Decorators

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Python Function Decorators

Decorators are a metaprogramming. Metaprogramming is about creating functions and classes whose main goal is to manipulate code (e.g., modifying, generating, or wrapping existing code).

```
[4]: #three functions, which takes two numbers and process them
     def add(x,y):
        return x + y
     def multiple(x,y):
        return x * y
     def raise_to(x,y):
        return x ** y
[5]: add(10,20)
[5]: 30
[6]: add(10,"JLP")
     TypeError
                                                Traceback (most recent call last)
      <ipython-input-6-3856d00c8c7b> in <module>
      ----> 1 add(10,"JLP")
     <ipython-input-4-de9db409a36e> in add(x, y)
            1 #three functions, which takes two numbers and process them
           2 def add(x,y):
                  return x + y
           4 def multiple(x,y):
            5
                  return x * y
     TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'
```

```
[14]: def add(x,y):
    if type(x ) == int and type(y) == int:
        return x + y
    else:
        print("Invalid arguments")
```

```
add(10, "JLP")
add(10, 20)
```

Invalid arguments

[14]: 30

0.1 Decorator Function

```
[28]: def ensure_int(f):
    def wrapper(x,y):
        if type(x) == int and type(y) == int:
            return f(x,y)
        else:
            print("Invalid arguments")
        return wrapper
```

0.1.1 Decorating Function

```
[40]: #Applying Decorator

def add(x,y):
    return x + y

add = ensure_int(add) #passing our function to decorator function as arugument

add(10,'JLP')
add(10,20)
```

Invalid arguments

[40]: 30

0.2 Pie syntax or Syntactic Sugar

```
[41]: ##Piesyntax or Syntactic Sugar

@ensure_int
def multiple(x,y):
    return x * y

@ensure_int
def raise_to(x,y):
    return x**y
```

```
[45]: # calling add function
```

```
#with invalid inputs
add(10,'JLP')

#with valid inputs
add(10,20)
```

Invalid arguments

[45]: 12

```
[47]: #Calling Multiple Function

# with invalid inputs
multiple(10,'JLP')

#with valid inputs
multiple(10,2)
```

Invalid arguments

[47]: 20

```
[46]: #Calling Raise to function

# with invalid inputs
raise_to(4,'JLP')

#with valid inputs
raise_to(4,3)
```

Invalid arguments

[46]: 64

0.3 Decorating Functions that Takes Arguments

```
[48]: def decorate_it(func):
    def wrapper():
        print("Before function call")
        func()
        print("After function call")
        return wrapper
```

```
[49]: @decorate_it
    def hello(name):
        print("Hello", name)
    hello("Bob")
```

```
[30]: #Usage of Variable length aruguments

def decorate_it(func):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        print("Before function call")
        func(*args, **kwargs)
        print("After function call")
    return wrapper
```

```
[31]: @decorate_it
    def hello(name,age):
        print("Hello")
    hello("Bob")
```

Before function call Hello Bob 27 After function call

0.4 Returning Values from Decorated Functions:

```
[4]: @decorate_it
def hello(name):
    return "Hello " + name
result = hello("Bob")
print(result)
```

Before function call After function call None

```
[5]: #Decorator Retruning Values
def decorate_it(func):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        print("Before function call")
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)
        print("After function call")
        return result
    return wrapper
```

```
[6]: @decorate_it
    def hello(name):
        return "Hello " + name
    result = hello("Bob")
    print(result)
```

Before function call After function call Hello Bob

0.5 Preserving Function Metadata:

When we create function each object has its own metadata, like **name**, **doc** etc.

Metadata is used by functions like help() or dir()

```
[7]: @decorate_it

def hello():
    '''function that greets''' #Metadata_Docstring
    print("Hello world")

print(hello.__name__)
print(hello.__doc__)
print(hello)
```

wrapper None

<function decorate_it.<locals>.wrapper at 0x007BD468>

```
[8]: from functools import wraps
def decorate_it(func):
    @wraps(func) #apply the @wraps decorator
    def wrapper():
        print("Before function call")
        func()
        print("After function call")
    return wrapper
```

```
[9]: @decorate_it

def hello():
    '''function that greets'''  #Metadata_Docstring
    print("Hello world")

print(hello.__name__)
print(hello.__doc__)
print(hello)
```

```
hello
function that greets
<function hello at 0x067717C8>
```

0.6 Unwrapping a Decorator:

```
[10]: original_hello = hello.__wrapped__
original_hello()
```

Hello world

0.7 Nesting Decorators:

```
[12]: from functools import wraps

def double_it(func):
    @wraps(func)
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)
        return result * 2
    return wrapper

def square_it(func):
    @wraps(func)
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)
        return result * result
    return wrapper
```

```
[13]: @double_it
    @square_it

def add(a,b):
    return a + b #5 --> squared - 25 --> Double -- 50

print(add(2,3))
```

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```
[14]: @square_it
    @double_it

def add(a,b):
    return a + b

print(add(2,3))
```

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0.8 Applying Decorators to Built-in Functions:

```
[15]: double_the_sum = double_it(sum)
print(double_the_sum([1,2]))
```

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1 Real World Examples:

You'll notice that they'll mainly follow the same pattern that you've learned so far:

1.1 Debugger:

Let's create a @debug decorator that will do the following, whenever the function is called

Print the function's name

Print the values of its arguments

Run the function with the arguments

Print the result

Return the modified function for use

```
return result
          return wrapper
[18]: @debug
      def hello(name):
          return "Hello " + name
     hello("Bob")
     Running function: hello
     Positional arguments: ('Bob',)
     keyword arguments: {}
     Result: Hello Bob
[18]: 'Hello Bob'
[19]: | #You can also apply this decorator to any built-in function like this:
      sum = debug(sum)
      sum([1, 2, 3])
     Running function: sum
     Positional arguments: ([1, 2, 3],)
     keyword arguments: {}
     Result: 6
[19]: 6
```

2 Timer:

The following @timer decorator reports the execution time of a function. It will do the following:

Store the time just before the function execution (Start Time)

Run the function

Store the time just after the function execution (End Time)

Print the difference between two time intervals

Return the modified function for use

```
[2]: import time
  from functools import wraps

def timer(func):
    @wraps(func)
```

```
def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
    start = time.time()
    result = func(*args, **kwargs)
    end = time.time()
    print("Finished in {:.3f} secs".format(end-start))
    return result
return wrapper
```

Finished in 0.000 secs Finished in 0.137 secs

2.1 Counter:

An decorator to count how many times the function is called.

