



Practical Challenges of Python Core Team

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Speaker



Software Development From 2018

- Karrot Lead SWE From October 2024
- LINE SWE: 2021 - 2024
- Kakao SWE: 2018 - 2021

CPython Core Development From 2017

- 2025/2026 Python Steering Council Member
- 2020 - Present: CPython Core Developer
- 2019 - 2020: CPython Triage Member
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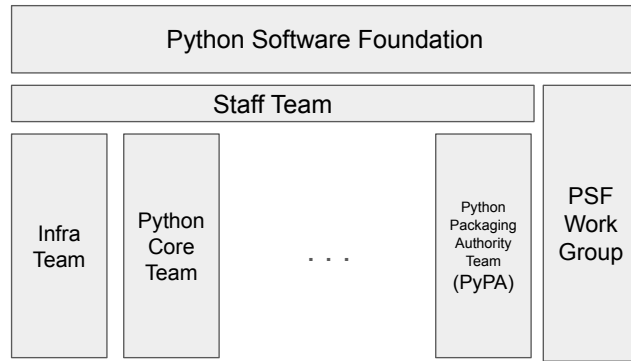


Today Topics

- Governance and Structure of the Python Core Team
- Performance Improvement Challenges
- Concurrency Improvement Challenges
- Behind the Scenes

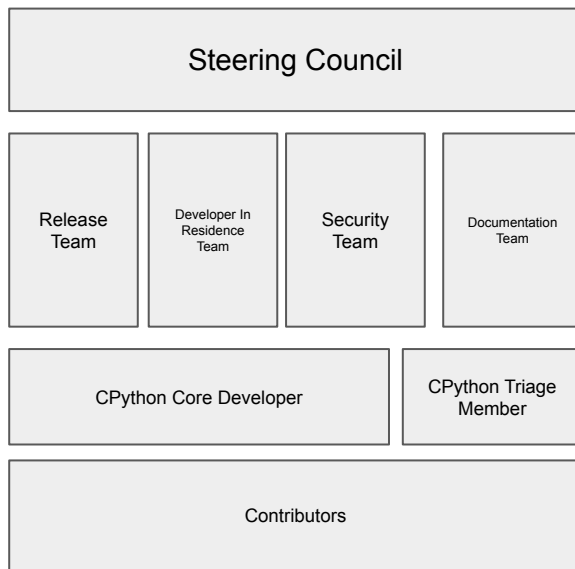
Introduction to the Python Core Team

- The Python Core Team is responsible for developing and maintaining CPython, the reference implementation of the Python programming language.
- It operates under the Python Software Foundation (PSF) and is a separate group from the Python Packaging Authority (PyPA).



Introduction to the Python Core Team

- Triage Member
- Core Developer
- Release Manager
- Steering Council Member



2026 Steering Council Member

- Pablo Galindo Salgado: Hudson River Trading
- Savannah Ostrowski: FastAPI Labs
- Barry Warsaw: Nvidia
- Donghee Na: Karrot
- Thomas Wouters: Meta



<https://peps.python.org/pep-8107/>

Steering Council Responsibilities

- Accept/reject PEPs (Python Enhancement Proposals)
- Maintain quality & stability of language & CPython
- Work with the PSF to manage project assets
- Seek consensus
- Delegate decisions whenever possible
- Veto (or not!) newly elected core members
- Office Hours

Steering Council Cadence

- Weekly Meetings - 90 minutes
 - Regular syncs w/
 - Deb Nicholson - PSF Executive Director
 - Łukasz Langa - Developer in Residence
- Office Hours (Thursdays at 1:00 PM PST)

Steering Council Responsibilities

- 2025 Meeting log
 - <https://discuss.python.org/t/2025-psc-meeting-summaries/105626>



CPython Core Team Technical Challenges

- Performance Improvements
 - Interpreter
 - Tier 2 Interpreter
 - JIT
- Concurrency Improvements
 - GIL: Global Interpreter Lock
 - Free-threading
 - Sub Interpreter

Topic: Performance Improvements

Many Attempts to Make CPython Faster

- Unladen Swallow (2011)
- Pyston V1 (2014)
- Cinder (2021-Current)
- Pyston V2 (2021)
- Faster CPython Project (2021 - Current)

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PEP 659: Specializing Adaptive Interpreter

