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# **Pyodide**

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Python with the scientific stack, compiled to WebAssembly.

Pyodide may be used in any context where you want to run Python inside a web browser.

Pyodide brings the Python 3.8 runtime to the browser via WebAssembly, along with the Python scientific stack including NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, SciPy, and scikit-learn. Over 75 packages are currently available. In addition it's possible to install pure Python wheels from PyPi.

Pyodide provides transparent conversion of objects between Javascript and Python. When used inside a browser, Python has full access to the Web APIs.



## USING PYODIDE

### 1.1 Getting started

#### 1.1.1 Try it online

Try Pyodide in a [REPL](#) directly in your browser (no installation needed).

#### 1.1.2 Setup

To include Pyodide in your project you can use the following CDN URL:

```
https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/pyodide.js
```

You can also download a release from [Github releases](#) or build Pyodide yourself. See *Serving Pyodide packages* for more details.

The `pyodide.js` file defines a single async function called `loadPyodide` which sets up the Python environment. When the `loadPyodide` function finishes, Pyodide installs global namespace called `pyodide`.

```
async function main() {
  await loadPyodide({ indexURL : "https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/" });
  // Pyodide is now ready to use...
  console.log(pyodide.runPython(`
    import sys
    sys.version
  `));
};
main();
```

#### 1.1.3 Running Python code

Python code is run using the `pyodide.runPython` function. It takes as input a string of Python code. If the code ends in an expression, it returns the result of the expression, translated to Javascript objects (see *Type translations*). For example the following code will return the version string as a Javascript string:

```
pyodide.runPython(`
  import sys
  sys.version
`);
```

After importing Pyodide, only packages from the standard library are available. See *Loading packages* for information about loading additional packages.

### 1.1.4 Complete example

Create and save a test `index.html` page with the following contents:

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/pyodide.js"></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    Pyodide test page <br>
    Open your browser console to see Pyodide output
    <script type="text/javascript">
      async function main() {
        await loadPyodide({
          indexURL : "https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/"
        });
        console.log(pyodide.runPython(`
          import sys
          sys.version
        `));
        console.log(pyodide.runPython("print(1 + 2)"));
      }
      main();
    </script>
  </body>
</html>

```

### 1.1.5 Alternative Example

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/pyodide.js"></script>
  </head>

  <body>
    <p>You can execute any Python code. Just enter something in the box below and click
    ↪ the button.</p>
    <input id='code' value='sum([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])'>
    <button onclick='evaluatePython()'>Run</button>
    <br>
    <br>
    <div>
      Output:
    </div>
    <textarea id='output' style='width: 100%;' rows='6' disabled></textarea>

    <script>
      const output = document.getElementById("output");
      const code = document.getElementById("code");

      function addToOutput(s) {
        output.value += '>>>' + code.value + '\n' + s + '\n';
      }
    </script>

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```

output.value = 'Initializing...\n';
// init Pyodide
async function main(){
  await loadPyodide({ indexURL : 'https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/'
→});
  output.value += 'Ready!\n';
}
let pyodideReadyPromise = main();

async function evaluatePython() {
  await pyodideReadyPromise;
  try {
    let output = await pyodide.runPythonAsync(code.value);
    addToOutput(output);
  } catch(err) {
    addToOutput(err);
  }
}
</script>
</body>
</html>

```

### 1.1.6 Accessing Python scope from Javascript

You can also access from Javascript all functions and variables defined in Python by using the `pyodide.globals` object.

For example, if you run the code `x = numpy.ones([3, 3])` in Python, you can access the variable `x` from Javascript in your browser's developer console as `pyodide.globals.get("x")`. The same goes for functions and imports. See *Type translations* for more details.

You can try it yourself in the browser console:

```

pyodide.runPython(`
import numpy
x=numpy.ones((3, 4))
`);
pyodide.globals.get('x').toJs();
// >>> [ Float64Array(4), Float64Array(4), Float64Array(4) ]

// create the same 3x4 ndarray from js
x = pyodide.globals.get('numpy').ones(new Int32Array([3, 4])).toJs();
// x >>> [ Float64Array(4), Float64Array(4), Float64Array(4) ]

```

Since you have full access to Python global scope, you can also re-assign new values or even Javascript functions to variables, and create new ones from Javascript:

```

// re-assign a new value to an existing variable
pyodide.globals.set("x", 'x will be now string');

// create a new js function that will be available from Python
// this will show a browser alert if the function is called from Python
pyodide.globals.set("alert", alert);

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```
// this new function will also be available in Python and will return the squared_
↪value.
pyodide.globals.set("square", x => x*x);

// You can test your new Python function in the console by running
pyodide.runPython("square(3)");
```

Feel free to play around with the code using the browser console and the above example.

### 1.1.7 Accessing Javascript scope from Python

The Javascript scope can be accessed from Python using the `js` module (see *Importing Javascript objects into Python*). This module represents the global object window that allows us to directly manipulate the DOM and access global variables and functions from Python.

```
import js

div = js.document.createElement("div")
div.innerHTML = "<h1>This element was created from Python</h1>"
js.document.body.prepend(div)
```

See *Serving Pyodide packages* to distribute Pyodide files locally.

## 1.2 Using Pyodide in a web worker

This document describes how to use Pyodide to execute Python scripts asynchronously in a web worker.

### 1.2.1 Setup

Setup your project to serve `webworker.js`. You should also serve `pyodide.js`, and all its associated `.asm.js`, `.data`, `.json`, and `.wasm` files as well, though this is not strictly required if `pyodide.js` is pointing to a site serving current versions of these files. The simplest way to serve the required files is to use a CDN, such as `https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide`. This is the solution presented here.

Update the `webworker.js` sample so that it has a valid URL for `pyodide.js`, and sets `indexURL` `<globalThis.loadPyodide>` to the location of the supporting files.

In your application code create a web worker `new Worker(...)`, and attach listeners to it using its `.onerror` and `.onmessage` methods (listeners).

Communication from the worker to the main thread is done via the `Worker.postMessage()` method (and vice versa).

## 1.2.2 Detailed example

In this example process we will have three parties involved:

- The **web worker** is responsible for running scripts in its own separate thread.
- The **worker API** exposes a consumer-to-provider communication interface.
- The **consumers** want to run some scripts outside the main thread so they don't block the main thread.

### Consumers

Our goal is to run some Python code in another thread, this other thread will not have access to the main thread objects. Therefore we will need an API that takes as input not only the Python `script` we want to run, but also the `context` on which it relies (some Javascript variables that we would normally get access to if we were running the Python script in the main thread). Let's first describe what API we would like to have.

Here is an example of consumer that will exchange with the web worker, via the worker interface/API `py-worker.js`. It runs the following Python script using the provided `context` and a function called `asyncRun()`.

```
import { asyncRun } from './py-worker';

const script = `
import statistics
from js import A_rank
statistics.stdev(A_rank)
`;

const context = {
  A_rank: [0.8, 0.4, 1.2, 3.7, 2.6, 5.8],
}

async function main(){
  try {
    const {results, error} = await asyncRun(script, context);
    if (results) {
      console.log('pyodideWorker return results: ', results);
    } else if (error) {
      console.log('pyodideWorker error: ', error);
    }
  }
  catch (e){
    console.log(`Error in pyodideWorker at ${e.filename}, Line: ${e.lineno}, ${e.
↪message}`)
  }
}

main();
```

Before writing the API, let's first have a look at how the worker operates. How does our web worker run the script using a given context.

## Web worker

Let's start with the definition. A worker is:

A worker is an object created using a constructor (e.g. `Worker()`) that runs a named Javascript file — this file contains the code that will run in the worker thread; workers run in another global context that is different from the current window. This context is represented by either a `DedicatedWorkerGlobalScope` object (in the case of dedicated workers - workers that are utilized by a single script), or a `SharedWorkerGlobalScope` (in the case of shared workers - workers that are shared between multiple scripts).

In our case we will use a single worker to execute Python code without interfering with client side rendering (which is done by the main Javascript thread). The worker does two things:

1. Listen on new messages from the main thread
2. Respond back once it finished executing the Python script

These are the required tasks it should fulfill, but it can do other things. For example, to always load packages `numpy` and `pytz`, you would insert the lines `pythonLoading = self.pyodide.loadPackage(['numpy', 'pytz'])` and `await pythonLoading`; as shown below:

```
// webworker.js

// Setup your project to serve `py-worker.js`. You should also serve
// `pyodide.js`, and all its associated `.asm.js`, `.data`, `.json`,
// and `.wasm` files as well:
importScripts('https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/pyodide.js');

async function loadPyodideAndPackages(){
  await loadPyodide({ indexURL : 'https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/' }
  ↪);
  await self.pyodide.loadPackage(['numpy', 'pytz']);
}
let pyodideReadyPromise = loadPyodideAndPackages();

self.onmessage = async(event) => {
  // make sure loading is done
  await pyodideReadyPromise;
  // Don't bother yet with this line, suppose our API is built in such a way:
  const {python, ...context} = event.data;
  // The worker copies the context in its own "memory" (an object mapping name to ↪
  ↪values)
  for (const key of Object.keys(context)){
    self[key] = context[key];
  }
  // Now is the easy part, the one that is similar to working in the main thread:
  try {
    self.postMessage({
      results: await self.pyodide.runPythonAsync(python)
    });
  }
  catch (error){
    self.postMessage(
      {error : error.message}
    );
  }
}
```

## The worker API

Now that we established what the two sides need and how they operate, let's connect them using this simple API (`py-worker.js`). This part is optional and only a design choice, you could achieve similar results by exchanging message directly between your main thread and the webworker. You would just need to call `.postMessage()` with the right arguments as this API does.

```
const pyodideWorker = new Worker('./build/webworker.js')

export function run(script, context, onSuccess, onError){
  pyodideWorker.onerror = onError;
  pyodideWorker.onmessage = (e) => onSuccess(e.data);
  pyodideWorker.postMessage({
    ...context,
    python: script,
  });
}

// Transform the run (callback) form to a more modern async form.
// This is what allows to write:
//   const {results, error} = await asyncRun(script, context);
// Instead of:
//   run(script, context, successCallback, errorCallback);
export function asyncRun(script, context) {
  return new Promise(function(onSuccess, onError) {
    run(script, context, onSuccess, onError);
  });
}
```

### 1.2.3 Caveats

Using a web worker is advantageous because the Python code is run in a separate thread from your main UI, and hence does not impact your application's responsiveness. There are some limitations, however. At present, Pyodide does not support sharing the Python interpreter and packages between multiple web workers or with your main thread. Since web workers are each in their own virtual machine, you also cannot share globals between a web worker and your main thread. Finally, although the web worker is separate from your main thread, the web worker is itself single threaded, so only one Python script will execute at a time.

## 1.3 Serving Pyodide packages

If you built your Pyodide distribution or downloaded the release tarball you need to serve Pyodide files with appropriate headers.

Because browsers require WebAssembly files to have mimetype of `application/wasm` we're unable to serve our files using Python's built-in `SimpleHTTPServer` module.

Let's wrap Python's Simple HTTP Server and provide the appropriate mimetype for WebAssembly files into a `pyodide_server.py` file (in the `pyodide_local` directory):

```
import sys
import socketserver
from http.server import SimpleHTTPRequestHandler
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```
class Handler(SimpleHTTPRequestHandler):

    def end_headers(self):
        # Enable Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS)
        self.send_header('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*')
        super().end_headers()

if sys.version_info < (3, 7, 5):
    # Fix for WASM MIME type for older Python versions
    Handler.extensions_map['.wasm'] = 'application/wasm'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    port = 8000
    with socketserver.TCPServer("", port), Handler) as httpd:
        print("Serving at: http://127.0.0.1:{}".format(port))
        httpd.serve_forever()
```

Let's test it out. In your favourite shell, let's start our WebAssembly aware web server:

```
python pyodide_server.py
```

Point your WebAssembly aware browser to <http://localhost:8000/index.html> and open your browser console to see the output from Python via Pyodide!

## 1.4 Loading packages

Only the Python standard library is available after importing Pyodide. To use other packages, you'll need to load them using either:

- `pyodide.loadPackage` for packages built with Pyodide, or
- `micropip.install` for pure Python packages with wheels available on PyPi or from other URLs.

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**Note:** `micropip` can also be used to load packages built in Pyodide (in which case it relies on `pyodide.loadPackage`).

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If you use `pyodide.runPythonAsync` Pyodide will automatically download all packages that the code snippet imports. This is particularly useful for making a repl since users might import unexpected packages. At present, `runPythonAsync` will not download packages from PyPi, it will only download packages included in the Pyodide distribution. Internally, `pyodide.runPythonAsync` uses `pyodide.loadPackagesFromImports` which in turn uses `pyodide.find_imports`, so if you need more control over automatic package loading you can use these more basic APIs.

### 1.4.1 Loading packages with `pyodide.loadPackage`

Packages included in the official Pyodide repository can be loaded using `pyodide.loadPackage`:

```
pyodide.loadPackage('numpy');
```

It is also possible to load packages from custom URLs:

```
pyodide.loadPackage('https://foo/bar/numpy.js');
```

The file name in the URL must be `<package-name>.js` and there must be an accompanying `.data` file in the same directory.

When you request a package from the official repository, all of that package's dependencies are also loaded. Dependency resolution is not yet implemented when loading packages from custom URLs.

In general, loading a package twice is not permitted. However, one can override a dependency by loading a custom URL with the same package name before loading the dependent package.

Multiple packages can also be loaded at the same time by passing a list to `loadPackage`.

```
pyodide.loadPackage(['cyclcr', 'pytz']);
```

`pyodide.loadPackage` returns a `Promise` which resolves when all of the packages are finished loading:

```
async function main(){
  await loadPyodide({ 'indexURL' : '<some-url>' });
  await pyodide.loadPackage('matplotlib');
  // matplotlib is now available
}
main();
```

### 1.4.2 Micropip

#### Installing packages from PyPI

Pyodide supports installing pure Python wheels from PyPI with `micropip`. `micropip.install()` returns a `Python Future` <https://docs.python.org/3/library/asyncio-future.html>, so you can await the future or otherwise use the Python future API to do work once the packages have finished loading:

```
pyodide.runPythonAsync(`
  import micropip
  await micropip.install('snowballstemmer')
  import snowballstemmer
  stemmer = snowballstemmer.stemmer('english')
  print(stemmer.stemWords('go goes going gone'.split()))
`);
```

Micropip implements file integrity validation by checking the hash of the downloaded wheel against pre-recorded hash digests from the PyPi JSON API.

## Installing wheels from arbitrary URLs

Pure Python wheels can also be installed from any URL with *micropip*,

```
import micropip
micropip.install(
    'https://example.com/files/snowballstemmer-2.0.0-py2.py3-none-any.whl'
)
```

Micropip decides whether a file is a URL based on whether it ends in “.whl” or not. The wheel name in the URL must follow [PEP 427 naming convention](#), which will be the case if the wheels is made using standard Python tools (pip wheel, setup.py bdist\_wheel).

All required dependencies must have been previously installed with *micropip* or *pyodide.loadPackage*.

If the file is on a remote server, the server must set Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) headers to allow access. Otherwise, you can prepend a CORS proxy to the URL. Note however that using third-party CORS proxies has security implications, particularly since we are not able to check the file integrity, unlike with installs from PyPi.

