GIL IN PYTHON:

This protects Python objects, ensuring that only one thing is happening with the Python object at a time. In other words, it ensures that only one thread executes Python bytecode at a time. This is in place in order to safely manage Python's  memory.

PROS:

It simplifies Python programming in the sense that it is easier to implement and maintain Python's memory management. No need to worry about data structures and operations in the Python interpreter needing protection against concurrent access, which can be tedious.

It can aid optimization. Certain operations can be optimized because the interpreter assumes it doesn't need to handle concurrent memory access.

The GIL ensures that only one thread is executing Python code at a time. This helps extension developers because they do not need to worry about thread safety within their extension code.

CONS:

It hinders performance in multi-threaded Python programs. Because only one thread can execute Python bytecode at a time, these applications tend to not function effectively.

The GIL can become a bottleneck in applications that require heavy parallel processing, and this affects scalability.

Overall, it is very complex to work around this to achieve true parallel processing.