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```

PEP 659: Specializing Adaptive Interpreter

Benchmark	3.10.4	3.11.0b3
deltablue	7.32 ms	3.62 ms: 2.02x faster
scimark_sor	196 ms	115 ms: 1.70x faster
raytrace	463 ms	292 ms: 1.58x faster
dulwich_log	75.2 ms	63.1 ms: 1.19x faster
python_startup	9.21 ms	8.33 ms: 1.11x faster
telco	6.60 ms	6.49 ms: 1.02x faster

PEP 744 – JIT Compilation

- C-like domain-specific language
- Tier 2 Interpreter
- Copy And Patch JIT

C-like DSL: Before CPython 3.12

```
case TARGET(BINARY_POWER): {
    PyObject *exp = POP();
    PyObject *base = TOP();
    PyObject *res = PyNumber_Power(base, exp, Py_None);
    Py_DECREF(base);
    Py_DECREF(exp);
    SET_TOP(res);
    if (res == NULL)
        goto error;
    DISPATCH();
}
```

```
case TARGET(BINARY_MULTIPLY): {
    PyObject *right = POP();
    PyObject *left = TOP();
    PyObject *res = PyNumber_Multiply(left, right);
    Py_DECREF(left);
    Py_DECREF(right);
    SET_TOP(res);
    if (res == NULL)
        goto error;
    DISPATCH();
}
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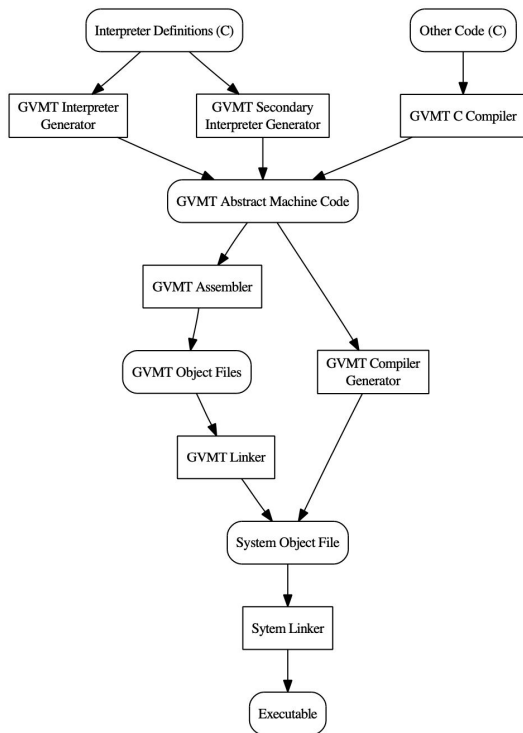
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macro(BINARY_OP_MULTIPLY_FLOAT) =
    _GUARD_TOS_FLOAT + _GUARD_NOS_FLOAT + unused/5 + _BINARY_OP_MULTIPLY_FLOAT +
    _POP_TOP_FLOAT + _POP_TOP_FLOAT;
macro(BINARY_OP_ADD_FLOAT) =
    _GUARD_TOS_FLOAT + _GUARD_NOS_FLOAT + unused/5 + _BINARY_OP_ADD_FLOAT + _POP_TOP_FLOAT +
    _POP_TOP_FLOAT;
macro(BINARY_OP_SUBTRACT_FLOAT) =
    _GUARD_TOS_FLOAT + _GUARD_NOS_FLOAT + unused/5 + _BINARY_OP_SUBTRACT_FLOAT +
    _POP_TOP_FLOAT + _POP_TOP_FLOAT;

pure op(_BINARY_OP_ADD_UNICODE, (left, right -- res, l, r)) {
    PyObject *left_o = PyStackRef_AsPyObjectBorrow(left);
    PyObject *right_o = PyStackRef_AsPyObjectBorrow(right);
    assert(PyUnicode_CheckExact(left_o));
    assert(PyUnicode_CheckExact(right_o));

    STAT_INC(BINARY_OP, hit);
    PyObject *res_o = PyUnicode_Concat(left_o, right_o);
    res = PyStackRef_FromPyObjectSteal(res_o);
    if (PyStackRef_IsNull(res)) {
        ERROR_NO_POP();
    }
    l = left;
    r = right;
    INPUTS_DEAD();
}
```

C-like DSL: After CPython 3.12



This design philosophy directly influenced CPython's Tier 2 interpreter and JIT.

“The Glasgow Virtual Machine Toolkit automatically generates a just-in-time compiler, integrates precise garbage collection into the virtual machine, and automatically manages the complex interdependencies between all the virtual machine components.”