### 1.4.3 Example

```
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
</head>
<body>
  <script type="text/javascript" src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/
  ↪pyodide.js"></script>
  <script type="text/javascript">
    async function main() {
      ↪ await loadPyodide({ indexURL : 'https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/'
      ↪ });
      await pyodide.runPythonAsync(`
        import micropip # runPythonAsync will load micropip automatically
        await micropip.install('snowballstemmer')
        import snowballstemmer
        stemmer = snowballstemmer.stemmer('english')
        print(stemmer.stemWords('go goes going gone'.split()))
      `);
    }
    main();
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

## 1.5 Type translations

In order to communicate between Python and Javascript, we “translate” objects between the two languages. Depending on the type of the object we either translate the object by implicitly converting it or by proxying it. By “converting” an object we mean producing a new object in the target language which is the equivalent of the object from the source language, for example converting a Python string to the equivalent a Javascript string. By “proxying” an object we mean producing a special object in the target language that forwards requests to the source language. When we proxy a Javascript object into Python, the result is a *JsProxy* object. When we proxy a Python object into Javascript,

the result is a `PyProxy` object. A proxied object can be explicitly converted using the explicit conversion methods `JsProxy.to_py` and `PyProxy.toJs`.

Python to Javascript translations occur:

- when returning the final expression from a `pyodide.runPython` call,
- when using `pyodide.globals.get('key')`,
- when passing arguments to a Javascript function called from Python,
- when returning the results of a Python function called from Javascript,
- when accessing an attribute of a `PyProxy`

Javascript to Python translations occur:

- when using the `from js import ...` syntax
- passing arguments to a Python function called from Javascript
- returning the result of a Javascript function called from Python
- when accessing an attribute of a `JsProxy`

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### Memory Leaks and Python to Javascript translations

Any time a Python to Javascript translation occurs, it may create a `PyProxy`. To avoid memory leaks, you must store the `PyProxy` and destroy it when you are done with it. See [Best practices for avoiding memory leaks](#) for more info.

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## 1.5.1 Round trip conversions

Translating an object from Python to Javascript and then back to Python is guaranteed to give an object that is equal to the original object (with the exception of `nan` because `nan != nan`). Furthermore, if the object is proxied into Javascript, then translation back unwraps the proxy, and the result of the round trip conversion is the original object (in the sense that they live at the same memory address).

Translating an object from Javascript to Python and then back to Javascript gives an object that is `===` to the original object. Furthermore, if the object is proxied into Python, then translation back unwraps the proxy, and the result of the round trip conversion is the original object (in the sense that they live at the same memory address). There are a few exceptions:

1. `NaN` is converted to `NaN` after a round trip but `NaN !== NaN`,
2. `null` is converted to `undefined` after a round trip, and
3. a `BigInt` will be converted to a `Number` after a round trip unless its absolute value is greater than `Number.MAX_SAFE_INTEGER` (i.e.,  $2^{53}$ ).

## 1.5.2 Implicit conversions

We implicitly convert immutable types but not mutable types. This ensures that mutable Python objects can be modified from Javascript and vice-versa. Python has immutable types such as `tuple` and `bytes` that have no equivalent in Javascript. In order to ensure that round trip translations yield an object of the same type as the original object, we proxy `tuple` and `bytes` objects.

### Python to Javascript

The following immutable types are implicitly converted from Javascript to Python:

Python	Javascript
<code>int</code>	<code>Number</code> or <code>BigInt</code> *
<code>float</code>	<code>Number</code>
<code>str</code>	<code>String</code>
<code>bool</code>	<code>Boolean</code>
<code>None</code>	<code>undefined</code>

- An `int` is converted to a `Number` if the `int` is between  $-2^{53}$  and  $2^{53}$  inclusive, otherwise it is converted to a `BigInt`. (If the browser does not support `BigInt` then a `Number` will be used instead. In this case, conversion of large integers from Python to Javascript is lossy.)

### Javascript to Python

The following immutable types are implicitly converted from Python to Javascript:

Javascript	Python
<code>Number</code>	<code>int</code> or <code>float</code> as appropriate*
<code>BigInt</code>	<code>int</code>
<code>String</code>	<code>str</code>
<code>Boolean</code>	<code>bool</code>
<code>undefined</code>	<code>None</code>
<code>null</code>	<code>None</code>

- A number is converted to an `int` if it is between  $-2^{53}$  and  $2^{53}$  inclusive and its fractional part is zero. Otherwise it is converted to a `float`.

## 1.5.3 Proxying

Any of the types not listed above are shared between languages using proxies that allow methods and some operations to be called on the object from the other language.

## Proxying from Javascript into Python

When most Javascript objects are translated into Python a *JsProxy* is returned. The following operations are currently supported on a *JsProxy*.

Python	Javascript
<code>str(proxy)</code>	<code>x.toString()</code>
<code>proxy.foo</code>	<code>x.foo</code>
<code>proxy.foo = bar</code>	<code>x.foo = bar</code>
<code>del proxy.foo</code>	<code>delete x.foo</code>
<code>hasattr(proxy, "foo")</code>	<code>"foo" in x</code>
<code>proxy(...)</code>	<code>x(...)</code>
<code>proxy.foo(...)</code>	<code>x.foo(...)</code>
<code>proxy.new(...)</code>	<code>new X(...)</code>
<code>len(proxy)</code>	<code>x.length or x.size</code>
<code>foo in proxy</code>	<code>x.has(foo)</code>
<code>proxy[foo]</code>	<code>x.get(foo)</code>
<code>proxy[foo] = bar</code>	<code>x.set(foo, bar)</code>
<code>del proxy[foo]</code>	<code>x.delete(foo)</code>
<code>proxy1 == proxy2</code>	<code>x === y</code>
<code>proxy.typeof</code>	<code>typeof x</code>
<code>iter(proxy)</code>	<code>x[Symbol.iterator]()</code>
<code>next(proxy)</code>	<code>x.next()</code>
<code>await proxy</code>	<code>await x</code>
<code>proxy.object_entries()</code>	<code>Object.entries(x)</code>

Some other code snippets:

```
for v in proxy:
    # do something
```

is equivalent to:

```
for(let v of x){
    // do something
}
```

The `dir` method has been overloaded to return all keys on the prototype chain of `x`, so `dir(x)` roughly translates to:

```
function dir(x){
    let result = [];
    do {
        result.push(...Object.getOwnPropertyNames(x));
    } while (x = Object.getPrototypeOf(x));
    return result;
}
```

As a special case, Javascript `Array`, `HTMLCollection`, and `NodeList` are container types, but instead of using `array.get(7)` to get the 7th element, Javascript uses `array["7"]`. For these cases, we translate:

Python	Javascript
<code>proxy[idx]</code>	<code>x.toString()</code>
<code>proxy[idx] = val</code>	<code>x.foo</code>
<code>idx in proxy</code>	<code>idx in array</code>
<code>del proxy[idx]</code>	<code>proxy.splice(idx)</code>

## Proxying from Python into Javascript

When most Python objects are translated to Javascript a `PyProxy` is produced. See also the API docs for *PyProxy*.

Fewer operations can be overloaded in Javascript than in Python so some operations are more cumbersome on a `PyProxy` than on a `JsProxy`. The following operations are supported:

Javascript	Python
<code>foo in proxy</code>	<code>hasattr(x, 'foo')</code>
<code>proxy.foo</code>	<code>x.foo</code>
<code>proxy.foo = bar</code>	<code>x.foo = bar</code>
<code>delete proxy.foo</code>	<code>del x.foo</code>
<code>Object.getOwnPropertyNames(proxy)</code>	<code>dir(x)</code>
<code>proxy(...)</code>	<code>x(...)</code>
<code>proxy.foo(...)</code>	<code>x.foo(...)</code>
<code>proxy.length</code>	<code>len(x)</code>
<code>proxy.has(foo)</code>	<code>foo in x</code>
<code>proxy.get(foo)</code>	<code>x[foo]</code>
<code>proxy.set(foo, bar)</code>	<code>x[foo] = bar</code>
<code>proxy.delete(foo)</code>	<code>del x[foo]</code>
<code>proxy.type</code>	<code>type(x)</code>
<code>proxy[Symbol.iterator]()</code>	<code>iter(x)</code>
<code>proxy.next()</code>	<code>next(x)</code>
<code>await proxy</code>	<code>await x</code>
<code>Object.entries(x)</code>	<code>repr(x)</code>

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## Memory Leaks and PyProxy

When proxying a Python object into Javascript, there is no way for Javascript to automatically garbage collect the Proxy. The `PyProxy` must be manually destroyed when passed to Javascript, or the proxied Python object will leak. To do this, call `PyProxy.destroy()` on the `PyProxy`, after which Javascript will no longer have access to the Python object. If no references to the Python object exist in Python either, then the Python garbage collector can eventually collect it.

```
let foo = pyodide.globals.get('foo');
foo();
foo.destroy();
foo(); // throws Error: Object has already been destroyed
```

---

## Memory Leaks and PyProxy method calls

Every time you access a Python method on a `PyProxy`, it creates a new temporary `PyProxy` of a Python bound method. If you do not capture this temporary and destroy it, you will leak the Python object. See *Best practices for*

*avoiding memory leaks.*

## 1.5.4 Explicit Conversion of Proxies

### Python to Javascript

Explicit conversion of a *PyProxy* into a native Javascript object is done with the *PyProxy.toJs* method. By default, the *toJs* method does a recursive “deep” conversion, to do a shallow conversion use `proxy.toJs(1)`. The *toJs* method performs the following explicit conversions:

Python	Javascript
list, tuple	Array
dict	Map
set	Set
a buffer*	TypedArray

- Examples of buffers include bytes objects and numpy arrays.

In Javascript, Map and Set keys are compared using object identity unless the key is an immutable type (meaning a string, a number, a bigint, a boolean, undefined, or null). On the other hand, in Python, dict and set keys are compared using deep equality. If a key is encountered in a dict or set that would have different semantics in Javascript than in Python, then a *ConversionError* will be thrown.

See *Converting Python Buffer objects to Javascript* for the behavior of *toJs* on buffers.

### Memory Leaks and toJs

The *toJs* method can create many proxies at arbitrary depth. It is your responsibility to manually *destroy* these proxies if you wish to avoid memory leaks, but we provide no way to manage this.

This is a flaw in the current design of the *toJs* API, we hope to improve the situation in the future.

To ensure that no *PyProxy* is leaked, the following code suffices:

```
function destroyToJsResult(x) {
  if(!x) {
    return;
  }
  if(pyodide.isPyProxy(x)) {
    x.destroy();
    return;
  }
  if(x[Symbol.iterator]){
    for(let k of x) {
      destroyToJsResult(k);
    }
  }
}
```

## Javascript to Python

Explicit conversion of a *JsProxy* into a native Python object is done with the *JsProxy.to\_py* method. By default, the *to\_py* method does a recursive “deep” conversion, to do a shallow conversion use `proxy.to_py(1)`. The *to\_py* method performs the following explicit conversions:

Javascript	Python
Array	list
Object**	dict
Map	dict
Set	set

\*\* *to\_py* will only convert an object into a dictionary if its constructor is *Object*, otherwise the object will be left alone. Example:

```
class Test {};
window.x = { "a" : 7, "b" : 2};
window.y = { "a" : 7, "b" : 2};
Object.setPrototypeOf(y, Test.prototype);
pyodide.runPython(`
    from js import x, y
    # x is converted to a dictionary
    assert x.to_py() == { "a" : 7, "b" : 2}
    # y is not a "Plain Old JavaScript Object", it's an instance of type Test so it's
    ↪not converted
    assert y.to_py() == y
`);
```

In Javascript, *Map* and *Set* keys are compared using object identity unless the key is an immutable type (meaning a string, a number, a bigint, a boolean, undefined, or null). On the other hand, in Python, *dict* and *set* keys are compared using deep equality. If a key is encountered in a *Map* or *Set* that would have different semantics in Python than in Javascript, then a *ConversionError* will be thrown. Also, in Javascript, `true !== 1` and `false !== 0`, but in Python, `True == 1` and `False == 0`. This has the result that a Javascript map can use `true` and `1` as distinct keys but a Python dict cannot. If the Javascript map contains both `true` and `1` a *ConversionError* will be thrown.

## 1.5.5 Buffers

### Converting Javascript Typed Arrays to Python

Javascript *ArrayBuffers* and *ArrayBuffer* views (*Int8Array* and friends) are proxied into Python. Python can't directly access arrays if they are outside of the wasm heap so it's impossible to directly use these proxied buffers as Python buffers. You can convert such a proxy to a Python *memoryview* using the *to\_py* api. This makes it easy to correctly convert the array to a Numpy array using `numpy.asarray`:

```
self.jsarray = new Float32Array([1,2,3, 4, 5, 6]);
pyodide.runPython(`
    from js import jsarray
    array = jsarray.to_py()
    import numpy as np
    numpy_array = np.asarray(array).reshape((2,3))
    print(numpy_array)
`);
```

After manipulating `numpy_array` you can assign the value back to `jsarray` using `JsProxy.assign`:

```
pyodide.runPython(`
  numpy_array[1,1] = 77
  jsarray.assign(a)
`);
console.log(jsarray); // [1, 2, 3, 4, 77, 6]
```

The `JsProxy.assign` and `JsProxy.assign_to` methods can be used to assign a Javascript buffer from / to a Python buffer which is appropriately sized and contiguous. The assignment methods will only work if the data types match, the total length of the buffers match, and the Python buffer is contiguous.

These APIs are currently experimental, hopefully we will improve them in the future.

## Converting Python Buffer objects to Javascript

Python objects supporting the `Python Buffer` protocol are proxied into Javascript. The data inside the buffer can be accessed via the `PyProxy.toJs` method or the `PyProxy.getBuffer` method. The `toJs` API copies the buffer into Javascript, whereas the `getBuffer` method allows low level access to the WASM memory backing the buffer. The `getBuffer` API is more powerful but requires care to use correctly. For simple use cases the `toJs` API should be preferred.

If the buffer is zero or one-dimensional, then `toJs` will in most cases convert it to a single `TypedArray`. However, in the case that the format of the buffer is 's', we will convert the buffer to a string and if the format is '?' we will convert it to an Array of booleans.

If the dimension is greater than one, we will convert it to a nested Javascript array, with the innermost dimension handled in the same way we would handle a 1d array.

An example of a case where you would not want to use the `toJs` method is when the buffer is bitmapped image data. If for instance you have a 3d buffer shaped 1920 x 1080 x 4, then `toJs` will be extremely slow. In this case you could use `PyProxy.getBuffer`. On the other hand, if you have a 3d buffer shaped 1920 x 4 x 1080, the performance of `toJs` will most likely be satisfactory. Typically the innermost dimension won't matter for performance.

The `PyProxy.getBuffer` method can be used to retrieve a reference to a Javascript typed array that points to the data backing the Python object, combined with other metadata about the buffer format. The metadata is suitable for use with a Javascript ndarray library if one is present. For instance, if you load the Javascript `ndarray` package, you can do:

```
let proxy = pyodide.globals.get("some_numpy_ndarray");
let buffer = proxy.getBuffer();
proxy.destroy();
try {
  if(buffer.readonly) {
    // We can't stop you from changing a readonly buffer, but it can cause_
    ↪undefined behavior.
    throw new Error("Uh-oh, we were planning to change the buffer");
  }
  let array = new ndarray(buffer.data, buffer.shape, buffer.strides, buffer.offset);
  // manipulate array here
  // changes will be reflected in the Python ndarray!
} finally {
  buffer.release(); // Release the memory when we're done
}
```

## 1.5.6 Importing Objects

It is possible to access objects in one language from the global scope in the other language. It is also possible to create custom namespaces and access objects on the custom namespaces.

### Importing Python objects into Javascript

A Python object in the `__main__` global scope can be imported into Javascript using the `pyodide.globals.get` method. Given the name of the Python object to import, it returns the object translated to Javascript.

```
let sys = pyodide.globals.get('sys');
```

As always, if the result is a `PyProxy` and you care about not leaking the Python object, you must destroy it when you are done. It's also possible to set values in the Python global scope with `pyodide.globals.set` or remove them with `pyodide.globals.delete`:

```
pyodide.globals.set("x", 2);  
pyodide.runPython("print(x)"); // Prints 2
```

If you execute code with a custom globals dictionary, you can use a similar approach:

```
let my_py_namespace = pyodide.globals.get("dict")();  
pyodide.runPython("x=2", my_py_namespace);  
let x = my_py_namespace.get("x");
```

### Importing Javascript objects into Python

Javascript objects in the `globalThis` global scope can be imported into Python using the `js` module.

When importing a name from the `js` module, the `js` module looks up Javascript attributes of the `globalThis` scope and translates the Javascript objects into Python.

```
import js  
js.document.title = 'New window title'  
from js.document.location import reload as reload_page  
reload_page()
```

You can also assign to Javascript global variables in this way:

```
pyodide.runPython("js.x = 2");  
console.log(window.x); // 2
```

You can create your own custom Javascript modules using `pyodide.registerJsModule` and they will behave like the `js` module except with a custom scope:

```
let my_js_namespace = { x : 3 };  
pyodide.registerJsModule("my_js_namespace", my_js_namespace);  
pyodide.runPython(`  
    from my_js_namespace import x  
    print(x) # 3  
    my_js_namespace.y = 7  
`);  
console.log(my_js_namespace.y); // 7
```

## 1.5.7 Translating Errors

All entrypoints and exit points from Python code are wrapped in Javascript `try` blocks. At the boundary between Python and Javascript, errors are caught, converted between languages, and rethrown.

Javascript errors are wrapped in a `JsException`. Python exceptions are converted to a `PythonError`. At present if an exception crosses between Python and Javascript several times, the resulting error message won't be as useful as one might hope.

In order to reduce memory leaks, the `PythonError` has a formatted traceback, but no reference to the original Python exception. The original exception has references to the stack frame and leaking it will leak all the local variables from that stack frame. The actual Python exception will be stored in `sys.last_value` so if you need access to it (for instance to produce a traceback with certain functions filtered out), use that.

### Avoid Stack Frames

If you make a `PyProxy` of `sys.last_value`, you should be especially careful to `destroy()` it when you are done with it or you may leak a large amount of memory if you don't.

The easiest way is to only handle the exception in Python:

```
pyodide.runPython(`
def reformat_exception():
    from traceback import format_exception
    # Format a modified exception here
    # this just prints it normally but you could for instance filter some frames
    return "".join(
        traceback.format_exception(sys.last_type, sys.last_value, sys.last_traceback)
    )
`);
let reformat_exception = pyodide.globals.get("reformat_exception");
try {
    pyodide.runPython(some_code);
} catch(e) {
    // replace error message
    e.message = reformat_exception();
    throw e;
}
```

## 1.5.8 Best practices for avoiding memory leaks

If the browser supports `FinalizationRegistry` then a `PyProxy` that is not part of a Javascript/Python reference cycle will eventually be collected, but it is unpredictable when it will be collected. In practice it typically takes a long time. Furthermore, the Javascript garbage collector does not have any information about whether Python is experiencing memory pressure. So it's best to aim to avoid leaks.

When using a `PyProxy`, note that accessing a field of the `PyProxy` is likely to yield more `PyProxy` objects that also need to be destroyed. A particular gotcha occurs with method calls:

```
pyproxy.some_func(10);
pyproxy.destroy();
```

This leaks `pyproxy`! Instead:

```
let some_func = pyproxy.some_func;
some_func(10);
pyproxy.destroy();
some_func.destroy();
```

To be absolutely foolproof we can do it in a finally block:

```
let some_func;
try {
  some_func = pyproxy.some_func;
  some_func(10);
} finally {
  // To be extra sure we do it in a finally block.
  pyproxy.destroy();
  if(some_func){
    some_func.destroy();
  }
}
```

Obviously it's not a whole lot of fun writing code like this. We hope to improve the design to make managing PyProxy lifecycles more ergonomic in the future.

Here are some tips for how to do that when calling functions in one language from another.

There are four cases to consider here:

- calling a Python function from a Javascript function you wrote,
- calling a Python function from an existing Javascript callback,
- calling a Javascript function from Python code you wrote, or
- calling a Javascript function you wrote from an existing Python callback.

If you want to pass an existing Javascript function as a callback to an existing Python function, you will need to define a wrapper around the Javascript callback. That wrapper can then use approaches described here. Similarly with the reverse direction.

### Calling Python functions from Javascript

In this case we just need to pay attention to the return value (and to the function itself if you care about not leaking it).

