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Why Knowing Cython Helps in Understanding Python:

A Deep Dive into Cython





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Summary

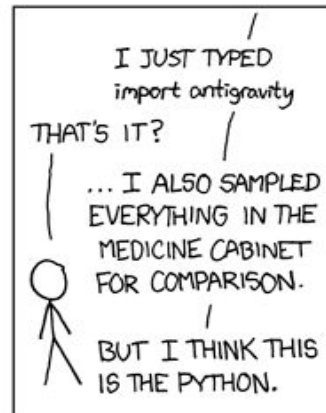
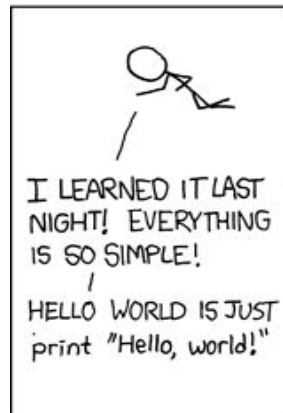
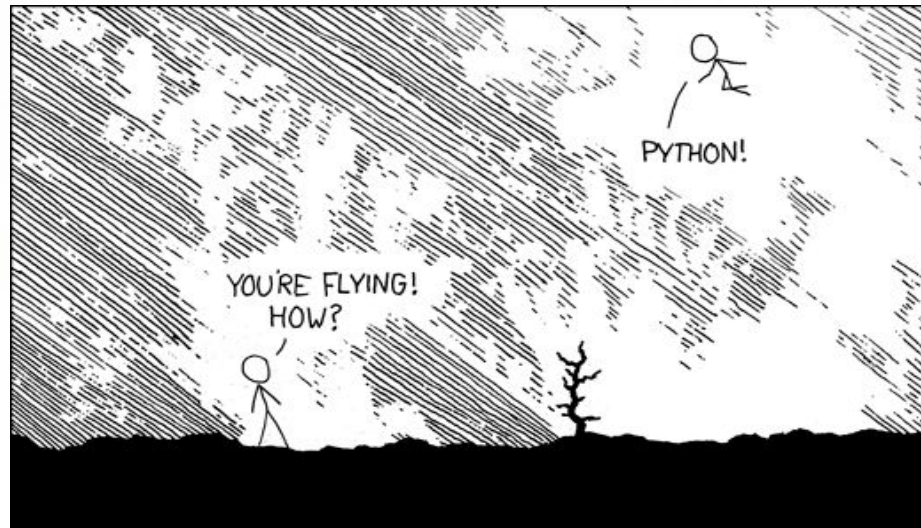


The more precise the mind,
the more precise the
decision.

- Human

The more precise the data
type, faster the code.

- Compiler



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Cython CPython Python

Python

- 1.High-level
- 2.Interpreted
- 3.Used for web development, scientific computing, data analysis, etc.
- 4.Simple,readable, and flexible

