

Python Fundamentals

Shipping Working and Maintainable Code

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unittest

**unit
tests**

**integration
tests**

**acceptance
tests**



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unittest

automated
&
repeatable



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*Basic unit of test
organization in unittest.*



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tear-down/clean-up fixture



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If an assertion fails, then a test fails.

Test-Driven Development



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A photograph of a person's hands on a steering wheel, driving a car. The dashboard and speedometer are visible. The background shows a road and a cloudy sky.

take filename argument

read file

Test-Driven Development



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read file

calculate lines and characters



PDB

The Python DeBugger





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programmatic access

```
>>> import pdb  
>>> pdb.set_trace()
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virtual environment

light-weight, self-contained Python installation

on Windows:

> venv3\bin\activate

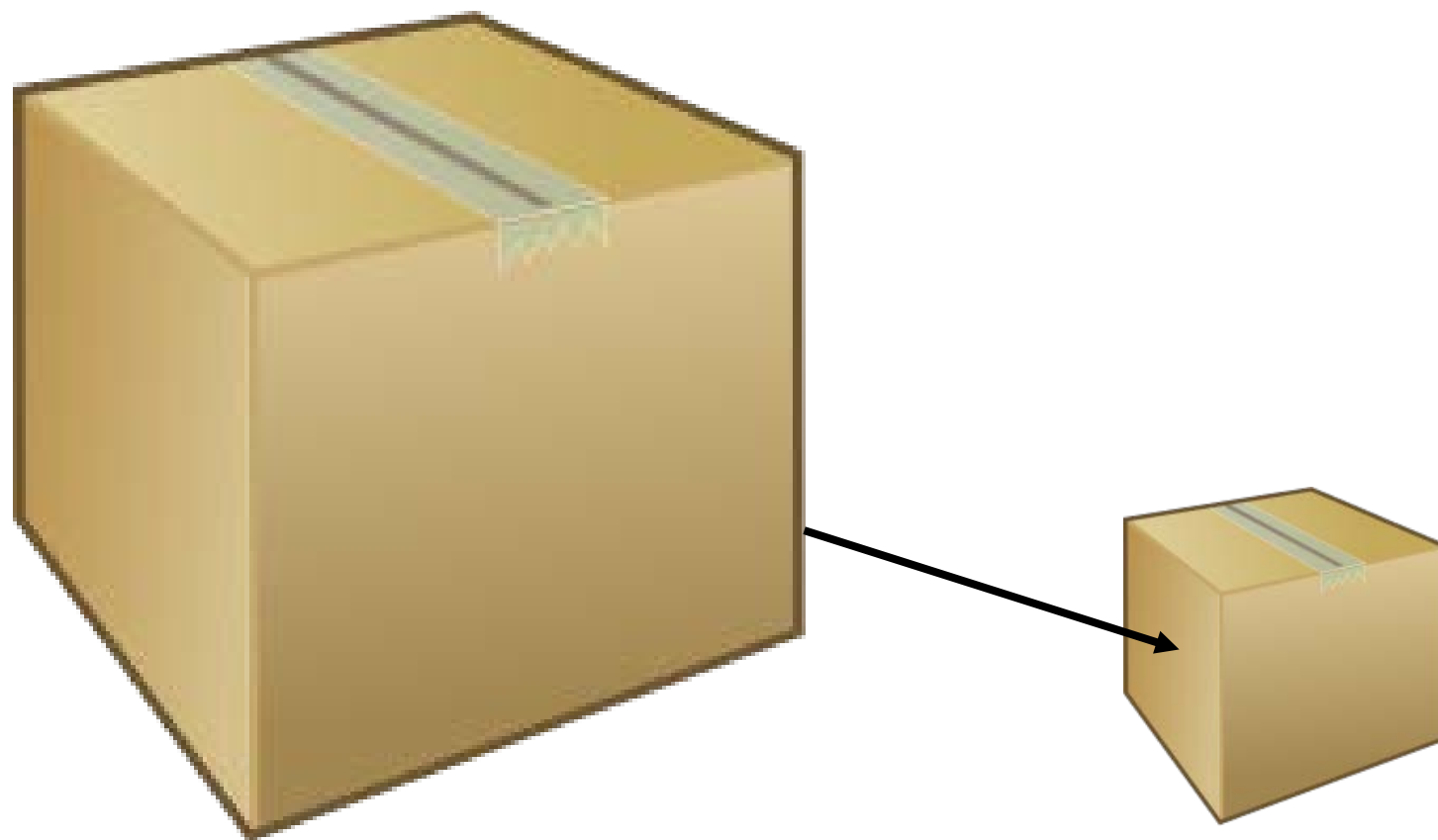


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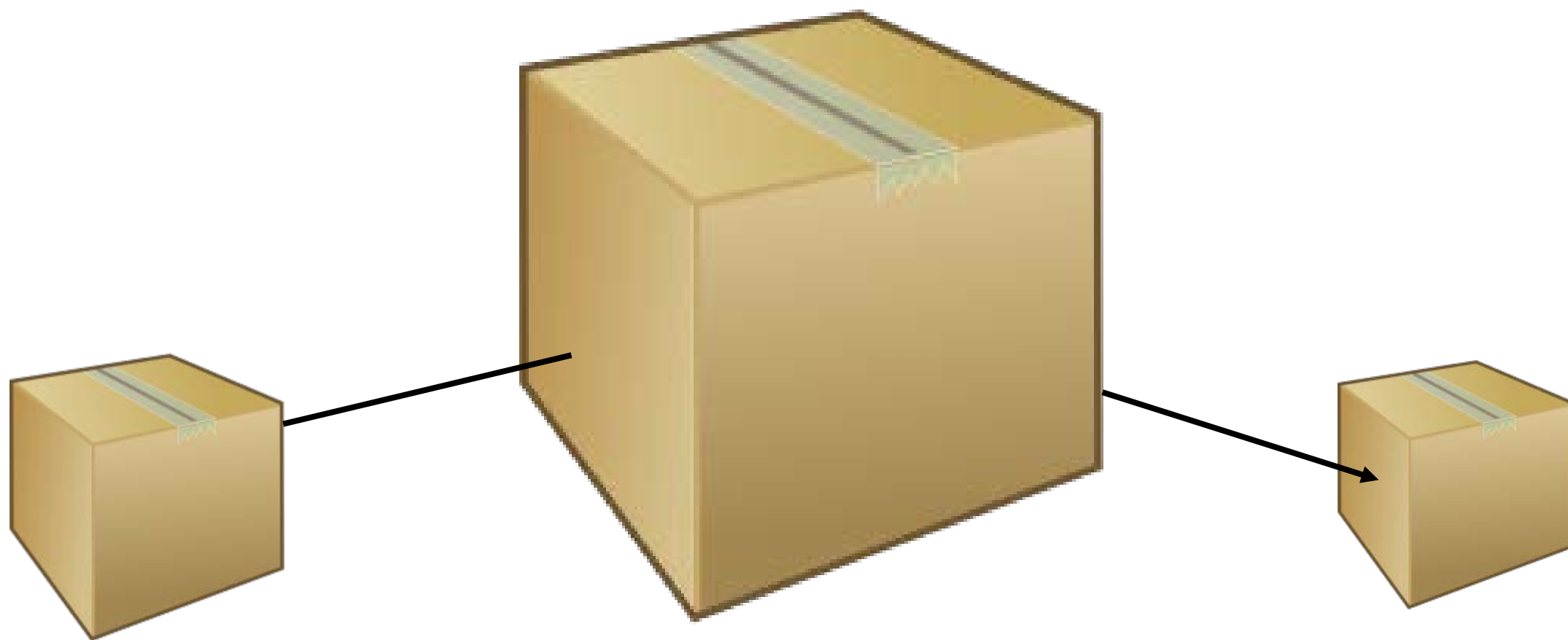


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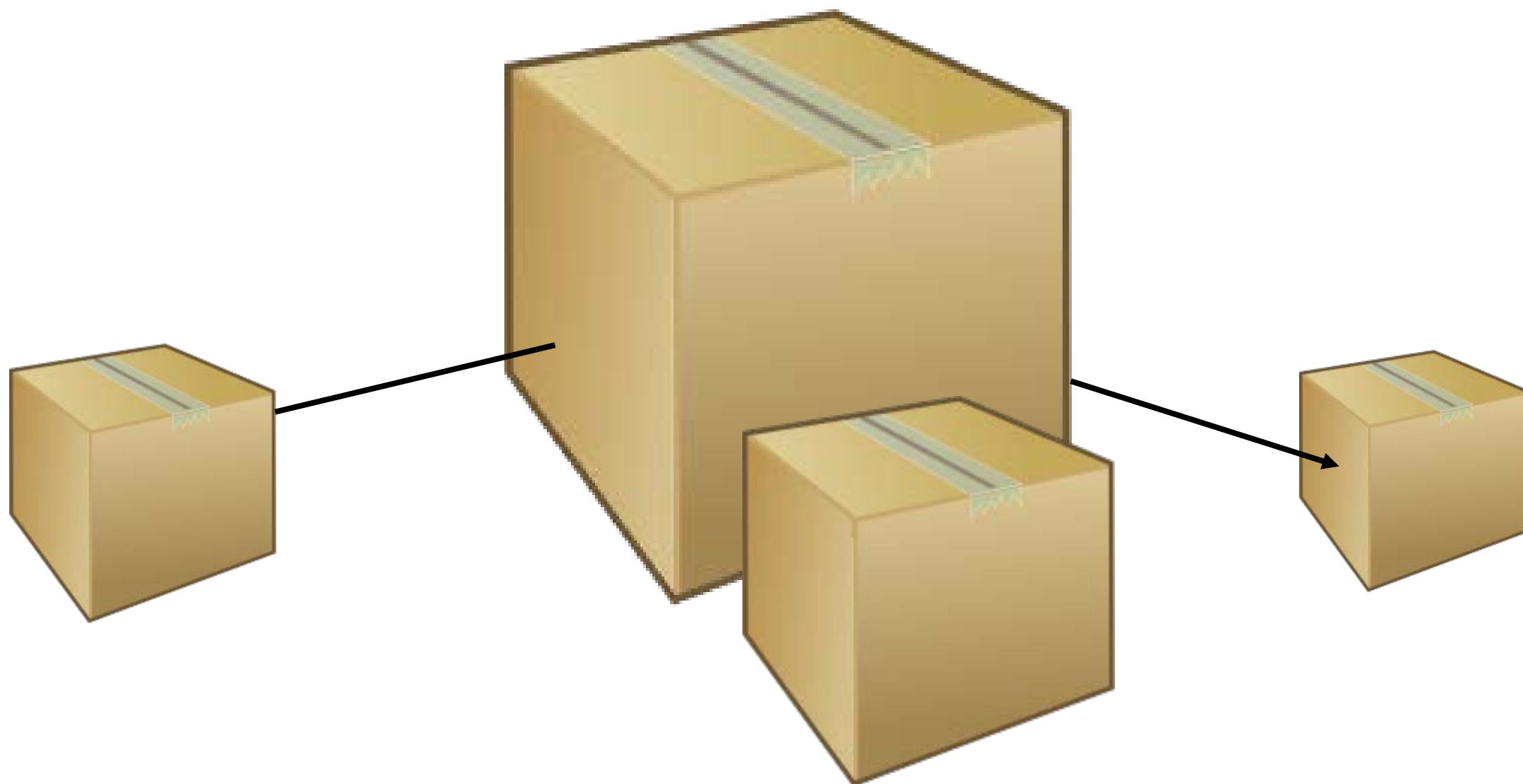


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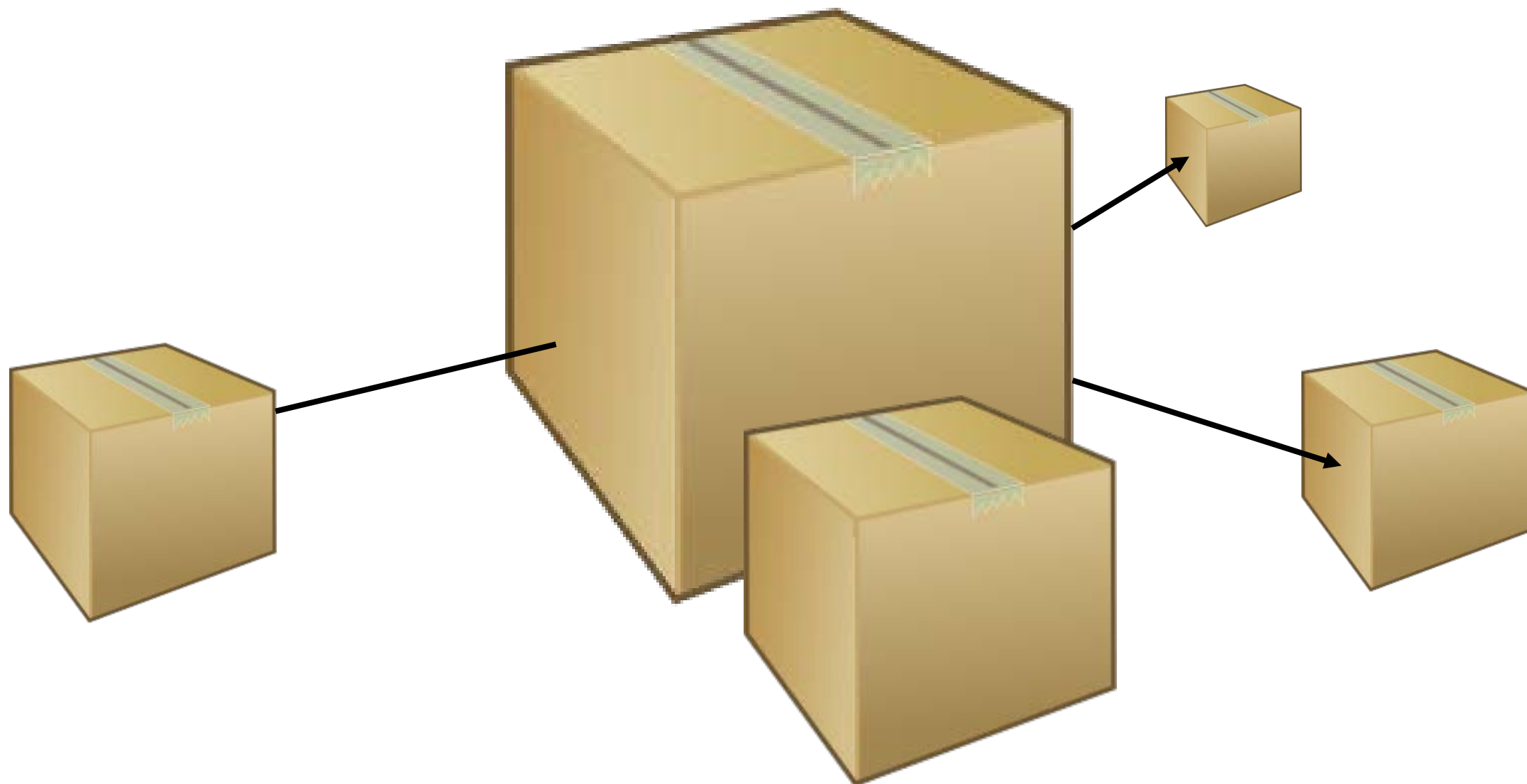


