Appendix. New Features and Changes in Python 3.7 Through 3.11

The following tables enumerate language and standard library changes in Python versions 3.7 through 3.11 that are most likely to be found in Python code. Use these tables to plan your upgrade strategy, as constrained by your exposure to breaking changes in your codebase.

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The following types of changes are considered to be "breaking" and are marked with a ! symbol in the last column:

- Introduces new keywords or built-ins (which may clash with names used in existing Python source code)
- Removes a method from a stdlib module or built-in type
- Changes a built-in or stdlib method signature in a way that is not backward-compatible (such as removing a parameter, or renaming a named parameter)

New warnings (including DeprecatedWarning) are also shown as "breaking," but marked with a * symbol in the last column.

Also see the table of proposed deprecations and removals from the standard library ("dead batteries") in <u>PEP 594</u>, which lists modules that are slated for deprecation or removal, the versions in which these changes are scheduled to be made (beginning with Python 3.12), and recommended replacements.

The following table summarizes changes in Python version 3.7. For further details, see "What's New in Python 3.7" in the **online docs**.

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Python 3.7
                                                     Added
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Functions accept > 255 arguments
                                                       +
argparse.ArgumentParser.parse intermixed args()
ast.literal_eval() no longer evaluates addition
and subtraction
async and await become reserved language keywords
asyncio.all tasks(),
                                                       +
asyncio.create task(),
asyncio.current task(),
asyncio.get running loop(),
asyncio.Future.get loop(),
asyncio.Handle.cancelled(),
asyncio.loop.sock recv into(),
asyncio.loop.sock sendfile(),
asyncio.loop.start_tls(),
asyncio.ReadTransport.is_reading(),
asyncio.Server.is_serving(),
asyncio.Server.get_loop(),
asyncio.Task.get_loop(),
asyncio.run() (provisional)
asyncio. Server is an async context manager
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asyncio.loop.call soon(),
asyncio.loop.call soon threadsafe(),
asyncio.loop.call later(),
asyncio.loop.call at(), and
asyncio.Future.add done callback() all accept
optional named context argument
asyncio.loop.create_server(),
asyncio.loop.create unix server(),
asyncio.Server.start_serving(),
and asyncio. Server. serve forever() all accept
optional named start serving argument
asyncio.Task.current task() and
asyncio.Task.all tasks() are deprecated; use
asyncio.current task() and
asyncio.all tasks()
binascii.b2a_uu() accepts named backtick
argument
bool() constructor no longer accepts a named
argument (positional only)
breakpoint() built-in function
bytearray.isascii()
bytes.isascii()
collections.namedtuple supports default values
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Python 3.7	Added	Der
concurrent.Futures.ProcessPoolExecutor and concurrent.Futures.ThreadPoolExecutor constructors accept optional initializer and initargs arguments	+	
<pre>contextlib.AbstractAsyncContextManager, contextlib.asynccontextmanager(), contextlib.AsyncExitStack, contextlib.nullcontext()</pre>	+	
contextvars module (similar to thread-local vars, with asyncio support)	+	
dataclasses module	+	
<pre>datetime.datetime.fromisoformat()</pre>	+	
DeprecationWarning shown by default inmain module	+	
<pre>dict maintaining insertion order now guaranteed; dict.popitem() returns items in LIFO order</pre>	+	
dir() at module level	+	
dis.dis() method accepts named depth argument	+	
float() constructor no longer accepts a named argument (positional only)		
fpect1 module removed		

Python 3.7	Added	Dep
<pre>fromfuture import annotations enables referencing as-yet-undefined types in type annotations without enclosing in quotes</pre>	+	
gc.freeze()	+	
getattr() at module level	+	
hmac.digest()	+	
http.client.HTTPConnection and http.client.HTTPSConnection constructors accept optional blocksize argument	+	
http.server.ThreadingHTTPServer	+	
<pre>importlib.abc.ResourceReader, importlib.resources module, importlib.source_hash()</pre>	+	
<pre>int() constructor no longer accepts a named x argument (positional only; named base argument is still supported)</pre>		
<pre>io.TextIOWrapper.reconfigure()</pre>	+	
<pre>ipaddress.IPv*Network.subnet_of(), ipaddress.IPv*Network.supernet_of()</pre>	+	
list() constructor no longer accepts a named		

list() constructor no longer accepts a named argument (positional only)