CPython

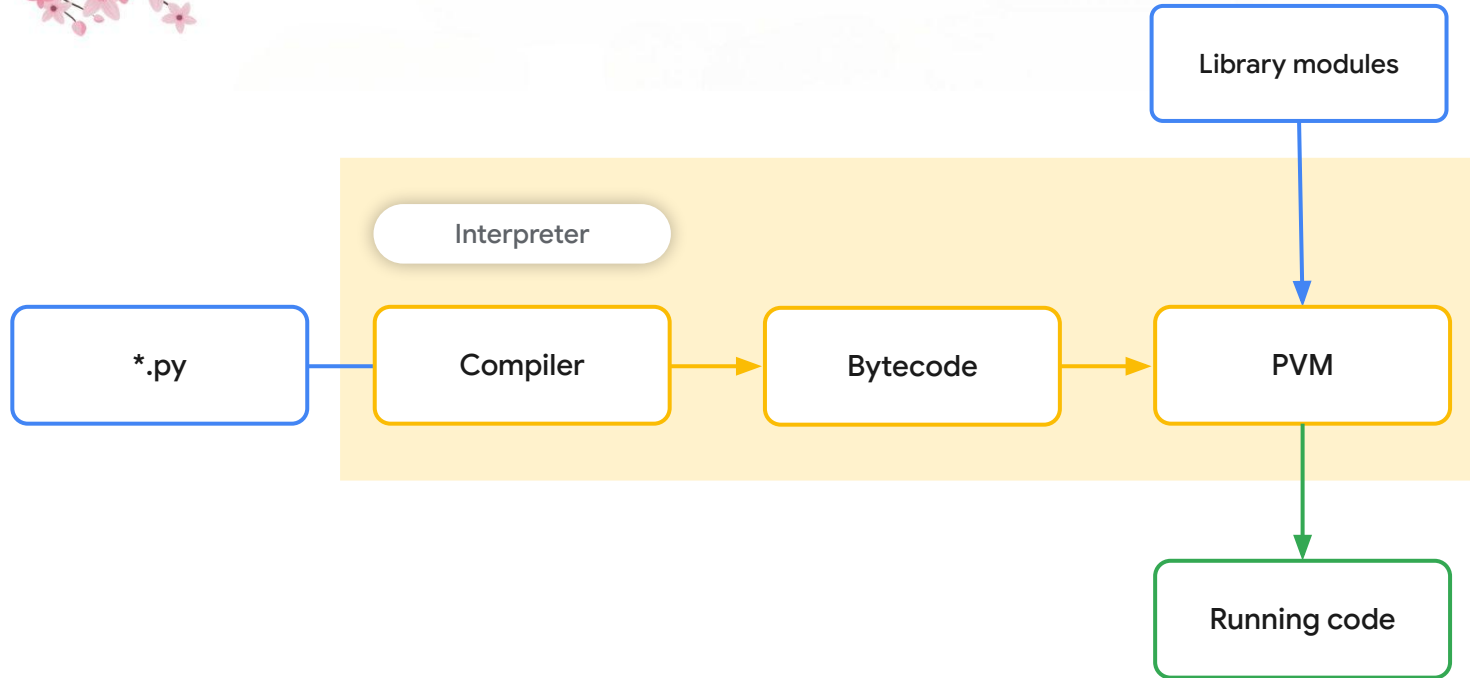
- 1.Reference implementation of Python
- 2.C programming used
- 3.Used in implementation of python
- 4.Free,open source software project.

Cython

1. Super set of python,compile to C code.
- 2 .Used to write high performance python extension modules and speeds up Python code
- 3.Allows python-like code to be optimized as C

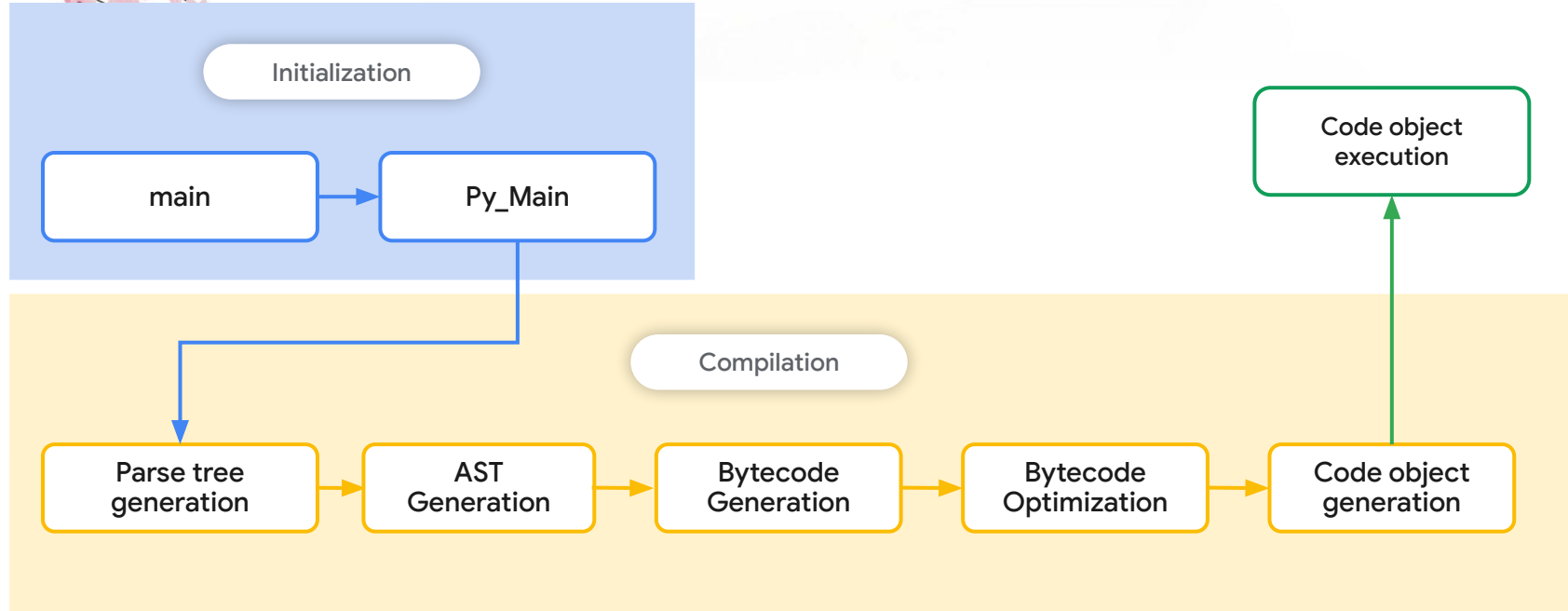
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Python Process Chart



