You can't automatically check if code is good

Code quality in Python - tools and reasons

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Rice's theorem

(You probably haven't heard of it)



for any non-trivial property of partial functions, no general and effective method can decide whether an algorithm computes a partial function with that property

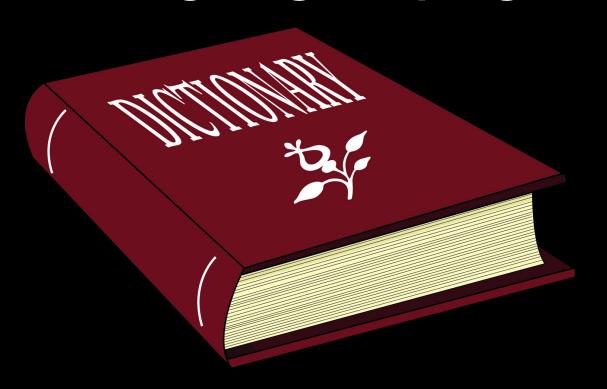
Rice's theorem

In the common language:



you can't write a algorithm, that will check in finite time if a program has some nontrivial property

You can't write a dictionary containing all good programs

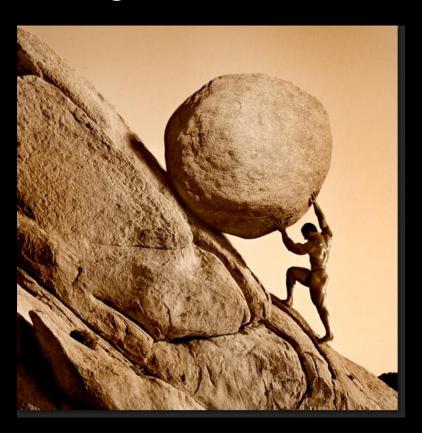


Examples

You can't automatically check if:

- program never fails
- there is any data set, for which program returns "1"
- program is well written and will be readable for humans
- program's WTF factor will be low

But you can try hard ...



Don't worry! It's not that hard!



We've got many tools

Checkers

Formatters

Import sorters

Coverage

Docstring checkers

Dead code checkers



What's this talk about?

YES

Developer's view

Checking code every day

General tools

Python 2.7

Jenkins

NO

Manager's view

Charts and tables

Django, flask, web2py etc.

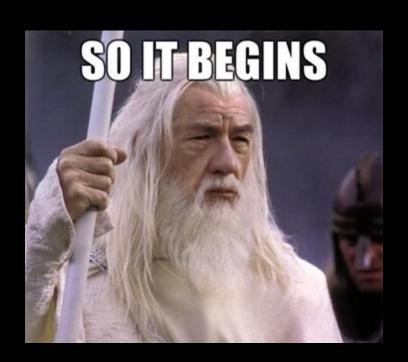
Python 3.*

Buildbot, Travis etc.

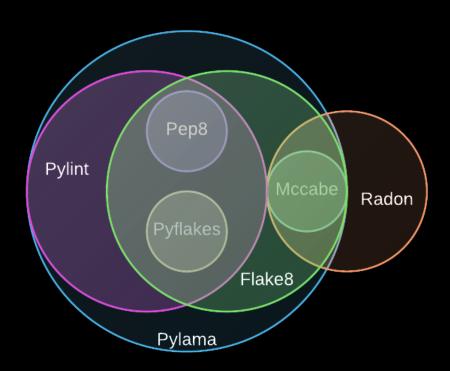
Checkers for other languages

Import graph visualisation

Let's get started!



Checkers



pep8

```
...py:36:13: W503 line break before binary operator
\dotspy:150:80: E501 line too long (85 > 79 characters)
...py:86:17: E128 continuation line under-indented for visual indent
...py:215:9: E731 do not assign a lambda expression, use 🐚 def
...py:62:1: E402 module level import not at top of file
                                                                                Flake8
...py:182:20: W601 .has key() is deprecated, use 'in'
...py:32:9: E301 expected 1 blank line, found 0
...py:35:1: E303 too many blank lines (3)
                                                                      Pylama
...py:160:14: E203 whitespace before ':'
...py:245:18: E127 continuation line over-indented for visual indent
...py:263:83: E721 do not compare types, use 'isinstance()'
...py:307:55: E221 multiple spaces before operator
...py:445:17: E265 block comment should start with '#'
...py:492:17: E125 continuation line with same indent as next logical line
...py:27:26: E251 unexpected spaces around keyword / parameter equals
...py:91:40: E261 at least two spaces before inline comment
...py:708:17: E129 visually indented line with same indent as next logical line
...py:771:1: E302 expected 2 blank lines, found 1
...py:841:1: E266 too many leading '#' for block comment
```