```
pyodide.runPython("from itertools import accumulate");
let accumulate = pyodide.globals.get("accumulate");
let pyresult = accumulate([1, 5, 1, 7]);
let result = [...pyresult];
pyresult.destroy();
accumulate.destroy();
console.log(result); // [1, 6, 7, 14]
```

## Calling Javascript functions from Python

If the arguments will be implicitly converted, nothing needs to be done. Otherwise, there are different solutions depending on the circumstance.

1. Call `pyodide.to_js` on the argument before passing it if it is a list, dict, set, or buffer.
2. For anything, you can use `pyodide.create_proxy`. Suppose `obj` is some arbitrary Python object that you want to pass to a Javascript function.

```
obj = [1, 2, 3]
jsobj = pyodide.create_proxy(obj)
jsfunc(jsobj)
jsobj.destroy() # reclaim memory
```

Note that as long as `obj` wouldn't be implicitly translated, the Javascript function will receive an identical object regardless of whether you call it directly (i.e., `jsfunc(obj)`) or as `jsfunc(create_proxy(obj))`.

`create_proxy` is particularly helpful with `addEventListener`:

```
def callback():
    print("clicked!")
proxy = pyodide.create_proxy(callback)
from js import document
document.body.addEventListener("click", proxy)
# do other stuff, keep hold of proxy
document.body.removeEventListener("click", proxy)
proxy.destroy() # reclaim memory
```

1. If the argument is a function to be called once (for example, the argument to `Promise.new`) you can use `pyodide.create_once_callable`:

```
from pyodide import create_once_callable
def executor(resolve, reject):
    # Do something
p = Promise.new(create_once_callable(executor))
```

1. If you are using the promise methods `PyProxy.then`, `PyProxy.catch`, or `PyProxy.finally`, these have magic wrappers around them so no intervention is needed to prevent memory leaks.
2. If the last argument of the Javascript function is an object you can use keyword arguments, so the following:

```
from js import fetch
from pyodide import to_js
resp = await fetch('example.com/some_api',
    method= "POST",
    body= '{ "some" : "json" }',
    credentials= "same-origin",
    headers= to_js({ "Content-Type": "application/json" }),
)
```

is equivalent to the Javascript code

```
let resp = await fetch('example.com/some_api', {
  method : "POST",
  body : '{ "some" : "json" }',
  credentials : "same-origin",
  headers : { "Content-Type": "application/json" },
})
```

## Using a Javascript callback with an existing Python function

If you want to pass a Javascript callback to an existing Python function, you should destroy the argument when you are done. This can be a bit tedious to get correct due to PyProxy usage constraints.

```
function callback(arg) {
  let res_method = arg.result;
  let res = res_method();
  window.result = res.toJs();
  arg.destroy();
  res_method.destroy();
  res.destroy();
}
let fut = pyodide.runPython(`
from asyncio import ensure_future
async def temp():
    return [1, 2, 3]
ensure_future(temp())
`);
fut.add_done_callback(callback);
console.log(result);
```

## Using a Python callback with an existing Javascript function

If it's only going to be called once:

```
from pyodide import create_once_callable
from js import setTimeout
def my_callback():
    print("hi")
setTimeout(create_once_callable(my_callback), 1000)
```

If it's going to be called many times:

```
from pyodide import create_proxy
from js import document
def my_callback():
    print("hi")
proxy = document.create_proxy(my_callback)
document.body.addEventListener("click", proxy)
# ...
# make sure to hold on to proxy
document.body.removeEventListener("click", proxy)
proxy.destroy()
```

Be careful with the return values. You might want to use `to_js` on the result:

```
from pyodide import to_js
def my_callback():
    result = [1, 2, 3]
    return to_js(result)
```

## 1.6 API Reference

### 1.6.1 Javascript API

Backward compatibility of the API is not guaranteed at this point.

#### Globals

##### Attributes:

<i>languagePluginLoader</i>	A deprecated promise that resolves to undefined when Pyodide is finished loading.
<i>languagePluginUrl</i>	A deprecated parameter that specifies the Pyodide indexURL.
<i>pyodide</i>	The <i>pyodide</i> module object.

##### Functions:

<i>async loadPyodide</i> (config)	Load the main Pyodide wasm module and initialize it.
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#### `globalThis.languagePluginLoader`

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**Note:** Deprecated: Will be removed in version 0.18.0

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**type:** Promise

A deprecated promise that resolves to undefined when Pyodide is finished loading. Only created if *languagePluginUrl* is defined. Instead use *loadPyodide*.

#### `globalThis.languagePluginUrl`

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**Note:** Deprecated: Will be removed in version 0.18.0

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**type:** String

A deprecated parameter that specifies the Pyodide indexURL. If present, Pyodide will automatically invoke `loadPyodide({indexURL : languagePluginUrl})` and will store the resulting promise in `globalThis.languagePluginLoader`. Use *loadPyodide* directly instead of defining this.

#### `globalThis.pyodide`

**type:** Object

The *pyodide* module object. Must be present as a global variable called *pyodide* in order for package loading to work properly.

#### `async globalThis.loadPyodide` (config)

Load the main Pyodide wasm module and initialize it. When finished stores the Pyodide module as a global object called *pyodide*.

##### Arguments

- `config.indexURL` (*string*) – The URL from which Pyodide will load packages

**Returns** The Pyodide module.

## pyodide

### Attributes:

<code>globals</code>	An alias to the global Python namespace.
<code>loadedPackages</code>	The list of packages that Pyodide has loaded.
<code>pyodide_py</code>	An alias to the Python <code>pyodide</code> package.
<code>version</code>	The Pyodide version.

### Functions:

<code>isPyProxy</code> (jsobj)	Is the argument a <code>PyProxy</code> ?
<code>async loadPackage</code> (names, messageCallback, errorCallback)	Load a package or a list of packages over the network.
<code>async loadPackagesFromImports</code> (code, messageCallback, errorCallback)	Inspect a Python code chunk and use <code>pyodide.loadPackage()</code> to install any known packages that the code chunk imports.
<code>pyimport</code> (name)	Access a Python object in the global namespace from Javascript.
<code>registerJsModule</code> (name, module)	Registers the Javascript object module as a Javascript module named <code>name</code> .
<code>runPython</code> (code, globals)	Runs a string of Python code from Javascript.
<code>async runPythonAsync</code> (code, messageCallback, errorCallback)	Runs Python code, possibly asynchronously loading any known packages that the code imports.
<code>toPy</code> (obj, depth)	Convert the Javascript object to a Python object as best as possible.
<code>unregisterJsModule</code> (name)	Unregisters a Javascript module with given name that has been previously registered with <code>pyodide.registerJsModule()</code> or <code>pyodide.register_js_module()</code> .

### Classes:

<code>PythonError</code>	A Javascript error caused by a Python exception.
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#### `pyodide.globals`

**type:** `PyProxy`

An alias to the global Python namespace.

For example, to access a variable called `foo` in the Python global scope, use `pyodide.globals.get("foo")`

#### `pyodide.loadedPackages`

**type:** `object`

The list of packages that Pyodide has loaded. Use `Object.keys(pyodide.loadedPackages)` to get the list of names of loaded packages, and `pyodide.loadedPackages[package_name]` to access install location for a particular `package_name`.

`pyodide.pyodide_py`

**type:** `PyProxy`

An alias to the Python `pyodide` package.

You can use this to call functions defined in the Pyodide Python package from Javascript.

`pyodide.version`

**type:** `string`

The Pyodide version.

It can be either the exact release version (e.g. `0.1.0`), or the latest release version followed by the number of commits since, and the git hash of the current commit (e.g. `0.1.0-1-bd84646`).

`pyodide.isPyProxy(jsobj)`

Is the argument a `PyProxy`?

#### Arguments

- **jsobj** (*any*) – Object to test.

**Returns** `bool` – Is `jsobj` a `PyProxy`?

**asyncpyodide.loadPackage** (*names, messageCallback, errorCallback*)

Load a package or a list of packages over the network. This installs the package in the virtual filesystem. The package needs to be imported from Python before it can be used.

#### Arguments

- **names** (*String|Array|PyProxy*) – Either a single package name or URL or a list of them. URLs can be absolute or relative. The URLs must have file name `<package-name>.js` and there must be a file called `<package-name>.data` in the same directory. The argument can be a `PyProxy` of a list, in which case the list will be converted to Javascript and the `PyProxy` will be destroyed.
- **messageCallback** (*function*) – A callback, called with progress messages (optional)
- **errorCallback** (*function*) – A callback, called with error/warning messages (optional)

**asyncpyodide.loadPackagesFromImports** (*code, messageCallback, errorCallback*)

Inspect a Python code chunk and use `pyodide.loadPackage()` to install any known packages that the code chunk imports. Uses the Python API `pyodide.find_imports()` to inspect the code.

For example, given the following code as input

```
import numpy as np
x = np.array([1, 2, 3])
```

`loadPackagesFromImports()` will call `pyodide.loadPackage(['numpy'])`. See also `runPythonAsync()`.

#### Arguments

- **code** (*string*) – The code to inspect.
- **messageCallback** (*function*) – The `messageCallback` argument of `pyodide.loadPackage` (optional).
- **errorCallback** (*function*) – The `errorCallback` argument of `pyodide.loadPackage` (optional).

`pyodide.pyimport` (*name*)

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**Note:** Deprecated: This function will be removed in version 0.18.0. Use `pyodide.globals.get('key')` instead.

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Access a Python object in the global namespace from Javascript.

**Arguments**

- **name** (*string*) – Python variable name

**Returns** The Python object translated to Javascript.

`pyodide.registerJsModule` (*name, module*)

Registers the Javascript object `module` as a Javascript module named `name`. This module can then be imported from Python using the standard Python import system. If another module by the same name has already been imported, this won't have much effect unless you also delete the imported module from `sys.modules`. This calls the `pyodide_py` API `pyodide.register_js_module()`.

**Arguments**

- **name** (*string*) – Name of the Javascript module to add
- **module** (*object*) – Javascript object backing the module

`pyodide.runPython` (*code, globals*)

Runs a string of Python code from Javascript.

The last part of the string may be an expression, in which case, its value is returned.

**Arguments**

- **code** (*string*) – Python code to evaluate
- **globals** (*dict*) – An optional Python dictionary to use as the globals. Defaults to `pyodide.globals`. Uses the Python API `pyodide.eval_code` to evaluate the code.

**Returns** The result of the Python code translated to Javascript. See the documentation for `pyodide.eval_code` for more info.

**async** `pyodide.runPythonAsync` (*code, messageCallback, errorCallback*)

Runs Python code, possibly asynchronously loading any known packages that the code imports. For example, given the following code

```
import numpy as np
x = np.array([1, 2, 3])
```

Pyodide will first call `pyodide.loadPackage(['numpy'])`, and then run the code using the Python API `pyodide.eval_code_async`, returning the result. The code is compiled with `PyCF_ALLOW_TOP_LEVEL_AWAIT`.

For example:

```
let result = await pyodide.runPythonAsync(`
  # numpy will automatically be loaded by loadPackagesFromImports
  import numpy as np
  # we can use top level await
  from js import fetch
  response = await fetch("./packages.json")
  packages = await response.json()
  # If final statement is an expression, its value is returned to
```

```
Javascript len(packages.dependencies.object_keys())`); console.log(result); // 72
```

**Arguments**

- **code** (*string*) – Python code to evaluate
- **messageCallback** (*function*) – The `messageCallback` argument of `pyodide.loadPackage`.
- **errorCallback** (*function*) – The `errorCallback` argument of `pyodide.loadPackage`.

**Returns** The result of the Python code translated to Javascript.

`pyodide.toPy(obj, depth)`

Convert the Javascript object to a Python object as best as possible.

This is similar to `JsProxy.to_py` but for use from Javascript. If the object is immutable or a `PyProxy`, it will be returned unchanged. If the object cannot be converted into Python, it will be returned unchanged.

See *Javascript to Python* for more information.

**Arguments**

- **obj** (\*) –
- **depth** (*number*) – Optional argument to limit the depth of the conversion.

**Returns** `PyProxy` – The object converted to Python.

`pyodide.unregisterJsModule(name)`

Unregisters a Javascript module with given name that has been previously registered with `pyodide.registerJsModule()` or `pyodide.register_js_module()`. If a Javascript module with that name does not already exist, will throw an error. Note that if the module has already been imported, this won't have much effect unless you also delete the imported module from `sys.modules`. This calls the `pyodide_py` API `pyodide.unregister_js_module()`.

**Arguments**

- **name** (*string*) – Name of the Javascript module to remove

**class** `pyodide.PythonError()`

A Javascript error caused by a Python exception.

In order to reduce the risk of large memory leaks, the `PythonError` contains no reference to the Python exception that caused it. You can find the actual Python exception that caused this error as `sys.last_value`.

See *Translating Errors* for more information.

**Avoid Stack Frames**

If you make a `PyProxy` of `sys.last_value`, you should be especially careful to `destroy()` it when you are done. You may leak a large amount of memory including the local variables of all the stack frames in the traceback if you don't. The easiest way is to only handle the exception in Python.

`PythonError.message`

**type:** string

The Python traceback.

## PyProxy

A `PyProxy` is an object that allows idiomatic use of a Python object from Javascript. See *Proxying from Python into Javascript*.

### Attributes:

<code>length</code>	The length of the object.
<code>type</code>	The name of the type of the object.

### Functions:

<code>[Symbol.iterator]()</code>	This translates to the Python code <code>iter(obj)</code> .
<code>catch(onRejected)</code>	Runs <code>asyncio.ensure_future(awaitable)</code> and executes <code>onRejected(error)</code> if the future fails.
<code>delete(key)</code>	This translates to the Python code <code>del obj[key]</code> .
<code>destroy()</code>	Destroy the <code>PyProxy</code> .
<code>finally(onFinally)</code>	Runs <code>asyncio.ensure_future(awaitable)</code> and executes <code>onFinally(error)</code> when the future resolves.
<code>get(key)</code>	This translates to the Python code <code>obj[key]</code> .
<code>getBuffer(type)</code>	Get a view of the buffer data which is usable from Javascript.
<code>has(key)</code>	This translates to the Python code <code>key in obj</code> .
<code>next(value)</code>	This translates to the Python code <code>next(obj)</code> .
<code>set(key, value)</code>	This translates to the Python code <code>obj[key] = value</code> .
<code>then(onFulfilled, onRejected)</code>	Runs <code>asyncio.ensure_future(awaitable)</code> , executes <code>onFulfilled(result)</code> when the Future resolves successfully, executes <code>onRejected(error)</code> when the Future fails.
<code>toJs(depth)</code>	Converts the <code>PyProxy</code> into a Javascript object as best as possible.

### Classes:

<code>PyBuffer</code>	A class to allow access to a Python data buffers from Javascript.
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#### `PyProxy.length`

The length of the object.

Present only if the proxied Python object has a `__len__` method.

#### `PyProxy.type`

The name of the type of the object.

Usually the value is `"module.name"` but for builtins or interpreter-defined types it is just `"name"`. As pseudocode this is:

```
ty = type(x)
if ty.__module__ == 'builtins' or ty.__module__ == "__main__":
    return ty.__name__
```

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```

else:
    ty.__module__ + "." + ty.__name__

```

[`Symbol.iterator`] ()

This translates to the Python code `iter(obj)`. Return an iterator associated to the proxy. See the documentation for `Symbol.iterator`.

Present only if the proxied Python object is iterable (i.e., has an `__iter__` method).

This will be used implicitly by `for(let x of proxy){}`.

**Returns Iterator** – An iterator for the proxied Python object.

`PyProxy.catch` (*onRejected*)

Runs `asyncio.ensure_future(awaitable)` and executes `onRejected(error)` if the future fails.

See the documentation for `Promise.catch`.

Present only if the proxied Python object is `awaitable`.

#### Arguments

- **onRejected** (*function*) – A handler called with the error as an argument if the `awaitable` fails.

**Returns Promise** – The resulting `Promise`.

`PyProxy.delete` (*key*)

This translates to the Python code `del obj[key]`.

Present only if the proxied Python object has a `__delitem__` method.

#### Arguments

- **key** (*any*) – The key to delete.

`PyProxy.destroy` ()

Destroy the `PyProxy`. This will release the memory. Any further attempt to use the object will raise an error.

In a browser supporting `FinalizationRegistry` Pyodide will automatically destroy the `PyProxy` when it is garbage collected, however there is no guarantee that the finalizer will be run in a timely manner so it is better to destroy the proxy explicitly.

`PyProxy.finally` (*onFinally*)

Runs `asyncio.ensure_future(awaitable)` and executes `onFinally(error)` when the future resolves.

See the documentation for `Promise.finally`.

Present only if the proxied Python object is `awaitable`.

#### Arguments

- **onFinally** (*function*) – A handler that is called with zero arguments when the `awaitable` resolves.

**Returns Promise** – A `Promise` that resolves or rejects with the same result as the original `Promise`, but only after executing the `onFinally` handler.

`PyProxy.get` (*key*)

This translates to the Python code `obj[key]`.

Present only if the proxied Python object has a `__getitem__` method.

#### Arguments

- **key** (*any*) – The key to look up.

**Returns** The corresponding value.

`PyProxy.getBuffer` (*type*)

Get a view of the buffer data which is usable from Javascript. No copy is ever performed.

Present only if the proxied Python object supports the [Python Buffer Protocol](#).

We do not support suboffsets, if the buffer requires suboffsets we will throw an error. Javascript nd array libraries can't handle suboffsets anyways. In this case, you should use the `toJs` api or copy the buffer to one that doesn't use suboffsets (using e.g., `numpy.ascontiguousarray`).

If the buffer stores big endian data or half floats, this function will fail without an explicit type argument. For big endian data you can use `toJs`. [DataViews](#) have support for big endian data, so you might want to pass `'dataview'` as the type argument in that case.

