Improving Your Python Programming Experience

Tools and Tricks to Make Your Life Easier

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Virtual Environments via Conda

IDEs

Formatting and Linting

Git & GitHub

Unit Testing


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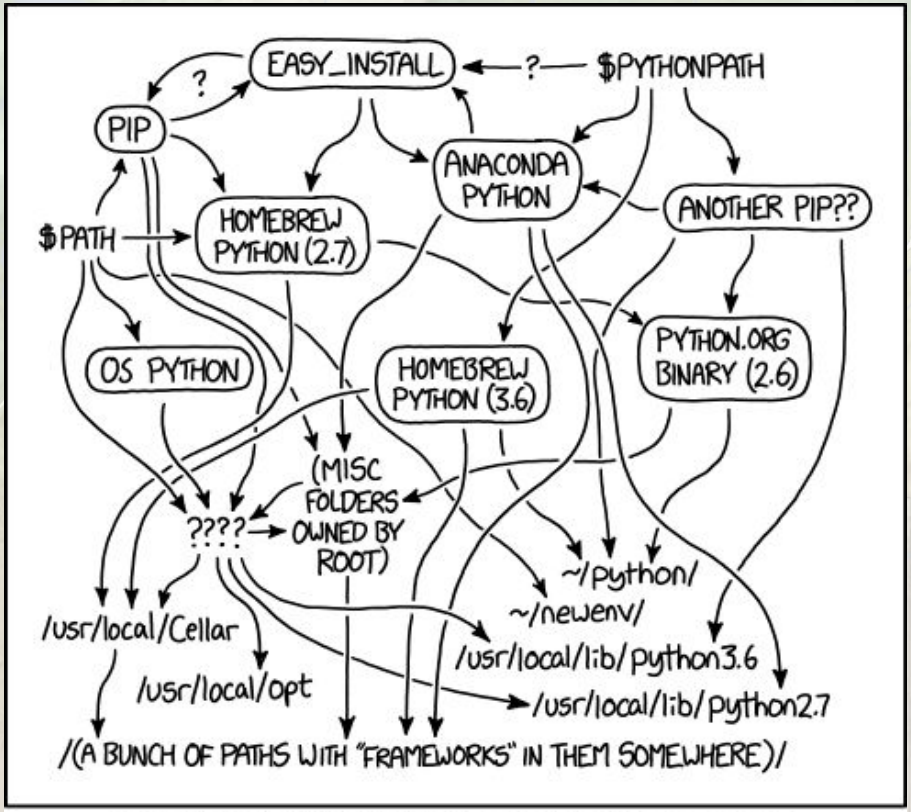
Managing Your Environments With CONDA



MY PYTHON ENVIRONMENT HAS BECOME SO DEGRADED THAT MY LAPTOP HAS BEEN DECLARED A SUPERFUND SITE.

```
(arcgispro-py3) c:\gis>conda env list
# conda environments:
#
base                     C:\Users\jdadams\AppData\Local\Programs\ArcGIS\Pro\bin\Python
arcgispro-py3         *  C:\Users\jdadams\AppData\Local\Programs\ArcGIS\Pro\bin\Python\envs\arcgispro-py3
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upython                  C:\Users\jdadams\AppData\Local\Programs\ArcGIS\Pro\bin\Python\envs\upython
```

Conda virtual environments: separate sandboxes for your projects

Lowes.com

Create a new, blank environment:

```
(arcgispro-py3) c:\gis>conda create -n test
```

Clone an existing environment:

```
(arcgispro-py3) c:\gis>conda create -n test --clone arcgispro-py3
```

Activate an environment:

```
(arcgispro-py3) c:\gis>activate test

(test) c:\gis>
```