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Cython Process Chart



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Why Combine Them?

Difference between them is complementary.

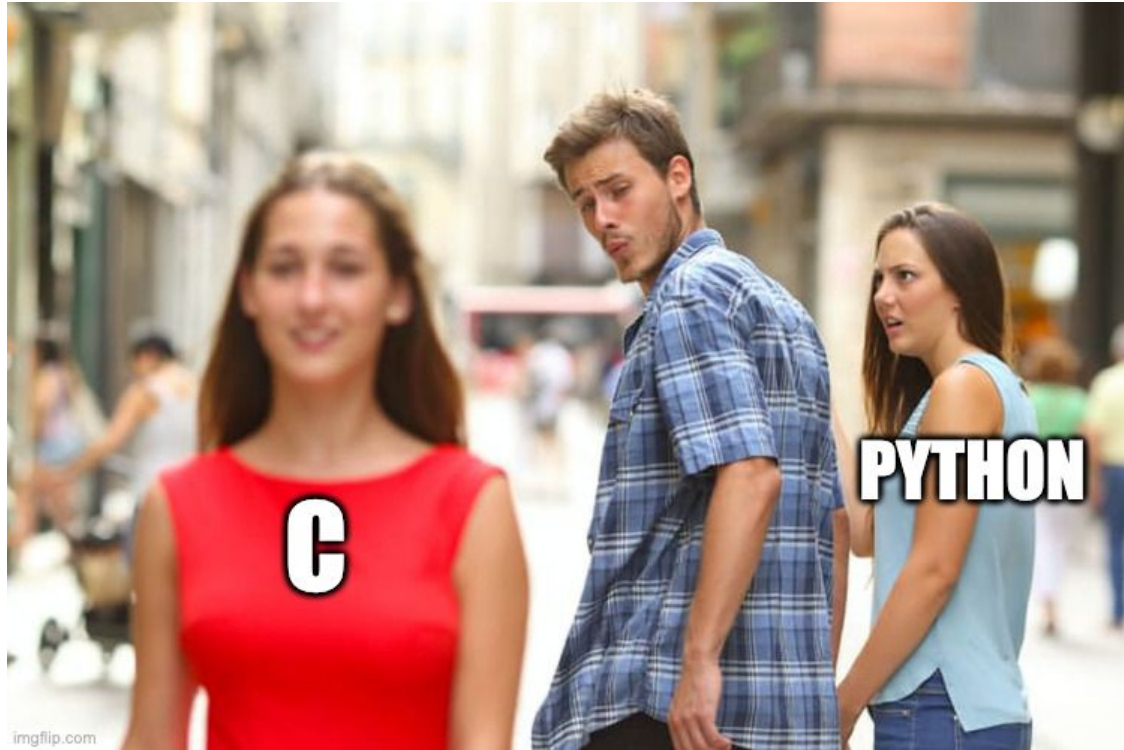
C

1. **Static** types
2. **Compiled**
3. **Hard** to read
4. Very fast
and **low level**

Python

1. **Dynamic** types
2. **Interpreted**
3. **Easy** to read
4. Very **high level**