#### Arguments

- **type** (*string*) – The type of `PyBuffer.data` field in the output. Should be one of: `"i8"`, `"u8"`, `"u8clamped"`, `"i16"`, `"u16"`, `"i32"`, `"u32"`, `"i32"`, `"u32"`, `"i64"`, `"u64"`, `"f32"`, `"f64"`, or `"dataview"`. This argument is optional, if absent `getBuffer` will try to determine the appropriate output type based on the buffer `format` string.

**Returns** `PyBuffer`

`PyProxy.has` (*key*)

This translates to the Python code `key in obj`.

Present only if the proxied Python object has a `__contains__` method.

#### Arguments

- **key** (\*) – The key to check for.

**Returns** `bool` – Is `key` present?

`PyProxy.next` (*value*)

This translates to the Python code `next(obj)`. Returns the next value of the generator. See the documentation for [Generator.prototype.next](#). The argument will be sent to the Python generator.

This will be used implicitly by `for(let x of proxy){}`.

Present only if the proxied Python object is a generator or iterator (i.e., has a `send` or `__next__` method).

#### Arguments

- **value** (\*) – The value to send to the generator. The value will be assigned as a result of a yield expression.

**Returns** `Object` – An Object with two properties: `done` and `value`. When the generator yields `some_value`, `next` returns `{done : false, value : some_value}`. When the generator raises a `StopIteration(result_value)` exception, `next` returns `{done : true, value : result_value}`.

`PyProxy.set` (*key, value*)

This translates to the Python code `obj[key] = value`.

Present only if the proxied Python object has a `__setitem__` method.

#### Arguments

- **key** (*any*) – The key to set.
- **value** (*any*) – The value to set it to.

`PyProxy.then` (*onFulfilled*, *onRejected*)

Runs `asyncio.ensure_future(awaitable)`, executes `onFulfilled(result)` when the Future resolves successfully, executes `onRejected(error)` when the Future fails. Will be used implicitly by `await obj`.

See the documentation for [Promise.then](#)

Present only if the proxied Python object is [awaitable](#).

#### Arguments

- **onFulfilled** (*function*) – A handler called with the result as an argument if the awaitable succeeds.
- **onRejected** (*function*) – A handler called with the error as an argument if the awaitable fails.

**Returns** **Promise** – The resulting Promise.

`PyProxy.toJs` (*depth*)

Converts the `PyProxy` into a Javascript object as best as possible. By default does a deep conversion, if a shallow conversion is desired, you can use `proxy.toJs(1)`. See [Explicit Conversion of PyProxy](#) for more info.

#### Arguments

- **depth** (*number*) – How many layers deep to perform the conversion. Defaults to infinite.

**Returns** The Javascript object resulting from the conversion.

**class** `PyProxy.PyBuffer` ()

A class to allow access to a Python data buffers from Javascript. These are produced by `PyProxy.getBuffer` and cannot be constructed directly. When you are done, release it with the `release` method. See [Python buffer protocol documentation](#) for more information.

To find the element `x[a_1, ..., a_n]`, you could use the following code:

```
function multiIndexToIndex(pybuff, multiIndex){
  if(multiIndex.length !==pybuff.ndim){
    throw new Error("Wrong length index");
  }
  let idx = pybuff.offset;
  for(let i = 0; i < pybuff.ndim; i++){
    if(multiIndex[i] < 0){
      multiIndex[i] = pybuff.shape[i] - multiIndex[i];
    }
    if(multiIndex[i] < 0 || multiIndex[i] >= pybuff.shape[i]){
      throw new Error("Index out of range");
    }
    idx += multiIndex[i] * pybuff.stride[i];
  }
  return idx;
}
console.log("entry is", pybuff.data[multiIndexToIndex(pybuff, [2, 0, -1])]);
```

#### Contiguity

If the buffer is not contiguous, the `data` `TypedArray` will contain data that is not part of the buffer. Modifying this data may lead to undefined behavior.

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### Readonly buffers

If `buffer.readonly` is `true`, you should not modify the buffer. Modifying a readonly buffer may lead to undefined behavior.

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### Converting between TypedArray types

The following naive code to change the type of a typed array does not work:

```
// Incorrectly convert a TypedArray.
// Produces a Uint16Array that points to the entire WASM memory!
let myarray = new Uint16Array(buffer.data.buffer);
```

Instead, if you want to convert the output TypedArray, you need to say:

```
// Correctly convert a TypedArray.
let myarray = new Uint16Array(
  buffer.data.buffer,
  buffer.data.byteOffset,
  buffer.data.byteLength
);
```

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#### PyBuffer.**c\_contiguous**

**type:** boolean

Is it C contiguous?

#### PyBuffer.**data**

**type:** TypedArray

The actual data. A typed array of an appropriate size backed by a segment of the WASM memory.

The `type` argument of `getBuffer` determines which sort of `TypedArray` this is, by default `getBuffer` will look at the format string to determine the most appropriate option.

#### PyBuffer.**f\_contiguous**

**type:** boolean

Is it Fortran contiguous?

#### PyBuffer.**format**

**type:** string

The format string for the buffer. See [the Python documentation on format strings](#).

#### PyBuffer.**itemsized**

**type:** number

How large is each entry (in bytes)?

#### PyBuffer.**nbytes**

**type:** number

The total number of bytes the buffer takes up. This is equal to `buff.data.byteLength`.

#### PyBuffer.**ndim**

**type:** number

The number of dimensions of the buffer. If `ndim` is 0, the buffer represents a single scalar or struct. Otherwise, it represents an array.

`PyBuffer.offset`

**type:** number

The offset of the first entry of the array. For instance if our array is 3d, then you will find `array[0, 0, 0]` at `pybuf.data[pybuf.offset]`

`PyBuffer.readonly`

**type:** boolean

If the data is readonly, you should not modify it. There is no way for us to enforce this, but it may cause very weird behavior.

`PyBuffer.shape`

**type:** number[]

The shape of the buffer, that is how long it is in each dimension. The length will be equal to `ndim`. For instance, a 2x3x4 array would have shape `[2, 3, 4]`.

`PyBuffer.strides`

**type:** number[]

An array of of length `ndim` giving the number of elements to skip to get to a new element in each dimension. See the example definition of a `multiIndexToIndex` function above.

`PyBuffer.release()`

Release the buffer. This allows the memory to be reclaimed.

## 1.6.2 Python API

Backward compatibility of the API is not guaranteed at this point.

### Javascript Modules

By default there are two Javascript modules. More can be added with `pyodide.registerJsModule`. You can import these modules using the Python `import` statement in the normal way.

<code>js</code>	The global Javascript scope.
<code>pyodide_js</code>	The Javascript Pyodide module.

### Exceptions:

<code>JsException</code>	A wrapper around a Javascript Error to allow it to be thrown in Python.
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### Classes:

<code>JsProxy()</code>	A proxy to make a Javascript object behave like a Python object
<code>WebLoop()</code>	A custom event loop for use in Pyodide.
<code>WebLoopPolicy()</code>	A simple event loop policy for managing WebLoop based event loops.

### Functions:

<code>repr_shorten(value[, limit, split, separator])</code>	Compute the string representation of <code>value</code> and shorten it if necessary.
<code>create_once_callable(obj)</code>	Wrap a Python callable in a Javascript function that can be called once.
<code>create_proxy(obj)</code>	Create a <code>JsProxy</code> of a <code>PyProxy</code> .
<code>eval_code(code[, globals, locals, ...])</code>	Runs a code string.
<code>eval_code_async(code[, globals, locals, ...])</code>	Runs a code string asynchronously.
<code>find_imports(code)</code>	Finds the imports in a string of code
<code>open_url(url)</code>	Fetches a given URL
<code>register_js_module(name, jsproxy)</code>	Registers <code>jsproxy</code> as a Javascript module named <code>name</code> .
<code>to_js(obj[, depth])</code>	Convert the object to Javascript.
<code>unregister_js_module(name)</code>	Unregisters a Javascript module with given name that has been previously registered with <code>pyodide.registerJsModule</code> or <code>pyodide.register_js_module</code> .

**exception** `pyodide.JsException`

A wrapper around a Javascript Error to allow it to be thrown in Python. See [Translating Errors](#).

**property** `js_error`

The original Javascript error

**class** `pyodide.JsProxy`

A proxy to make a Javascript object behave like a Python object

For more information see [Type translations](#) documentation.

**assign** (*rhs*: `ReadBuffer`)

Assign from a Python buffer into the Javascript buffer.

Present only if the wrapped Javascript object is an `ArrayBuffer` or an `ArrayBufferView`.

**assign\_to** (*to*: `ReadWriteBuffer`)

Assign to a Python buffer from the Javascript buffer.

Present only if the wrapped Javascript object is an `ArrayBuffer` or an `ArrayBufferView`.

**catch** (*onrejected*: `Callable`) → `Promise`

The `Promise.catch` API, wrapped to manage the lifetimes of the handler.

Present only if the wrapped Javascript object has a “then” method. Pyodide will automatically release the references to the handler when the promise resolves.

**finally\_** (*onfinally*: `Callable`) → `Promise`

The `Promise.finally` API, wrapped to manage the lifetimes of the handler.

Present only if the wrapped Javascript object has a “then” method. Pyodide will automatically release the references to the handler when the promise resolves. Note the trailing underscore in the name; this is needed because `finally` is a reserved keyword in Python.

**new** (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*) → `pyodide.JsProxy`

Construct a new instance of the Javascript object

**object\_entries** () → `pyodide.JsProxy`

The Javascript API `Object.entries` (object)

**object\_keys** () → `pyodide.JsProxy`

The Javascript API `Object.keys` (object)

**object\_values** () → *pyodide.JsProxy*

The Javascript API `Object.values(object)`

**then** (*onfulfilled: Callable, onrejected: Callable*) → Promise

The `Promise.then` API, wrapped to manage the lifetimes of the handlers.

Present only if the wrapped Javascript object has a “then” method. Pyodide will automatically release the references to the handlers when the promise resolves.

**to\_py** (*depth: int = -1*) → Any

Convert the *JsProxy* to a native Python object as best as possible.

By default does a deep conversion, if a shallow conversion is desired, you can use `proxy.to_py(1)`. See *Javascript to Python* for more information.

`console.repr_shorten` (*value: Any, limit: int = 1000, split: Optional[int] = None, separator: str = '...'*)

Compute the string representation of `value` and shorten it if necessary.

If it is longer than `limit` then return the firsts `split` characters and the last `split` characters seperated by `'...'`. Default value for `split` is `limit // 2`.

`pyodide.create_once_callable` (*obj: Callable*) → *pyodide.JsProxy*

Wrap a Python callable in a Javascript function that can be called once.

After being called the proxy will decrement the reference count of the Callable. The Javascript function also has a `destroy` API that can be used to release the proxy without calling it.

`pyodide.create_proxy` (*obj: Any*) → *pyodide.JsProxy*

Create a *JsProxy* of a *PyProxy*.

This allows explicit control over the lifetime of the *PyProxy* from Python: call the `destroy` API when done.

`pyodide.eval_code` (*code: str, globals: Optional[Dict[str, Any]] = None, locals: Optional[Dict[str, Any]] = None, return\_mode: str = 'last\_expr', quiet\_trailing\_semicolon: bool = True, filename: str = '<exec>'*) → Any

Runs a code string.

### Parameters

- **code** (str) – The Python code to run.
- **globals** (dict) – The global scope in which to execute code. This is used as the `globals` parameter for `exec`. See [the `exec` documentation](#) for more info. If the `globals` is absent, it is set equal to a new empty dictionary.
- **locals** (dict) – The local scope in which to execute code. This is used as the `locals` parameter for `exec`. As with `exec`, if `locals` is absent, it is set equal to `globals`. See [the `exec` documentation](#) for more info.
- **return\_mode** (str) – Specifies what should be returned, must be one of `'last_expr'`, `'last_expr_or_assign'` or `'none'`. On other values an exception is raised.
  - `'last_expr'` – return the last expression
  - `'last_expr_or_assign'` – return the last expression or the last assignment.
  - `'none'` – always return `None`.
- **quiet\_trailing\_semicolon** (bool) – Whether a trailing semicolon should ‘quiet’ the result or not. Setting this to `True` (default) mimic the CPython’s interpreter behavior ; whereas setting it to `False` mimic the IPython’s interpreter behavior.
- **filename** (str) – The file name to use in error messages and stack traces

**Returns** If the last nonwhitespace character of `code` is a semicolon return `None`. If the last statement is an expression, return the result of the expression. (Use the `return_mode` and `quiet_trailing_semicolon` parameters to modify this default behavior.)

**Return type** `Any`

**async** `pyodide.eval_code_async` (*code: str, globals: Optional[Dict[str, Any]] = None, locals: Optional[Dict[str, Any]] = None, return\_mode: str = 'last\_expr', quiet\_trailing\_semicolon: bool = True, filename: str = '<exec>')*  
→ `Any`

Runs a code string asynchronously.

Uses `PyCF_ALLOW_TOP_LEVEL_AWAIT` to compile to code.

#### Parameters

- **code** (`str`) – The Python code to run.
- **globals** (`dict`) – The global scope in which to execute code. This is used as the `globals` parameter for `exec`. See [the `exec` documentation](#) for more info. If the `globals` is absent, it is set equal to a new empty dictionary.
- **locals** (`dict`) – The local scope in which to execute code. This is used as the `locals` parameter for `exec`. As with `exec`, if `locals` is absent, it is set equal to `globals`. See [the `exec` documentation](#) for more info.
- **return\_mode** (`str`) – Specifies what should be returned, must be one of `'last_expr'`, `'last_expr_or_assign'` or `'none'`. On other values an exception is raised.
  - `'last_expr'` – return the last expression
  - `'last_expr_or_assign'` – return the last expression or the last assignment.
  - `'none'` – always return `None`.
- **quiet\_trailing\_semicolon** (`bool`) – Whether a trailing semicolon should ‘quiet’ the result or not. Setting this to `True` (default) mimic the CPython’s interpreter behavior ; whereas setting it to `False` mimic the IPython’s interpreter behavior.
- **filename** (`str`) – The file name to use in error messages and stack traces

**Returns** If the last nonwhitespace character of `code` is a semicolon return `None`. If the last statement is an expression, return the result of the expression. (Use the `return_mode` and `quiet_trailing_semicolon` parameters to modify this default behavior.)

**Return type** `Any`

`pyodide.find_imports` (*code: str*) → `List[str]`

Finds the imports in a string of code

**Parameters** **code** (`str`) – the Python code to run.

**Returns** A list of module names that are imported in the code.

**Return type** `List[str]`

## Examples

```
>>> from pyodide import find_imports
>>> code = "import numpy as np; import scipy.stats"
>>> find_imports(code)
['numpy', 'scipy']
```

`pyodide.open_url(url: str) → io.StringIO`  
Fetches a given URL

**Parameters** `url (str)` – URL to fetch

**Returns** the contents of the URL.

**Return type** `io.StringIO`

`pyodide.register_js_module(name: str, jsproxy: pyodide.JsProxy)`

Registers `jsproxy` as a Javascript module named `name`. The module can then be imported from Python using the standard Python import system. If another module by the same name has already been imported, this won't have much effect unless you also delete the imported module from `sys.modules`. This is called by the javascript API `pyodide.registerJsModule`.

### Parameters

- **name (str)** – Name of js module
- **jsproxy (JsProxy)** – Javascript object backing the module

`pyodide.to_js(obj: Any, depth: int = -1) → pyodide.JsProxy`  
Convert the object to Javascript.

This is similar to `PyProxy.toJs`, but for use from Python. If the object would be implicitly translated to Javascript, it will be returned unchanged. If the object cannot be converted into Javascript, this method will return a `JsProxy` of a `PyProxy`, as if you had used `pyodide.create_proxy`.

See [Python to Javascript](#) for more information.

`pyodide.unregister_js_module(name: str)`

Unregisters a Javascript module with given name that has been previously registered with `pyodide.registerJsModule` or `pyodide.register_js_module`. If a Javascript module with that name does not already exist, will raise an error. If the module has already been imported, this won't have much effect unless you also delete the imported module from `sys.modules`. This is called by the Javascript API `pyodide.unregisterJsModule`.

**Parameters** `name (str)` – Name of js module

**class** `webloop.WebLoop`

A custom event loop for use in Pyodide.

Schedules tasks on the browser event loop. Does no lifecycle management and runs forever.

`run_forever` and `run_until_complete` cannot block like a normal event loop would because we only have one thread so blocking would stall the browser event loop and prevent anything from ever happening.

We defer all work to the browser event loop using the `setTimeout` function. To ensure that this event loop doesn't stall out UI and other browser handling, we want to make sure that each task is scheduled on the browser event loop as a task not as a microtask. `setTimeout(callback, 0)` enqueues the callback as a task so it works well for our purposes.

See [Event Loop Methods](#).

**class** `webloop.WebLoopPolicy`

A simple event loop policy for managing `WebLoop` based event loops.

### 1.6.3 Micropip API

`micropip.install` (*requirements: Union[str, List[str]]*)

Install the given package and all of its dependencies.

See *loading packages* for more information.

This only works for packages that are either pure Python or for packages with C extensions that are built in Pyodide. If a pure Python package is not found in the Pyodide repository it will be loaded from PyPi.