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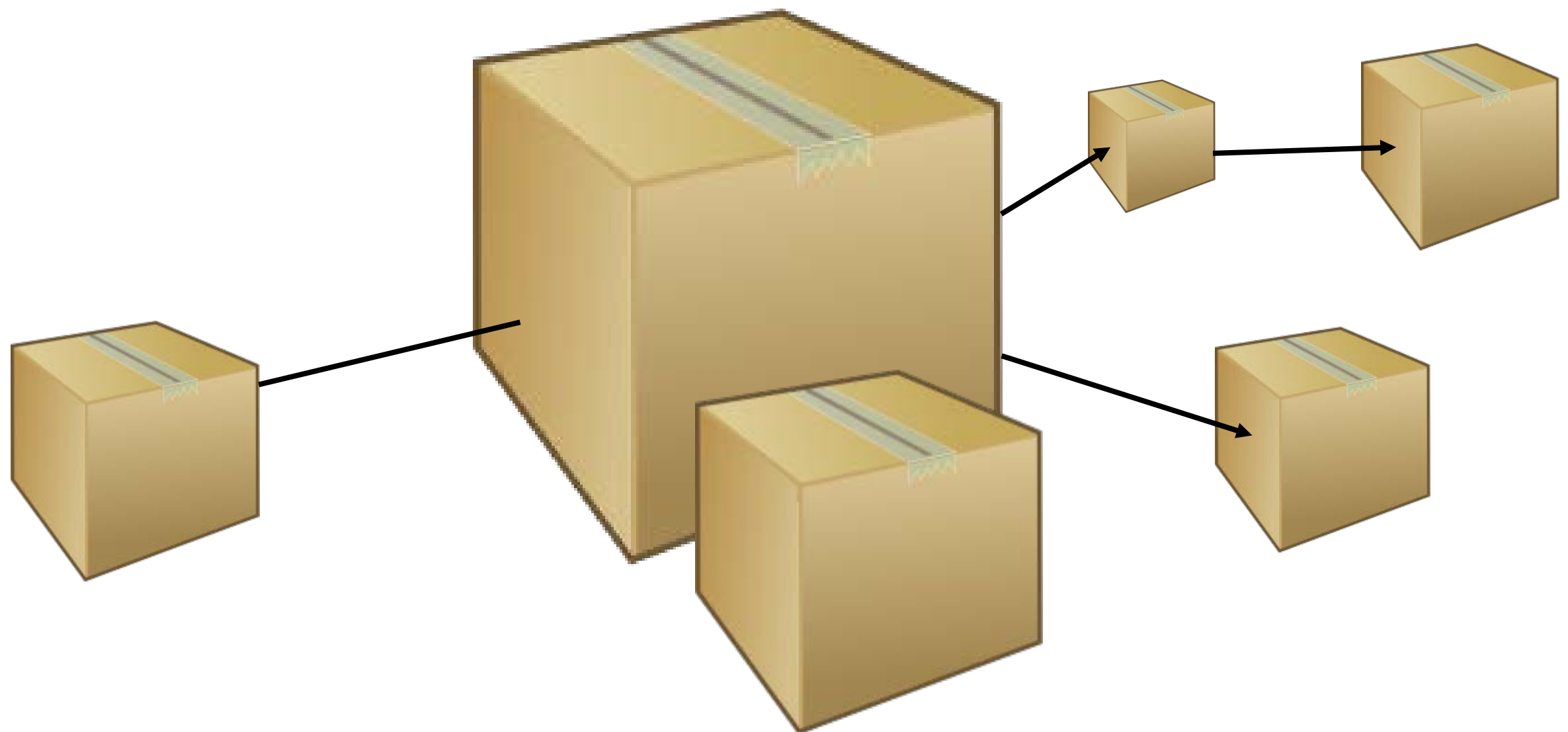


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```
from distutils.core import setup

setup(
    name = 'palindrome',
    version = '1.0',
    py_modules = ['palindrome'],

    # metadata
    author = 'Austin Bingham',
    author_email = 'austin@sixty-north.com',
    description = 'A module for finding palindromic integers.',
    license = 'Public domain',
    keywords = 'example',
)
```



