINT signal (which is sent when the
   user presses :kbd:`Ctrl-C` on the console) when you give a ``continue`` command.
   This allows you to break into the debugger again by pressing :kbd:`Ctrl-C`.  If you
   want Pdb not to touch the SIGINT handler, set *nosigint* to true.
```

```
        The *readrc* argument defaults to true and controls whether Pdb will load
        .pdbrc files from the filesystem.

        Example call to enable tracing with *skip*::

            import pdb; pdb.Pdb(skip=['django.*']).set_trace()

    .. audit-event:: pdb.Pdb "" pdb.Pdb

    .. versionadded:: 3.1
        The *skip* argument.

    .. versionadded:: 3.2
        The *nosigint* argument.  Previously, a SIGINT handler was never set by
        Pdb.

    .. versionchanged:: 3.6
        The *readrc* argument.

    .. method:: run(statement, globals=None, locals=None)
                runeval(expression, globals=None, locals=None)
                runcall(function, *args, **kwds)
                set_trace()

        See the documentation for the functions explained above.
```

Debugger Commands

The commands recognized by the debugger are listed below. Most commands can be abbreviated to one or two letters as indicated; e.g. h(elp) means that either h or help can be used to enter the help command (but not he or hel, nor H or Help or HELP). Arguments to commands must be separated by whitespace (spaces or tabs). Optional arguments are enclosed in square brackets ([]) in the command syntax; the square brackets must not be typed. Alternatives in the command syntax are separated by a vertical bar (|).

Entering a blank line repeats the last command entered. Exception: if the last command was a :pdbcmd:`list` command, the next 11 lines are listed.

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> Unknown interpreted text role "pdbcmd".

Commands that the debugger doesn't recognize are assumed to be Python statements and are executed in the context of the program being debugged. Python statements can also be prefixed with an exclamation point (!). This is a powerful way to inspect the program being debugged; it is even possible to change a variable or call a function. When an exception occurs in such a statement, the exception name is printed but the debugger's state is not changed.

The debugger supports :ref:`aliases <debugger-aliases>`. Aliases can have parameters which allows one a certain level of adaptability to the context under examination.

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> Unknown interpreted text role "ref".

Multiple commands may be entered on a single line, separated by ;;. (A single ; is not used as it is the separator for multiple commands in a line that is passed to the Python parser.) No intelligence is applied to separating the commands; the input is split at the first ;; pair, even if it is in the middle of a quoted string.

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> Unknown directive type "index".
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> ```
>     .. index::
>        pair: .pdbrc; file
>        triple: debugger; configuration; file
> ```

If a file :file:`.pdbrc` exists in the user's home directory or in the current directory, it is read with 'utf-8' encoding and executed as if

it had been typed at the debugger prompt. This is particularly useful for aliases. If both files exist, the one in the home directory is read first and aliases defined there can be overridden by the local file.

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.. versionchanged:: 3.11
   :file:`.pdbrc` is now read with ``'utf-8'`` encoding. Previously, it was read
   with the system locale encoding.
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Unknown directive type "versionchanged".

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.2
   :file:`.pdbrc` can now contain commands that continue debugging, such as
   :pdbcmd:`continue` or :pdbcmd:`next`.  Previously, these commands had no
   effect.
```

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Unknown directive type "pdbcommand".

```
.. pdbcommand:: h(elp) [command]

   Without argument, print the list of available commands.  With a *command* as
   argument, print help about that command.  ``help pdb`` displays the full
   documentation (the docstring of the :mod:`pdb` module).  Since the *command*
   argument must be an identifier, ``help exec`` must be entered to get help on
   the ``!`` command.
```

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Unknown directive type "pdbcommand".

```
.. pdbcommand:: w(here)

   Print a stack trace, with the most recent frame at the bottom.  An arrow
   indicates the current frame, which determines the context of most commands.
```

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Unknown directive type "pdbcommand".

```
.. pdbcommand:: d(own) [count]

   Move the current frame *count* (default one) levels down in the stack trace
   (to a newer frame).
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Unknown directive type "pdbcommand".

```
.. pdbcommand:: u(p) [count]

   Move the current frame *count* (default one) levels up in the stack trace (to
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an older frame).