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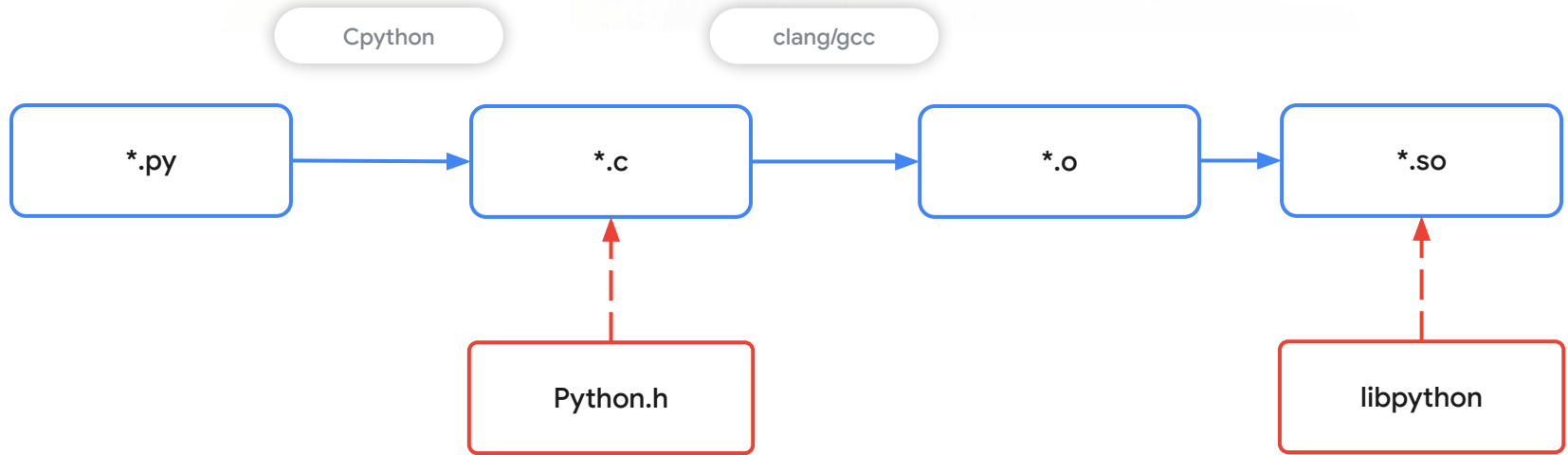


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Deep Dive Into Cython Code

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How Cython works?



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PYX Version 1

Changing py to pyx

```
def add(x):  
    y = 0  
    for i in range(x):  
        for j in range(x):  
            y += i  
    return y
```

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PYX Version 2

cdef int i

cdef double amount

cdef list modified_particles

cdef dict names_from_particles

cdef str pname

cdef set unique

```
def add(int x):  
    cdef int i  
    cdef int j  
    cdef int y=0  
    for i in range(x):  
        for j in range(x):  
            y += i  
    return y
```

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PYX Version 3

cpdef

Python and Cython code can both call a function defined with cpdef.

It allows you to write performance-optimized code in Cython, while still being able to call it from Python.

```
cpdef int add(int x):  
    cdef:  
        int i, j, y = 0  
  
    for i in range(x):  
        for j in range(x):  
            y += i  
    return y
```

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PYX Version 4

cdef

Only Cython code can call a function defined with cdef.

It is in pure C and having no Python Objects

```
cdef int add_cy(int x):  
    cdef:  
        int i, j, y = 0  
  
        for i in range(x):  
            for j in range(x):  
                y += i  
        return y  
  
def add(x):  
    return add_cy(x)
```

