

# Qualified Name for Classes and Functions

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# Pythons Scoping Issues

- Pythons introspection facilities have long had poor support for nested classes due to only having 3 defined namespaces:
  - Local
  - Global \*Built-in

```
def blah():  
    """The blah function demonstrates doc strings"""  
    return 42
```

# Pythons Scoping Issues-continued

- The following slides provide a brief history of how a solution is formed
  - Initial attempt at a solution: PEP 227 - Statically Nested Scopes
  - Second attempt: PEP 3104 - Access to Names in Outer Scopes
  - Latest attempt: PEP 3155 - Qualified Name for Classes and Functions

# PEP 227 - Statically Nested Scopes

- The addition of nested scopes allows resolution of unbound local names in enclosing function's namespaces
- According to Python 2.0: for a function `foo` defined within a function `bar`, the names bound in `bar` are not visible in `foo`