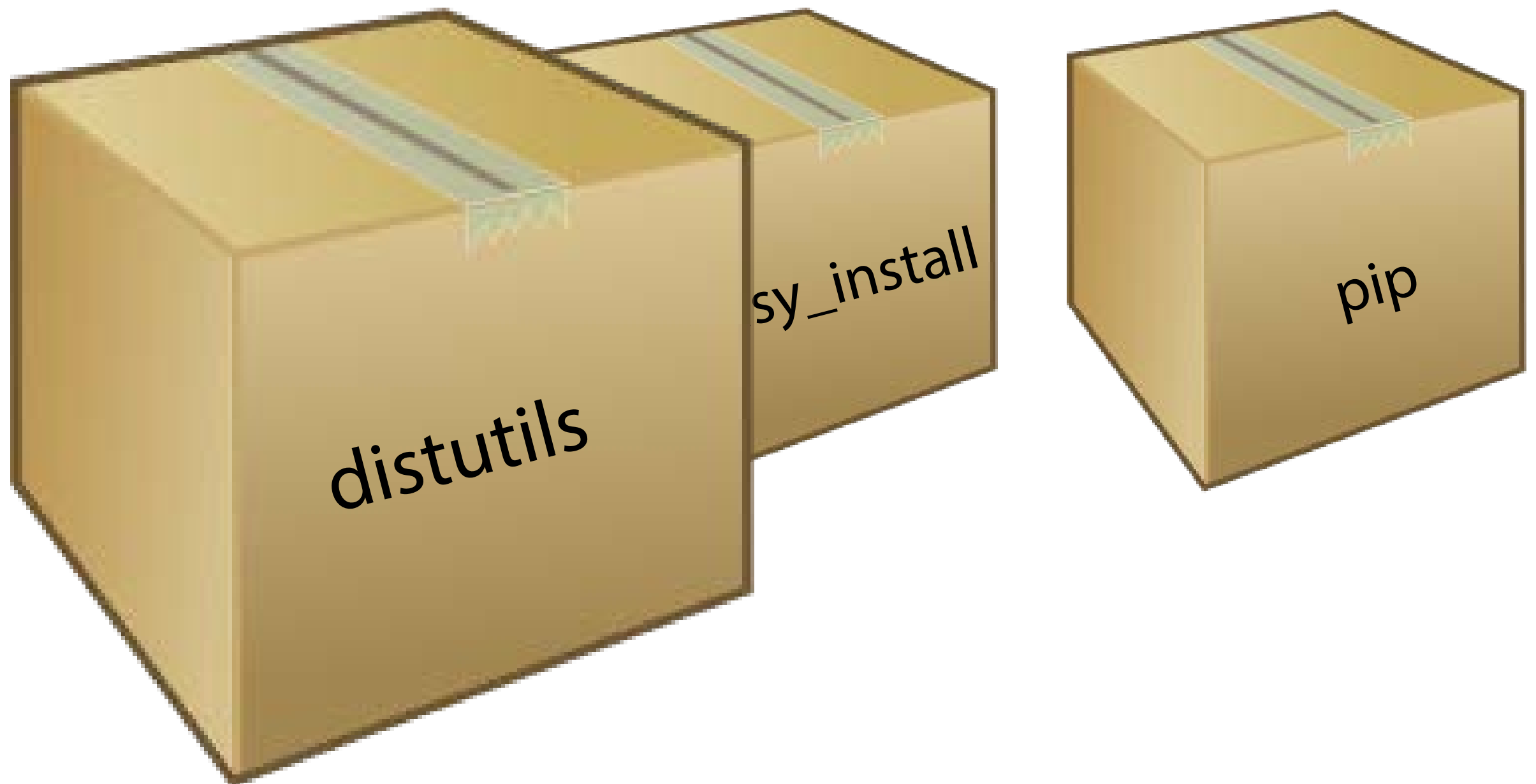


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