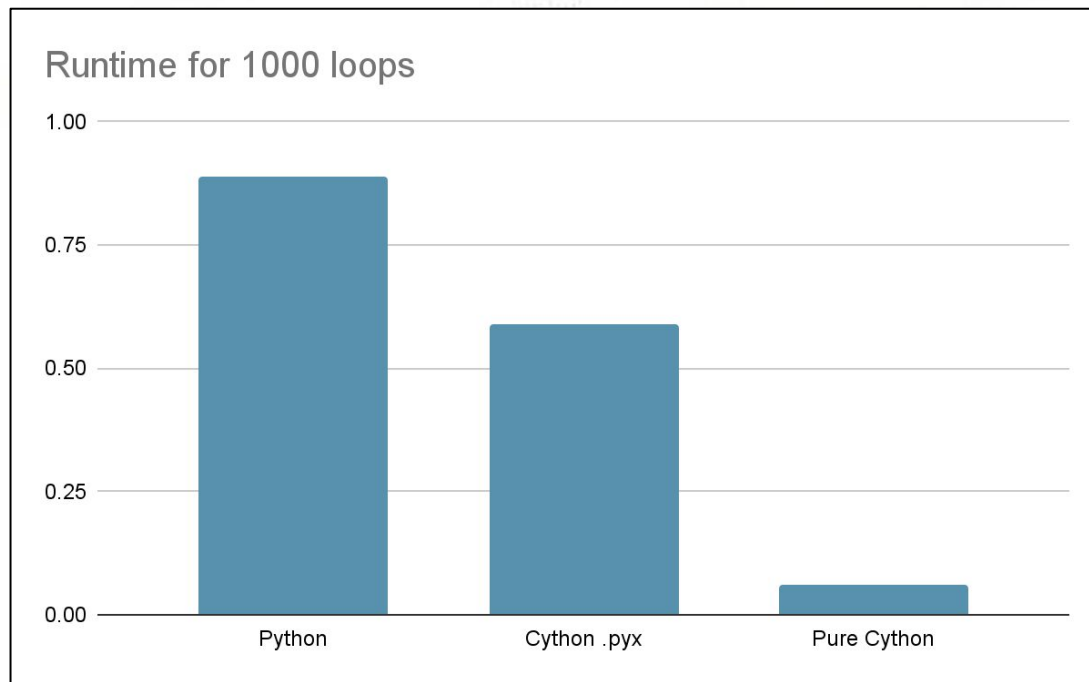
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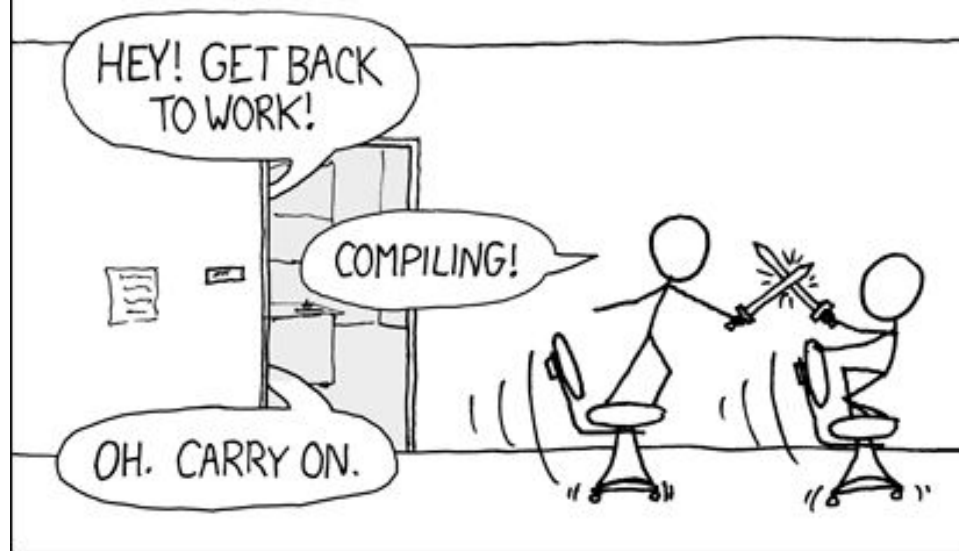


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Performance Stats



THE #1 PROGRAMMER EXCUSE
FOR LEGITIMATELY SLACKING OFF:
"MY CODE'S COMPILING."



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Compilation of Cython

- Manual
- iPython
- Distutils
- Setuptools
- pyximport

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But Why Cython is Faster?

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Python go home you are drunk !?

