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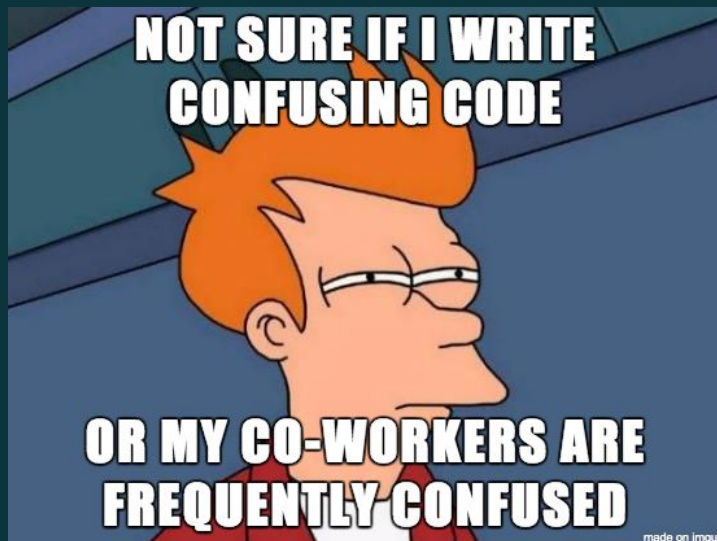
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Dobre nawyki, czyli jak nie utrudniać sobie życia  
*Good practices, or how to make life easier*

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“Code is more often read than written.”  
*Guido Van Rossum*



PEP

Python Enhancement Proposals

[github.com/python/peps](https://github.com/python/peps)

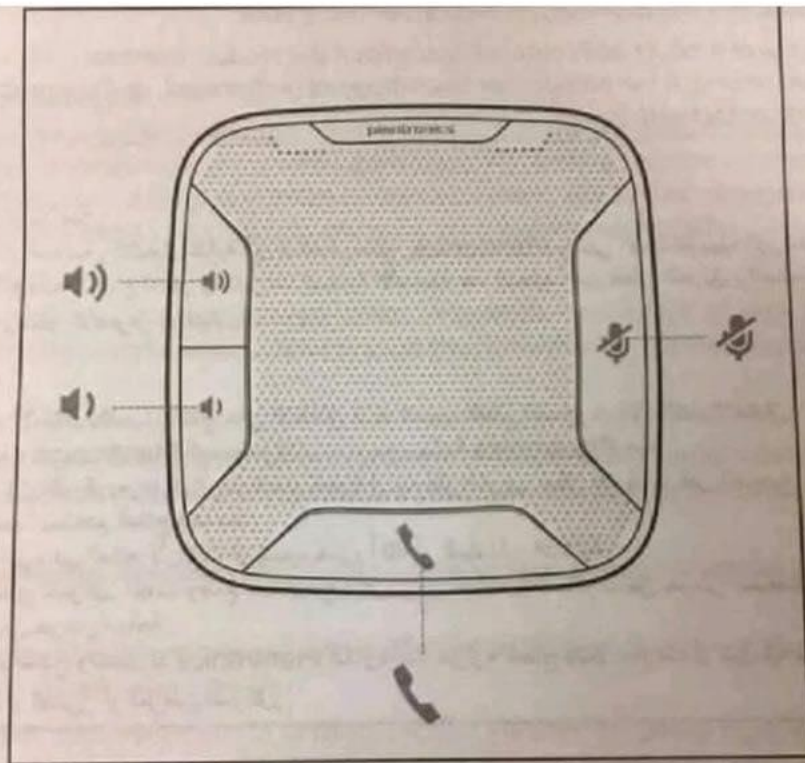
PEP 8

Style Guide for Python Code

PEP8:

- >code layout (indentations, line breaking, blank lines, white spaces)
- >imports (standard library, related third party imports, local imports)
- >naming conventions (variable\_names, function\_names, ClassNames, CONSTANTS...; names to avoid)
- >comments
- >inheritance design
- ...and so on...

*>project-specific guides take precedence for that project*



How I comment my code.

# comments vs docstrings

## Comments:

- >"how?" (not "what?")
- >for programmers who develop the code
- >purposes: planning, tagging, review; explanation of more complicated structures
- >*comments that contradict the code are worse than no comments* (must be up-to-date)

## Docstrings:

- >"what?" (not "how?")
- >summary
- >for developers who use the code

```
class JSONDecodeError(ValueError):
    """Subclass of ValueError with the following additional properties:

    msg: The unformatted error message
    doc: The JSON document being parsed
    pos: The start index of doc where parsing failed
    lineno: The line corresponding to pos
    colno: The column corresponding to pos

    """
    # Note that this exception is used from _json
    def __init__(self, msg, doc, pos):
        lineno = doc.count('\n', 0, pos) + 1
        colno = pos - doc.rfind('\n', 0, pos)
        errmsg = '%s: line %d column %d (char %d)' % (msg, lineno, colno, pos)
        ValueError.__init__(self, errmsg)
        self.msg = msg
        self.doc = doc
        self.pos = pos
        self.lineno = lineno
        self.colno = colno

    def __reduce__(self):
        return self.__class__, (self.msg, self.doc, self.pos)
```



```
In [1]: def do_nothing():  
...:     """Do nothing.  
...:  
...:     Document it.  
...:     """  
...:     pass
```

```
In [2]: print(do_nothing.__doc__)  
Do nothing.
```

```
    Document it.
```

```
In [3]: help(do_nothing)  
Help on function do_nothing in module __main__:
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```
do_nothing()  
    Do nothing.
```

```
    Document it.
```

comments  
vs.  
self-documenting code

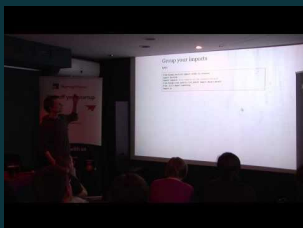
# linter (lint)

- >general name for tools that analyze source code
- >flags errors, problematic constructs, etc.
- >may be integrated with IDE, version control system (git) or development systems
- >exceptions may (and should) be applied
- >i.e. PyLint, Black, Flake8, mypy

More...



Agata Tyśnicka, PyLight #5  
*Czym jest refactoring i dlaczego jest ważny?*



Ignacy Sokołowski, PyWaw #35  
*Readability counts*



Wojtek Ebertowski, PyWaw #74  
*Dokumentacja w samodokumentującym się świecie*



Raymond Hettinger, PyCon 2015  
*Beyond PEP 8 - best practices for beautiful intelligible code*