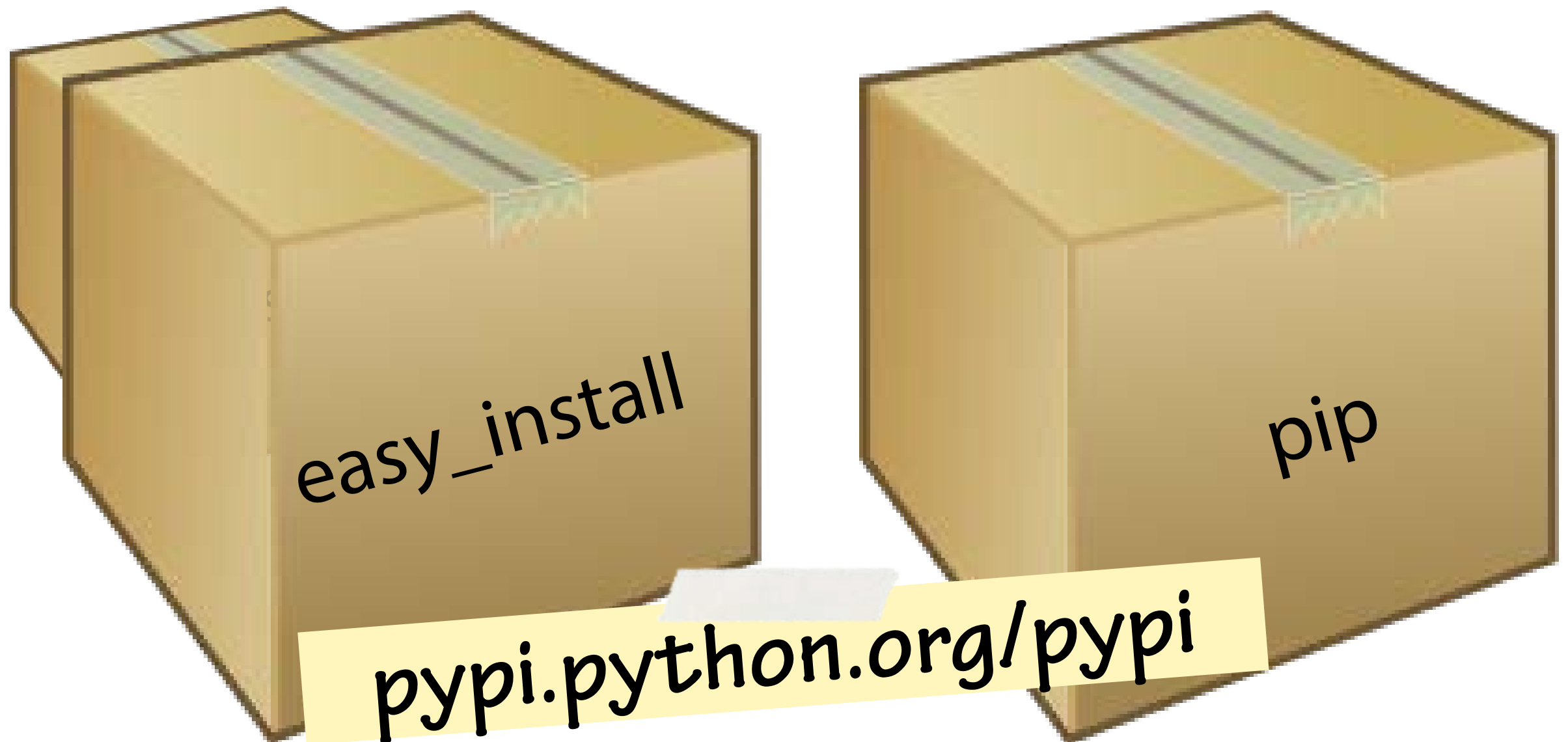


