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A (Very) Brief History of Python

Python was created in the late '80s and early '90s as a successor to the previously popular ABC programming language. The creator, Guido van Rossum, built it because ABC was not very adaptable, or "extensible," and therefore hard to modify for new use cases. The first version of Python was released in 1991. Its major innovation at the time was *exception handling*, or a way to navigate around errors in code.

Python has gone through many versions, adding features and functionality along the way. Fun fact: Python 2.7 was released in 2010, two years *after* Python 3.1 was released.

Wait, what? Why release backward?

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