

What's new in Python



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github.com/cusyio/jupyter-reveal/pub/pub_2021-05.pdf

Python is on Mars

LINUX Unplugged did an interview with Tim Canham, the Mars Helicopter Operations Lead.

From the 43 minute he talks about Python: [How Linux Got to Mars](#).

See also:

- github.com/nasa/fprime

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- Python 3.10 is now in Beta
- Beta release previews are intended to give the wider community the opportunity to test new features and bug fixes.
- Third-party Python projects should test and prepare their projects to support the new feature release.
- [PEP 619 – Python 3.10 Release Schedule](#)

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See also:

- [Better error messages](#)

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- [Python 3.9.5 Changelog](#)
- Python 3.9.5 is the newest major **stable** release.
- On macOS, you should use the `universal2` binary installer variant whenever possible. The legacy 10.9+ Intel-only variant will not be provided for Python 3.10 and the `universal2` variant will become the default download for future 3.9.x releases.

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Python 3.8.10

- [PEP 569 – Python 3.8 Release Schedule](#)
- Python 3.8.10 is the final regular maintenance release.
- Starting now, the 3.8 branch will only accept security fixes.
- Releases will be made in source-only form until October 2024.

CPython repository switched from master to main

- Community's take on changing master branch to main
- github.com/github/renaming

Coverage.py

The next version of coverage.py will be 6.0, dropping support for Python 2 and Python 3.5.

See also:

- [Comparing changes](#)

PCA on the security incident disclosed by codecov

Codecov disclosed a security incident: [Bash Uploader Security Update](#).

The PCA (Python Cryptographic Authority) noted that this has [no impact on their use of codecov](#).

PyCon US 2021

<https://us.pycon.org/2021>

- Tutorials: 12–13 May 2021
- Conference: 14–15 May 2021
- Job Fair: 16 May 2021
- Sprints: 16–18 May 2021

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Planning

- [The Shannon Plan](#)
- Based on experience with [HotPy](#)
- Small team funded by Microsoft with Eric Snow, Mark Shannon and Guido van Rossum
- Fully open collaboration with core devs
- Open [Issue tracker for Faster CPython project](#)
- [Tools for gathering bytecode statistics](#)
- [PEP 659 – Specializing Adaptive Interpreter](#)

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Constraints

- ABI compatibility
- API compatibility
- Don't slow down extreme cases
- Keep code maintainable

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How to

- Adaptive, specialising byte code interpreter
- Various other specialised optimisations
 - optimise frame stack
 - faster calls
 - tweak allocation
 - *Zero overhead* exception handling

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Low benefits

- Code that's already in C
- I/O bound code
- Multi-threading code

Python Software Foundation

- [Call for nomination for the PSF board](#)

Nominations ends on 31 May 2021.

New in our bookshelf

- [Machine Learning mit Python](#) by Sebastian Raschka und Vahid Mirjalili
- [Refactoring](#) by Martin Fowler