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Python 3.7
                                                     Added
                                                              Dep
logging.StreamHandler.setStream()
math.remainder()
multiprocessing.Process.close(),
multiprocessing.Process.kill()
ntpath.splitunc() removed;
use ntpath.splitdrive()
os.preadv(), os.pwritev(),
os.register_at_fork()
os.stat_float_times() removed
(compatibility function with Python 2; all timestamps
in stat result are floats in Python 3)
pathlib.Path.is_mount()
pdb.set trace() accepts named header argument
plist.Dict,
plist.Plist, and
plist._InternalDict removed
queue.SimpleQueue
re compiled expressions and match objects can be
copied with copy.copy and copy.deepcopy
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re.sub() no longer supports unknown escapes of \
and an ASCII letter

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Python 3.7
                                                    Added
                                                              Dep
socket.close(), socket.getblocking(),
socket.TCP_CONGESTION,
socket.TCP USER TIMEOUT,
socket.TCP NOTSENT LOWAT (Linux platforms only)
sqlite3.Connection.backup()
                                                       +
StopIteration handling in generators
str.isascii()
subprocess.run() named argument
capture output=True for simplified stdin/stdout
capture
subprocess.run() and
subprocess.Popen() named argument text,
alias for universal newlines
subprocess.run(), subprocess.call(),
and subprocess. Popen() improved
KeyboardInterrupt handling
sys.breakpointhook(),
sys.getandroidapilevel(),
sys.get_coroutine_origin_tracking_depth(),
sys.set_coroutine_origin_tracking_depth()
time.clock_gettime_ns(),
time.clock_settime_ns(),
time.monotonic_ns(),
time.perf_counter_ns(),
time.process_time_ns(), time.time_ns(),
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Python 3.7	Added	Der
<pre>time.CLOCK_BOOTTIME, time.CLOCK_PROF, time.CLOCK_UPTIME</pre>		
<pre>time.thread_time() and time.thread_time_ns() for per-thread CPU timing</pre>	+	
tkinter.ttk.Spinbox	+	
tuple() constructor no longer accepts a named argument (positional only)		
<pre>types.ClassMethodDescriptorType, types.MethodDescriptorType, types.MethodWrapperType, types.WrapperDescriptorType</pre>	+	
<pre>types.resolve_bases()</pre>	+	
uuid.UUID.is_safe	+	
yield and yield from in comprehensions or generator expressions are deprecated		
zipfile.ZipFile constructor accepts named compresslevel argument	+	

The following table summarizes changes in Python version 3.8. For further details, see "What's New in Python 3.8" in the **online docs**.

Python 3.8	Added	Deprecated
Assignment expressions (:= "walrus" operator)	+	
Positional-only and named-only parameters (/ and * arg separators)	+	
F-string trailing = for debugging	+	
is and is not tests against str and int literals emit SyntaxWarning		
ast AST nodes end_lineno and end_col_offset attributes	+	
ast.get_source_segment()	+	
<pre>ast.parse() accepts named arguments type_comments, mode, and feature_version</pre>	+	
async REPL can be run using python -m asyncio	+	
asyncio tasks can be named	+	
asyncio.coroutine decorator deprecated		_
asyncio.run() to execute a coroutine directly	+	
asyncio.Task.get_coro()	+	

Python 3.8	Added	Deprecated
<pre>bool.as_integer_ratio()</pre>	+	
<pre>collections.namedtupleasdict() returns dict instead of OrderedDict</pre>	+	
continue permitted in finally block	+	
<pre>cgi.parse_qs, cgi.parse_qsl, and cgi.escape removed; import from urllib.parse and html modules</pre>		
csv.DictReader returns dicts instead of OrderedDicts	+	
<pre>datetime.date.fromisocalendar(), datetime.datetime.fromisocalendar()</pre>	+	
dict comprehensions compute key first, value second		
<pre>dict and dictviews returned from dict.keys(), dict.values() and dict.items() now iterable with reversed()</pre>	+	
<pre>fractions.Fraction.as_integer_ratio()</pre>	+	
functools.cached_property() decorator (see cautionary notes here and here)	+	