**Parameters** `requirements` (`str` | `List[str]`) – A requirement or list of requirements to install. Each requirement is a string, which should be either a package name or URL to a wheel:

- If the requirement ends in `.whl` it will be interpreted as a URL. The file must be a wheel named in compliance with the [PEP 427 naming convention](#).
- If the requirement does not end in `.whl`, it will be interpreted as the name of a package. A package by this name must either be present in the Pyodide repository at `indexURL <globalThis.loadPyodide>` or on PyPi

**Returns** A `Future` that resolves to `None` when all packages have been downloaded and installed.

**Return type** `Future`

### 1.6.4 pyodide\_build CLI

A command line interface (CLI) for `pyodide_build`

```
bin/pyodide [-h] {serve,mkpkg} ...
```

#### pyodide optional arguments

- `-h, --help` - show this help message and exit

#### pyodide serve

Start a server with the supplied `build_dir` and `port`.

```
pyodide serve [-h] [--build_dir BUILD_DIR] [--port PORT]
```

#### pyodide serve optional arguments

- `-h, --help` - show this help message and exit
- `--build_dir` `BUILD_DIR` - set the build directory (default: `/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/pyodide/checkouts/0.17.0/pyodide_build/./build`)
- `--port` `PORT` - set the `PORT` number (default: 8000)

## pyodide mkpkg

Make a new pyodide package. Creates a simple template that will work for most pure Python packages, but will have to be edited for more complex things.

```
pyodide mkpkg [-h] [--update] [--version VERSION] package
```

## pyodide mkpkg positional arguments

- **package** - The package name on PyPI (default: None)

## pyodide mkpkg optional arguments

- **-h, --help** - show this help message and exit
- **--update** - Update existing package (default: False)
- **--version VERSION** - Package version string, e.g. v1.2.1 (defaults to latest stable release)

# 1.7 Frequently Asked Questions

## 1.7.1 How can I load external Python files in Pyodide?

The two possible solutions are,

- include these files in a Python package, build a pure Python wheel with `python setup.py bdist_wheel` and *load it with micropip*.
- fetch the Python code as a string and evaluate it in Python,

```
pyodide.runPython(await fetch('https://some_url/...'))
```

In both cases, files need to be served with a web server and cannot be loaded from local file system.

## 1.7.2 Why can't I load files from the local file system?

For security reasons Javascript in the browser is not allowed to load local data files. You need to serve them with a web-browser. Recently there is a [Native File System API](#) supported in Chrome but not in Firefox. [There is a discussion about implementing it for Firefox here.](#)

## 1.7.3 How can I change the behavior of `runPython` and `runPythonAsync`?

You can directly call Python functions from Javascript. For many purposes it makes sense to make your own Python function as an entrypoint and call that instead of using `runPython`. The definitions of `{any}runPython` `<pyodide.runPython>` and `runPythonAsync` are very simple:

```
function runPython(code) {
  pyodide.pyodide_py.eval_code(code, pyodide.globals);
}
```

```
async function runPythonAsync(code, messageCallback, errorCallback) {
  await pyodide.loadPackagesFromImports(code, messageCallback, errorCallback);
  let coroutine = pyodide.pyodide_py.eval_code_async(code, pyodide.globals);
  try {
    let result = await coroutine;
    return result;
  } finally {
    coroutine.destroy();
  }
};
```

To make your own version of `runPython` you could do:

```
pyodide.runPython(`
import pyodide
def my_eval_code(code, ns):
    extra_info = None
    result = pyodide.eval_code(code, ns)
    return ns["extra_info"], result
`)

function myRunPython(code) {
  return pyodide.globals.get("my_eval_code")(code, pyodide.globals);
}
```

Then `pyodide.myRunPython("2+7")` returns `[None, 9]` and `pyodide.myRunPython("extra_info='hello' ; 2 + 2")` returns `['hello', 4]`. If you want to change which packages `pyodide.loadPackagesFromImports` loads, you can monkey patch `pyodide.find_imports` which takes `code` as an argument and returns a list of packages imported.

### 1.7.4 How can I execute code in a custom namespace?

The second argument to `pyodide.eval_code` is a global namespace to execute the code in. The namespace is a Python dictionary.

```
let my_namespace = pyodide.globals.dict();
pyodide.runPython(`x = 1 + 1`, my_namespace);
pyodide.runPython(`y = x ** x`, my_namespace);
my_namespace.y; // ==> 4
```

### 1.7.5 How to detect that code is run with Pyodide?

At run time, you can detect that a code is running with Pyodide using,

```
import sys

if "pyodide" in sys.modules:
    # running in Pyodide
```

More generally you can detect Python built with Emscripten (which includes Pyodide) with,

```
import platform
```

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```
if platform.system() == 'Emscripten':  
    # running in Pyodide or other Emscripten based build
```

This however will not work at build time (i.e. in a `setup.py`) due to the way the Pyodide build system works. It first compiles packages with the host compiler (e.g. `gcc`) and then re-runs the compilation commands with `emscripten`. So the `setup.py` is never run inside the Pyodide environment.

To detect Pyodide, at **build time** use,

```
import os  
  
if "PYODIDE" in os.environ:  
    # building for Pyodide
```

We used to use the environment variable `PYODIDE_BASE_URL` for this purpose, but this usage is deprecated.

## 1.7.6 How do I create custom Python packages from Javascript?

Put a collection of functions into a Javascript object and use `pyodide.registerJsModule`: Javascript:

```
let my_module = {  
  f : function(x) {  
    return x*x + 1;  
  },  
  g : function(x) {  
    console.log(`Calling g on argument ${x}`);  
    return x;  
  },  
  submodule : {  
    h : function(x) {  
      return x*x - 1;  
    },  
    c : 2,  
  },  
};  
pyodide.registerJsModule("my_js_module", my_module);
```

You can import your package like a normal Python package:

```
import my_js_module  
from my_js_module.submodule import h, c  
assert my_js_module.f(7) == 50  
assert h(9) == 80  
assert c == 2
```

## 1.7.7 How can I send a Python object from my server to Pyodide?

The best way to do this is with pickle. If the version of Python used in the server exactly matches the version of Python used in the client, then objects that can be successfully pickled can be sent to the client and unpickled in Pyodide. If the versions of Python are different then for instance sending AST is unlikely to work since there are breaking changes to Python AST in most Python minor versions.

Similarly when pickling Python objects defined in a Python package, the package version needs to match exactly between the server and pyodide.

Generally, pickles are portable between architectures (here amd64 and wasm32). The rare cases when they are not portable, for instance currently tree based models in scikit-learn, can be considered as a bug in the upstream library.

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### Security Issues with pickle

Unpickling data is similar to `eval`. On any public-facing server it is a really bad idea to unpickle any data sent from the client. For sending data from client to server, try some other serialization format like JSON.

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## 1.7.8 How can I use a Python function as an event handler and then remove it later?

Note that the most straight forward way of doing this will not work:

```
from js import document
def f(*args):
    document.querySelector("h1").innerHTML += ">.<"

document.body.addEventListener('click', f)
document.body.removeEventListener('click', f)
```

This leaks `f` and does not remove the event listener (instead `removeEventListener` will silently do nothing).

To do this correctly use `:func:pyodide.create_proxy` as follows:

```
from js import document
from pyodide import create_proxy
def f(*args):
    document.querySelector("h1").innerHTML += ">.<"

proxy_f = create_proxy(f)
document.body.addEventListener('click', proxy_f)
# Store proxy_f in Python then later:
document.body.removeEventListener('click', proxy_f)
proxy_f.destroy()
```

This also avoids memory leaks.

## 1.7.9 How can I use fetch with optional arguments from Python?

The most obvious translation of the Javascript code won't work:

```
import json
resp = await js.fetch('/someurl', {
    "method": "POST",
    "body": json.dumps({ "some" : "json" }),
    "credentials": "same-origin",
    "headers": { "Content-Type": "application/json" }
})
```

this leaks the dictionary and the `fetch` api ignores the options that we attempted to provide. You can do this correctly as follows:

```
import json
from pyodide import to_js
from js import Object
resp = await js.fetch('example.com/some_api',
    method= "POST",
    body= json.dumps({ "some" : "json" }),
    credentials= "same-origin",
    headers= Object.fromEntries(to_js({ "Content-Type": "application/json" })),
)
```



## DEVELOPMENT

The Development section help Pyodide contributors to find information about the development process including making packages to support third party libraries and understanding type conversions between Python and JavaScript.

### 2.1 Building from sources

Building is easiest on Linux and relatively straightforward on Mac. For Windows, we currently recommend using the Docker image (described below) to build Pyodide. Another option for building on Windows is to use [WSL2](#) to create a Linux build environment.

#### 2.1.1 Build using make

Make sure the prerequisites for [emsdk](#) are installed. Pyodide will build a custom, patched version of emsdk, so there is no need to build it yourself prior.

Additional build prerequisites are:

- A working native compiler toolchain, enough to build [CPython](#).
- A native Python 3.8 to run the build scripts.
- CMake
- PyYAML
- FreeType 2 development libraries to compile Matplotlib.
- Cython to compile SciPy
- SWIG to compile NLOpt
- gfortran (GNU Fortran 95 compiler)
- [f2c](#)
- [ccache](#) (optional) *highly* recommended for much faster rebuilds.

On Mac, you will also need:

- [Homebrew](#) for installing dependencies
- System libraries in the root directory ( `sudo installer -pkg /Library/Developer/CommandLineTools/Packages/macOS_SDK_headers_for_macOS_10.14.pkg -target /` should do it, see <https://github.com/pyenv/pyenv/issues/1219#issuecomment-428305417>)
- `coreutils` for `md5sum` and other essential Unix utilities (`brew install coreutils`)

- `cmake` (`brew install cmake`)
- `Cython` to compile `SciPy` (`brew install cython`)
- `SWIG` to compile `NLopt` (`brew install swig`)
- `pkg-config` (`brew install pkg-config`)
- `openssl` (`brew install openssl`)
- `gfortran` (`brew cask install gfortran`)
- `f2c`: Install `wget` (`brew install wget`), and then run the `buildf2c` script from the root directory (`sudo ./tools/buildf2c`)

After installing the build prerequisites, run from the command line:

```
make
```

### 2.1.2 Using Docker

We provide a Debian-based Docker image on Docker Hub with the dependencies already installed to make it easier to build Pyodide. On top of that we provide a pre-built image which can be used for fast custom and partial builds of Pyodide. Note that building from the non pre-built the Docker image is *very* slow on Mac, building on the host machine is preferred if at all possible.

1. Install Docker
2. From a git checkout of Pyodide, run `./run_docker` or `./run_docker --pre-built`
3. Run `make` to build.

Note: You can control the resources allocated to the build by setting the env vars `EMSDK_NUM_CORE`, `EMCC_CORES` and `PYODIDE_JOBS` (the default for each is 4).

If running `make` deterministically stops at one point in each subsequent try, increasing the maximum RAM usage available to the docker container might help [This is different from the physical RAM capacity inside the system]. Ideally, at least 3 GB of RAM should be available to the docker container to build Pyodide smoothly. These settings can be changed via Docker Preferences (See [here](#)).

You can edit the files in your source checkout on your host machine, and then repeatedly run `make` inside the Docker environment to test your changes.

### 2.1.3 Partial builds

To build a subset of available packages in Pyodide, set the environment variable `PYODIDE_PACKAGES` to a comma separated list of packages. For instance,

```
PYODIDE_PACKAGES="toolz,attrs" make
```

Dependencies of the listed packages will be built automatically as well. The package names must match the folder names in `packages/` exactly; in particular they are case sensitive.

To build a minimal version of Pyodide, set `PYODIDE_PACKAGES="micropip"`. The packages `micropip` and `distutils` are always automatically included (but an empty `PYODIDE_PACKAGES` is interpreted as unset). As a shorthand for this, one can say `make minimal`.

## 2.1.4 Environment variables

Following environment variables additionally impact the build,

- `PYODIDE_JOBS`: the `-j` option passed to the `emmake make` command when applicable for parallel compilation. Default: 3.
- `PYODIDE_BASE_URL`: Base URL where Pyodide packages are deployed. It must end with a trailing `/`. Default: `./` to load Pyodide packages from the same base URL path as where `pyodide.js` is located. Example: `https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.17.0/full/`
- `EXTRA_CFLAGS` : Add extra compilation flags.
- `EXTRA_LDFLAGS` : Add extra linker flags.

Setting `EXTRA_CFLAGS="-D DEBUG_F"` provides detailed diagnostic information whenever error branches are taken inside of the Pyodide core code. These error messages are frequently helpful even when the problem is a fatal configuration problem and Pyodide cannot even be initialized. These error branches occur also in correctly working code, but they are relatively uncommon so in practice the amount of noise generated isn't too large. The shorthand `make debug` automatically sets this flag.

In certain cases, setting `EXTRA_LDFLAGS="-s ASSERTIONS=1` or `ASSERTIONS=2` can also be helpful, but this slows down the linking and the runtime speed of Pyodide a lot and generates a large amount of noise in the console.

## 2.2 Creating a Pyodide package

Pyodide includes a toolchain to make it easier to add new third-party Python libraries to the build. We automate the following steps:

- Download a source tarball (usually from PyPI)
- Confirm integrity of the package by comparing it to a checksum
- Apply patches, if any, to the source distribution
- Add extra files, if any, to the source distribution
- If the package includes C/C++/Cython extensions:
  - Build the package natively, keeping track of invocations of the native compiler and linker
  - Rebuild the package using `emscripten` to target WebAssembly
- If the package is pure Python:
  - Run the `setup.py` script to get the built package
- Package the results into an `emscripten` virtual filesystem package, which comprises:
  - A `.data` file containing the file contents of the whole package, concatenated together
  - A `.js` file which contains metadata about the files and installs them into the virtual filesystem.

Lastly, a `packages.json` file is output containing the dependency tree of all packages, so `pyodide.loadPackage` can load a package's dependencies automatically.

### 2.2.1 mkpkg

If you wish to create a new package for Pyodide, the easiest place to start is with the *mkpkg tool*. If your package is on PyPI, just run:

```
bin/pyodide mkpkg $PACKAGE_NAME
```

This will generate a `meta.yaml` (see below) that should work out of the box for many pure Python packages. This tool will populate the latest version, download link and sha256 hash by querying PyPI. It doesn't currently handle package dependencies, so you will need to specify those yourself.

### 2.2.2 The meta.yaml file

Packages are defined by writing a `meta.yaml` file. The format of these files is based on the `meta.yaml` files used to build [Conda packages](#), though it is much more limited. The most important limitation is that Pyodide assumes there will only be one version of a given library available, whereas Conda allows the user to specify the versions of each package that they want to install. Despite the limitations, keeping the file format as close as possible to conda's should make it easier to use existing conda package definitions as a starting point to create Pyodide packages. In general, however, one should not expect Conda packages to "just work" with Pyodide. (In the longer term, Pyodide may use conda as its packaging system, and this should hopefully ease that transition.)

The supported keys in the `meta.yaml` file are described below.

#### **package**

##### **package/name**

The name of the package. It must match the name of the package used when expanding the tarball, which is sometimes different from the name of the package in the Python namespace when installed. It must also match the name of the directory in which the `meta.yaml` file is placed. It can only contain alpha-numeric characters and `-`, `_`.

##### **package/version**

The version of the package.

#### **source**

##### **source/url**

The URL of the source tarball.

The tarball may be in any of the formats supported by Python's `shutil.unpack_archive`: `tar`, `gztar`, `bztar`, `xztar`, and `zip`.

### `source/extract_dir`

The top level directory name of the contents of the source tarball (i.e. once you extract the tarball, all the contents are in the directory named `source/extract_dir`). This defaults to the tarball name (sans extension).

### `source/path`

Alternatively to `source/url`, a relative or absolute path can be specified as package source. This is useful for local testing or building packages which are not available online in the required format.

If a path is specified, any provided checksums are ignored.

### `source/md5`

The MD5 checksum of the tarball. It is recommended to use SHA256 instead of MD5. At most one checksum entry should be provided per package.

### `source/sha256`

The SHA256 checksum of the tarball. It is recommended to use SHA256 instead of MD5. At most one checksum entry should be provided per package.

### `source/patches`

A list of patch files to apply after expanding the tarball. These are applied using `patch -p1` from the root of the source tree.

### `source/extras`

Extra files to add to the source tree. This should be a list where each entry is a pair of the form `(src, dst)`. The `src` path is relative to the directory in which the `meta.yaml` file resides. The `dst` path is relative to the root of source tree (the expanded tarball).

### `build`

#### `build/skip_host`

Skip building C extensions for the host environment. Default: `True`.

Setting this to `False` will result in ~2x slower builds for packages that include C extensions. It should only be needed when a package is a build time dependency for other packages. For instance, `numpy` is imported during installation of `matplotlib`, importing `numpy` also imports included C extensions, therefore it is built both for host and target.

### **build/cflags**

Extra arguments to pass to the compiler when building for WebAssembly.

(This key is not in the Conda spec).

### **build/cxxflags**

Extra arguments to pass to the compiler when building C++ files for WebAssembly. Note that both `cflags` and `cxxflags` will be used when compiling C++ files. A common example would be to use `-std=c++11` for code that makes use of C++11 features.

(This key is not in the Conda spec).

### **build/ldflags**

Extra arguments to pass to the linker when building for WebAssembly.

(This key is not in the Conda spec).

### **build/library**

Should be set to true for library packages. Library packages are packages that are needed for other packages but are not Python packages themselves. For library packages, the script specified in the `build/script` section is run to compile the library. See the [zlib meta.yaml](#) for an example of a library package specification.

### **build/sharedlibrary**

Should be set to true for shared library packages. Shared library packages are packages that are needed for other packages, but are loaded dynamically when Pyodide is run. For shared library packages, the script specified in the `build/script` section is run to compile the library. The script should build the shared library and copy into into a subfolder of the source folder called `install`. Files or folders in this `install` folder will be packaged to make the Pyodide package. See the [CLAPACK meta.yaml](#) for an example of a shared library specification.

### **build/script**

The script section is required for a library package (`build/library` set to true). For a Python package this section is optional. If it is specified for a Python package, the script section will be run before the build system runs `setup.py`. This script is run by `bash` in the directory where the tarball was extracted.

### build/post

Shell commands to run after building the library. These are run inside of `bash`, and there are two special environment variables defined:

- `$$SITEPACKAGES`: The `site-packages` directory into which the package has been installed.
- `$$PKGDIR`: The directory in which the `meta.yaml` file resides.

(This key is not in the Conda spec).

### build/replace-libs

A list of strings of the form `<old_name>=<new_name>`, to rename libraries when linking. This in particular might be necessary when using emscripten ports. For instance, `png16=png` is currently used in `matplotlib`.

### requirements

#### requirements/run

A list of required packages.

(Unlike conda, this only supports package names, not versions).

### test

#### test/imports

List of imports to test after the package is built.

## 2.2.3 C library dependencies

Some Python packages depend on certain C libraries, e.g. `lxml` depends on `libxml`.

To package a C library, create a directory in `packages/` for the C library. This directory should contain (at least) two files:

- `Makefile` that specifies how the library should be built. Note that the build system will call `make`, not `emmake make`. The convention is that the source for the library is downloaded by the `Makefile`, as opposed to being included in the Pyodide repository.
- `meta.yaml` that specifies metadata about the package. For C libraries, only three options are supported:
  - `package/name`: The name of the library, which must equal the directory name.
  - `requirements/run`: The dependencies of the library, which can include both C libraries and Python packages.
  - `build/library`: This must be set to `true` to indicate that this is a library and not an ordinary package.

After packaging a C library, it can be added as a dependency of a Python package like a normal dependency. See `lxml` and `libxml` for an example (and also `scipy` and `CLAPACK`).

*Remark:* Certain C libraries come as emscripten ports, and do not have to be built manually. They can be used by adding e.g. `-s USE_ZLIB` in the `cflags` of the Python package. See e.g. `matplotlib` for an example.

## 2.2.4 Structure of a Pyodide package

This section describes the structure of a pure Python package, and how our build system creates it (In general, it is not recommended, to construct these by hand; instead create a Python wheel and install it with micropip)

Pyodide is obtained by compiling CPython into web assembly. As such, it loads packages the same way as CPython — it looks for relevant files `.py` files in `/lib/python3.x/`. When creating and loading a package, our job is to put our `.py` files in the right location in emscripten's virtual filesystem.

Suppose you have a Python library that consists of a single directory `/PATH/TO/LIB/` whose contents would go into `/lib/python3.8/site-packages/PACKAGE_NAME/` under a normal Python installation.

The simplest version of the corresponding Pyodide package contains two files — `PACKAGE_NAME.data` and `PACKAGE_NAME.js`. The first file `PACKAGE_NAME.data` is a concatenation of all contents of `/PATH/TO/LIB/`. When loading the package via `pyodide.loadPackage`, Pyodide will load and run `PACKAGE_NAME.js`. The script then fetches `PACKAGE_NAME.data` and extracts the contents to emscripten's virtual filesystem. Afterwards, since the files are now in `/lib/python3.8/`, running `import PACKAGE_NAME` in Python will successfully import the module as usual.

To construct this bundle, we use the `file_packager.py` script from emscripten. We invoke it as follows:

