

Python HOW TO structure a Beginner OR Advanced Projects ?

Video

<https://youtu.be/6OSpm4uXqDw?si=DcuqUbdI24Y0awVo>

Notes

- There is no standard rule as to what a Python directory should look like

Structure 1 Notes - For Small Projects

- run.py - trigger for running minimal functions (only a few)
 - imports functions from helpers.py
 - triggering the entire project
 - Contains a function such as `run()` and `if name == 'main':` to call it
- helpers.py/functions.py - could contain all the functions
 - Contains the actual functionality of the project such as `is_prime()`
- constants.py - Store constants

Structure 2 Notes - For Larger Projects

- Create separate folders for different functionality, essentially creating separate packages that can then be used in other projects
 - Create a prime folder and an email folder
 - Each contains its own helpers.py and constants.py
 - But also with a convention file `__init__.py` and a file containing a class
- The `__init__.py` file allows you to write `import email` to import the package
 - Just like you can write `import random`

```
+--- email
|   +--- constants.py
|   +--- email.py
|   +--- helpers.py
|   +--- __init__.py
+--- prime_calculation
|   +--- constants.py
|   +--- helpers.py
|   +--- prime_calculation.py
|   +--- __init__.py
+--- run.py
```

- Is the operation performed on the object or by the object?
 - if it is done by the object, it should be a member operation. If it could apply to other things too, or is done by something else to the object then it should be a function (or perhaps a member of something else).

Resources

- Structures From Video - <https://github.com/jimdevops19/project-structures>
- <https://docs.python-guide.org/writing/structure/>
- <https://realpython.com/python-application-layouts/>

- <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/193161/what-is-the-best-project-structure-for-a-python-application>