Python 3.8	Added	Deprecated
functools.lru_cache can be used as a decorator without ()	+	
functools.singledispatchmethod decorator	+	
<pre>gettext.pgettext()</pre>	+	
importlib.metadata module	+	
<pre>int.as_integer_ratio()</pre>	+	
<pre>itertools.accumulate() accepts named initial argument</pre>	+	
macpath module removed		
<pre>math.comb(), math.dist(), math.isqrt(), math.perm(), math.prod()</pre>	+	
<pre>math.hypot() added support for > 2 dimensions</pre>	+	
multiprocessing.shared_memory module	+	
<pre>namedtupleasdict() returns dict instead of OrderedDict</pre>	+	
os.add_dll_directory() on Windows	+	
os.memfd_create()	+	

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Python 3.8
                                           Added
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pathlib.Path.link to()
platform.popen() removed; use
os.popen()
pprint.pp()
pyvenv script removed; use python -m
venv
re regular expression patterns support
\N{name} escapes
shlex.join() (inverse of shlex.split())
shutil.copytree() accepts named
dirs_exist_ok argument
__slots__ accepts a dict of {name:
docstring}
socket.create_server(),
socket.has_dualstack_ipv6()
socket.if_nameindex(),
socket.if_nametoindex(), and
socket.if_indextoname()
are all supported on Windows
sqlite3 Cache and Statement objects no
longer user-visible
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Python 3.8
                                         Added
                                                   Deprecated
ssl.post handshake auth(),
ssl.verify client post handshake()
statistics.fmean(),
statistics.geometric_mean(),
statistics.multimode(),
statistics.NormalDist,
statistics.quantiles()
sys.get_coroutine_wrapper() and
sys.set_coroutine_wrapper() removed
sys.unraisablehook()
tarfile.filemode() removed
threading.excepthook(),
threading.get_native_id(),
threading.Thread.native_id
time.clock() removed;
use time.perf counter()
tkinter.Canvas.moveto(),
tkinter.PhotoImage.transparency get(),
tkinter.PhotoImage.transparency_set(),
tkinter.Spinbox.selection from(),
tkinter.Spinbox.selection_present(),
tkinter.Spinbox.selection_range(),
tkinter.Spinbox.selection_to()
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Python 3.8
                                          Added
                                                    Deprecated
typing.Final, typing.get_args(),
typing.get_origin(), typing.Literal,
typing.Protocol, typing.SupportsIndex,
typing.TypedDict
typing.NamedTuple._field_types
deprecated
unicodedata.is normalized()
unittest supports coroutines as test cases
unittest.addClassCleanup(), unittest.
addModuleCleanup(), unittest.AsyncMock
xml.etree.Element.getchildren(),
xml.etree.Element.getiterator(),
xml.etree.ElementTree.getchildren(),
and
xml.etree.ElementTree.getiterator()
deprecated
XMLParser.doctype() removed
xmlrpc.client.ServerProxy accepts
named headers argument
yield and return unpacking no longer
requires enclosing parentheses
yield and yield from no longer allowed in
comprehensions or generator expressions
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The following table summarizes changes in Python version 3.9. For further details, see "What's New in Python 3.9" in the **online docs**.

Python 3.9	Added	Deprecated
Type annotations can now use built-in types in generics (e.g., list[int] instead of List[int])	+	
<pre>array.array.tostring() and array.array.fromstring() removed; use tobytes() and frombytes()</pre>		
ast.unparse()	+	
<pre>asyncio.loop.create_datagram_endpoint() argument reuse_address disabled</pre>		
<pre>asyncio.PidfdChild Watcher, asyncio.shutdown_default_executor(), asyncio.to_thread()</pre>	+	
asyncio.Task.all_asks removed; use asyncio.all_tasks()		
<pre>asyncio.Task.current_task removed; use asyncio.current_task()</pre>		
<pre>base64.encodestring() and base64.decodestring() removed; use base64.encodebytes() and base64.decodebytes()</pre>		