Pep8

Radon

Pylint

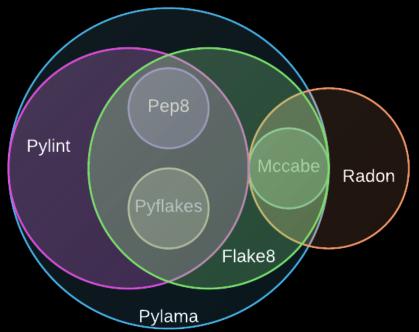
pyflakes

```
Pep8
                                                          Pylint
...py:13: 'GenericStackedInline' imported but unused
                                                                                             Radon
...py:13: 'GenericInlineModelAdmin' imported but unused
...py:16: 'GenericForeignKey' imported but unused
...py:16: 'GenericRelation' imported but unused
...py:19: 'BaseGenericInlineFormSet' imported but unused
...py:19: 'generic inlineformset factory' imported but undeed
                                                                               Flake8
...py:4: 'from django.db.models import *' used; unable to detect underlined pames
...py:15: 'from django.contrib.gis.db.models.aggregates import " used; anable to detect undefined
names
                                                                      Pylama
...py:18: 'GeoManager' imported but unused
...py:21: 'LineStringField' imported but unused
...py:21: 'MultiPolygonField' imported but unused
...py:21: 'MultiLineStringField' imported but unused
...py:21: 'PolygonField' imported but unused
...py:21: 'GeometryCollectionField' imported but unused
...py:21: 'PointField' imported but unused
...py:21: 'MultiPointField' imported but unused
...py:21: 'GeometryField' imported but unused
...py:2: 'from django.db.models.sql.aggregates import *' used; unable to detect undefined names
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...py:10: 'from django.contrib.gis.db.backends.utils import *' used; unable to detect undefined nam

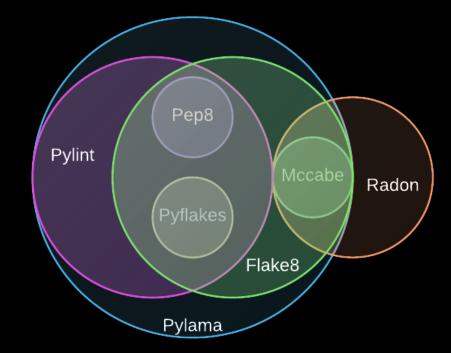
mccabe

```
("35:1: 'TestFieldType.test custom fields'", 1)
("23:1: 'TestFieldType.test field name'", 1)
("20:1: 'TestFieldType.setUp'", 1)
("29:1: 'TestFieldType.test builtin fields'", 1)
("184:1: 'ModelDetailView.get context data'", 18)
("63:1: 'TemplateTagIndexView.get context data'", 7)
("129:1: 'ViewIndexView.get context data'", 2)
("398:1: 'simplify regex'", 2)
("358:1: 'get readable field data type'", 1)
("295:1: 'TemplateDetailView.get context data'", 4)
("34:1: 'BaseAdminDocsView.dispatch'", 2)
("324:1: 'load all installed template libraries'", 8)
("51:1: 'BookmarkletsView.get context data'", 1)
("175:1: 'ModelIndexView.get context data'", 1)
("366:1: 'extract views from urlpatterns'", 8)
("148:1: 'ViewDetailView.get context data'", 5)
("96:1: 'TemplateFilterIndexView.get context data'", 7)
("42:1: 'BaseAdminDocsView.get context data'", 1)
("348:1: 'get return data type'", 4)
("9:1: 'XViewMiddleware.process view'", 2)
```



radon

```
django/db/models/aggregates.py
   LOC: 162
   LL0C: 91
   SLOC: 127
   Comments: 2
   Multi: 21
   Blank: 35
    - Comment Stats
        (C % L): 1%
       (C % S): 2%
        (C + M % L): 14%
django/db/models/query.py
   LOC: 1770
   LLOC: 1057
    SL0C: 1565
   Comments: 177
    Multi: 345
    Blank: 205
    - Comment Stats
        (C % L): 10%
        (C % S): 11%
        (C + M % L): 29%
```



flake8