Unknown directive type "pdbcommand".

```
.. pdbcommand:: b(reak) [([filename:]lineno | function) [, condition]]

   With a *lineno* argument, set a break there in the current file.  With a
   *function* argument, set a break at the first executable statement within
   that function.  The line number may be prefixed with a filename and a colon,
   to specify a breakpoint in another file (probably one that hasn't been loaded
   yet).  The file is searched on :data:`sys.path`.  Note that each breakpoint
   is assigned a number to which all the other breakpoint commands refer.

   If a second argument is present, it is an expression which must evaluate to
   true before the breakpoint is honored.

   Without argument, list all breaks, including for each breakpoint, the number
   of times that breakpoint has been hit, the current ignore count, and the
   associated condition if any.
```

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.. pdbcommand:: tbreak [([filename:]lineno | function) [, condition]]

   Temporary breakpoint, which is removed automatically when it is first hit.
   The arguments are the same as for :pdbcmd:`break`.
```

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```
.. pdbcommand:: cl(ear) [filename:lineno | bpnumber ...]

   With a *filename:lineno* argument, clear all the breakpoints at this line.
   With a space separated list of breakpoint numbers, clear those breakpoints.
   Without argument, clear all breaks (but first ask confirmation).
```

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```
.. pdbcommand:: disable [bpnumber ...]

   Disable the breakpoints given as a space separated list of breakpoint
   numbers.  Disabling a breakpoint means it cannot cause the program to stop
   execution, but unlike clearing a breakpoint, it remains in the list of
   breakpoints and can be (re-)enabled.
```

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```
.. pdbcommand:: enable [bpnumber ...]

   Enable the breakpoints specified.
```

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```
.. pdbcommand:: ignore bpnumber [count]

   Set the ignore count for the given breakpoint number.  If count is omitted,
   the ignore count is set to 0.  A breakpoint becomes active when the ignore
   count is zero.  When non-zero, the count is decremented each time the
   breakpoint is reached and the breakpoint is not disabled and any associated
   condition evaluates to true.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: condition bpnumber [condition]

   Set a new *condition* for the breakpoint, an expression which must evaluate
   to true before the breakpoint is honored.  If *condition* is absent, any
   existing condition is removed; i.e., the breakpoint is made unconditional.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: commands [bpnumber]

   Specify a list of commands for breakpoint number *bpnumber*.  The commands
   themselves appear on the following lines.  Type a line containing just
   ``end`` to terminate the commands. An example::

      (Pdb) commands 1
      (com) p some_variable
      (com) end
      (Pdb)

   To remove all commands from a breakpoint, type ``commands`` and follow it
   immediately with ``end``; that is, give no commands.

   With no *bpnumber* argument, ``commands`` refers to the last breakpoint set.

   You can use breakpoint commands to start your program up again.  Simply use
   the :pdbcmd:`continue` command, or :pdbcmd:`step`,
   or any other command that resumes execution.

   Specifying any command resuming execution
   (currently :pdbcmd:`continue`, :pdbcmd:`step`, :pdbcmd:`next`,
   :pdbcmd:`return`, :pdbcmd:`jump`, :pdbcmd:`quit` and their abbreviations)
   terminates the command list (as if
   that command was immediately followed by end). This is because any time you
   resume execution (even with a simple next or step), you may encounter another
   breakpoint—which could have its own command list, leading to ambiguities about
   which list to execute.

   If you use the 'silent' command in the command list, the usual message about
   stopping at a breakpoint is not printed.  This may be desirable for breakpoints
   that are to print a specific message and then continue.  If none of the other
   commands print anything, you see no sign that the breakpoint was reached.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: s(tep)

   Execute the current line, stop at the first possible occasion (either in a
   function that is called or on the next line in the current function).
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: n(ext)

    Continue execution until the next line in the current function is reached or
    it returns.  (The difference between :pdbcmd:`next` and :pdbcmd:`step` is
    that :pdbcmd:`step` stops inside a called function, while :pdbcmd:`next`
    executes called functions at (nearly) full speed, only stopping at the next
    line in the current function.)
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: unt(il) [lineno]

    Without argument, continue execution until the line with a number greater
    than the current one is reached.

    With a line number, continue execution until a line with a number greater or
    equal to that is reached.  In both cases, also stop when the current frame
    returns.

    .. versionchanged:: 3.2
        Allow giving an explicit line number.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: r(eturn)

    Continue execution until the current function returns.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: c(ont(inue))

    Continue execution, only stop when a breakpoint is encountered.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: j(ump) lineno

    Set the next line that will be executed.  Only available in the bottom-most
    frame.  This lets you jump back and execute code again, or jump forward to
    skip code that you don't want to run.

