THE ZEN OF PYTHON

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Beautiful is better than ugly. **Explicit** is better than implicit. **Simple** is better than complex. **Complex** is better than complicated. **Flat** is better than nested. **Sparse** is better than dense. **Readability** counts. Special cases aren't special enough to **break the rules**. Although **practicality** beats purity. **Errors** should never pass silently. Unless **explicitly** silenced. In the face of ambiguity, **refuse the temptation** to guess. There should be **one**-- and preferably only one --obvious way to do it. Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're **Dutch**. Now is better than **never**. Although never is often better than ***right***. Now. If the implementation is **easy to explain**, it may be a good idea. Namespaces are one honking **great** idea -- **let's do more of those!**