Delete an environment:

```
(arcgispro-py3) c:\gis>conda env remove -n test
```

List installed packages:

```
(test) c:\gis>conda list
```

Install a package via conda:

```
(test) c:\gis>conda install yapf
```

Install a package via pip:

```
(test) c:\gis>pip install ugrc-palletjack
```

Install arcpy via conda:

```
(test) c:\gis>conda install arcpy -c esri
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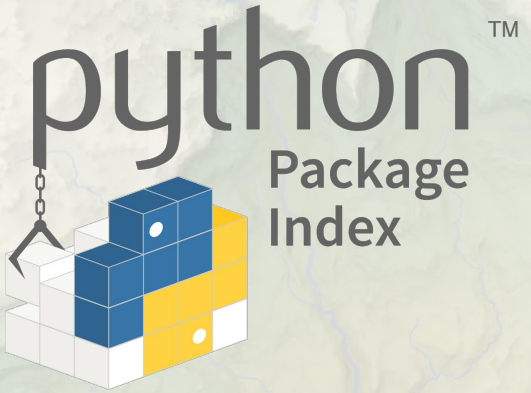
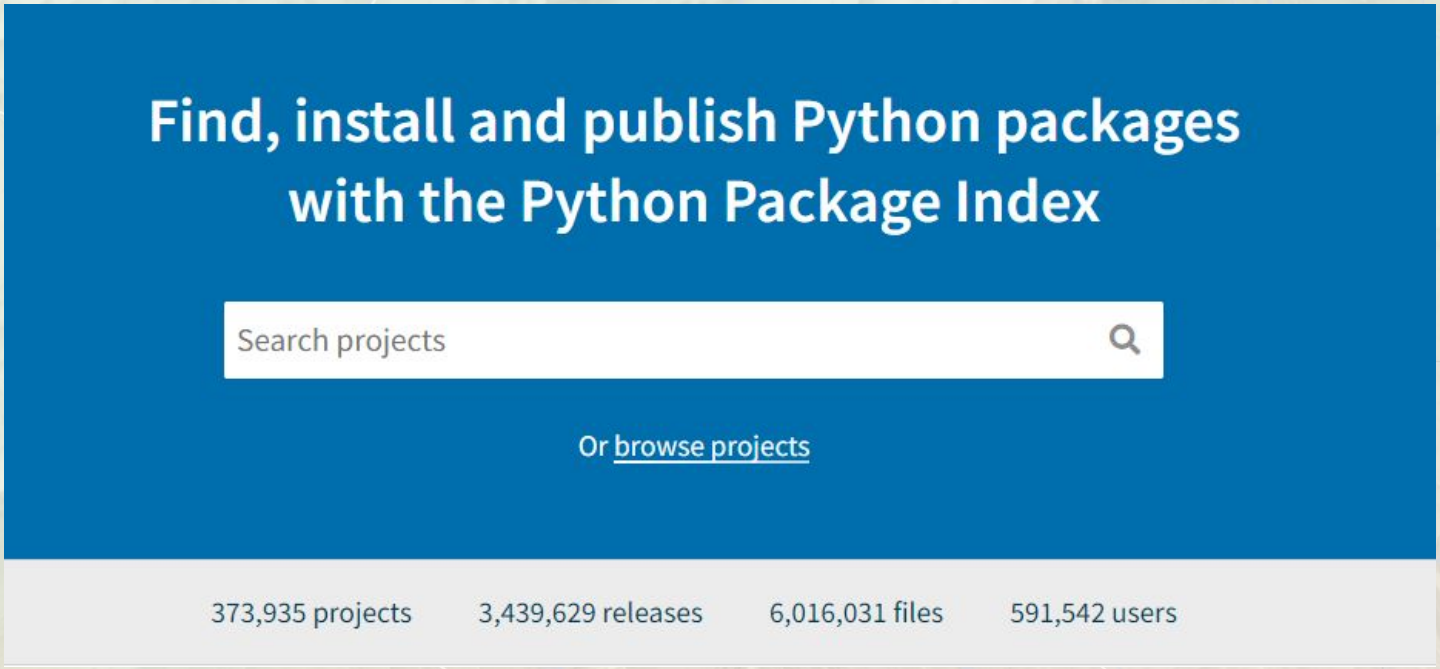


- Installs Python
- Many channels
- Manages environments
- Installed with ArcGIS Pro

- Requires Python
- More packages
- Easy to automate dependencies
- Easily install local packages

Packaging Your Code



Configuration: `setup.py`

