

Python, the efficient way



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About Python

Fundamentals

- **Interpreted** language (over C).
- **Strong | dynamic** typing.
- **Self-managed** memory architecture.
- Promotes **rapid** development.
- **Large** community.

But...is it efficient?



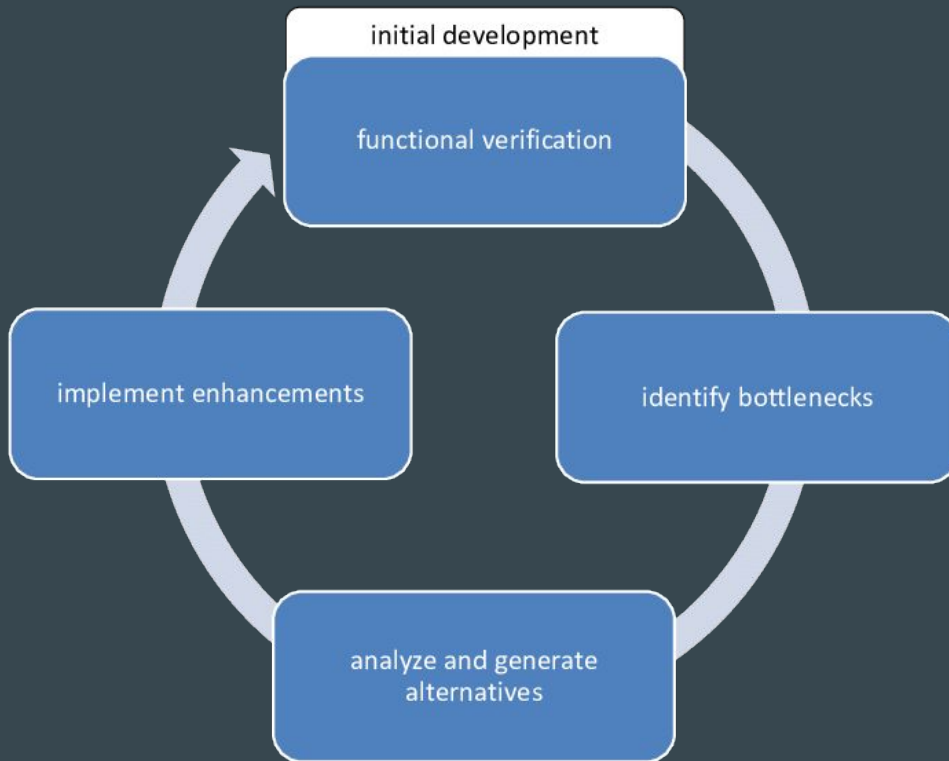
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“Energy Efficiency across Programming Languages”. R, Pereira et al. 2017.

Some best practices

Development Cycle

1. Get it right.
2. Test it right.
3. Profile it.
4. Optimise.
5. Repeat.



In general

- Only optimize **what needs to be** optimized (your **time** and **effort** are resources, too!).
- Choose the right **data structures**.
- Choose the right **algorithms**.

Strings

Strings



```
s = ""  
for _ in iterable:  
    s += variable_or_function
```



```
s = "".join(iterable)
```

Strings



```
out = "<html>" + head + prologue + query + tail + "</html>"
```



```
out = "<html>{}{}{}{}</html>".format(head,prologue,query,tail)
```

Loops

Loops



```
newlist = []  
for word in oldlist:  
    newlist.append(word.upper())
```



```
newlist = list(map(str.upper, oldlist))
```

```
newlist = [s.upper() for s in oldlist]
```

```
newgen = (s.upper() for s in oldlist)
```

Loops



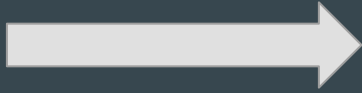
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newlist = []  
for word in oldlist:  
    newlist.append(word.upper())
```



```
upper = str.upper  
newlist = []  
append = newlist.append  
for word in oldlist:  
    append(upper(word))
```


Loops

```
n = 100  
while i < n:  
    # Some code here  
    i += 1
```



Variable Scope

Variable Scope



```
upper = str.upper
newlist = []
append = newlist.append
for word in oldlist:
    append(upper(word))
```



```
def func():
    upper = str.upper
    newlist = []
    append = newlist.append
    for word in oldlist:
        append(upper(word))
    return newlist
```

Initialization

Initialization



```
# Dict for storing frequency of words
words_dict = {}
for word in words:
    if word not in words_dict:
        words_dict[word] = 0
    words_dict[word] += 1
```



```
# Dict for storing frequency of words
words_dict = {}
for word in words:
    try:
        words_dict[word] += 1
    except KeyError:
        words_dict[word] = 1
```

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```
# Dict for storing frequency of words
words_dict = {}
get = words_dict.get
for word in words:
    words_dict[word] = get(word, 0) + 1
```

Imports

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#Function to create a transposed DataFrame

```
def df(data):  
    import pandas as pd  
    return pd.DataFrame(data).T  
  
for _ in range(n):  
    df(data)
```



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for _ in range(n):  
    d = df(data)
```


Vectors

Vectors



```
import numpy as np
import time

t1 = time.time()
print(sum([i for i in range(100000)])/100000)
print((time.time()-t1))
```

49999.5
0.01303243637084961



```
import numpy as np
import time

t2 = time.time()
print(np.linspace(0, 100000, 99999).sum()/100000)
print((time.time()-t2))
```

49999.5
0.0028629302978515625

Library Design

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- Cython
- CPython
- Learn to detect whether
Python is the **right choice**.



Demo

Questions?

Thank You!