```
Pylint
\dotspy:7:80: E501 line too long (88 > 79 characters)
...py:86:17: E128 continuation line under-indented for
                                                        visual indent
...py:36:13: W503 line break before binary operator
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...py:241:29: W503 line break before binary operator
...py:215:9: E731 do not assign a lambda expression, use a def
...py:11:9: E128 continuation line under-indented for visual indent
...py:62:1: E402 module level import not at top of file
...py:85:1: E402 module level import not at top of file
                                                                       Pylama
...py:144:9: E731 do not assign a lambda expression, use a def
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Pep8

Flake8

Radon

pylint

```
Pep8
                                                        Pylint
*********** Module django.shortcuts
R: 27, 0: Too many arguments (8/5) (too-many-arguments)
                                                                                           Radon
R: 50, 0: Too many arguments (10/5) (too-many-arguments
W: 85,16: Access to a protected member current app of client las Pyfakes ted/access
C: 94, 0: Invalid argument name "to" (invalid-name)
W:131,18: Access to a protected member _default_manager of a client class (pro Flake8 a)
W:157,57: Access to a protected member meta of a client class (protested-access
W:171,57: Access to a protected member meta of a client class (protected access)
C:175, 0: Invalid argument name "to" (invalid-name)
                                                                     Pylama
******** Module django.contrib.admindocs.urls
W: 26, 0: Anomalous backslash in string: '\.'. String constant might be missing an r prefix.
lous-backslash-in-string)
W: 26, 0: Anomalous backslash in string: '\.'. String constant might be missing an r prefix.
lous-backslash-in-string)
C: 1, 0: Missing module docstring (missing-docstring)
C: 4, 0: Invalid constant name "urlpatterns" (invalid-name)
********** Module django.contrib.admindocs.views
C:110, 0: Line too long (104/100) (line-too-long)
C:135, 0: Line too long (109/100) (line-too-long)
C:240, 0: Line too long (106/100) (line-too-long)
```

The lure of Pylama

Pro:

all tools in one module

Con:

Configuration



Other tools

pep257 vulture isort



pep257

```
...py:1 at module level:
D100: Missing docstring in public module
...py:8 in public function `setup`:
D400: First line should end with a period (not 'e')
...py:8 in public function `setup`:
D205: 1 blank line required between summary line and description (found 0)
...py:1 at module level:
D400: First line should end with a period (not 's')
...py:1 at module level:
D205: 1 blank line required between summary line and description (found 0)
...py:27 in public function `render to response`:
D401: First line should be in imperative mood ('Return', not 'Returns')
...py:27 in public function `render to response`:
D400: First line should end with a period (not 'g')
...py:27 in public function `render to response`:
D205: 1 blank line required between summary line and description (found 0)
...py:50 in public function `render`:
D401: First line should be in imperative mood ('Return', not 'Returns')
...py:50 in public function `render`:
D400: First line should end with a period (not 'g')
```

Vulture

```
...py:100: Unused function 'csrf failure'
...py:87: Unused function 'technical 500 response'
...py:134: Unused class 'SafeExceptionReporterFilter'
...py:512: Unused function 'format exception'
...py:525: Unused function 'technical 404 response'
...py:10: Unused function 'cache page'
...py:39: Unused function 'cache control'
...py:50: Unused function 'never cache'
...py:6: Unused function 'xframe options deny'
...py:27: Unused function 'xframe options sameorigin'
...py:48: Unused function 'xframe options exempt'
...py:62: Unused attribute 'xframe options exempt'
...py:8: Unused attribute ' doc
...py:18: Unused function ' reject'
...py:50: Unused function 'csrf exempt'
...py:59: Unused attribute 'csrf exempt'
...py:33: Unused attribute 'sensitive variables'
...py:73: Unused attribute 'sensitive post parameters'
...py:18: Unused variable 'conditional page'
...py:173: Unused function 'etag'
```

isort

ERROR: shortcuts.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.

