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PREPROCESS

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SRC

2.1 example module

Example Google style docstrings.

This module demonstrates documentation as specified by the Google Python Style Guide. Docstrings may extend over multiple lines. Sections are created with a section header and a colon followed by a block of indented text.

Example

Examples can be given using either the Example or Examples sections. Sections support any reStructuredText formatting, including literal blocks:

```
$ python example_google.py
```

Section breaks are created by resuming unindented text. Section breaks are also implicitly created anytime a new section starts.

example.module_level_variable1

Module level variables may be documented in either the Attributes section of the module docstring, or in an inline docstring immediately following the variable.

Either form is acceptable, but the two should not be mixed. Choose one convention to document module level variables and be consistent with it.

Type int

class example.ExampleClass(param1, param2, param3)

Bases: object

The summary line for a class docstring should fit on one line.

If the class has public attributes, they may be documented here in an Attributes section and follow the same formatting as a function's Args section. Alternatively, attributes may be documented inline with the attribute's declaration (see __init__ method below).

Properties created with the @property decorator should be documented in the property's getter method.

attr1

Description of attr1.

Type str

attr2

Description of attr2.

Type int, optional

Example of docstring on the __init__ method.

The __init__ method may be documented in either the class level docstring, or as a docstring on the __init__ method itself.

Either form is acceptable, but the two should not be mixed. Choose one convention to document the __init__ method and be consistent with it.

Note: Do not include the *self* parameter in the Args section.

Parameters

- param1 (str) Description of param1.
- param2 (int, optional) Description of param2. Multiple lines are supported.
- param3 (list of str) Description of param3.

attr3

Doc comment inline with attribute

attr4

Doc comment before attribute, with type specified

Type list of str

attr5

Docstring after attribute, with type specified.

Type str

example_method(param1, param2)

Class methods are similar to regular functions.

Note: Do not include the *self* parameter in the Args section.

Parameters

- param1 The first parameter.
- param2 The second parameter.

Returns True if successful, False otherwise.

property readonly_property

Properties should be documented in their getter method.

Type str

property readwrite_property

Properties with both a getter and setter should only be documented in their getter method.

If the setter method contains notable behavior, it should be mentioned here.

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Type list of str

exception example.ExampleError(msg, code)

Bases: Exception

Exceptions are documented in the same way as classes.

The __init__ method may be documented in either the class level docstring, or as a docstring on the __init__ method itself.

Either form is acceptable, but the two should not be mixed. Choose one convention to document the __init__ method and be consistent with it.

Note: Do not include the *self* parameter in the Args section.

Parameters

- **msg** (*str*) Human readable string describing the exception.
- **code** (int, optional) Error code.

msg

Human readable string describing the exception.

Type str

code

Exception error code.

Type int

example.example_generator(n)

Generators have a Yields section instead of a Returns section.

Parameters n (int) – The upper limit of the range to generate, from 0 to n - 1.

Yields int – The next number in the range of 0 to n - 1.

Examples

Examples should be written in doctest format, and should illustrate how to use the function.

```
>>> print([i for i in example_generator(4)])
[0, 1, 2, 3]
```

example.function_with_pep484_type_annotations(param1: int, param2: str) → bool

Example function with PEP 484 type annotations.

Parameters

- **param1** The first parameter.
- param2 The second parameter.

Returns The return value. True for success, False otherwise.

example.function_with_types_in_docstring(param1, param2)

Example function with types documented in the docstring.

PEP 484 type annotations are supported. If attribute, parameter, and return types are annotated according to PEP 484, they do not need to be included in the docstring:

Parameters

- param1 (int) The first parameter.
- param2 (str) The second parameter.

Returns The return value. True for success, False otherwise.

Return type bool

```
example.module_level_function(param1, param2=None, *args, **kwargs)
```

This is an example of a module level function.

Function parameters should be documented in the Args section. The name of each parameter is required. The type and description of each parameter is optional, but should be included if not obvious.

If *args or **kwargs are accepted, they should be listed as *args and **kwargs.

The format for a parameter is:

```
name (type): description

The description may span multiple lines. Following lines should be indented. The "(type)" is optional.

Multiple paragraphs are supported in parameter descriptions.
```

Parameters

- **param1** (*int*) The first parameter.
- param2 (str, optional) The second parameter. Defaults to None. Second line of description should be indented.
- *args Variable length argument list.
- **kwargs Arbitrary keyword arguments.

Returns

True if successful, False otherwise.

The return type is optional and may be specified at the beginning of the Returns section followed by a colon.

The Returns section may span multiple lines and paragraphs. Following lines should be indented to match the first line.

The Returns section supports any reStructuredText formatting, including literal blocks:

```
{
    'param1': param1,
    'param2': param2
}
```

Return type bool

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Raises

- AttributeError The Raises section is a list of all exceptions that are relevant to the interface.
- **ValueError** If *param2* is equal to *param1*.

example.module_level_variable2 = 98765

Module level variable documented inline.

The docstring may span multiple lines. The type may optionally be specified on the first line, separated by a colon.

Type int

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