```
[32]: def count(func):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        wrapper.counter += 1
        return func(*args,**kwargs)
    wrapper.counter = 0
    return wrapper
```

This function don't have any implementation, this example is to demonstrate, how variable number of arguments are handled in decorator functions.

```
[34]: @count
def my_func(*args,**kwargs):
    pass

# call with multiple integer values
my_func(1,2,3,4)

# call with a string
my_func("1,2,3,4")

# call with an integer
my_func(2)

# check the counter
my_func.counter
```

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Decorators in Python ensures that your code is DRY(Don't Repeat Yourself).

Decorators have several use cases such as:

Authorization in Python frameworks such as Flask and Django

Logging

Run time check

Synchronization

Type checking

Debugging

Python Generators

b>A Python generator is a kind of an iterable, like a Python list or a python tuple. It generate

```
[2]: #square() function that squares an input list of numbers

def square(numbers):
    result = []
    for n in numbers:
        result.append(n ** 2)
    return result

numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
    squared_numbers = square(numbers)

print(squared_numbers)
```

[1, 4, 9, 16, 25]

```
[3]: #Let's turn this function into a generator.

#Instead of storing the squared numbers into a list, you can yield values one

at a time without storing them

def square(numbers):
    for n in numbers:
        yield n ** 2

numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
squared_numbers = square(numbers)

# It returns an object but does not start execution immediately.

print(squared_numbers)
```

<generator object square at 0x000001F4665C8660>

```
[4]: #A generator object doesn't hold numbers in memory.
#Instead, it computes and yields one result at a time.
#It does this only when you ask for the next value using the next() function
```

```
print(next(squared_numbers))
     print(next(squared_numbers))
     print(next(squared_numbers))
     print(next(squared_numbers))
    1
    4
    9
    16
[5]: # Once the function yields, the function is paused and the control is
     \hookrightarrow transferred to the caller.
     # Local variables and theirs states are remembered between successive calls.
     print(next(squared_numbers))
    25
[6]: # Finally, when the function terminates, StopIteration is raised automatically
      \hookrightarrow on further calls.
     print(next(squared_numbers))
                                                  Traceback (most recent call last)
      StopIteration
      <ipython-input-6-ee4db9c24dc2> in <module>
      ---> 1 print(next(squared_numbers))
      StopIteration:
[9]: #In reality, you don't need to call the next() function.
     #Instead, you can use a for loop
     def square(numbers):
         for n in numbers:
             yield n ** 2
     numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
     squared_numbers = square(numbers)
     for n in squared_numbers:
         print(n)
    1
    4
    9
    16
    25
```

```
[10]: #Generators vs. Lists-Runtime Comparison
      import random
      import timeit
      from math import floor
      numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
      def data_list(n):
          result = []
          for i in range(n):
              result.append(random.choice(numbers))
          return result
      def data_generator(n):
          for i in range(n):
              yield random.choice(numbers)
      t_list_start = timeit.default_timer()
      rand_list = data_list(1_000_000)
      t_list_end = timeit.default_timer()
      t_gen_start = timeit.default_timer()
      rand_gen = data_generator(1_000_000)
      t_gen_end = timeit.default_timer()
      t_gen = t_gen_end - t_gen_start
      t_list = t_list_end - t_list_start
      print(f"List creation took {t_list} Seconds")
      print(f"Generator creation took {t_gen} Seconds")
      print(f"The generator is {floor(t_list / t_gen)} times faster")
```

List creation took 0.5300700000007055 Seconds Generator creation took 3.840000135824084e-05 Seconds The generator is 13803 times faster

This shows how a generator is way faster to create. This is because when you create a list, all the numbers have to be stored in memory. But when you use a generator, the numbers aren't stored anywhere, so it's lightning-fast.

```
[11]: #Generator Expression
squared_numbers = (n ** 2 for n in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
print(squared_numbers)
```

<generator object <genexpr> at 0x000001F466682970>

```
[12]: for n in squared_numbers:
    print(n)
```

```
1
     4
     9
     16
     25
[27]: #yeild vs Return
      def mygenerator():
          print('First item')
          yield 10
          print('Second item')
          yield 20
          print('Last item')
          yield 30
      gen = mygenerator()
      print(next(gen))
      print(next(gen))
     print(next(gen))
     First item
     10
     Second item
     Last item
     30
[28]: def mygenerator():
          print('First item')
          yield 10
          return
          print('Second item')
          yield 20
          print('Last item')
          yield 30
      gen = mygenerator()
      print(next(gen))
      print(next(gen))
     First item
```

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2.1.1 To - DO:

Write a Python program to make a chain of function decorators (bold, italic, underline etc.).

Make a decorator which calls a given function twice. You can assume the functions don't return anything important, but they may take arguments

Imagine you have a list called books, which several functions in your application interact with. Write a decorator which causes your functions to run only if books is not empty

Write a generator which yeilds infinite fibonaci series

Write a generator which yeilds infinite prime numbers

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