Local Installation: `pip install -e .[tests]`

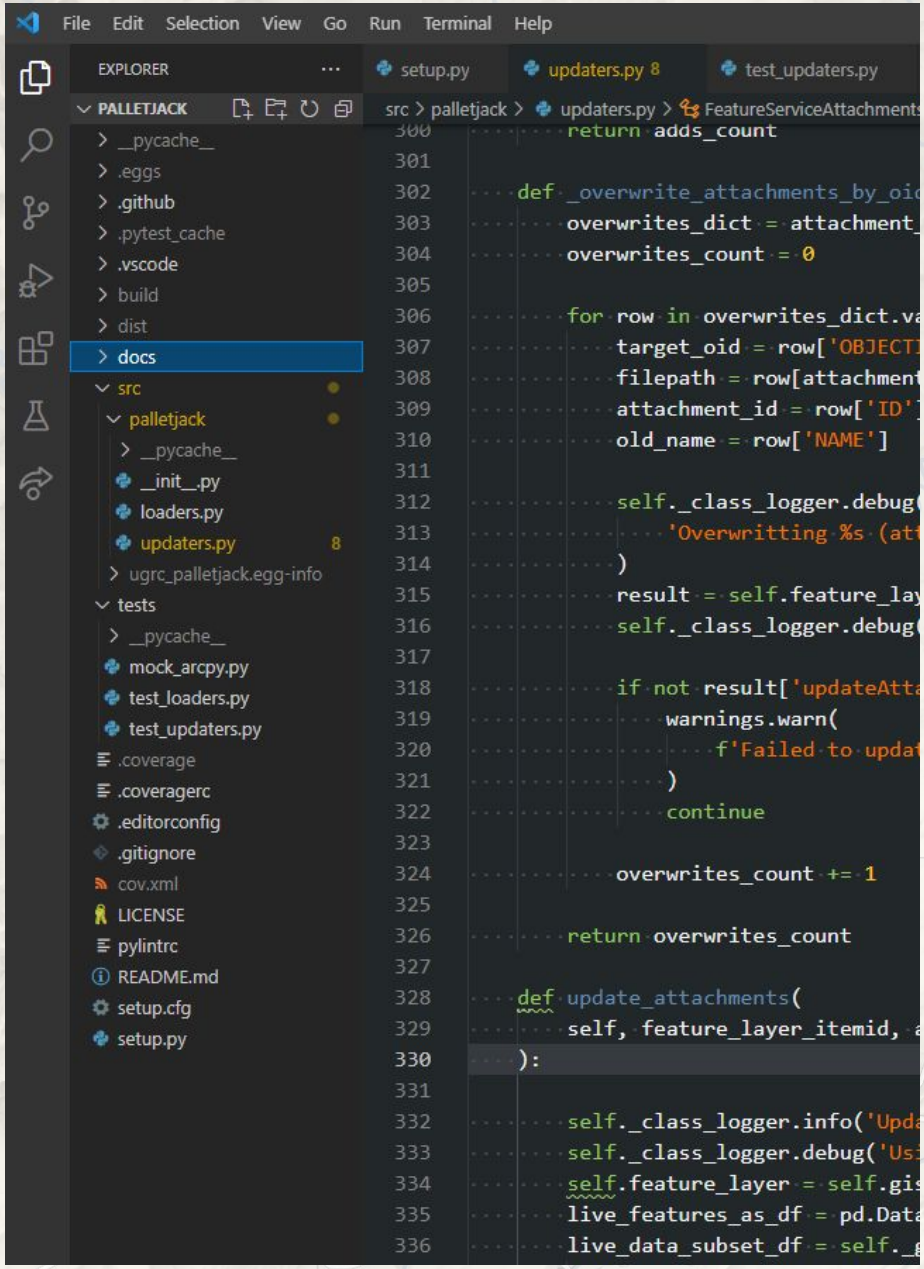
Distribution: Upload to PyPi

Writing with an IDE

https://www.reddit.com/r/Workbenches/comments/lsl4v0/small_but_gets_it_done/

Visual Studio Code:

- Code hinting
- Highlighting
- Multi-select
- Go to definition
- Extensions
- Renaming
- Debugging



Formatting & Linting

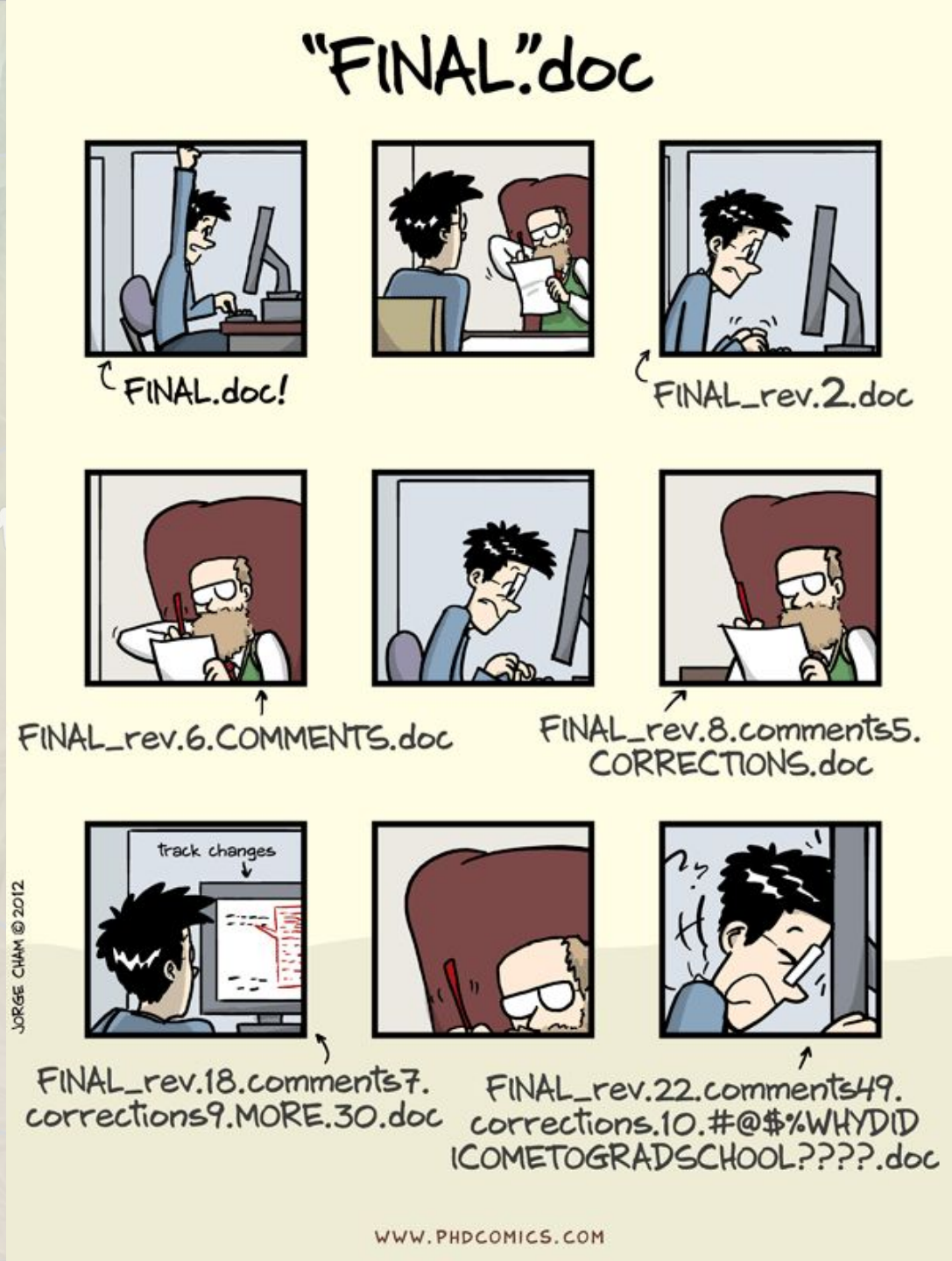
Why Code Style Matters

Formatting vs Linting

- PEP 8
- Consistent style
- Doc strings and comments
- Performed by `yapf`
- Controlled by config file (`setup.cfg`, `pyproject.toml`, ...)

- Detects errors and "code smell"
- Enforces good programming practices
- Performed by `pylint`
- Controlled by `.pylintrc`