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```
$ easy_install <package name>
```



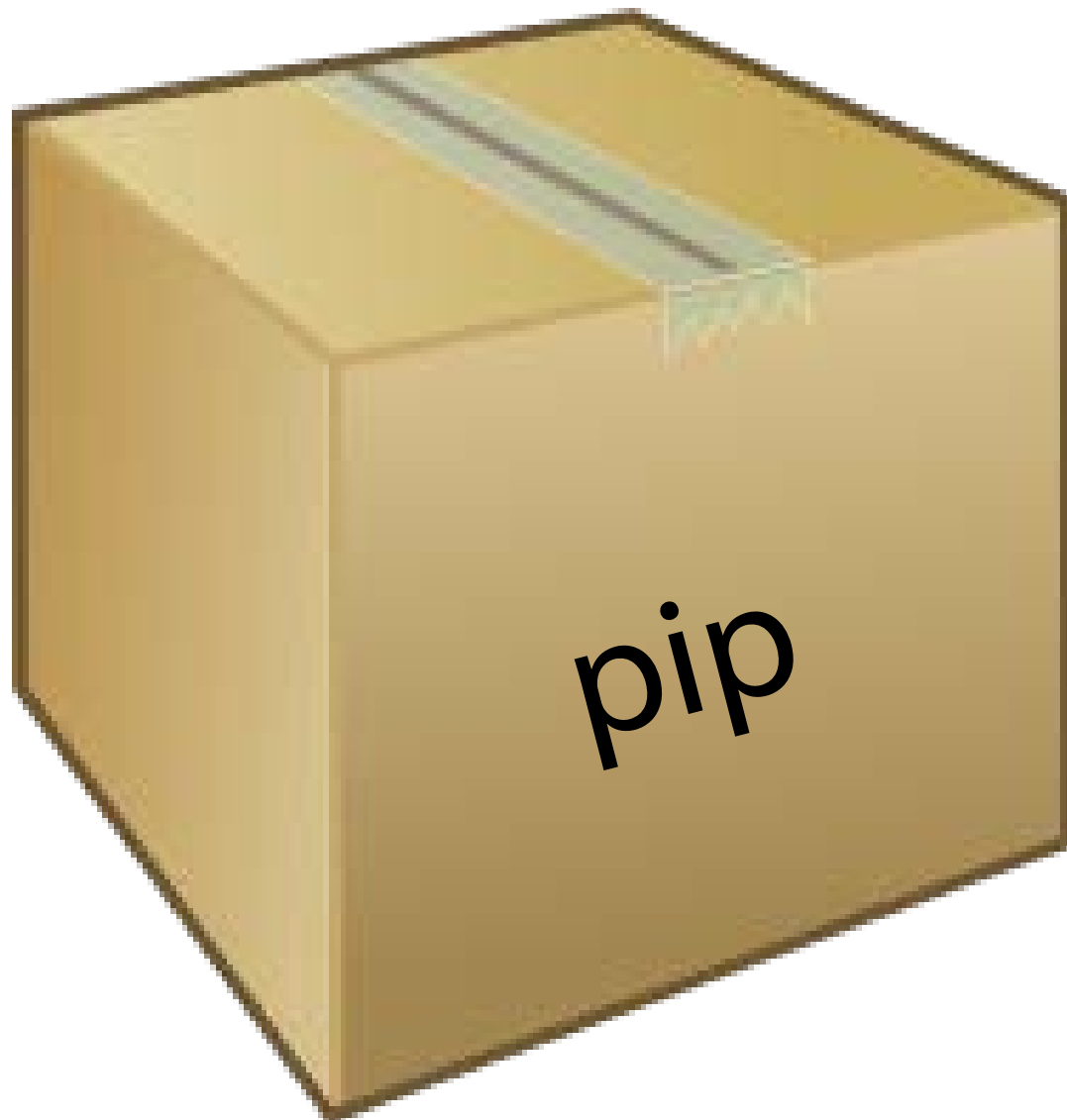


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```
$ pip install <package name>
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Moment of Zen

In the face of
ambiguity, refuse
the temptation to
guess.

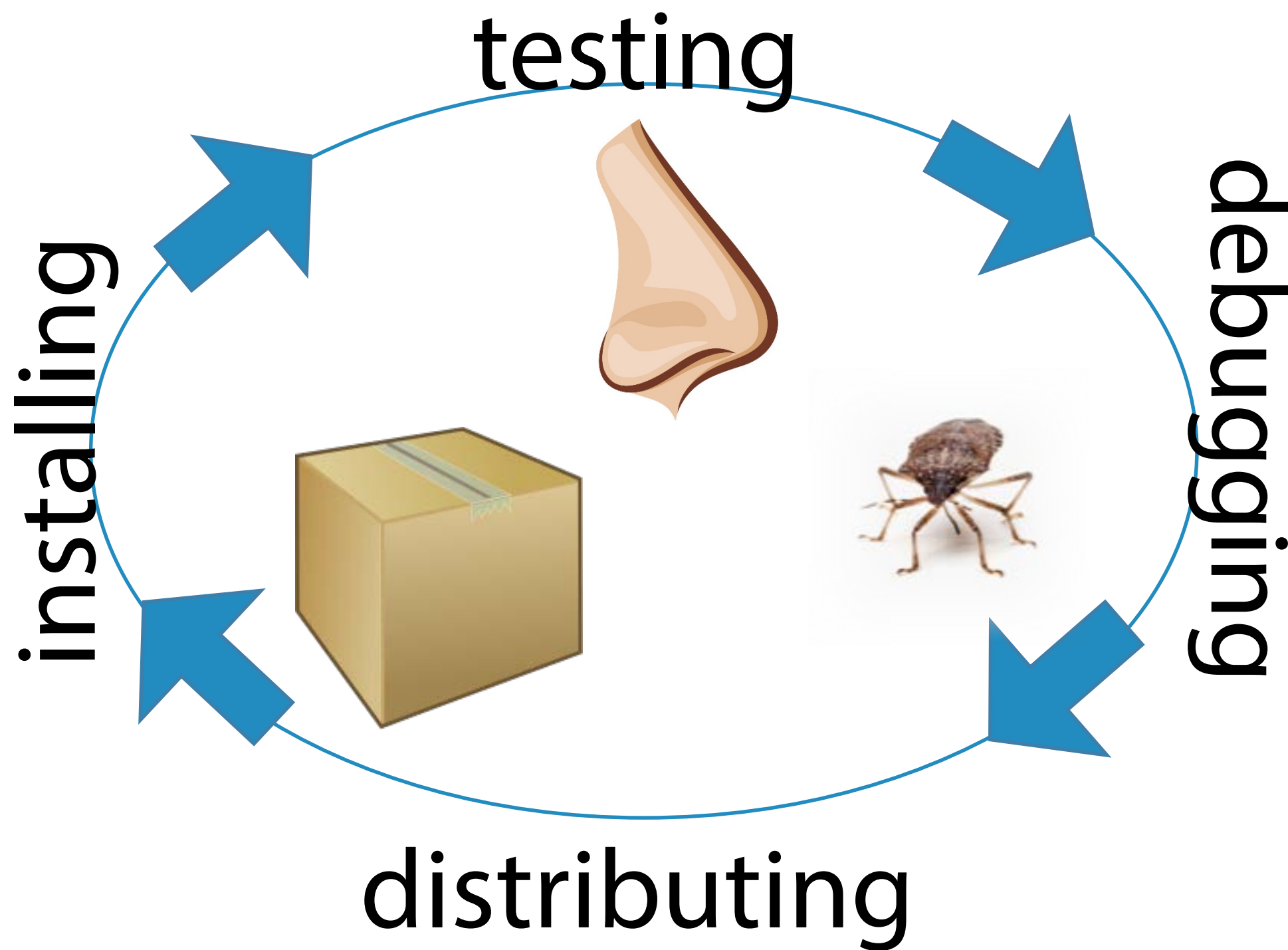
To guess is to know
That you have left something out.
What are you missing?





python

Shipping working and maintainable code
Summary





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- unittest is a framework for developing reliable automated tests
- You define test cases by subclassing from `unittest.TestCase`
- `unittest.main()` is useful for running all of the tests in a module
- `setUp()` and `tearDown()` run code before and after each test method
- Test methods are defined by creating method names that start with `test_`
- `TestCase.assert...` methods make a test method fail when the right conditions aren't met
- Use `TestCase.assertRaises()` in a with-statement to check that the right exceptions are thrown in a test
- Python's standard debugger is called PDB
- PDB is a standard command-line debugger
- `pdb.set_trace()` can be used to stop program execution and enter the debugger
- Your REPL's prompt will change to `(Pdb)` when you're in the debugger



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- You can access PDB's built-in help system by typing help
- Use `"python -m pdb <script name>"` to run a program under PDB from the start
- PDB's `where` command shows the current call stack
- PDB's `next` command lets execution continue to the next line of code
- PDB's `continue` command lets program execution continue indefinitely, or until you stop it with control-c
- PDB's `list` command shows you the source code at your current location