ERROR: contrib/admindocs/views.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.

```
ERROR: contrib/staticfiles/storage.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/staticfiles/finders.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/humanize/templatetags/humanize.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/sessions/backends/base.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/sessions/backends/file.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/contenttypes/admin.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/flatpages/forms.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/maps/google/overlays.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/maps/google/gmap.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/db/models/query.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/db/backends/oracle/adapter.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/db/backends/oracle/introspection.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/db/backends/spatialite/base.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/db/backends/spatialite/introspection.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/db/backends/mysql/introspection.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/geometry/backend/geos.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/gis/gdal/feature.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
ERROR: contrib/qis/qdal/qeometries.py Imports are incorrectly sorted.
```

Extensions

flake8 (other checks - imports, docstrings etc.) pylint (specific settings - Django, flask etc.) pylama (new checkers)

browsing raw code vs AST

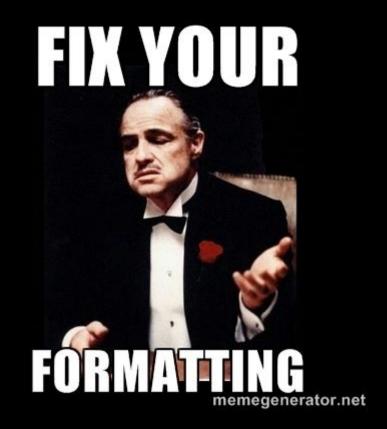
Extensions

Example: mccabe extension to flake8

```
def run(self):
    if self.max_complexity < 0:
        return
    visitor = PathGraphingAstVisitor()
    visitor.preorder(self.tree, visitor)
    for graph in visitor.graphs.values():
        if graph.complexity() >= self.max_complexity:
            text = self._error_tmpl % (graph.entity, graph.complexity())
        yield graph.lineno, 0, text, type(self)
```

Formatters

autopep8 yapf isort



Autopep8

- Doesn't fix everything
- Leaves ugly line breaks



Yapf - our saviour

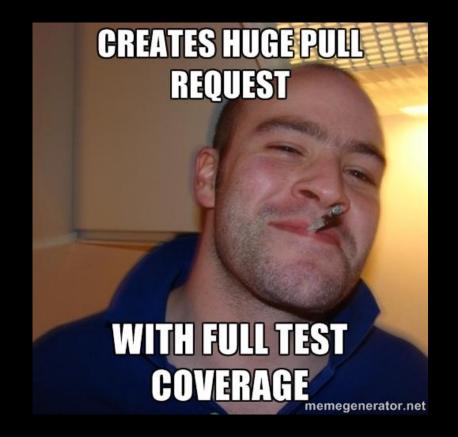
```
class Fieldline(object):
    def __init__(self, form, field, readonly_fields=None, model_admin=None):
        self.form = form # A django.forms.Form instance
        if not hasattr(field, "__iter__") or isinstance(field, six.text_type):
            self.fields = [field]
    else:
        self.fields = field
    self.has_visible_field = not all(
            field in self.form.fields and
            self.form.fields[field].widget.is_hidden for field in self.fields)
    self.model_admin = model_admin
    if readonly_fields is None:
        readonly_fields = ()
    self.readonly fields = readonly fields
```

Isort

```
from django import forms
from django.conf import settings
from django.contrib.admin.templatetags.admin static import static
from django.contrib.admin.utils import (display for field, flatten fieldsets,
                                        help text for field, label for field,
                                        lookup field)
from django.core.exceptions import ObjectDoesNotExist
from django.db.models.fields.related import ManyToManyRel
from django.forms.utils import flatatt
from django.template.defaultfilters import capfirst, linebreaksbr
from django.utils import six
from django.utils.deprecation import RemovedInDjango110Warning
from django.utils.encoding import force text, smart text
from django.utils.functional import cached property
from django.utils.html import conditional escape, format html
from django.utils.safestring import mark safe
from django.utils.translation import ugettext lazy as
```

Test coverage

Comparing with master



Utils

diff-cover
diff-quality
git-lint
hgdiffmetrics
scspell3k



diff-cover, diff-quality

```
Diff Coverage
Diff: origin/master...HEAD, staged, and unstaged changes
diff cover/violations reporter.py (50.0%): Missing lines 15
Total: 2 lines
Missing: 1 line
Coverage: 50%
Diff Quality
Quality Report: pylint
Diff: origin/master...HEAD, staged, and unstaged changes
diff cover/tool.py (0.0%):
    70: C0303: (trailing-whitespace), : Trailing whitespace
diff cover/violations reporter.py (100%)
Total: 3 lines
Violations: 1 line
% Quality: 66%
```