Source: Mark Shannon, *The Construction of High-Performance Virtual Machines for Dynamic Languages*, PhD thesis, University of Glasgow, 2011.

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```

Tier 2 Interpreter (Traced Micro-Ops)

~~_CHECK_VALIDITY~~
~~_SET_IP~~
~~_ITER_CHECK_LIST~~
~~_GUARD_NOT_EXHAUSTED_LIST~~
~~_ITER_NEXT_LIST_TIER_TWO~~
~~_CHECK_VALIDITY~~
~~_SET_IP~~
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~~_SET_IP~~
~~_GUARD_TYPE_VERSION~~
~~_GUARD_DORV_VALUES_INST_ATTR_FROM_DICT~~
~~_GUARD_KEYS_VERSION~~
~~_LOAD_ATTR_METHOD_WITH_VALUES~~
~~_CHECK_VALIDITY~~
~~_SET_IP~~
~~_CHECK_PEP_523~~
~~_CHECK_FUNCTION_VERSION~~
~~_CHECK_FUNCTION_EXACT_ARGS~~
~~_CHECK_STACK_SPACE~~
~~_CHECK_RECURSION_REMAINING~~
~~_INIT_CALL_PY_EXACT_ARGS~~

~~_SAVE_RETURN_OFFSET~~
~~_PUSH_FRAME~~
~~_CHECK_VALIDITY~~
~~_SET_IP~~
~~_RESUME_CHECK~~
~~_CHECK_VALIDITY~~
~~_SET_IP~~
~~_LOAD_CONST_MORTAL~~
~~_CHECK_VALIDITY~~
~~_SET_IP~~
~~_RETURN_VALUE~~
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~~_CHECK_VALIDITY~~
~~_SET_IP~~
~~_GUARD_GLOBALS_VERSION~~
~~_LOAD_GLOBAL_BUILTINS~~
~~_PUSH_NULL_CONDITIONAL~~
~~_CHECK_VALIDITY~~
~~_SET_IP~~
~~_LOAD_FAST_BORROW~~
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~~_SET_IP~~
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~~_CHECK_PERIODIC~~
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~~_SET_IP~~
~~_POP_TOP~~
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Tier 2 Interpreter (Optimized Micro-Ops)

_CHECK_VALIDITY
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_ITER_CHECK_LIST
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_ITER_NEXT_LIST_TIER_TWO
_CHECK_VALIDITY
_SET_IP
_STORE_FAST_1
_CHECK_VALIDITY
_SET_IP
_LOAD_FAST_BORROW_1
_CHECK_VALIDITY
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_CHECK_FUNCTION_VERSION
_CHECK_FUNCTION_EXACT_ARGS
_CHECK_STACK_SPACE_OPERAND
_CHECK_RECURSION_REMAINING
_INIT_CALL_PY_EXACT_ARGS_0

_SAVE_RETURN_OFFSET
_PUSH_FRAME
_CHECK_VALIDITY
_SET_IP
_RESUME_CHECK
_CHECK_VALIDITY
_SET_IP
_LOAD_CONST_INLINE
_CHECK_VALIDITY
_SET_IP
_RETURN_VALUE
_CHECK_VALIDITY
_SET_IP
_STORE_FAST_2
_CHECK_VALIDITY
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Copy and Patch JIT

```

-ITER CHECK LIST
-  GUARD NOT EXHAUSTED LIST
-ITER NEXT LIST TIER_TWO
-CHECK VALIDITY
-SET IP
-STORE_FAST 1
-LOAD_FAST BORROW 1
-  GUARD TYPE VERSION
-  GUARD DORV VALUES INST_ATTR_FROM_DICT
-  GUARD KEYS VERSION
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Copy and Patch JIT