    It should be noted that not all jumps are allowed -- for instance it is not
    possible to jump into the middle of a :keyword:`for` loop or out of a
    :keyword:`finally` clause.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: l(ist) [first[, last]]

    List source code for the current file.  Without arguments, list 11 lines
    around the current line or continue the previous listing.  With ``.`` as
    argument, list 11 lines around the current line.  With one argument,
    list 11 lines around at that line.  With two arguments, list the given range;
    if the second argument is less than the first, it is interpreted as a count.
```

```
The current line in the current frame is indicated by ``->``.  If an
exception is being debugged, the line where the exception was originally
raised or propagated is indicated by ``>>``, if it differs from the current
line.

   .. versionadded:: 3.2
      The ``>>`` marker.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: ll | longlist

   List all source code for the current function or frame.  Interesting lines
   are marked as for :pdbcmd:`list`.

   .. versionadded:: 3.2
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: a(rgs)

   Print the argument list of the current function.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: p expression

   Evaluate the *expression* in the current context and print its value.

   .. note::

      ``print()`` can also be used, but is not a debugger command --- this executes the
      Python :func:`print` function.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: pp expression

   Like the :pdbcmd:`p` command, except the value of the expression is
   pretty-printed using the :mod:`pprint` module.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: whatis expression

   Print the type of the *expression*.
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: source expression
```

```
Try to get source code for the given object and display it.

.. versionadded:: 3.2
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: display [expression]

   Display the value of the expression if it changed, each time execution stops
   in the current frame.

   Without expression, list all display expressions for the current frame.

   .. versionadded:: 3.2
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: undisplay [expression]

   Do not display the expression any more in the current frame.  Without
   expression, clear all display expressions for the current frame.

   .. versionadded:: 3.2
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: interact

   Start an interactive interpreter (using the :mod:`code` module) whose global
   namespace contains all the (global and local) names found in the current
   scope.

   .. versionadded:: 3.2
```

```
.. pdbcommand:: alias [name [command]]

   Create an alias called *name* that executes *command*.  The command must
   *not* be enclosed in quotes.  Replaceable parameters can be indicated by
   ``%1``, ``%2``, and so on, while ``%*`` is replaced by all the parameters.
   If no command is given, the current alias for *name* is shown. If no
   arguments are given, all aliases are listed.

   Aliases may be nested and can contain anything that can be legally typed at
   the pdb prompt.  Note that internal pdb commands *can* be overridden by
   aliases.  Such a command is then hidden until the alias is removed.  Aliasing
   is recursively applied to the first word of the command line; all other words
   in the line are left alone.

   As an example, here are two useful aliases (especially when placed in the
   :file:`.pdbrc` file)::

      # Print instance variables (usage "pi classInst")
      alias pi for k in %1.__dict__.keys(): print("%1.",k,"=",%1.__dict__[k])
      # Print instance variables in self
      alias ps pi self
```

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```
.. pdbcommand:: unalias name

    Delete the specified alias.
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```
.. pdbcommand:: ! statement

    Execute the (one-line) *statement* in the context of the current stack frame.
    The exclamation point can be omitted unless the first word of the statement
    resembles a debugger command.  To set a global variable, you can prefix the
    assignment command with a :keyword:`global` statement on the same line,
    e.g.::

        (Pdb) global list_options; list_options = ['-l']
        (Pdb)
```

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Unknown directive type "pdbcommand".

```
.. pdbcommand:: run [args ...]
               restart [args ...]

    Restart the debugged Python program.  If an argument is supplied, it is split
    with :mod:`shlex` and the result is used as the new :data:`sys.argv`.
    History, breakpoints, actions and debugger options are preserved.
    :pdbcmd:`restart` is an alias for :pdbcmd:`run`.
```

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```
.. pdbcommand:: q(uit)

    Quit from the debugger.  The program being executed is aborted.
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```
.. pdbcommand:: debug code

    Enter a recursive debugger that steps through the code
    argument (which is an arbitrary expression or statement to be
    executed in the current environment).
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```
.. pdbcommand:: retval

    Print the return value for the last return of a function.
```

Footnotes

[1] Whether a frame is considered to originate in a certain module is determined by the `__name__` in the frame globals.