Getting a Handle on File Names: Version Control with Git & GitHub



THE MOMENT YOU REALIZE

THE TRUE MEANING OF MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE.

git

- Solves the `_v3_try6.py` problem
- Version control
- Branching
- CLI and desktop clients
- Distributed repositories

GitHub

- Online home for repositories
- Pull Requests
- Issue tracking
- Readmes and documentation
- Continuous Integration (CI)
- A whole lot more


THIS IS GIT. IT TRACKS COLLABORATIVE WORK ON PROJECTS THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL DISTRIBUTED GRAPH THEORY TREE MODEL.
COOL. HOW DO WE USE IT?
NO IDEA. JUST MEMORIZE THESE SHELL COMMANDS AND TYPE THEM TO SYNC UP. IF YOU GET ERRORS, SAVE YOUR WORK ELSEWHERE, DELETE THE PROJECT, AND DOWNLOAD A FRESH COPY.

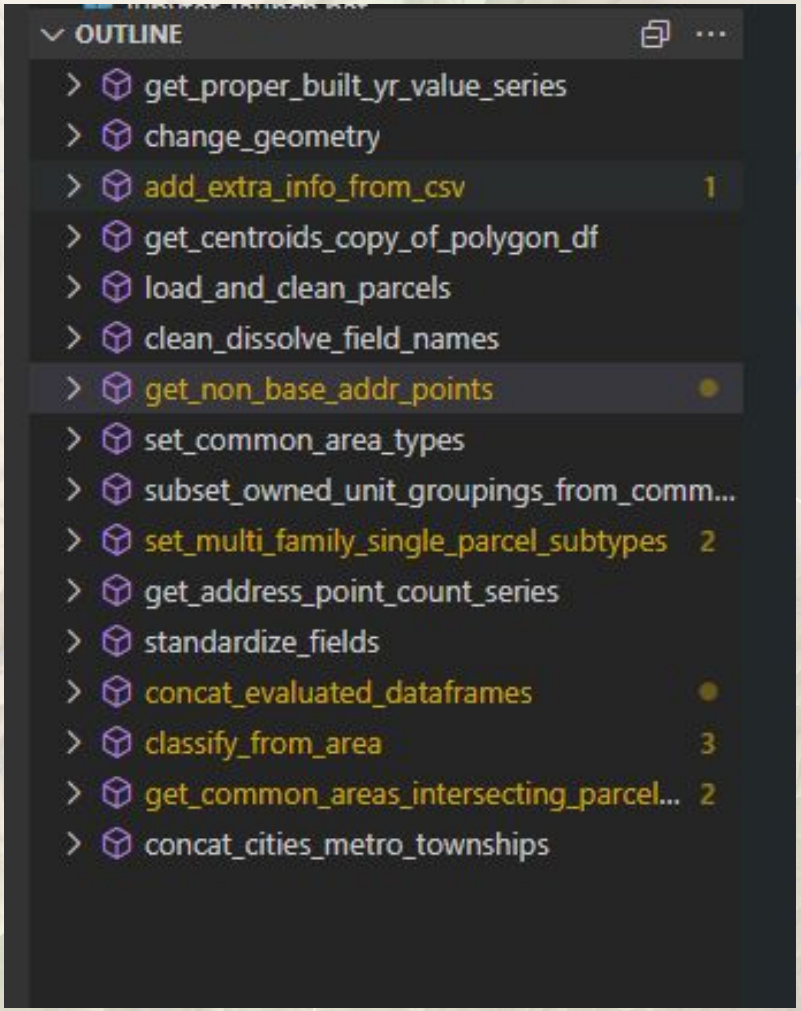
Unit Testing: Knowing When You Break Things

https://reddit.com/u/Patchen35

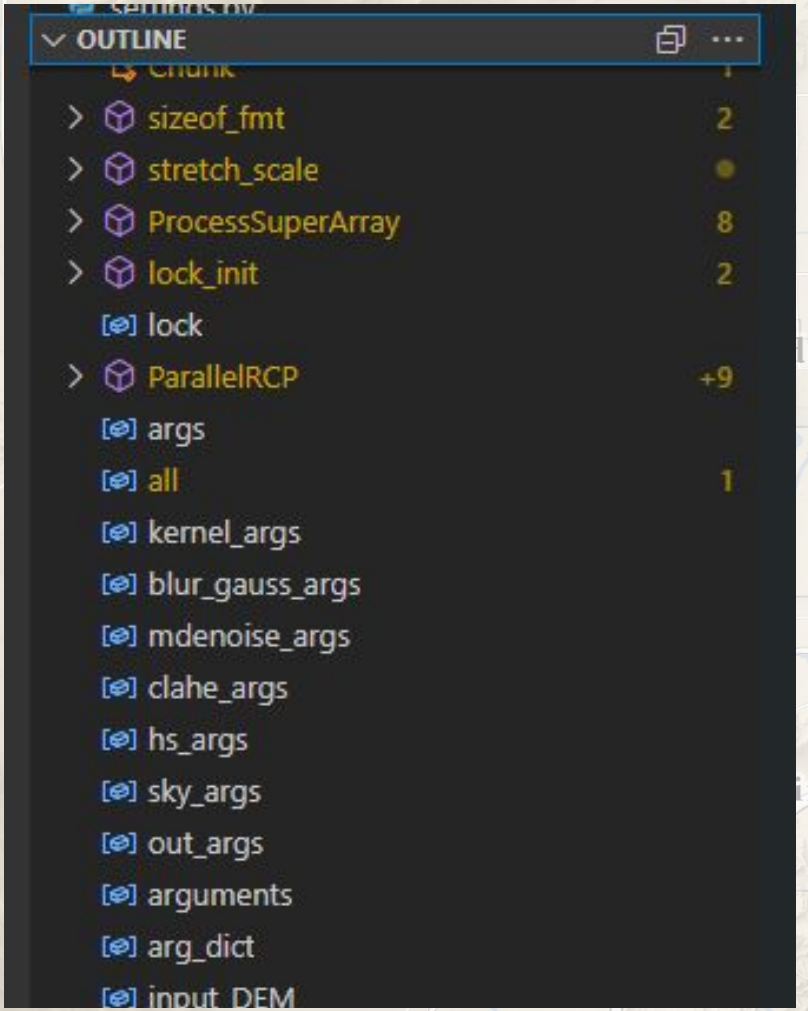
Benefits of Unit Tests

- Trusting your code
- Understanding your code
- Catching errors faster
  - Especially when updating
- Catching more edge cases
- Writing better code

Good Program Design

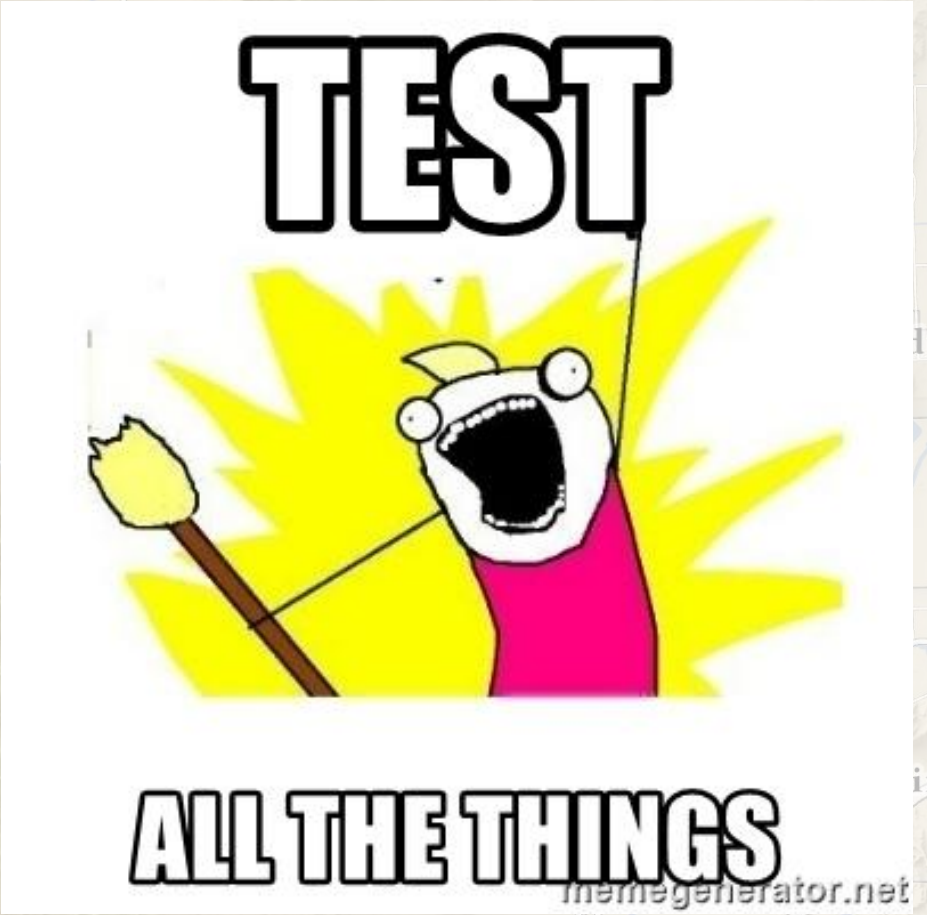


Bad Program Design



Basic Steps of a Unit Test

- Arrange
- Act
- Assert



Unit Test Tools

`unittest`

`pytest-mock`

`pytest-cov`

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Resources

- **UGRC Python template GitHub repo**
  - https://github.com/agrc/python