```

-ITER CHECK_LIST
-GUARD NOT EXHAUSTED LIST
-ITER NEXT_LIST TIER_TWO
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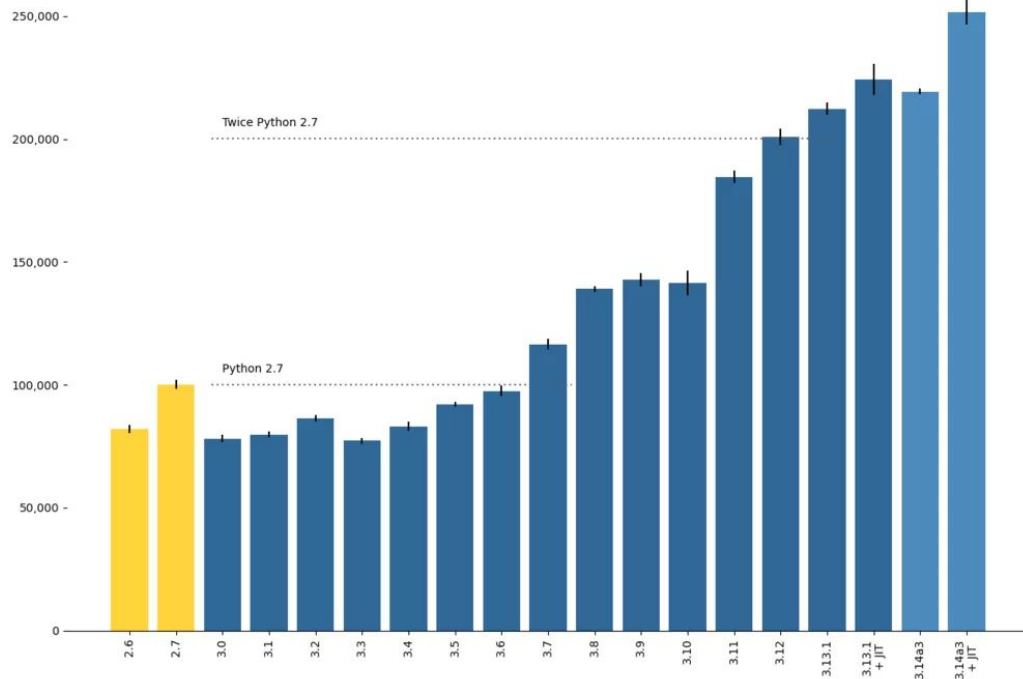
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Machine Code

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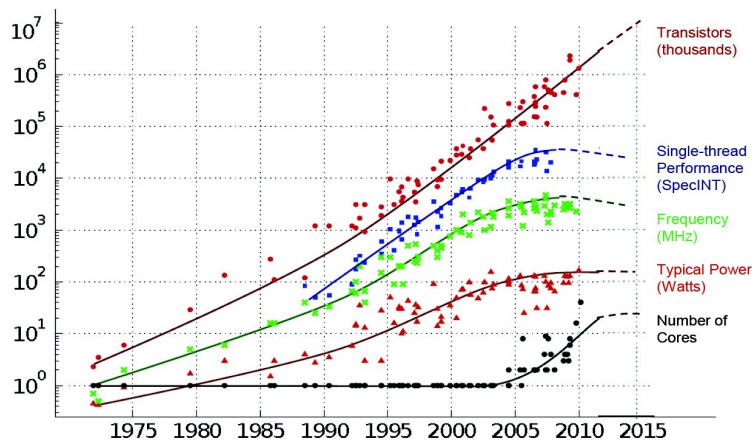


Topic: Concurrency Improvements

GIL

- GIL was first introduced at August 4th, 1992 by GvR.
 - <https://github.com/python/cpython/commit/1984f1e1c6306d4e8073c28d2395638f80ea509b>