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Python 3.9
                                            Added
                                                     Deprecated
concurrent.futures.Executor.shutdown()
                                               +
accepts named cancel futures argument
curses.get_escdelay(),
curses.get_tabsize(),
curses.set_escdelay(),
curses.set_tabsize()
dict supports union operators | and |=
                                               +
fcntl.F_OFD_GETLK,
fcntl.F OFD SETLK,
fcntl.F OFD SETKLW
fractions.gcd() removed; use math.gcd()
functools.cache()
(lightweight/faster version of lru_cache)
gc.is_finalized()
                                               +
graphlib module with TopologicalSorter
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class
html.parser.HTMLParser.unescape()
removed
imaplib.IMAP4.unselect()
importlib.resources.files()
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Python 3.9	Added	Deprecated
<pre>inspect.BoundArguments.arguments returns dictinstead of OrderedDict</pre>	+	
ipaddress module does not accept leading zeros in IPv4 address strings		
logging.getLogger('root') returns the root logger	+	
math.gcd() accepts multiple arguments	+	
<pre>math.lcm(), math.nextafter(), math.ulp()</pre>	+	
multiprocessing.SimpleQueue.close()	+	
<pre>nntplib.NNTP.xpath() and nntplib.xgtitle() removed</pre>		
os.pidfd_open()	+	
os.unsetenv() available on Windows	+	
os.waitstatus_to_exitcode()	+	
parser module deprecated		_
<pre>pathlib.Path.readlink()</pre>	+	
plistlib API removed		
pprint supports types.SimpleNamespace	+	

Python 3.9	Added	Deprecated
random.choices() with weights argument raises ValueError if weights are all 0		
random.Random.randbytes()	+	
<pre>socket.CAN_RAW_JOIN_FILTERS, socket.send_fds(), socket.recv_fds()</pre>	+	
<pre>str.removeprefix(), str.removesuffix()</pre>	+	
symbol module deprecated		_
<pre>sys.callstats(), sys.getcheckinterval(), sys.getcounts(), and sys.setcheckinterval() removed</pre>		
<pre>sys.getcheckinterval() and sys.setcheckinterval() removed; use sys.getswitchinterval() and sys.setswitchinterval()</pre>		
sys.platlibdir attribute	+	
<pre>threading.Thread.isAlive() removed; use threading.Thread.is_alive()</pre>		
<pre>tracemalloc.reset_peak()</pre>	+	
typing.Annotated type	+	
typing.Literal deduplicates values:		

typing.Literal deduplicates values; equality matching is order independent

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(3.9.1)
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typing.NamedTuple._field_types removed;
use __annotations__
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urllib.parse.parse_qs() and
urllib.parse.parse_qsl() accept; or &
query parameter separator, but not both
(3.9.2)

urllib.parse.urlparse() changed
handling of numeric paths; a string like
'path:80' is no longer parsed as a path but
as a scheme ('path') and a path ('80')

with (await asyncio.Condition) and
with (yield from asyncio.Condition)
removed;
use async with condition

with (await asyncio.lock) and
with (yield from asyncio.lock) removed;
use async with lock

with (await asyncio.Semaphore) and with
(yield from asyncio.Semaphore) removed;
use async with semaphore

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xml.etree.Element.getchildren(),
xml.etree.Element.getiterator(),
xml.etree.ElementTree.getchildren(),
and
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Python 3.9	Added	Deprecated
<pre>xml.etree.ElementTree.getiterator() removed</pre>		
zoneinfo module for IANA time zone support	+	

The following table summarizes changes in Python version 3.10. For further details, see "What's New in Python 3.10" in the **online docs**.

Python 3.10	Added	Deprecat
Building requires OpenSSL 1.1.1 or newer	+	
Debugging improved with precise line numbers	+	
Structural pattern matching using match, case, and _ soft keywords ^a	+	
aiter() and anext() built-ins	+	
array.array.index() accepts optional arguments start and stop	+	
ast.literal_eval(s) strips leading spaces and tabs from input string s	+	

asynchat module deprecated

Python 3.10	Added	Deprecat
asyncio functions remove loop parameter		
<pre>asyncio.connect_accepted_socket()</pre>	+	
asyncore module deprecated		_
base64.b32hexdecode, base64.b32hexencode	+	
bdb.clearBreakpoints()	+	
<pre>bisect.bisect, bisect.bisect_left, bisect.bisect_right, bisect.insort, bisect.insort_left, and bisect.insert_right all accept optional key argument</pre>	+	
cgi.log deprecated		_
codecs.unregister()	+	
collections module compatibility definitions of ABCs removed; use collections.abc		
<pre>collections.Counter.total()</pre>	+	
<pre>contextlib.aclosing() decorator, contextlib.AsyncContextDecorator</pre>	+	
<pre>curses.has_extended_color_support()</pre>	+	
dataclasses.dataclass() decorator accepts optional slots argument	+	