- PDB's `return` command resumes execution until the end of the current function
- PDB's `print` command lets you see the values of objects in the debugger
- Use `quit` to exit PDB
- Virtual environments are light-weight, self-contained Python installations that any user can create



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Summary

- `pyvenv` accepts both a source-installation argument as well as a directory name into which it creates the new environment
- To use a virtual environment, you need to run its activate script
- When you activate a virtual environment, your prompt is modified to remind you
- The `distutils` package is used to help you distribute your Python code
- `distutils` is generally used inside a `setup.py` script which users run to install your software
- The main function in `distutils` is `setup()`
- `setup()` takes a number of arguments describing both the source files as well as metadata for the code
- The most common way to use `setup.py` is to install code using `python setup.py install`
- `setup.py` can also be used to generate distributions of your code
- Distributions can be zip files, tarballs, or several other formats



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Summary

- Pass `--help` to `setup.py` to see all of its options
- Three common tools for installing third-party software are `distutils`, `easy_install`, and `pip`
- The central repository for Python packages is the Python Package Index, also called PyPI or "cheeseshop"
- You can install `easy_install` by downloading and running `distribute_setup.py`
- You use `easy_install` to install modules by running `easy_install package-name` from the command line
- You can install `pip` via `easy_install`
- To install modules with `pip`, use the subcommand notation `pip install package-name`



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