| Enter Sentence: Python is an interpreted, object-oriented, high-level progra- |
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| mming language with dynamic semantics. Its high-level built in data structur- |
| es, combined with dynamic typing and dynamic binding, make it very attractive |
| for Rapid Application Development, as well as for use as a scripting or |
| glue language to connect existing components together Python's simple, |
| easy to learn syntax emphasizes readability and therefore reduces the cost |
| of program maintenance Python supports modules and packages, which encourage. |
| s program modularity and code reuse. The Python interpreter and the extensive |
| standard library are available in source or binary form without charge for |
| all major platforms, and can be freely distributed |
| Often, programmers fall in love with Python because of the increased production |
| vity it provides Since there is no compilation step, the edit-test-debug |
| cycle is incredibly fast Debugging Python programs is easy: a bug or bad |
| input will never cause a segmentation fault. Instead, when the interpreter de |
| iscovers an error, it raises an exception when the program doesn't catch |
| the exception, the interpreter prints a stack trace |
| A source level debugger allows inspection of local and |
| global variables, evaluation of arbitrary expressions, setting breakpoints, |
| stepping through the code a line at a time, and so on The debugger is |
| written in Python itself, testifying to Python's introspective power On |
| the other hand, often the quickest way to debug a program is to add a few |
| Print statements to the source: the fast edit-test-debug cycle makes this |
| simple approach very effective |
| In this directory I place short essays (anything from 500 |
| to 5000 words) on various Python subjects See also a collec- |
| tion of presentations I have given see also my blog at blog |
| spot com and my previous blog at artima com |
| Written in 1996, this gives an overview of the early |
| history and background of Python and some of my Philosophy |
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| 1) | about software design and project management See also my fo |
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| 2) | reword to the 2nd edition |
| 3) | Python is a programming language It was made to be open |
| 4) | source and easy to read A Dutch programmer named Guido van Rossum made |
| 5) | Python in 1991 He named it after the television program Nonty Python's |
| 6) | Flying Circus Nany Python examples and tutorials include jokes from the |
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