Python 3.10	Added	Deprecat
dataclasses.KW_ONLY	+	
distutils deprecated, to be removed in Python 3.12		_
enum.StrEnum	+	
<pre>fileinput.input() and fileinput.FileInput accept optional encoding and errors arguments</pre>	+	
formatter module removed		
<pre>glob.glob() and glob.iglob() accept optional root_dir and dir_fd arguments to specify root search directory</pre>	+	
<pre>importlib.metadata.package_distributions()</pre>	+	
<pre>inspect.get_annotations()</pre>	+	
<pre>int.bit_count()</pre>	+	
<pre>isinstance(obj, (atype, btype)) can be written isinstance(obj, atype btype)</pre>	+	
<pre>issubclass(cls, (atype, btype)) can be written issubclass(cls, atype btype)</pre>	+	
<pre>itertools.pairwise()</pre>	+	
os.eventfd(),os.splice()	+	

Python 3.10	Added	Deprecat
os.path.realpath() accepts optional strict argument	+	
os.EVTONLY, os.O_FSYNC, os.O_SYMLINK, and os.O_NOFOLLOW_ANY all added on macOS	+	
parser module removed		
<pre>pathlib.Path.chmod() and pathlib.Path.stat() accept optional follow_symlinks keyword argument</pre>	+	
<pre>pathlib.Path.hardlink_to()</pre>	+	
<pre>pathlib.Path.link_to() deprecated; use hardlink_to()</pre>		_
platform.freedesktop_os_release()	+	
<pre>pprint.pprint() accepts optional underscore_numbers keyword argument</pre>	+	
smtpd module deprecated		_
<pre>ssl.get_server_certificate accepts optional timeout argument</pre>	+	
<pre>statistics.correlation(), statistics.covariance(), statistics.linear_regression()</pre>	+	

Python 3.10	Added	Deprecat
SyntaxError.end_line_no and SyntaxError.end_offset attributes	+	
<pre>sys.flags.warn_default_encoding to emit EncodingWarning</pre>	+	
<pre>sys.orig_argv and sys.stdlib_module_names attributes</pre>	+	
threadingexcepthook	+	
<pre>threading.getprofile(), threading.gettrace()</pre>	+	
<pre>threading.Thread appends '(<targetname>)' to generated thread names</targetname></pre>	+	
<pre>traceback.format_exception(), traceback.format_exception_only(), and traceback.print_exception() signature changes</pre>		
<pre>types.EllipsisType, types.NoneType, types.NotImplementedType</pre>	+	
typing module includes parameter specification variables for specifying Callable types	+	
typing.io module deprecated; use typing		_
typing is typeddict()	+	

Python 3.10	Added	Deprecat
typing.Literal deduplicates values; equality matching is order-independent		
typing.Optional[X] can be written as X None	+	
typing.re module deprecated; use typing		_
typing.TypeAlias for defining explicit type aliases	+	
typing.TypeGuard	+	
<pre>typing.Union[X, Y] can use operator as X Y</pre>	+	
unittest.assertNoLogs()	+	
<pre>urllib.parse.parse_qs() and urllib.parse.parse_qsl() accept; or & query parameter separator, but not both</pre>		
<pre>with statement accepts parenthesized context managers: with(ctxmgr, ctxmgr,)</pre>	+	
xml.sax.handler.LexicalHandler	+	
zip built-in accepts optional strict named argument for length-checking	+	

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Python 3.10 Added Deprecat
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zipimport.find_spec(),
zipimport.zipimporter.create_module(),
zipimport.zipimporter.exec_module(),
zipimport.zipimporter.invalidate_caches()
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a Since these are defined as *soft* keywords, they do not break existing code using

Python 3.11

The following table summarizes changes in Python version 3.11. For further details, see "What's New in Python 3.11" in the **online docs**.

