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# Master Python Decorators with Magical Mini-Quests 🥕

Unlock the power of Python decorators by solving these real-world inspired coding challenges. From boosting performance to debugging like a pro — let's wrap functions like a Python wizard!

### ▶ 1. 👸 Time Tracker Spell: Measure Execution Time

### 🗱 Challenge

Create a decorator @timer that measures and prints how long a function takes to run. Perfect for performance tuning! 🔗

\$\times Use Case: Benchmarking slow functions, loops, or data processing tasks.

### ✓ Code

```
import time
def timer(func):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        start = time.time()
                                                 # Record start time
        result = func(*args, **kwargs)
                                                # Run the actual function
        end = time.time()
                                                 # Record end time
        print(f"{func.__name__} ran in {end - start:.4f} seconds")
        return result
                                                 # Return original result
    return wrapper
@timer
def example function(n):
    time.sleep(n)
                                                 # Simulates a time-consuming task
example_function(2)
```

### Explanation:

- @timer is a decorator that wraps any function and records:
  - When it starts
  - When it ends
  - The difference gives us execution time.
- time.sleep(n) simulates delay (like data processing or API calls).
- The decorator is **reusable** for any function small or large.

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#### Q Output:

```
example_function ran in 2.0021 seconds
```

### ▶ 2. 🚯 Debug Mirror Charm: Trace Function Calls

#### Challenge

Create a decorator @debug that prints the function name and all the arguments passed every time it's called.

☆ Use Case: Debugging complex logic, watching function flow, or auditing arguments.

### ✓ Code

```
def debug(func):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        args_value = ', '.join(str(arg) for arg in args)
Convert positional args to string
        kwargs_value = ', '.join(f''\{k\}=\{v\}'' for k, v in kwargs.items())
Convert keyword args to string
        print(f"  Calling: {func.__name__} with args [{args_value}] and kwargs
[{kwargs_value}]")
        return func(*args, **kwargs)
                                                                              # Run
actual function
    return wrapper
@debug
def hello():
    print("Hello 2 ")
@debug
def greet(name, greeting="Hello"):
    print(f"{greeting}, {name}!")
hello()
greet("Chai", greeting="Hanji")
```

### Explanation:

- The @debug decorator wraps any function and logs:
  - Function name (func.\_\_name\_\_)
  - Arguments (\*args) and keyword arguments (\*\*kwargs)

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• Helps track what's being passed to your function every time.

### Q Output:

```
♠ Calling: hello with args [] and kwargs []
Hello 
♠ Calling: greet with args [Chai] and kwargs [greeting=Hanji]
Hanji, Chai!
```

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#### Challenge

Build a decorator @cache that **stores return values** of a function so repeated calls with the same inputs return the result instantly!

☆ Use Case: Recursive computations (Fibonacci, factorial), expensive calculations, or API responses.

### ✓ Code

```
import time
def cache(func):
   cache_value = {}
                                      # Dictionary to store cached results
   def wrapper(*args):
       if args in cache value:
           print(f" * Returning cached result for {args}")
           return cache value[args] # Return cached result if available
       print(f"  Computing new result for {args}")
       result = func(*args)
                                # Call actual function
       cache_value[args] = result  # Save result to cache
       return result
   return wrapper
def long_running_function(a, b):
                                        # Simulate slow calculation
   time.sleep(4)
   return a + b
print(long_running_function(2, 3))
                                      # First call - slow
print(long_running_function(2, 3))
                                      # Second call - cached
print(long_running_function(4, 3))
                                       # New call - slow again
```

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### **Explanation**:

- cache\_value is a **dictionary** that stores input args as keys and output as values.
- When the function is called:
  - o If the input exists → Return from cache **∮**
  - $\circ$  Else  $\rightarrow$  Compute, then store  $\mathscr{E}$
- This saves time when dealing with **repeated calls**.

### Q Output:

```
    Computing new result for (2, 3)

    Returning cached result for (2, 3)

    Computing new result for (4, 3)

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```

# **Summary Table**

Decorator	Purpose	Emoji	Use Case
@timer	Measure execution time	Ø	Performance tuning, benchmarking
@debug	Log function calls and arguments	<b>₫</b>	Debugging, tracing
@cache	Store and reuse results	<b>©</b>	Expensive calls, recursion