35 YEARS OF MICROPROCESSOR TREND DATA

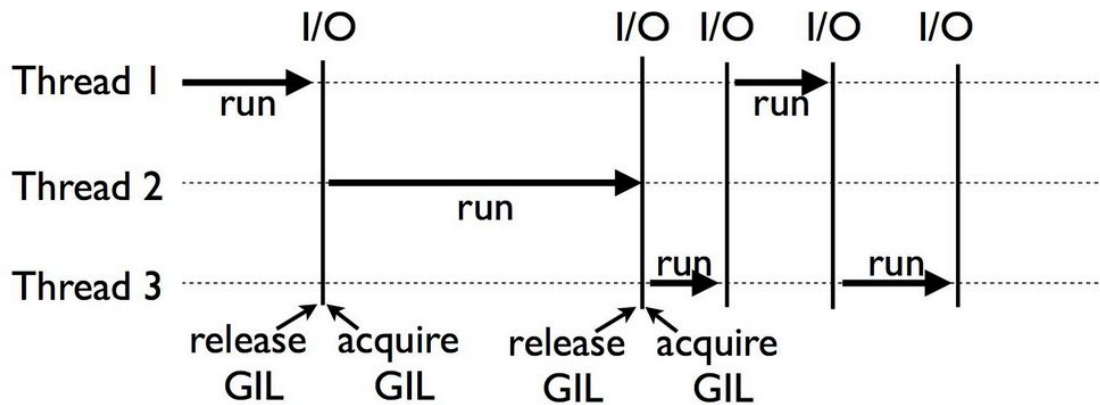


Original data collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond and C. Batten
Dotted line extrapolations by C. Moore

```
+  
+ #ifdef USE_THREAD  
+ #include <errno.h>  
+ #include "thread.h"  
+ static type_lock interpreter_lock;  
+  
+ void  
+ init_save_thread()  
+ {  
+ #ifdef USE_THREAD  
+     if (interpreter_lock)  
+         fatal("2nd call to init_save_thread");  
+     interpreter_lock = allocate_lock();  
+     acquire_lock(interpreter_lock, 1);  
+ #endif  
+ }
```

GIL

- Easy to implement
- No interpreter-level deadlock
- Low overhead at single thread



Many Attempts to Remove GIL

- Free-threading patch (1996)
- PyPy-STM (2012)
- Gilectomy Project (2016)
- Sub Interpreter (2017 - Current)
- NoGIL Free-threading (2021 - Current)

PEP 703: Making the Global Interpreter Lock Optional in CPython

- Proposed by Sam Gross at Meta FAIR.
- Based on *Choi, Shull & Torrellas, Biased reference counting: minimizing atomic operations in garbage collection, PACT 2018*

PEP 703: Object Header Changes

```
struct _object {
    _PyObject_HEAD_EXTRA
    uintptr_t ob_tid;           // owning thread id (4-8 bytes)
    uint16_t __padding;         // reserved for future use (2 bytes)
    PyMutex ob_mutex;           // per-object mutex (1 byte)
    uint8_t ob_gc_bits;         // GC fields (1 byte)
    uint32_t ob_ref_local;      // local reference count (4 bytes)
    Py_ssize_t ob_ref_shared;   // shared reference count and state bits (4-8 bytes)
    PyTypeObject *ob_type;
};
```

the paper, local and shared references are split in the object header to avoid overflow and reduce complexity.

PEP 703: Biased Reference Count

- Biased Reference Counting (Choi, 2018): Most objects are effectively single-thread owned; the owner updates a fast local refcount, while other threads update a shared refcount atomically.
- Layout choice: Instead of a single 64-bit packed field as in the paper, local and shared refcounts are split in the object header to avoid overflow and reduce complexity.

PEP 703: Deferred Reference Count

- Limit of BRC: Some objects are frequently accessed by multiple threads, which introduces overhead, but their lifetimes are too short to treat them as immortal.
- Interpreter level DRC: These objects use Deferred Reference Counting in the interpreter, skipping refcount updates on stack push and pop and reconstructing the skipped counts during GC.

PEP 703: Garbage Collections

- Explicit stop the world: Without the GIL, other threads can no longer be excluded during GC, so an explicit stop the world phase is required.
- ThreadState management: ThreadState must be explicitly tracked with three states: ATTACHED, DETACHED, and GC.
- Single generation GC: The plan is to replace generational GC with a single generation GC. Since most objects are reclaimed by refcounting, generational GC shows limited benefit, and frequent young collections are likely to hurt multithreaded performance.

PEP 703: Per-thread Specializer

- Each thread keeps its own specialized copy of bytecode
- Enables lock-free fast execution even without the GIL
- Main thread uses original bytecode (no extra copy → zero overhead)
- This design takes a different approach from the one Sam Gross introduced in his nogil implementation.

Result

Execution Overhead on pyperformance 1.0.6

	Intel Skylake	AMD Zen 3
One thread	6%	5%
Multiple threads	8%	7%

Topic: Behind the Scenes

Technical Challenges Behind the Scene

- C API Compatibility
- Various Hardware Supports
- Behavior Changes

C API Compatibility

- Unstable API
 - may change in minor versions without a deprecation period. It is marked by the PyUnstable prefix in names
- Limited API
 - Extensions that only use the Limited API can be compiled once and be loaded on multiple versions of Python.
- Stable ABI
 - Set of symbols that will remain ABI-compatible across Python 3.x versions.

