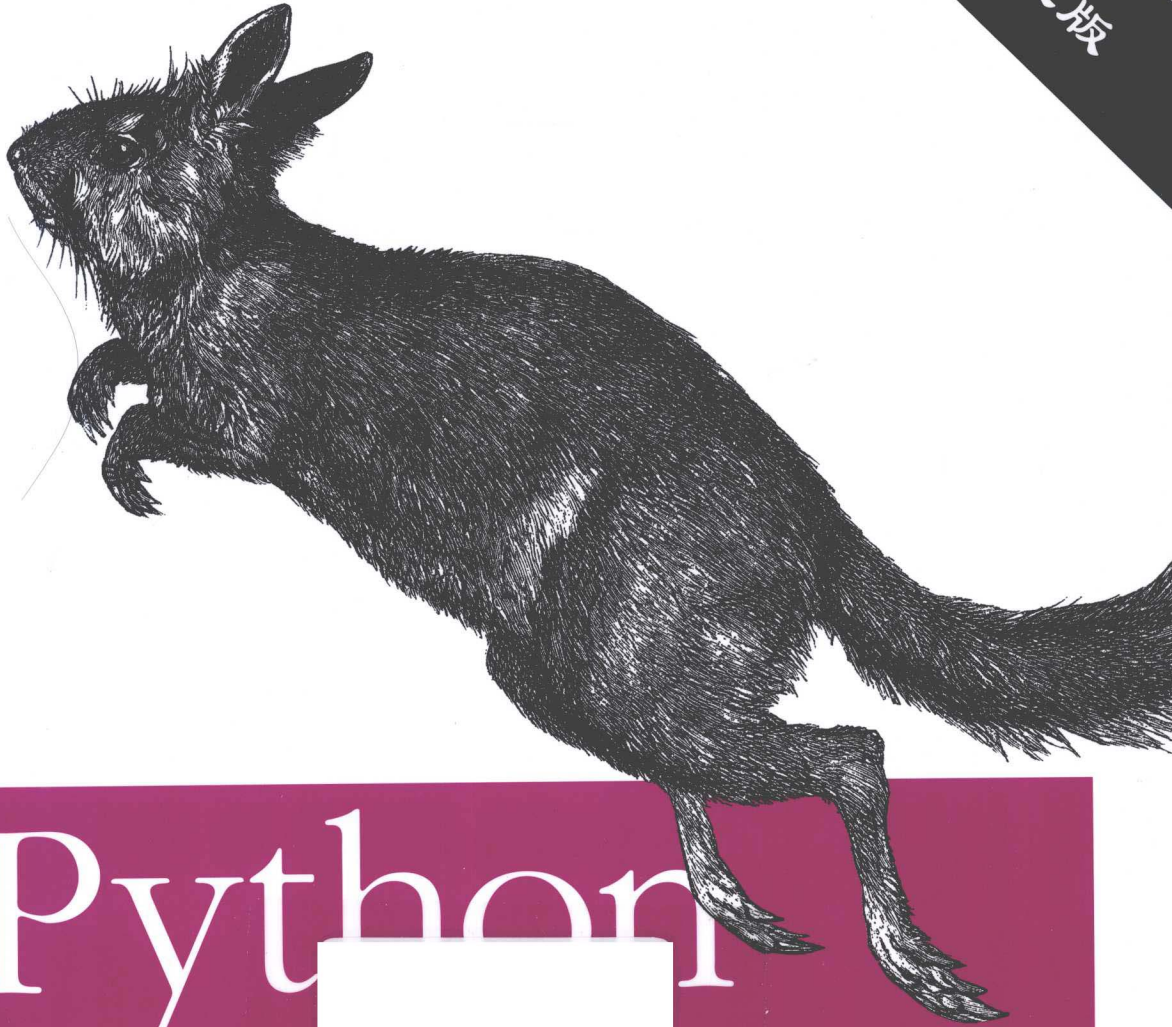


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Preface

Since 2008, the Python world has been watching the slow evolution of Python 3. It was always known that the adoption of Python 3 would likely take a long time. In fact, even at the time of this writing (2013), most working Python programmers continue to use Python 2 in production. A lot has been made about the fact that Python 3 is not backward compatible with past versions. To be sure, backward compatibility is an issue for anyone with an existing code base. However, if you shift your view toward the future, you'll find that Python 3 offers much more than meets the eye.

Just as Python 3 is about the future, this edition of the *Python Cookbook* represents a major change over past editions. First and foremost, this is meant to be a very forward looking book. All of the recipes have been written and tested with Python 3.3 without regard to past Python versions or the “old way” of doing things. In fact, many of the recipes will only work with Python 3.3 and above. Doing so may be a calculated risk, but the ultimate goal is to write a book of recipes based on the most modern tools and idioms possible. It is hoped that the recipes can serve as a guide for people writing new code in Python 3 or those who hope to modernize existing code.

Needless to say, writing a book of recipes in this style presents a certain editorial challenge. An online search for Python recipes returns literally thousands of useful recipes on sites such as ActiveState's Python recipes or Stack Overflow. However, most of these recipes are steeped in history and the past. Besides being written almost exclusively for Python 2, they often contain workarounds and hacks related to differences between old versions of Python (e.g., version 2.3 versus 2.4). Moreover, they often use outdated techniques that have simply become a built-in feature of Python 3.3. Finding recipes exclusively focused on Python 3 can be a bit more difficult.

Rather than attempting to seek out Python 3-specific recipes, the topics of this book are merely inspired by existing code and techniques. Using these ideas as a springboard, the writing is an original work that has been deliberately written with the most modern Python programming techniques possible. Thus, it can serve as a reference for anyone who wants to write their code in a modern style.

In choosing which recipes to include, there is a certain realization that it is simply impossible to write a book that covers every possible thing that someone might do with Python. Thus, a priority has been given to topics that focus on the core Python language as well as tasks that are common to a wide variety of application domains. In addition, many of the recipes aim to illustrate features that are new to Python 3 and more likely to be unknown to even experienced programmers using older versions. There is also a certain preference to recipes that illustrate a generally applicable programming technique (i.e., programming patterns) as opposed to those that narrowly try to address a very specific practical problem. Although certain third-party packages get coverage, a majority of the recipes focus on the core language and standard library.

Who This Book Is For

This book is aimed at more experienced Python programmers who are looking to deepen their understanding of the language and modern programming idioms. Much of the material focuses on some of the more advanced techniques used by libraries, frameworks, and applications. Throughout the book, the recipes generally assume that the reader already has the necessary background to understand the topic at hand (e.g., general knowledge of computer science, data structures, complexity, systems programming, concurrency, C programming, etc.). Moreover, the recipes are often just skeletons that aim to provide essential information for getting started, but which require the reader to do more research to fill in the details. As such, it is assumed that the reader knows how to use search engines and Python's excellent online documentation.

Many of the more advanced recipes will reward the reader's patience with a much greater insight into how Python actually works under the covers. You will learn new tricks and techniques that can be applied to your own code.

Who This Book Is Not For

This is not a book designed for beginners trying to learn Python for the first time. In fact, it already assumes that you know the basics that might be taught in a Python tutorial or more introductory book. This book is also not designed to serve as a quick reference manual (e.g., quickly looking up the functions in a specific module). Instead, the book aims to focus on specific programming topics, show possible solutions, and serve as a springboard for jumping into more advanced material you might find online or in a reference.

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