

# Hatch - A Python Preprocessor

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# 1 Getting Started

All Hatch statements begin with the special Hatch comment identifier (`#!`). If the preprocessor comment identifier is not present, the line will be treated as interpretable Python code. All lines beginning with `#!` will “hatch” into interpretable Python code, given the correct Hatch syntax.

## 2 Keywords

### 1. `class`

Used to define a class in hatch.

### 2. `get`

Used to define getter(s) in hatch.

### 3. `set`

Used to define setter(s) in hatch.

### 4. `str`

Used to define a `toString()` in hatch.

### 5. `hatch()`

Used to exit a hatch interactive shell.

## 3 The Hatch Egg

The hatch egg is where parameter and attribute names are passed into. An empty hatch egg will result in the following error: *Empty egg to be hatched, aborting..*

## 4 Hatch Syntax

```
#!/ class Person = (name, age)
```

## 5 Hello Hatch

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```
# HelloHatch.Hatch
import sys

#!/ class HelloHatch = (hello, hatch)
    #! get = (hello, hatch)
    #! set = (hello, hatch)
    #! str = (hello, hatch)

def main(argv):

    hello_hatch = HelloHatch("Hello", "Hatch!")
    print(hello_hatch)

if(__name__ == "__main__"):
    main(sys.argv[1:])
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./interpreter.out HelloHatch.Hatch > HelloHatch.py

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```
# HelloHatch.py
import sys

class HelloHatch(object):
    def __init__(self,hello,hatch):
        self.hello = hello
        self.hatch = hatch

    def get_hello(self):
        return self.hello
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```
def get_hatch(self):
    return self.hatch

def set_hello(self,hello):
    self.hello = hello
def set_hatch(self,hatch):
    self.hatch = hatch

def __str__(self):
    return str(self.hello) + ' ' + str(self.hatch)

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**python3 HelloHatch.py**

Hello Hatch!