```
$ ./file_packager.py PACKAGE_NAME.data \  
  --js-output=PACKAGE_NAME.js \  
  --export-name=pyodide._module \  
  --use-preload-plugins \  
  --preload /PATH/TO/LIB/@/lib/python3.8/site-packages/PACKAGE_NAME/ \  
  --exclude "*__pycache__*" \  
  --lz4
```

The arguments can be explained as follows:

- The `--preload` argument instructs the package to look for the file/directory before the separator `@` (namely `/PATH/TO/LIB/`) and place it at the path after the `@` in the virtual filesystem (namely `/lib/python3.8/site-packages/PACKAGE_NAME/`).
- The `--exclude` argument specifies files to omit from the package.
- The `--lz4` argument says to use LZ4 to compress the files

## 2.3 How to Contribute

Thank you for your interest in contributing to Pyodide! There are many ways to contribute, and we appreciate all of them. Here are some guidelines & pointers for diving into it.

### 2.3.1 Development Workflow

See *Building from sources* and *Testing and benchmarking* documentation.

For code-style the use of `pre-commit` is also recommended,

```
pip install pre-commit  
pre-commit install
```

This will run a set of linters at each commit. Currently it runs yamllint syntax validation and is removing trailing whitespaces.

## 2.3.2 Code of Conduct

Pyodide has adopted a *Code of Conduct* that we expect all contributors and core members to adhere to.

## 2.3.3 Development

Work on Pyodide happens on Github. Core members and contributors can make Pull Requests to fix issues and add features, which all go through the same review process. We'll detail how you can start making PRs below.

We'll do our best to keep `main` in a non-breaking state, ideally with tests always passing. The unfortunate reality of software development is sometimes things break. As such, `main` cannot be expected to remain reliable at all times. We recommend using the latest stable version of Pyodide.

Pyodide follows semantic versioning (<http://semver.org/>) - major versions for breaking changes (x.0.0), minor versions for new features (0.x.0), and patches for bug fixes (0.0.x).

We keep a file, *docs/changelog.md*, outlining changes to Pyodide in each release. We like to think of the audience for changelogs as non-developers who primarily run the latest stable. So the change log will primarily outline user-visible changes such as new features and deprecations, and will exclude things that might otherwise be inconsequential to the end user experience, such as infrastructure or refactoring.

## 2.3.4 Bugs & Issues

We use [Github Issues](#) for announcing and discussing bugs and features. Use [this link](#) to report a bug or issue. We provide a template to give you a guide for how to file optimally. If you have the chance, please search the existing issues before reporting a bug. It's possible that someone else has already reported your error. This doesn't always work, and sometimes it's hard to know what to search for, so consider this extra credit. We won't mind if you accidentally file a duplicate report.

Core contributors are monitoring new issues & comments all the time, and will label & organize issues to align with development priorities.

## 2.3.5 How to Contribute

Pull requests are the primary mechanism we use to change Pyodide. GitHub itself has some [great documentation](#) on using the Pull Request feature. We use the "fork and pull" model [described here](#), where contributors push changes to their personal fork and create pull requests to bring those changes into the source repository.

Please make pull requests against the `main` branch.

If you're looking for a way to jump in and contribute, our list of [good first issues](#) is a great place to start.

If you'd like to fix a currently-filed issue, please take a look at the comment thread on the issue to ensure no one is already working on it. If no one has claimed the issue, make a comment stating you'd like to tackle it in a PR. If someone has claimed the issue but has not worked on it in a few weeks, make a comment asking if you can take over, and we'll figure it out from there.

We use [pytest](#), driving [Selenium](#) as our testing framework. Every PR will automatically run through our tests, and our test framework will alert you on Github if your PR doesn't pass all of them. If your PR fails a test, try to figure out whether or not you can update your code to make the test pass again, or ask for help. As a policy we will not accept a PR that fails any of our tests, and will likely ask you to add tests if your PR adds new functionality. Writing tests can be scary, but they make open-source contributions easier for everyone to assess. Take a moment and look through how we've written our tests, and try to make your tests match. If you are having trouble, we can help you get started on our test-writing journey.

All code submissions should pass `make lint`. Python is checked with the default settings of `flake8`. C and Javascript are checked against the Mozilla style in `clang-format`.

### 2.3.6 Documentation

Documentation is a critical part of any open source project and we are very welcome to any documentation improvements. Pyodide has a documentation written in Markdown in the `docs/` folder. We use the [MyST](#) for parsing Markdown in `sphinx`. You may want to have a look at the [MyST syntax guide](#) when contributing, in particular regarding [cross-referencing sections](#).

#### Building the docs

From the directory `docs`, first install the Python dependencies with `pip install -r requirements-doc.txt`. You also need to install `JsDoc`, which is a node dependency. Install it with `sudo npm install -g jsdoc`. Then to build the docs run `make html`. The built documentation will be in the subdirectory `docs/_build/html`. To view them, `cd` into `_build/html` and start a file server, for instance `http-server`.

### 2.3.7 Migrating patches

It often happens that patches need to be migrated between different versions of upstream packages.

If patches fail to apply automatically, one solution can be to

1. Checkout the initial version of the upstream package in a separate repo, and create a branch from it.
2. Add existing patches with `git apply <path.path>`
3. Checkout the new version of the upstream package and create a branch from it.
4. Cherry-pick patches to the new version,

```
git cherry-pick <commit-hash>
```

and resolve conflicts.

5. Re-export last N commits as patches e.g.

```
git format-patch -<N> -N --no-stat HEAD -o <out_dir>
```

### 2.3.8 License

All contributions to Pyodide will be licensed under the [Mozilla Public License 2.0 \(MPL 2.0\)](#). This is considered a “weak copyleft” license. Check out the [tldrLegal](#) entry for more information, as well as Mozilla’s [MPL 2.0 FAQ](#) if you need further clarification on what is and isn’t permitted.

### 2.3.9 Get in Touch

- **Gitter:** #pyodide channel at gitter.im

## 2.4 Contributing to the “core” C Code

This file is intended as guidelines to help contributors trying to modify the C source files in `src/core`.

### 2.4.1 What the files do

The primary purpose of `core` is to implement *type translations* between Python and Javascript. Here is a breakdown of the purposes of the files.

- `main` – responsible for configuring and initializing the Python interpreter, initializing the other source files, and creating the `_pyodide_core` module which is used to expose Python objects to `pyodide_py`. `main.c` also tries to generate fatal initialization error messages to help with debugging when there is a mistake in the initialization code.
- `keyboard_interrupt` – This sets up the keyboard interrupts system for using Pyodide with a webworker.

#### Backend utilities

- `hiwire` – A helper framework. It is impossible for `wasm` to directly hold owning references to Javascript objects. The primary purpose of `hiwire` is to act as a surrogate owner for Javascript references by holding the references in a Javascript `Map`. `hiwire` also defines a wide variety of `EM_JS` helper functions to do Javascript operations on the held objects. The primary type that `hiwire` exports is `JsRef`. References are created with `Module.hiwire.new_value` (only can be done from Javascript) and must be destroyed from C with `hiwire_decref` or `hiwire_CLEAR`, or from Javascript with `Module.hiwire.decref`.
- `error_handling` – defines macros useful for error propagation and for adapting Javascript functions to the CPython calling convention. See more in the *Error Handling Macros* section.

#### Type conversion from Javascript to Python

- `js2python` – Translates basic types from Javascript to Python, leaves more complicated stuff to `jsproxy`.
- `jsproxy` – Defines Python classes to proxy complex Javascript types into Python. A complex file responsible for many of the core behaviors of Pyodide.

#### Type conversion from Python to Javascript

- `python2js` – Translates types from Python to Javascript, implicitly converting basic types and creating `pyproxies` for others. It also implements explicit conversion from Python to Javascript (the `toJs` method).
- `python2js_buffer` – Attempts to convert Python objects that implement the Python [Buffer Protocol](#). This includes `bytes` objects, `memoryviews`, `array.array` and a wide variety of types exposed by extension modules like `numpy`. If the data is a 1d array in a contiguous block it can be sliced directly out of the `wasm` heap to produce a Javascript `TypedArray`, but Javascript does not have native support for pointers so higher dimensional arrays are more complicated.

- `pyproxy` – Defines a Javascript `Proxy` object that passes calls through to a Python object. Another important core file, `PyProxy.apply` is the primary entrypoint into Python code. `pyproxy.c` is much simpler than `jsproxy.c` though.

## 2.4.2 CPython APIs

### Conventions for indicating errors

The two main ways to indicate errors:

1. If the function returns a pointer, (most often `PyObject*`, `char*`, or `const char*`) then to indicate an error set an exception and return `NULL`.
2. If the function returns `int` or `float` and a correct output must be nonnegative, to indicate an error set an exception and return `-1`.

Certain functions have “successful errors” like `PyIter_Next` (successful error is `StopIteration`) and `PyDict_GetItemWithError` (successful error is `KeyError`). These functions will return `NULL` without setting an exception to indicate the “successful error” occurred. Check what happened with `PyErr_Occurred`. Also, functions that return `int` for which `-1` is a valid return value will return `-1` with no error set to indicate that the result is `-1` and `-1` with an error set if an error did occur. The simplest way to handle this is to always check `PyErr_Occurred`.

Lastly, the argument parsing functions `PyArg_ParseTuple`, `PyArg_Parse`, etc are edge cases. These return `true` on success and return `false` and set an error on failure.

### Python APIs to avoid:

- `PyDict_GetItem`, `PyDict_GetItemString`, and `_PyDict_GetItemId` These APIs do not do correct error reporting and there is talk in the Python community of deprecating them going forward. Instead use `PyDict_GetItemWithError` and `_PyDict_GetItemIdWithError` (there is no `PyDict_GetItemStringWithError` API because use of `GetXString` APIs is also discouraged).
- `PyObject_HasAttrString`, `PyObject_GetAttrString`, `PyDict_GetItemString`, `PyDict_SetItemString`, `PyMapping_HasKeyString` etc, etc. These APIs cause wasteful repeated string conversion. If the string you are using is a constant, e.g., `PyDict_GetItemString(dict, "identifier")`, then make an `id` with `Py_Identifier(identifier)` and then use `_PyDict_GetItemId(&PyId_identifier)`. If the string is not constant, convert it to a Python object with `PyUnicode_FromString()` and then use e.g., `PyDict_GetItem`.
- `PyModule_AddObject`. This steals a reference on success but not on failure and requires unique cleanup code. Instead use `PyObject_SetAttr`.

## 2.4.3 Error Handling Macros

The file `error_handling.h` defines several macros to help make error handling as simple and uniform as possible.

## Error Propagation Macros

In a language with exception handling as a feature, error propagation requires no explicit code, it is only if you want to prevent an error from propagating that you use a `try/catch` block. On the other hand, in C all error propagation must be done explicitly.

We define macros to help make error propagation look as simple and uniform as possible. They can only be used in a function with a `finally` label which should handle resource cleanup for both the success branch and all the failing branches (see structure of functions section below). When compiled with `DEBUG_F`, these commands will write a message to `console.error` reporting the line, function, and file where the error occurred.

- `FAIL()` – unconditionally `goto finally`;
- `FAIL_IF_NULL(ptr)` – `goto finally`; if `ptr == NULL`. This should be used with any function that returns a pointer and follows the standard Python calling convention.
- `FAIL_IF_MINUS_ONE(num)` – `goto finally`; if `num == -1`. This should be used with any function that returns a number and follows the standard Python calling convention.
- `FAIL_IF_NONZERO(num)` – `goto finally`; if `num != 0`. Can be used with functions that return any nonzero error code on failure.
- `FAIL_IF_ERR_OCCURRED()` – `goto finally`; if the Python error indicator is set (in other words if `PyErr_Occurred()`).
- `FAIL_IF_ERR_MATCHES(python_err_type)` – `goto finally`;  
if `PyErr_ExceptionMatches(python_err_type)`, for example  
`FAIL_IF_ERR_MATCHES(PyExc_AttributeError)`;

## Javascript to CPython calling convention adaptors

If we call a Javascript function from C and that Javascript function throws an error, it is impossible to catch it in C. We define two `EM_JS` adaptors to convert from the Javascript calling convention to the CPython calling convention. The point of this is to ensure that errors that occur in `EM_JS` functions can be handled in C code using the `FAIL_*` macros. When compiled with `DEBUG_F`, when a Javascript error is thrown a message will also be written to `console.error`. The wrappers do roughly the following:

```
try {
  // body of function here
} catch (e) {
  // wrap e in a Python exception and set the Python error indicator
  // return error code
}
```

There are two variants: `EM_JS_NUM` returns `-1` as the error code, `EM_JS_REF` returns `NULL == 0` as the error code. A couple of simple examples: Use `EM_JS_REF` when return value is a `JsRef`:

```
EM_JS_REF(JsRef, hiwire_call, (JsRef idfunc, JsRef idargs), {
  let jsfunc = Module.hiwire.get_value(idfunc);
  let jsargs = Module.hiwire.get_value(idargs);
  return Module.hiwire.new_value(jsfunc(... jsargs));
});
```

Use `EM_JS_REF` when return value is a `PyObject`:

```
EM_JS_REF(PyObject*, __js2python, (JsRef id), {
  // body here
});
```

If the function would return `void`, use `EM_JS_NUM` with return type `errcode`. `errcode` is a typedef for `int`. `EM_JS_NUM` will automatically return `-1` if an error occurs and `0` if not:

```
EM_JS_NUM(errcode, hiwire_set_member_int, (JsRef idobj, int idx, JsRef idval), {
    Module.hiwire.get_value(idobj)[idx] = Module.hiwire.get_value(idval);
});
```

If the function returns `int` or `bool` use `EM_JS_NUM`:

```
EM_JS_NUM(int, hiwire_get_length, (JsRef idobj), {
    return Module.hiwire.get_value(idobj).length;
});
```

These wrappers enable the following sort of code:

```
try:
    jsfunc()
except JsException:
    print("Caught an exception thrown in Javascript!")
```

## 2.4.4 Structure of functions

In C it takes special care to correctly and cleanly handle both reference counting and exception propagation. In Python (or other higher level languages), all references are released in an implicit finally block at the end of the function. Implicitly, it is as if you wrote:

```
def f():
    try: # implicit
        a = do_something()
        b = do_something_else()
        c = a + b
        return some_func(c)
    finally:
        # implicit, free references both on successful exit and on exception
        decref(a)
        decref(b)
        decref(c)
```

Freeing all references at the end of the function allows us to separate reference counting boilerplate from the “actual logic” of the function definition. When a function does correct error propagation, there will be many different execution paths, roughly linearly many in the length of the function. For example, the above pseudocode could exit in five different ways: `do_something` could raise an exception, `do_something_else` could raise an exception, `a + b` could raise an exception, `some_func` could raise an exception, or the function could return successfully. (Even a Python function like `def f(a,b,c,d): return (a + b) * c - d` has four execution paths.) The point of the `try/finally` block is that we know the resources are freed correctly without checking once for each execution path.

To do this, we divide any function that produces more than a couple of owned `PyObject*`s or `JsRefs` into several “segments”. The more owned references there are in a function and the longer it is, the more important it becomes to follow this style carefully. By being as consistent as possible, we reduce the burden on people reading the code to double check that you are not leaking memory or errors. In short functions it is fine to do something ad hoc.

1. The guard block. The first block of a function does sanity checks on the inputs and argument parsing, but only to the extent possible without creating any owned references. If you check more complicated invariants on the inputs in a way that requires creating owned references, this logic belongs in the body block.

Here’s an example of a `METH_VARARGS` function:

```

PyObject*
JsImport_CreateModule(PyObject* self, PyObject* args)
{
    // Guard
    PyObject* name;
    PyObject* jsproxy;
    // PyArg_UnpackTuple uses an unusual calling convention:
    // It returns `false` on failure...
    if (!PyArg_UnpackTuple(args, "create_module", 2, 2, &spec, &jsproxy)) {
        return NULL;
    }
    if (!JsProxy_Check(jsproxy)) {
        PyErr_SetString(PyExc_TypeError, "package is not an instance of jsproxy");
        return NULL;
    }
}

```

1. Forward declaration of owned references. This starts by declaring a success flag `bool success = false`. This will be used in the finally block to decide whether the finally block was entered after a successful execution or after an error. Then declare every reference counted variable that we will create during execution of the function. Finally, declare the variable that we are planning to return. Typically this will be called `result`, but in this case the function is named `CreateModule` so we name the return variable `module`.

