



Welcome to the Bay Area [Python](#) Interest Group

BayPIGgies is the Silicon Valley-San Francisco Bay Area Python Users Group

Upcoming and Past Meetings

August - December 2001

(Sadly) Cancelled

July 23, 2001 (Monday)

Agenda: What is Python?

Special Day/Time: 6 PM, Monday [not Wednesday]

Location: Point Loma A (West) [check bulletin board to confirm]

This may turn into a tradition, but like last year, July's meeting will take place at the [2001 O'Reilly Open Source Convention](#) in San Diego. Again like last year, it will coincide with an Intro to Python BOF that Wesley will lead.

The goal of this month's meeting is to bring new Python newbies to the fold. We will brainw[^]H[^]H[^]H[^]H[^]H **introduce** Python to interested attendees from the convention. In particular, there will be Perl hackers there, along with those from the Apache, Tcl/Tk, and PHP camps too. I hope that those of you who have background in these areas can come and share your experience with how Python has enhanced your developer's toolbox.

April - June 2001

(Sadly) Cancelled

March 21, 2001

Topic: [Python9](#) Conference Summary

- News and events from the conference last week in Long Beach
- Some of the more interesting papers in the proceedings
- Upcoming release of Python 2.1
- Python Software Foundation
- Guido's opening keynote: Python Fits Your Brain
- Bruce Eckel's closing keynote: Why I Love Python

December 2000 - February 2001

(Sadly) Cancelled

November 15, 2000

This month's agenda: **Newbies' Night**

Tonite, we invite anyone and everyone interested in Python to come and join us to ask and answer any and all questions that Python newbies may have. Feel free to bring along a guest who is either completely new to Python and/or programming in general. The newbies will ask questions and the "experts" -- meaning all you regulars -- will take turns in dispelling the myths and enlightening the entire audience!

We will also discuss some of the existing online tutorials as well as some of the current and upcoming books (Python and otherwise) which are targeted to newbies.

October 18, 2000

This month's agenda:

- [2.0 Final Release](#) this past Monday
- 9th Int'l Python Conference ([Python9](#)) deadlines coming up
- Consolidation proposal for all int'l Python User Groups (incl. us)
- Also, [Core Python Programming](#) will be released in ~6 weeks! :-)

September 20, 2000

This month, we will feature a Silicon Valley start-up company, PyBiz, founded by former members of HP's engineering staff and openly admitting to be using Python to build their product:

Distributed Content Management using Python and XML

Content management today is no longer a matter of integrating the content in one place and dynamically rendering it. Content is more and more getting distributed at various places and sites. In addition most current generation content management systems tend to be monolithic and closed. We describe how to build an open distributed content management system using a flexible and powerful programming environment like Python and using industry standards like XML.

Speaker: *Joe Ellsworth*

Joe Ellsworth is currently the CEO of PyBiz, an XML based e-business solutions firm. Previously, Joe was at Hewlett-Packard as a senior manager and as a senior technology architect for E-Speak & other projects. Prior to HP, he provided independent consulting on numerous mission critical projects for Fortune 500 companies. Joe has been building and deploying mission critical e-business applications since the start of the internet e-commerce revolution.

August 16, 2000

This month, we will discuss the changes for Python 1.6 and [2.0](#). (You may want to take a look at Andrew's and Moshe's "[What's New in 2.0](#)" document which, contrary to its current title, deals primarily with the differences between 1.5.2 and 1.6.)

We will repeat some of the things mentioned in Guido's "State of Python" address given at the O'Reilly conference (see below). Finally, we will then have an open discussion regarding the new releases and the transition from CNRI to BeOpen as well as the launch of PythonLabs. We will also announce the upcoming [Python9](#) conference.

Minutia (Condensed minutes from the meeting): Guido and BeOpen head Bob Weiner were the special surprise guests for all the lucky attendees to this month's talk!! We discussed some of the new features integrated into the new releases of Python as well as the negotiations regarding the Python license.

July 19, 2000

ONE-TIME LOCATION CHANGE: Since most folks are going to be at the [O'Reilly Open Source Convention](#), July 17-20, in Monterey, Wesley has booked a "What is Python?" BOF session and a room at the conference to hold the BOF and Baypiggies concurrently (nothing wrong with being multithreaded right?).

Minutia: We had over 40 attendees from the conference visit us to hear about Python the first time. A good number of Perl and Java programmers showed up whose curiosity about Python got the better of them. The meeting went well, and some of the audience members were ready to download Python when they got back to their hotel rooms that night!

Python Coding Tips & Techniques

Interested in Gtk+ or Gnome Development?

The popular "10 Minute Total Idiots Guide to using Gnome/Gtk+ & Glade with Python", [can be found here](#).

Code Snippets & Samples

Author	Description
Kier Mierle	stubby.py , code to generate python stubs from a glade xml file
Deirdre Saoirse	untag.py , removes html tags from a file, leaving a text file
Deirdre Saoirse	webuse.py , lists files NOT referenced in a web site (must be run locally)
Deirdre Saoirse	gfSequence.py , Oracle-style sequence generator for Gadfly (a SQL implementation written entirely in Python)

Deirdre Saoirse	gfSequenceTest.py , demonstration program for gfSequence.py .
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Topics!

If you'd be interested in giving a talk at a BayPIGGies meeting, we'd love to hear it! If you have a project that you've got problems with, we could do a hands-on. We'd also like to have an all-day tutorial (probably on a weekend) at some point for those who'd like to learn Python. Contact us at the e-mail addresses below.

Membership

Membership is free and meetings are open to all who are interested. We would like to thank Sue Rhee and the Plant Biology department at Stanford for making the meeting space available to us.

Mailing Lists

To find out more information or to join, please [click here](#).

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