Python 3.11 Added

Security patch released in Python 3.11.0 and backported to versions 3.7–3.10:

int conversion to str and str conversion to int in bases other than 2, 4, 8, 16, or 32 raises

ValueError if the resulting string > 4,300 digits (addresses

CVE-2020-10735)

General performance improvements

+

Improved error messages

+

New syntax: **for** *x* **in** **values*

+

aifc module deprecated

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Python 3.11
                                                          Added
asynchat and asyncore modules deprecated
asyncio.Barrier,
asyncio.start_tls(),
asyncio.TaskGroup
asyncio.coroutine decorator removed
asyncio.loop.create datagram endpoint() argument
reuse address removed
asyncio.TimeoutError deprecated;
use TimeoutError
audioop module deprecated
BaseException.add_note(),
BaseException.__notes__ attribute
binascii.a2b_hqx(),
binascii.b2a_hqx(),
binascii.rlecode hqx(), and
binascii.rledecode hqx() removed
binhex module removed
cgi and cgitb modules deprecated
chunk module deprecated
concurrent.futures.ProcessPoolExecutor()
max tasks per child argument
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Python 3.11
                                                            Added
concurrent.futures.TimeoutError deprecated; use built-in
TimeoutError
contextlib.chdir context manager
(change current working dir and then restore it)
crypt module deprecated
dataclasses check for mutable defaults disallows any value
that is not hashable (formerly allowed any value that was
not a dict, list, or set)
datetime.UTC as a convenience alias for
datetime.timezone.utc
enum. Enum str() output just gives name
enum.EnumCheck, enum.FlagBoundary, enum.global enum()
decorator,
enum.member() decorator, enum.nonmember() decorator,
enum.property, enum.ReprEnum, enum.StrEnum, and
enum.verify()
ExceptionGroups and except*
fractions. Fraction initialization from string
gettext.1*gettext() methods removed
glob.glob() and glob.iglob() accept optional
include hidden argument
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Python 3.11
                                                           Added
hashlib.file digest()
imghdr module deprecated
inspect.formatargspec() and inspect.getargspec()
removed; use inspect.signature()
inspect.getmembers_static(),
inspect.ismethodwrapper()
locale.getdefaultlocale() and locale.resetlocale()
deprecated
locale.getencoding()
logging.getLevelNamesMapping()
mailcap module deprecated
math.cbrt() (cube root),
math.exp2() (computes 2<sup>n</sup>)
msilib module deprecated
nis module deprecated
nntplib module deprecated
operator.call
ossaudiodev module deprecated
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Python 3.11
                                                           Added
pipes module deprecated
re pattern syntax supports *+, ++, ?+, and {m,n}+ possessive
quantifiers, and (?>...) atomic grouping
re.template() deprecated
smtpd module deprecated
sndhdr module deprecated
spwd module deprecated
sqlite3.Connection.blobopen(),
sqlite3.Connection.create_window_function(),
sqlite3.Connection.deserialize(),
sqlite3.Connection.getlimit(),
sqlite3.Connection.serialize(),
sqlite3.Connection.setlimit()
sre compile, sre constants, and sre parse deprecated
statistics.fmean() optional weights argument
sunau module deprecated
sys.exception()
(equivalent to sys.exc info()[1])
telnetlib module deprecated
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time.nanosleep() (Unix-like systems only)

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Python 3.11
                                                          Added
tomllib TOML parser module
typing.assert_never(),
typing.assert_type(),
typing.LiteralString, typing.Never,
typing.reveal_type(), typing.Self
typing. Text deprecated; use str
typing. TypedDict items can be marked as Required or
NotRequired
typing.TypedDict(a=int, b=str) form deprecated
unicodedata updated to Unicode 14.0.0
unittest.enterModuleContext(),
unittest.IsolatedAsyncioTestCase.enterAsyncContext(),
unittest.TestCase.enterClassContext(),
unittest.TestCase.enterContext()
unittest.findTestCases(),
unittest.getTestCaseName(),
and unittest.makeSuite() deprecated;
use methods of unittest. TestLoader
uu module deprecated
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with statement now raises TypeError instead of
AttributeError for objects that do not support the context
manager protocol

Python 3.11	Added
xdrlib module deprecated	
z string format specifier added, for negative sign of values close to zero	+
zipfile.ZipFile.mkdir() added	+
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