```

bool success = false;
// Note: these are all of the objects that we will own. If a function returns
// a borrow, we XINCREf the result so that we can CLEAR it in the finally block.
// Reference counting is hard, so it's good to be as explicit and consistent
// as possible!
PyObject* sys_modules = NULL;
PyObject* importlib_machinery = NULL;
PyObject* ModuleSpec = NULL;
PyObject* spec = NULL;
PyObject* __dir__ = NULL;
PyObject* module_dict = NULL;
// result
PyObject* module = NULL;

```

1. The body of the function. The vast majority of API calls can return error codes. You **MUST** check every fallible API for an error. Also, as you are writing the code, you should look up every Python API you use that returns a reference to determine whether it returns a borrowed reference or a new one. If it returns a borrowed reference, immediately `Py_XINCREf()` the result to convert it into an owned reference (before `FAIL_IF_NULL`, to be consistent with the case where you use custom error handling).

```

name = PyUnicode_FromString(name_utf8);
FAIL_IF_NULL(name);
sys_modules = PyImport_GetModuleDict(); // returns borrow
Py_XINCREf(sys_modules);
FAIL_IF_NULL(sys_modules);
module = PyDict_GetItemWithError(sys_modules, name); // returns borrow
Py_XINCREf(module);
FAIL_IF_NULL(module);
if (module && !JsImport_Check(module)) {
    PyErr_Format(PyExc_KeyError,
        "Cannot mount with name '%s': there is an existing module by this name that was
↳not mounted with 'pyodide.mountPackage'."
        , name
    );
    FAIL();
}

```

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```

}
// ... [SNIP]

```

1. The finally block. Here we will clear all the variables we declared at the top in exactly the same order. Do not clear the arguments! They are borrowed. According to the standard Python function calling convention, they are the responsibility of the calling code.

```

    success = true;
finally:
    Py_CLEAR(sys_modules);
    Py_CLEAR(importlib_machinery);
    Py_CLEAR(ModuleSpec);
    Py_CLEAR(spec);
    Py_CLEAR(__dir__);
    Py_CLEAR(module_dict);
    if (!success) {
        Py_CLEAR(result);
    }
    return result;
}

```

One case where you do need to `Py_CLEAR` a variable in the body of a function is if that variable is allocated in a loop:

```

// refcounted variable declarations
PyObject* pyentry = NULL;
// ... other stuff
Py_ssize_t n = PySequence_Length(pylist);
for (Py_ssize_t i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    pyentry = PySequence_GetItem(pydir, i);
    FAIL_IF_MINUS_ONE(do_something(pyentry));
    Py_CLEAR(pyentry); // important to use Py_CLEAR and not Py_decref.
}

    success = true
finally:
    // have to clear pyentry at end too in case do_something failed in the loop body
    Py_CLEAR(pyentry);

```

## 2.4.5 Testing

Any nonstatic C function called `some_name` defined not using `EM_JS` will be exposed as `pyodide._module._some_name`, and this can be used in tests to good effect. If the arguments / return value are not just numbers and booleans, it may take some effort to set up the function call.

If you want to test an `EM_JS` function, consider moving the body of the function to an API defined on `Module`. You should still wrap the function with `EM_JS_REF` or `EM_JS_NUM` in order to get a function with the CPython calling convention.

## 2.5 Testing and benchmarking

### 2.5.1 Testing

#### Requirements

Install the following dependencies into the default Python installation:

```
pip install pytest selenium pytest-instafail pytest-httpserver
```

Install `geckodriver` and `chromedriver` and check that they are in your `PATH`.

#### Running the test suite

To run the pytest suite of tests, type on the command line:

```
pytest src/ pyodide_build/ packages/*/test_*
```

There are 3 test locations,

- `src/tests/`: general Pyodide tests and tests running the CPython test suite
- `pyodide_build/tests/`: tests related to Pyodide build system (do not require selenium to run)
- `packages/*/test_*`: package specific tests.

#### Manual interactive testing

To run manual interactive tests, a docker environment and a webserver will be used.

1. Bind port 8000 for testing. To automatically bind port 8000 of the docker environment and the host system, run:  
`./run_docker`
2. Now, this can be used to test the Pyodide builds running within the docker environment using external browser programs on the host system. To do this, run: `./bin/pyodide serve`
3. This serves the `build` directory of the Pyodide project on port 8000.
  - To serve a different directory, use the `--build_dir` argument followed by the path of the directory.
  - To serve on a different port, use the `--port` argument followed by the desired port number. Make sure that the port passed in `--port` argument is same as the one defined as `DOCKER_PORT` in the `run_docker` script.
4. Once the webserver is running, simple interactive testing can be run by visiting this URL: <http://localhost:8000/console.html>

## 2.5.2 Benchmarking

To run common benchmarks to understand Pyodide's performance, begin by installing the same prerequisites as for testing. Then run:

```
make benchmark
```

## 2.5.3 Linting

Python is linted with `flake8`. C and Javascript are linted with `clang-format`.

To lint the code, run:

```
make lint
```

## 2.5.4 Testing framework

### `run_in_pyodide`

Many tests simply involve running a chunk of code in Pyodide and ensuring it doesn't error. In this case, one can use the `run_in_pyodide` decorator from `pyodide_build/testing.py`, e.g.

```
from pyodide_build.testing import run_in_pyodide

@run_in_pyodide
def test_add():
    assert 1 + 1 == 2
```

In this case, the body of the function will automatically be run in Pyodide. The decorator can also be called with arguments. It has two configuration options — `standalone` and `packages`.

Setting `standalone = True` starts a standalone browser session to run the test (the session is shared between tests by default). This is useful for testing things like package loading.

The `packages` option lists packages to load before running the test. For example,

```
from pyodide_build.testing import run_in_pyodide

@run_in_pyodide(standalone = True, packages = ["regex"])
def test_regex():
    import regex
    assert regex.search("o", "foo").end() == 2
```

## 2.6 Interactive Debugging

See [Emscripten's page about debugging](#) which has extensive info about the various debugging options available.

[Chromium](#) has support for [DWARF info](#) which can be very helpful for debugging in certain circumstances. To build Pyodide with DWARF, you should set `EXTRA_CFLAGS="-g4"` and `EXTRA_LD_FLAGS="-g4 --source-map-base "http://localhost:<port>/"` (substitute in your favorite port). Make sure to rebuild CPython with these flags set (it isn't necessary to rebuild emsdk).

Once you have done this, when you load Pyodide, you will see 404 errors for requests for the various source maps. In order to load the source maps correctly, you will need to run a custom server that “fixes” the source map urls. The following debugging server seems to work for both CPython and numpy. Run it in the Pyodide root directory. If you need to debug other C extensions, you will need to update the server. It should be clear what to do based by looking at the 404s generated by the server and locating those files in the file tree, perhaps by using `find`.

```
import socket
import socketserver
from http.server import SimpleHTTPRequestHandler
import pathlib

alternative_bases=["cpython/build/Python-3.8.2/", "src/", "build/"]
def fixup_url(path):
    if pathlib.Path("." + path).exists():
        return path
    for base in alternative_bases:
        q = pathlib.Path(base + path)
        if q.exists():
            return str(q)
    # Numpy source maps can be in a bunch of different places inside of the
    # directory tree, so we need to glob for them.
    dir = list(
        pathlib.Path("packages/numpy/build/numpy-1.17.5/").glob("**" + path)
    )
    if dir:
        return str(dir[0])
    return path

class MyTCPServer(socketserver.TCPServer):
    def server_bind(self):
        """Use socket.SO_REUSEADDR to allow faster restart"""
        self.socket.setsockopt(socket.SOL_SOCKET, socket.SO_REUSEADDR, 1)
        self.socket.bind(self.server_address)

class Handler(SimpleHTTPRequestHandler):
    def end_headers(self):
        # Enable Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS)
        self.send_header('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', '*')
        super().end_headers()

    def do_GET(self):
        self.path = fixup_url(self.path)
        super().do_GET()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    port = 8000
    with MyTCPServer(("", port), Handler) as httpd:
        print("Serving at: http://127.0.0.1:{}".format(port))
        httpd.serve_forever()
```



The Project section helps contributors get started and gives additional information about the project's organization.

## 3.1 About Pyodide

Python with the scientific stack, compiled to WebAssembly.

Pyodide may be used in any context where you want to run Python inside a web browser.

Pyodide brings the Python 3.8 runtime to the browser via WebAssembly, along with the Python scientific stack including NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, SciPy, and scikit-learn. The [packages directory](#) lists over 75 packages which are currently available. In addition it's possible to install pure Python wheels from PyPi.

Pyodide provides transparent conversion of objects between Javascript and Python. When used inside a browser, Python has full access to the Web APIs.

### 3.1.1 History

Pyodide was created in 2018 by [Michael Droettboom](#) at Mozilla as part of the [iodide project](#). Iodide is an experimental web-based notebook environment for literate scientific computing and communication.

### 3.1.2 Contributing

See the [contributing guide](#) for tips on filing issues, making changes, and submitting pull requests. Pyodide is an independent and community-driven open-source project. The decision making process is outlined in [Pyodide Governance and Decision-making](#).

### 3.1.3 License

Pyodide uses the [Mozilla Public License Version 2.0](#).

### 3.1.4 Infrastructure support

We would like to thank,

- [Mozilla](#) and [CircleCI](#) for Continuous Integration resources
- [JsDelivr](#) for providing a CDN for Pyodide packages
- [ReadTheDocs](#) for hosting the documentation.

## 3.2 Roadmap

This document lists general directions that core developers are interested to see developed in Pyodide. The fact that an item is listed here is in no way a promise that it will happen, as resources are limited. Rather, it is an indication that help is welcomed on this topic.

### 3.2.1 Reducing download sizes and initialization times

At present a first load of Pyodide requires a 6.4 MB download, and the environment initialization takes 4 to 5 seconds. Subsequent page loads are faster since assets are cached in the browser. Both of these indicators can likely be improved, by optimizing compilation parameters, minifying the Python standard library and packages, reducing the number of exported symbols. To figure out where to devote the effort, we need a better profiling system for the load process.

See issue [#646](#).

### 3.2.2 Improve performance of Python code in Pyodide

Across [benchmarks](#) Pyodide is currently around 3x to 5x slower than native Python.

At the same type, C code compiled to WebAssembly typically runs between near native speed and 2x to 2.5x times slower (Jangda et al. 2019 [PDF](#)). It is therefore very likely that the performance of Python code in Pyodide can be improved with some focused effort.

In addition, scientific Python code would benefit from packaging a high performance BLAS library such as BLIS.

See issue [#1120](#).

### 3.2.3 Simplification of the package loading system

Currently Pyodide has two way of loading packages:

- `loadPackage` for packages built with Pyodide and
- `micropip.install` for pure Python packages from PyPi.

The relationship between these tools is confusing and could be simplified. Furthermore, the dependency resolution logic and packaging / build system could be improved.

See issues [#1470](#) and [#1100](#).

### 3.2.4 Update SciPy to a more recent version

SciPy is a cornerstone of scientific computing in Python. It's a challenging package to build for WebAssembly because it is large, includes Fortran code, and requires BLAS and LAPACK libraries. Currently Pyodide includes `scipy` 0.17.1 from 2016. Updating it is a blocker for using more recent versions of packages such as `scikit-learn`, `scikit-image`, `statsmodels`, and `MNE`.

See issue #549.

### 3.2.5 Better project sustainability

Some of the challenges that Pyodide faces, such as maintaining a collection of build recipes, dependency resolution from PyPi, etc are already solved in either Python or JavaScript ecosystems. We should therefore strive to better re-use existing tooling, and seeking synergies with existing initiatives in this space, such as `conda-forge`.

See issue #795.

### 3.2.6 Improve support for WebWorkers

WebWorkers are necessary in order to run computational tasks in the browser without hanging the user interface. Currently Pyodide can run in a WebWorker, however the user experience and reliability can be improved.

See issue #1504.

### 3.2.7 Synchronous IO

The majority of existing I/O APIs are synchronous. Unless we can support synchronous IO, much of the existing Python ecosystem cannot be ported. Luckily [@joemarshall](#) has a solution for this involving rewinding the Python stack. He has a [prototype implementation here](#). We would like to bring this into Pyodide as a core feature.

See issue #1503.

### 3.2.8 Write `http.client` in terms of Web APIs

Python packages make an extensive use of packages such as `requests` to synchronously fetch data. We currently can't use such packages since sockets are not available in Pyodide. We could however try to re-implement some of the `stdlib` libraries with Web APIs, potentially making this possible.

Because `http.client` is a synchronous API, we first need support for synchronous IO.

See issue #140.

## 3.3 Code of Conduct

### 3.3.1 Conduct

We are committed to providing a friendly, safe and welcoming environment for all, regardless of level of experience, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, personal appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, age, religion, nationality, or other similar characteristic.

- Please be kind and courteous. There's no need to be mean or rude.

- Please avoid using usernames that are overtly sexual or otherwise might detract from a friendly, safe, and welcoming environment for all.
- Respect that people have differences of opinion and that every design or implementation choice carries trade-offs. There is seldom a single right answer.
- We borrow the Recurse Center’s “social rules”: no feigning surprise, no well-actually’s, no backseat driving, and no subtle -isms.
- Please keep unstructured critique to a minimum. If you have solid ideas you want to experiment with, make a fork and see how it works. All feedback should be constructive in nature. If you need more detailed guidance around giving feedback, consult [Digital Ocean’s Code of Conduct](#)
- It is unacceptable to insult, demean, or harass anyone. We interpret the term “harassment” as defined in the [Citizen Code of Conduct](#); if you are not sure about what harassment entails, please read their definition. In particular, we don’t tolerate behavior that excludes people in socially marginalized groups.
- Private harassment is also unacceptable. No matter who you are, please contact any of the Pyodide core team members immediately if you are being harassed or made uncomfortable by a community member. Whether you are a regular contributor or a newcomer, we care about making this community a safe place for you and we’ve got your back.
- Likewise spamming, trolling, flaming, baiting or other attention-stealing behavior is not welcome.

### 3.3.2 Moderation

These are the policies for upholding our community’s standards of conduct. If you feel that a thread needs moderation, please contact the Pyodide core team.

1. Remarks that violate the Pyodide standards of conduct are not allowed. This includes hateful, hurtful, oppressive, or exclusionary remarks. (Cursing is allowed, but never targeting another community member, and never in a hateful manner.)
2. Remarks that moderators find inappropriate are not allowed, even if they do not break a rule explicitly listed in the code of conduct.
3. Moderators will first respond to such remarks with a warning.
4. If the warning is unheeded, the offending community member will be temporarily banned.
5. If the community member comes back and continues to make trouble, they will be permanently banned.
6. Moderators may choose at their discretion to un-ban the community member if they offer the offended party a genuine apology.
7. If a moderator bans someone and you think it was unjustified, please take it up with that moderator, or with a different moderator, in private. Complaints about bans in-channel are not allowed.
8. Moderators are held to a higher standard than other community members. If a moderator creates an inappropriate situation, they should expect less leeway than others.
9. In the Pyodide community we strive to go the extra mile to look out for each other. Don’t just aim to be technically unimpeachable, try to be your best self. In particular, avoid flirting with offensive or sensitive issues, particularly if they’re off-topic; this all too often leads to unnecessary fights, hurt feelings, and damaged trust; worse, it can drive people away from the community entirely.
10. If someone takes issue with something you said or did, resist the urge to be defensive. Just stop doing what it was they complained about and apologize. Even if you feel you were misinterpreted or unfairly accused, chances are good there was something you could have communicated better — remember that it’s your responsibility to make your fellow Pyodide community members comfortable. Everyone wants to get along and we are all here

first and foremost because we want to talk about science and cool technology. You will find that people will be eager to assume good intent and forgive as long as you earn their trust.

11. The enforcement policies listed above apply to all official Pyodide venues. If you wish to use this code of conduct for your own project, consider making a copy with your own moderation policy so as to avoid confusion.

Adapted from the [the Rust Code of Conduct](#), with further reference from [Digital Ocean Code of Conduct](#), the [Recurse Center](#), the [Citizen Code of Conduct](#), and the [Contributor Covenant](#).

## 3.4 Pyodide Governance and Decision-making

The purpose of this document is to formalize the governance process used by the Pyodide project, to clarify how decisions are made and how the various members of our community interact. This document establishes a decision-making structure that takes into account feedback from all members of the community and strives to find consensus, while avoiding deadlocks.