- **Conda docs**
  - https://docs.conda.io/en/latest/
- **`pip` docs**
  - https://pip.pypa.io/en/stable/
- **Virtual Studio Code**
  - https://code.visualstudio.com/docs
- **`pylint` docs**
  - https://pylint.pycqa.org/en/latest/
- **`yapf` docs**
  - https://github.com/google/yapf

Resources

- **Git docs**
  - https://git-scm.com/doc
- **Some decent git tutorials**
  - https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials
- **GitHub docs**
  - https://docs.github.com/en
- **`unittest.mock` reference**
  - https://docs.python.org/3/library/unittest.mock.html
- **pytest docs**
  - https://docs.pytest.org/en/6.2.x/contents.html
- **`pytest-mock` docs**
  - https://pypi.org/project/pytest-mock/
- **Some patchy notes on testing**
  - https://github.com/jacobdadams/notes/blob/master/pytest.md

Resources

- **My Virtual Studio Code Extensions:**
  - autoDocstring- streamline docstring creation
  - Code Spell Checker
  - Coverage Gutters- show test coverage generated by codecov
  - Git Graph- a visually-intuitive view of your git repo
  - HTML Preview- preview HTML files in Code
  - Live Share- collaborative coding with your coworkers
  - Markdown Preview Enhanced- preview .md files
  - markdownlint- get warnings about markdown style errors
  - Rainbow CSV- color-code csv "columns" for easier display in Code
  - Rewrap- automatically wrap long comments to additional lines
  - Son of Obsidian Theme- the color theme I use