

# Programmatic Generation Of Symbols And Footprints

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# What's Your Problem, Pal?

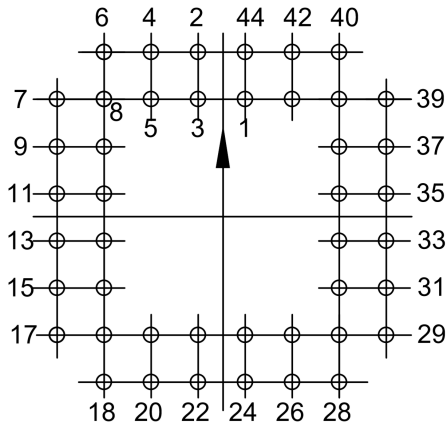
- ▶ I don't like dragging and dropping things that need to be precise and grids and stuff
- ▶ I don't like doing math where I can only see the result, not the methodology
- ▶ I like programming, and spending 2x programming time is worth it to me

# Python Plus Our Friend Pint

Pint:

- ▶ Knows about units and conversion
- ▶ Knows about tolerance (kinda)

# My First Footprint



44 Poles

# How To Generate?

- ▶  $8 \times 8$  grid? Not very reusable
- ▶ Figure out “stitching”

# Inside a Footprint Pad

```
(pad 1 thru_hole circle (at 0 0) (size 1.524 1.524)  
(drill 1) (layers *.Cu *.Mask))
```

`pad` it's a pad

`1` its number is 1

`thru_hole` it's a through-hole pad

`circle` it's circular

`at 0 0` its center is at 0 mm x 0 mm

`size 1.524 1.524` it is 1.524 mm x 1.524 mm in size

`drill 1` there is a hole in it that is 1 mm diameter

# Inside a Symbol Pin

X I/O 11 -150 -1150 100 R 50 50 1 1 B

X it's a pin

I/O its name is "I/O"

11 it's pin number 11

-150 X position is -150 mils (NOT mm)

-1150 Y position is 1150 mils (NOT mm) (and no, I don't know why it is negated)

100 Length

R Pin goes to the right (L goes to the left, Up and Down also)

50 50 mil number size

50 50 mil text size

1 Something

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B Type (input, output, power input, etc.)

# The Code I Did

`https://github.com/bcr/PyKi`



# Things That Might Happen Next

- ▶ Command Line Interface
- ▶ Modify files directly