

# PYTHON LOGGING

A MEDITATION ON SILENT FAILURES

**WHO IS THIS TALK FOR?**

# WHY LOGGING?

# ERRORS VS. FAILURES

SHOULDN'T I JUST TEST  
MY CODE?

# DEPENDENCY CHANGES:

## A HORROR STORY

WHAT IS LOGGING?

# ANATOMY OF A PYTHON LOGGER



# THREE KEY LOGGER FUNCTIONS

- > LEVEL
- > HANDLER
- > FORMATTER

# LOGGING LEVELS

- > NOTSET
- > DEBUG
- > INFO
- > WARNING
- > ERROR
- > CRITICAL

WHERE SHOULD  
MY LOGS GO?

# HANDLER

```
import logging

logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)

handler = logging.FileHandler("info.log")
handler.setLevel(logging.INFO)

logger.addHandler(handler)

logger.info("Helpful logging message, id: {}".format(1))
logger.error("{} error encountered on line {}".format(KeyError, 10))
```

# OUTPUT:

```
Helpful logging message, id: 1
<type 'exceptions.KeyError'> error encountered on line 10
```

WHAT SHOULD I  
LOG?

# BASIC FORMATING

```
import logging

...

formatter = logging.Formatter('%(asctime)s - %(name)s - %(levelname)s - %(message)s')
handler.setFormatter(formatter)

logger.addHandler(handler)

logger.info("Helpful log message, id: {}".format(1))
logger.error("{} error encountered on line {}".format(KeyError, 10))
```

## OUTPUT:

```
2016-07-29 16:39:59,313 - __main__ - INFO - Helpful logging message, id: 1'
2016-07-29 17:05:45,290 - __main__ - ERROR - <type 'exceptions.KeyError'> error encountered on line 10
```

# ADVANCED FORMATTING

- EXTERNAL LIBRARIES

- SUBCLASSING `logging.Formatter`



HOW MUCH IS **TOO** MUCH?

# RotatingFileHandler

```
import logging
```

```
handler = logging.RotatingFileHandler(path, maxBytes=20,  
                                     backupCount=5)
```

LIMITS THE MAXIMUM **SIZE** OF A LOGFILE

OPTIONAL BACKUPS APPENDED WITH \*1.log. \*2.log ETC

THIS FILE ROTATES AS IT APPROACHES 20 BYTES AND KEEPS 5 BACKUPS

# TimedRotatingFileHandler

```
handler = logging.TimedRotatingFileHandler(path,  
                                           when="d",  
                                           interval=2,  
                                           backupCount=5)
```

LIMITS THE AMOUNT OF **TIME** A LOG WILL STICK AROUND

AVAILABLE INTERVALS -> SECS, MINS, HOURS, DAYS, OR WEEKDAYS (0-6)

THIS FILE ROTATES EVERY 2 DAYS WITH 5 BACKUP LOG FILES

**I HAVE LOGS!**  
**NOW WHAT?**

# THANK YOU

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