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[illegible]



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Data Structures in Python



- In Python Everything is an Object, this approach has both pros and cons.
- We will focus on Cons here
 - They are dynamically typed and have a lot of overhead due to Python's dynamic type system.
 - Operations on Python numbers are slower because they involve looking up the type information and executing more bytecode

PyObject

_PyObject_HEAD_EXTRA : Additional information, used internally by CPython during debugging.

ob_refcnt : Reference count of the object

***ob_type** : Pointer to the object's type information

```
typedef struct _object {
    _PyObject_HEAD_EXTRA

    Py_ssize_t ob_refcnt;

    struct _typeobject *ob_type;
} PyObject;
```

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Python Addition

HTML



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Cython Datastructures



- Cython numbers, such as `cdef int`, `cdef double`, are statically typed and are directly mapped to C data types (like `int`, `double`). This removes the overhead associated with Python objects.
- Operations on Cython numbers are significantly faster because they translate directly to C-level operations, which are much closer to the hardware and require fewer instructions.
- Cython numbers, being C types, do not have the overhead of Python's memory management. They are allocated and deallocated directly on the stack (or heap, in the case of arrays) like in C.
- This makes memory usage more predictable and reduces the overall memory footprint, especially in numerical computations.

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Cython GIL

HTML HTML

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CODE DEMO



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Importing C inside Python

```
#include <Python.h>
```

```
void greet(const char *name) {  
    printf("Hello, %s!\n",  
    name);  
}
```

```
static PyObject* wrap_greet(PyObject* self, PyObject* args)  
{  
    const char* name;  
    if (!PyArg_ParseTuple(args, "s", &name)) {  
        return NULL;}  
    greet(name);  
    Py_RETURN_NONE;  
}  
  
static PyMethodDef ExampleMethods[] = {  
    {"greet", wrap_greet, METH_VARARGS, "Greet the user."},  
    {NULL, NULL, 0, NULL}  
};  
  
static struct PyModuleDef examplemodule = {  
    PyModuleDef_HEAD_INIT, "example", "Example module", -1,  
    ExampleMethods  
};  
  
PyMODINIT_FUNC PyInit_example(void) {  
    return PyModule_Create(&examplemodule);  
}
```

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Importing C inside Python: Cython Edition

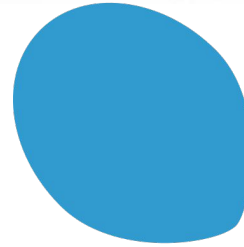
```
#include <Python.h>
```

```
void greet(const char *name) {  
    printf("Hello, %s!\n",  
name);  
}
```

```
cdef extern from "greet.h":  
    void greet(const char*  
name)  
  
def greet_from_python(name):  
    greet(name.encode('utf-8'))
```

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Who Uses This?



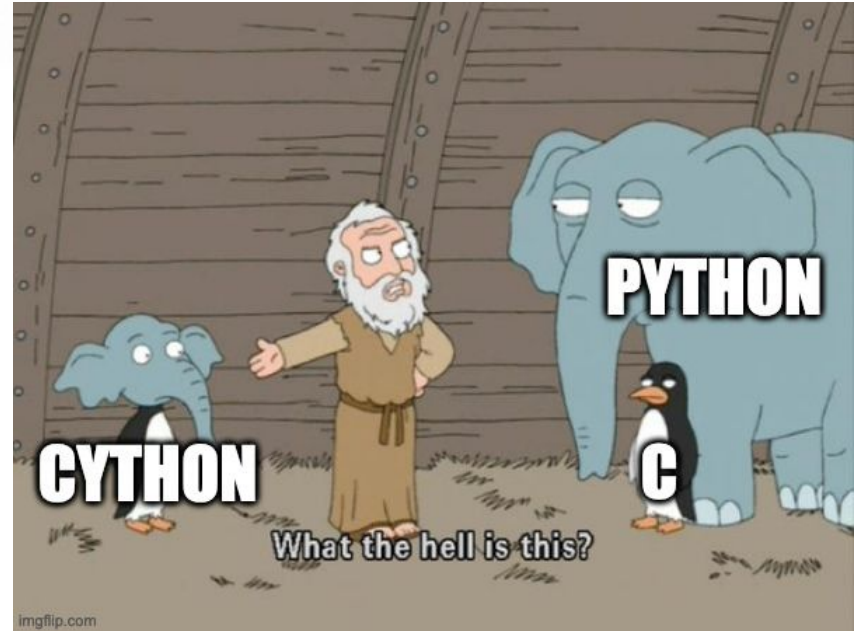
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Conclusion

- Cython bridges the gap between Python's ease and C's speed.
- It's a powerful tool for optimizing performance-critical Python code.
- Cython's ability to interface with C libraries extends Python's capabilities.



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