C API Compatibility

- Free-threading
 - abi3 VS abi3t VS abi4
- Faster CPython
 - Compact Object Header

Various Hardware Supports

Python

Anonymous

Welcome to buildbot

0 builds running currently

20 recent builds

aarch64 Fedora Rawhide NoGIL, reflinks 3.13 aarch64 Fedora Rawhide NoGIL, reflinks 3.13/213 build successful SUCCESS 18:47	aarch64 Fedora Rawhide Reflinks 3.12 aarch64 Fedora Rawhide Reflinks 3.12/236 build successful SUCCESS 56:00	aarch64 Fedora Rawhide Reflinks 3.13 aarch64 Fedora Rawhide Reflinks 3.13/214 warnings test (warnings) WARNING 35:46
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Behavior Changes

[3.12 Regression] backport of gh-120233 to 3.12 (gh-121350) breaks mercurial, working with 3.12.4 #122438

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Bug report

Bug description:

mercurial 6.8 fails to start with the 3.12 branch 2024-07-15, but works with 3.12.4:

```
~$ hg
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
File "/usr/bin/hg", line 57, in
```

```
from mercurial import dispatch
```

```
File "", line 1360, in _find_and_load
```

```
File "", line 1331, in _find_and_load_unlocked
```

```
File "", line 935, in _load_unlocked
```

```
File "/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/hgdemandimport/demandimportpy3.py", line 52, in exec_module
```

```
super().exec_module(module)
```

```
File "", line 257, in exec_module
```

```
File "", line 1360, in _find_and_load
```

```
File "" line 1331 in _find_and_load_unlocked
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Behavior Changes



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PEP 563 getting rolled back from Python 3.10

PEP 563 is getting rolled back/delayed until a future version of Python (likely 3.11). This decision was made after third-party library maintainers (primarily Pydantic) raised an issue on how PEP 563 was going to break their code (Pydantic and any consumers thereof, like FastAPI).

Really great decision by the steering council. Rolling back right before feature lock sucks, but this is the best decision for the Python community.

<https://mail.python.org/archives/list/python-dev@python.org/thread/CLVXXPQ2T2LQ5MP2Y53VVQFCXYWQJHKZ/>



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Topic: Core Team Annual Events

Python Language Summits



2025 (Pittsburgh, US)



2024 (Pittsburgh, US)

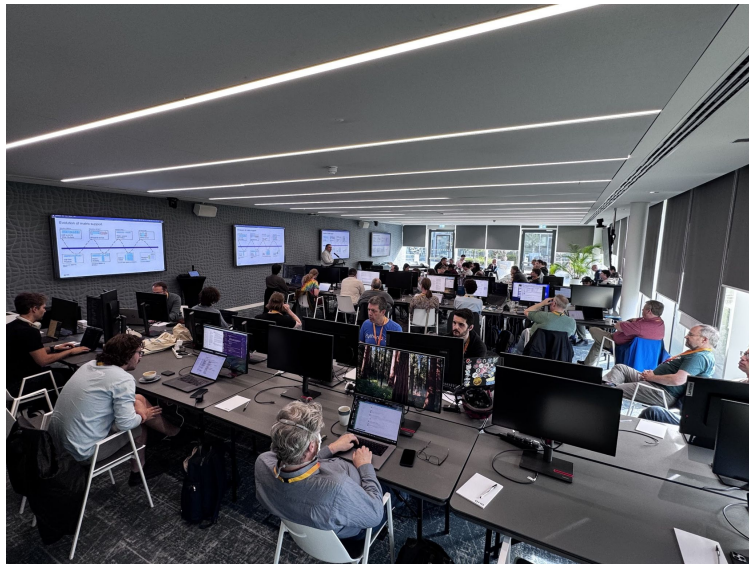


2023 (Salt Lake City, US)

Python Language Summits

- Python Language Summit 2025
 - Fearless Concurrency by Tobias Wrigstad, Matthew Parkinson, and Fridtjof Stoldt
 - An Uncontentious Talk about Contention: talk by Mark Shannon
 - What do Python core developers want from Rust?: talk by David Hewitt
- Python Language Summit 2024
 - Free-threading ecosystems by Daniele Parmeggiani
 - Native Interface and Limited C API by Petr Viktorin and Victor Stinner
- Python Language Summit 2023
 - Towards Native Profiling for Python by Joannah Nanjeyye
 - Making the Global Interpreter Lock Optional by Sam Gross

Python Core Sprints



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Python Core Sprints



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2024 (Meta)

This Year

- Python Language Summit at Euro Python (Portland)
- Python Core Sprint (TBA)

Future?

- Python Language Summit at Seoul?
- Python Core Sprint at Seoul?



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