git-lint, hgdiffmetrics

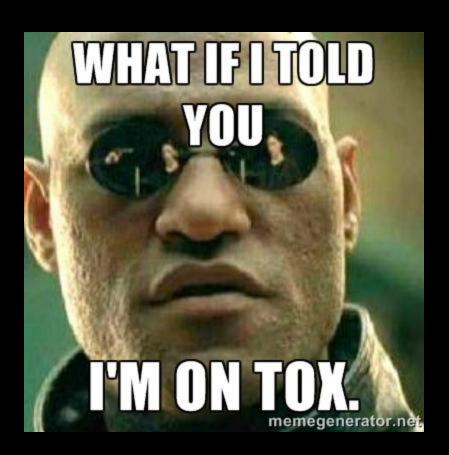
```
Linting file: diff_cover/tool.py
line 23, col 0: Warning: [unused-import]: Unused import django
line 48, col 0: Convention: [invalid-name]: parse_coverage_args: Invalid argument name "a"
line 48, col 30: Warning: [unused-argument]: parse_coverage_args: Unused argument 'a'
line 62, col 4: Warning: [global-variable-not-assigned]: parse_coverage_args: Using global for 'log
ging' but no assignment is done
line 62, col 4: Convention: [invalid-name]: parse_coverage_args: Invalid constant name "logging"
line 72, col 0: Convention: [trailing-whitespace]: Trailing whitespace
line 72, col 1: [W293]: blank line contains whitespace
```

scspell3k

```
'absoloute' not found in dictionary (from token 'absoloute')
'abstractmethod' not found in dictionary (from token 'abstractmethod')
'arabic' not found in dictionary (from token 'snippet arabic output')
'arabic' not found in dictionary (from token 'test load declared arabic')
'argparse' not found in dictionary (from token 'argparse')
'changeset' not found in dictionary (from token 'changeset')
'chdir' not found in dictionary (from token 'chdir')
'classmethod' not found in dictionary (from token 'classmethod')
'clazz' not found in dictionary (from token 'clazz')
'cobertura' not found in dictionary (from token 'cobertura')
'cobertura' not found in dictionarv (from token 'Cobertura')
'commandline' not found in dictionary (from token 'commandline')
'contextlib' not found in dictionary (from token 'contextlib')
'contextmanager' not found in dictionary (from token 'contextmanager')
'cssclass' not found in dictionary (from token 'cssclass')
'daeafb' not found in dictionary (from token '9daeafb')
'defaultdict' not found in dictionary (from token 'defaultdict')
'defs' not found in dictionary (from token 'get style defs')
'defs' not found in dictionary (from token 'style defs')
'defs' not found in dictionary (from token 'test style defs')
```

Automation

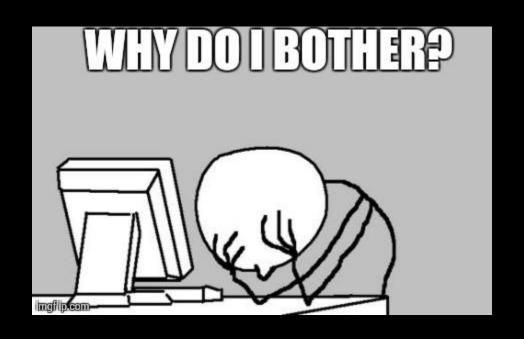
tox
py.test
Jenkins
Github PR builder plugin



Tox example (from diff-cover app)

```
[tox]
envlist = py26, py27, py33, py34, pypy
[testenv]
whitelist externals =
    /usr/bin/git
deps =
    -r{toxinidir}/requirements/test-requirements-py27-py3.txt
commands =
    coverage run -m nose {posargs}
    coverage xml
    git fetch origin master:refs/remotes/origin/master
    diff-cover coverage.xml
    diff-quality --violation=pep8
    diff-quality --violation=pyflakes
    diff-quality --violation=pylint
[testenv:py26]
deps =
    -r{toxinidir}/requirements/test-requirements-py26.txt
    argparse
```

OK, got it. But why?



Benefits?

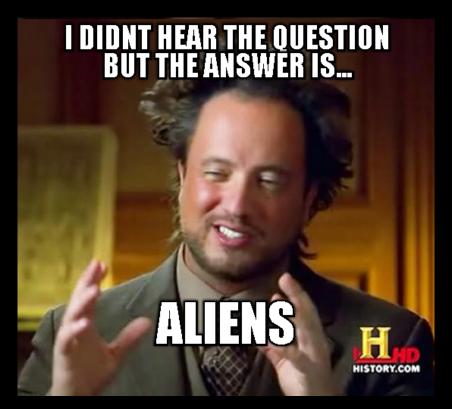
- refactor confidence
- uniform style

Pro tip: buzzwords for managers:

- maintainability
- readability
- extendability



Questions?



Mandatory Monty Python screen



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