Anyone with an interest in the project can join the community, contribute to the project design and participate in the decision making process. This document describes how to participate and earn merit in the Pyodide community.

### 3.4.1 Roles And Responsibilities

#### Contributors

Contributors are community members who contribute in concrete ways to the project. Anyone can become a contributor, and contributions can take many forms, for instance, answering user questions – not only code – as detailed in [How to Contribute](#).

#### Community members team

The community members team is composed of community members who have permission on Github to label and close issues. Their work is crucial to improve the communication in the project.

After participating in Pyodide development with pull requests and reviews for a period of time, any contributor may become a member of the team. The process for adding team members is modeled on the [CPython project](#). Any core developer is welcome to propose a Pyodide contributor to join the community members team. Other core developers are then consulted: while it is expected that most acceptances will be unanimous, a two-thirds majority is enough.

#### Core developers

Core developers are community members who have shown that they are dedicated to the continued development of the project through ongoing engagement with the community. They have shown they can be trusted to maintain Pyodide with care. Being a core developer allows contributors to more easily carry on with their project related activities by giving them direct access to the project's repository and is represented as being a member of the core team on the Pyodide [GitHub organization](#). Core developers are expected to review code contributions, can merge approved pull requests, can cast votes for and against merging a pull-request, and can make decisions about major changes to the API (all contributors are welcome to participate in the discussion).

New core developers can be nominated by any existing core developers. Once they have been nominated, there will be a vote by the current core developers. Voting on new core developers is one of the few activities that takes place on the project's private communication channels. While it is expected that most votes will be unanimous, a two-thirds majority of the cast votes is enough. The vote needs to be open for at least one week.

Core developers that have not contributed to the project (commits or GitHub comments) in the past two years will be asked if they want to become emeritus core developers and recant their commit and voting rights until they become active again.

### 3.4.2 Decision Making Process

Decisions about the future of the project are made through discussion with all members of the community. All non-sensitive project management discussion takes place on the project contributors' [issue tracker](#) and on [Github discussion](#). Occasionally, sensitive discussion occurs on a private communication channels.

Pyodide uses a “consensus seeking” process for making decisions. The group tries to find a resolution that has no open objections among core developers. At any point during the discussion, any core-developer can call for a vote, which will conclude two weeks from the call for the vote. This is what we hereafter may refer to as “the decision making process”.

Decisions (in addition to adding core developers as above) are made according to the following rules:

- **Maintenance changes**, include for instance improving the wording in the documentation, updating CI or dependencies. Core developers are expected to give “reasonable time” to others to give their opinion on the Pull Request in case they’re not confident that others would agree. If no further review on the Pull Request is received within this time, it can be merged. If a review is received, then the consensus rules from the following section apply.
- **Code changes in general, and especially those impacting user facing APIs**, as well as more significant documentation changes, require review and approval by a core developer and no objections raised by any core developer (lazy consensus). This process happens on the pull-request page.
- **Changes to the governance model** use the same decision process outlined above.

## 3.5 Change Log

### 3.5.1 Version 0.17.0

*April 21, 2020*

See the [0-17-0-release-notes](#) for more information.

#### Improvements to package loading and dynamic linking

- Enhancement Uses the emscripten preload plugin system to preload .so files in packages
- Enhancement Support for shared library packages. This is used for CLAPACK which makes scipy a lot smaller. [#1236](#)
- Fix Pyodide and included packages can now be used with Safari v14+. Safari v13 has also been observed to work on some (but not all) devices.

## Python / JS type conversions

- Feature A `JsProxy` of a Javascript `Promise` or other awaitable object is now a Python awaitable. #880
- API Change Instead of automatically converting Python lists and dicts into Javascript, they are now wrapped in `PyProxy`. Added a new `PyProxy.toJs` API to request the conversion behavior that used to be implicit. #1167
- API Change Added `JsProxy.to_py` API to convert a Javascript object to Python. #1244
- Feature Flexible `jsimports`: it now possible to add custom Python “packages” backed by Javascript code, like the `js` package. The `js` package is now implemented using this system. #1146
- Feature A `PyProxy` of a Python coroutine or awaitable is now an awaitable Javascript object. Awaiting a coroutine will schedule it to run on the Python event loop using `asyncio.ensure_future`. #1170
- Enhancement Made `PyProxy` of an iterable Python object an iterable Js object: defined the `[Symbol.iterator]` method, can be used like `for(let x of proxy)`. Made a `PyProxy` of a Python iterator an iterator: `proxy.next()` is translated to `next(it)`. Made a `PyProxy` of a Python generator into a Javascript generator: `proxy.next(val)` is translated to `gen.send(val)`. #1180
- API Change Updated `PyProxy` so that if the wrapped Python object supports `__getitem__` access, then the wrapper has `get`, `set`, `has`, and `delete` methods which do `obj[key]`, `obj[key] = val`, `key in obj` and `del obj[key]` respectively. #1175
- API Change The `pyodide.pyimport` function is deprecated in favor of using `pyodide.globals.get('key')`. #1367
- API Change Added `PyProxy.getBuffer` API to allow direct access to Python buffers as Javascript `TypedArrays`. #1215
- API Change The innermost level of a buffer converted to Javascript used to be a `TypedArray` if the buffer was contiguous and otherwise an `Array`. Now the innermost level will be a `TypedArray` unless the buffer format code is a ‘?’ in which case it will be an `Array` of booleans, or if the format code is a ‘s’ in which case the innermost level will be converted to a string. #1376
- Enhancement Javascript `BigInts` are converted into Python `int` and Python `ints` larger than  $2^{53}$  are converted into `BigInt`. #1407
- API Change Added `pyodide.isPyProxy` to test if an object is a `PyProxy`. #1456
- Enhancement `PyProxy` and `PyBuffer` objects are now garbage collected if the browser supports `FinalizationRegistry`. #1306
- Enhancement Automatic conversion of Javascript functions to CPython calling conventions. #1051, #1080
- Enhancement Automatic detection of fatal errors. In this case Pyodide will produce both a Javascript and a Python stack trace with explicit instruction to open a bug report. `pr{1151}`, `pr{1390}`, `pr{1478}`.
- Enhancement Systematic memory leak detection in the test suite and a large number of fixed to memory leaks. `pr{1340}`
- Fix `getattr` and `dir` on `JsProxy` now report consistent results and include all names defined on the Python dictionary backing `JsProxy`. #1017
- Fix `JsProxy.__bool__` now produces more consistent results: both `bool(window)` and `bool(zero-arg-callback)` were `False` but now are `True`. Conversely, `bool(empty_js_set)` and `bool(empty_js_map)` were `True` but now are `False`. #1061
- Fix When calling a Javascript function from Python without keyword arguments, Pyodide no longer passes a `PyProxy`-wrapped `NULL` pointer as the last argument. #1033

- Fix JsBoundMethod is now a subclass of JsProxy, which fixes nested attribute access and various other strange bugs. #1124
- Fix Javascript functions imported like `from js import fetch` no longer trigger “invalid invocation” errors (issue #461) and `js.fetch("some_url")` also works now (issue #768). #1126
- Fix Javascript bound method calls now work correctly with keyword arguments. #1138
- Fix Javascript constructor calls now work correctly with keyword arguments. #1433

### pyodide-py package

- Feature Added a Python event loop to support asyncio by scheduling coroutines to run as jobs on the browser event loop. This event loop is available by default and automatically enabled by any relevant async API, so for instance `asyncio.ensure_future` works without any configuration. #1158
- API Change Removed `as_nested_list` API in favor of `JsProxy.to_py`. #1345

### pyodide-js

- API Change Removed iodide-specific code in `pyodide.js`. This breaks compatibility with iodide. #878, #981
- API Change Removed the `pyodide.autocomplete` API, use Jedi directly instead. #1066
- API Change Removed `pyodide.repr` API. #1067
- Fix If `messageCallback` and `errorCallback` are supplied to `pyodide.loadPackage`, `pyodide.runPythonAsync` and `pyodide.loadPackagesFromImport`, then the messages are no longer automatically logged to the console.
- Feature `runPythonAsync` now runs the code with `eval_code_async`. In particular, it is possible to use top-level `await` inside of `runPythonAsync`.
- `eval_code` now accepts separate `globals` and `locals` parameters. #1083
- Added the `pyodide.setInterruptBuffer` API. This can be used to set a `SharedArrayBuffer` to be the keyboard interrupt buffer. If Pyodide is running on a webworker, the main thread can signal to the webworker that it should raise a `KeyboardInterrupt` by writing to the interrupt buffer. #1148 and #1173
- Changed the loading method: added an async function `loadPyodide` to load Pyodide to use instead of `languagePluginURL` and `languagePluginLoader`. The change is currently backwards compatible, but the old approach is deprecated. #1363

### micropip

- Feature `micropip` now supports installing wheels from relative URLs. #872
- API Change `micropip.install` now returns a Python `Future` instead of a Javascript `Promise`. #1324
- `micropip.install` now interacts correctly with `pyodide.loadPackage`. #1457
- `micropip.install` now handles version constraints correctly even if there is a version of the package available from the Pyodide `indexURL`.

## Build system

- Enhancement Updated to latest emscripten 2.0.13 with the upstream LLVM backend #1102
- API Change Use upstream `file_packager.py`, and stop checking package abi versions. The `PYODIDE_PACKAGE_ABI` environment variable is no longer used, but is still set as some packages use it to detect whether it is being built for Pyodide. This usage is deprecated, and a new environment variable `PYODIDE` is introduced for this purpose.  
As part of the change, `Module.checkABI` is no longer present. #991
- uglifyjs and lessc no longer need to be installed in the system during build #878.
- Enhancement Reduce the size of the core Pyodide package #987.
- Enhancement Optionally to disable docker port binding #1423.
- Enhancement Run arbitrary command in docker #1424
- Docker images for Pyodide are now accessible at `pyodide/pyodide-env` and `pyodide/pyodide`.

## REPL

- Fix In `console.html`: sync behavior, full stdout/stderr support, clean namespace, bigger font, correct result representation, clean traceback #1125 and #1141
- Fix Switched from Jedi to `rlcompleter` for completion in `pyodide.console.InteractiveConsole` and so in `console.html`. This fixes some completion issues (see #821 and #1160)
- Enhancement Support top-level await in the console #1459

## Packages

- `six`, `jedi` and `parso` are no longer vendored in the main Pyodide package, and need to be loaded explicitly #1010, #987.
- Updated packages #1021, #1338, #1460.
- Added Plotly version 4.14.3 and retrying dependency #1419

## 3.5.2 Version 0.16.1

*December 25, 2020*

Note: due to a CI deployment issue the 0.16.0 release was skipped and replaced by 0.16.1 with identical contents.

- Pyodide files are distributed by `JsDelivr`, <https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/pyodide/v0.16.1/full/pyodide.js> The previous CDN `pyodide-cdn2.iodide.io` still works and there are no plans for deprecating it. However please use `JsDelivr` as a more sustainable solution, including for earlier Pyodide versions.

### Python and the standard library

- Pyodide includes CPython 3.8.2 #712
- ENH Patches for the threading module were removed in all packages. Importing the module, and a subset of functionality (e.g. locks) works, while starting a new thread will produce an exception, as expected. #796. See #237 for the current status of the threading support.
- ENH The multiprocessing module is now included, and will not fail at import, thus avoiding the necessity to patch included packages. Starting a new process will produce an exception due to the limitation of the WebAssembly VM with the following message: `Resource temporarily unavailable` #796.

### Python / JS type conversions

- FIX Only call `Py_INCREF()` once when proxied by `PyProxy` #708
- Javascript exceptions can now be raised and caught in Python. They are wrapped in `pyodide.JsException`. #891

### pyodide-py package and micropip

- The `pyodide.py` file was transformed to a `pyodide-py` package. The imports remain the same so this change is transparent to the users #909.
- FIX Get last version from PyPi when installing a module via micropip #846.
- Suppress REPL results returned by `pyodide.eval_code` by adding a semicolon #876.
- Enable monkey patching of `eval_code` and `find_imports` to customize behavior of `runPython` and `runPythonAsync` #941.

### Build system

- Updated docker image to Debian buster, resulting in smaller images. #815
- Pre-built docker images are now available as `iodide-project/pyodide` #787
- Host Python is no longer compiled, reducing compilation time. This also implies that Python 3.8 is now required to build Pyodide. It can for instance be installed with `conda`. #830
- FIX Infer package tarball directory from source URL #687
- Updated to emscripten 1.38.44 and binaryen v86 (see related [commits](#))
- Updated default `--ldflags` argument to `pyodide_build` scripts to equal what Pyodide actually uses. #817
- Replace C lz4 implementation with the (upstream) Javascript implementation. #851
- Pyodide deployment URL can now be specified with the `PYODIDE_BASE_URL` environment variable during build. The `pyodide_dev.js` is no longer distributed. To get an equivalent behavior with `pyodide.js`, set

```
window.languagePluginUrl = './';
```

before loading it. #855

- Build runtime C libraries (e.g. libxml) via package build system with correct dependency resolution #927
- Pyodide can now be built in a conda virtual environment #835

## Other improvements

- Modify MEMFS timestamp handling to support better caching. This in particular allows to import newly created Python modules without invalidating import caches [#893](#)

## Packages

- New packages: freesasa, lxml, python-sat, traits, astropy, pillow, scikit-image, imageio, numcodecs, msgpack, asciitree, zarr  
Note that due to the large size and the experimental state of the scipy package, packages that depend on scipy (including scikit-image, scikit-learn) will take longer to load, use a lot of memory and may experience failures.
- Updated packages: numpy 1.15.4, pandas 1.0.5, matplotlib 3.3.3 among others.
- New package `pyodide-interrupt`, useful for handling interrupts in Pyodide (see project description for details).

## Backward incompatible changes

- Dropped support for loading `.wasm` files with incorrect MIME type, following [#851](#)

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## 3.5.3 Version 0.15.0

May 19, 2020

- Upgrades Pyodide to CPython 3.7.4.
- micropip no longer uses a CORS proxy to install pure Python packages from PyPi. Packages are now installed from PyPi directly.
- micropip can now be used from web workers.
- Adds support for installing pure Python wheels from arbitrary URLs with micropip.
- The CDN URL for Pyodide changed to `https://pyodide-cdn2.iodide.io/v0.15.0/full/pyodide.js` It now supports versioning and should provide faster downloads. The latest release can be accessed via `https://pyodide-cdn2.iodide.io/latest/full/`
- Adds `messageCallback` and `errorCallback` to `pyodide.loadPackage`.
- Reduces the initial memory footprint (`TOTAL_MEMORY`) from 1 GiB to 5 MiB. More memory will be allocated as needed.
- When building from source, only a subset of packages can be built by setting the `PYODIDE_PACKAGES` environment variable. See [partial builds documentation](#) for more details.
- New packages: future, autograd

### 3.5.4 Version 0.14.3

*Dec 11, 2019*

- Convert Javascript numbers containing integers, e.g. `3.0`, to a real Python long (e.g. `3`).
- Adds `__bool__` method to for `JsProxy` objects.
- Adds a Javascript-side auto completion function for Iodide that uses `jedi`.
- New packages: `nltk`, `jeudi`, `statsmodels`, `regex`, `cytoolz`, `xldr`, `uncertainties`

### 3.5.5 Version 0.14.0

*Aug 14, 2019*

- The built-in `sqlite` and `bz2` modules of Python are now enabled.
- Adds support for auto-completion based on `jedi` when used in `iodide`

### 3.5.6 Version 0.13.0

*May 31, 2019*

- Tagged versions of Pyodide are now deployed to Netlify.

### 3.5.7 Version 0.12.0

*May 3, 2019*

#### User improvements:

- Packages with pure Python wheels can now be loaded directly from PyPI. See [Micropip](#) for more information.
- Thanks to PEP 562, you can now `import js` from Python and use it to access anything in the global Javascript namespace.
- Passing a Python object to Javascript always creates the same object in Javascript. This makes APIs like `removeEventListener` usable.
- Calling `dir()` in Python on a Javascript proxy now works.
- Passing an `ArrayBuffer` from Javascript to Python now correctly creates a `memoryview` object.
- Pyodide now works on Safari.

### 3.5.8 Version 0.11.0

*Apr 12, 2019*

#### User improvements:

- Support for built-in modules:
  - `sqlite`, `crypt`
- New packages: `mne`

#### Developer improvements:

- The `mkpkg` command will now select an appropriate archive to use, rather than just using the first.
- The included version of `emscripten` has been upgraded to 1.38.30 (plus a bugfix).
- New packages: `jinja2`, `MarkupSafe`

### 3.5.9 Version 0.10.0

*Mar 21, 2019*

#### User improvements:

- New packages: `html5lib`, `pygments`, `beautifulsoup4`, `soupsieve`, `docutils`, `bleach`, `mne`

#### Developer improvements:

- `console.html` provides a simple text-only interactive console to test local changes to Pyodide. The existing notebooks based on legacy versions of Iodide have been removed.
- The `run_docker` script can now be configured with environment variables.

## 3.6 Related Projects

### 3.6.1 WebAssembly ecosystem

- `emscripten` is the compiler toolchain for WebAssembly that made Pyodide possible.

### 3.6.2 Notebook environments, IDEs, and REPLs

- `Iodide` is a notebook-like environment for literate scientific computing and communication for the web. It is no longer actively maintained. Historically, Pyodide started as plugin for `iodide`.
- `Starboard notebook` is an in-browser literal notebook runtime that uses Pyodide for Python.
- `Basthon notebook` is a static fork of Jupyter notebook with a Pyodide kernel (currently in French).
- `JupyterLite` is a JupyterLab distribution that runs entirely in the browser, based on Pyodide.

### 3.6.3 Other projects

- `wc-code` is a library to run Javascript, Python, and Theme in the browser with inline code blocks. It uses Pyodide to execute Python code.



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