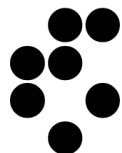
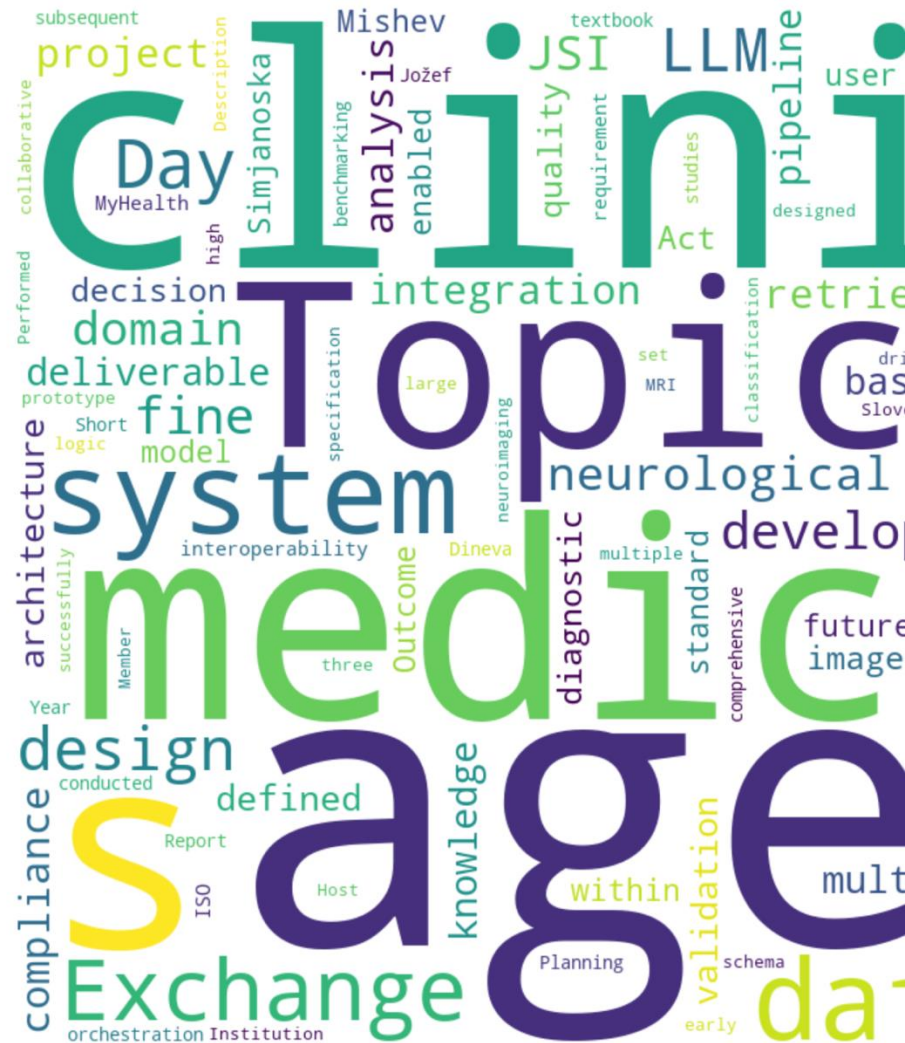


SOFTWARE BEST PRACTICES

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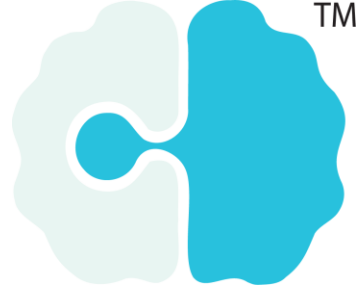


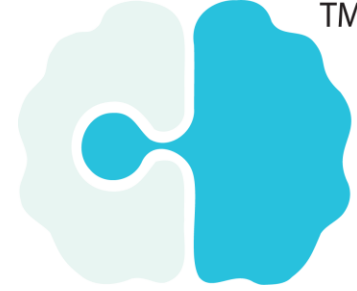
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Divided into 3 parts:

- **Git version control - Fundamentals**
- **Sphinx Python package – Creating documentation**
- **Coding standards – Python**



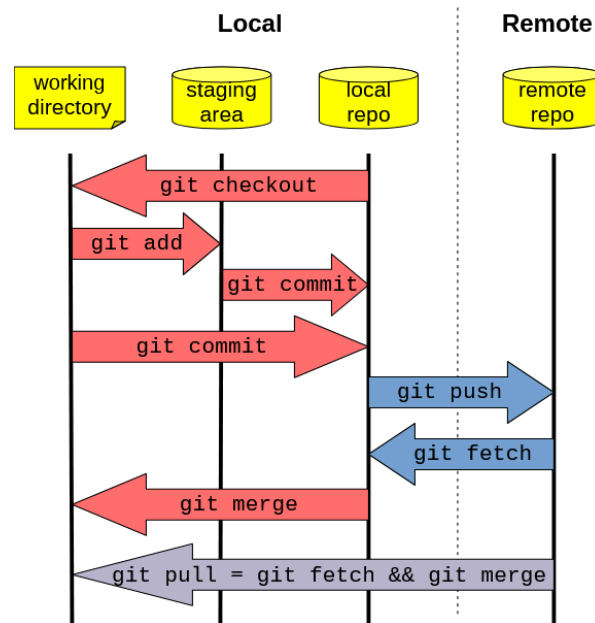
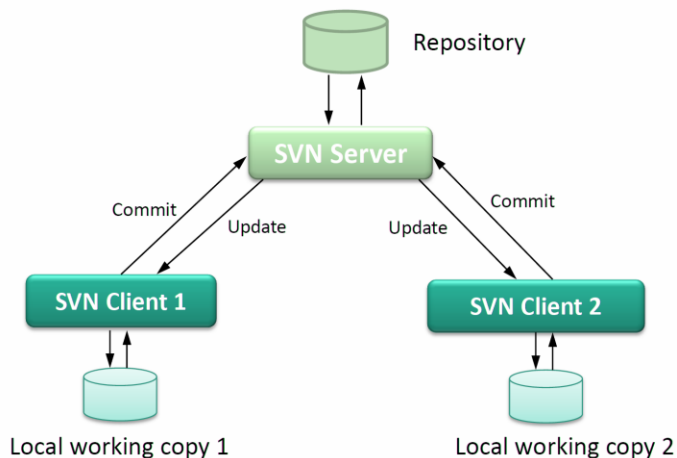


GIT VERSION CONTROL FUNDAMENTALS

Version control systems - types

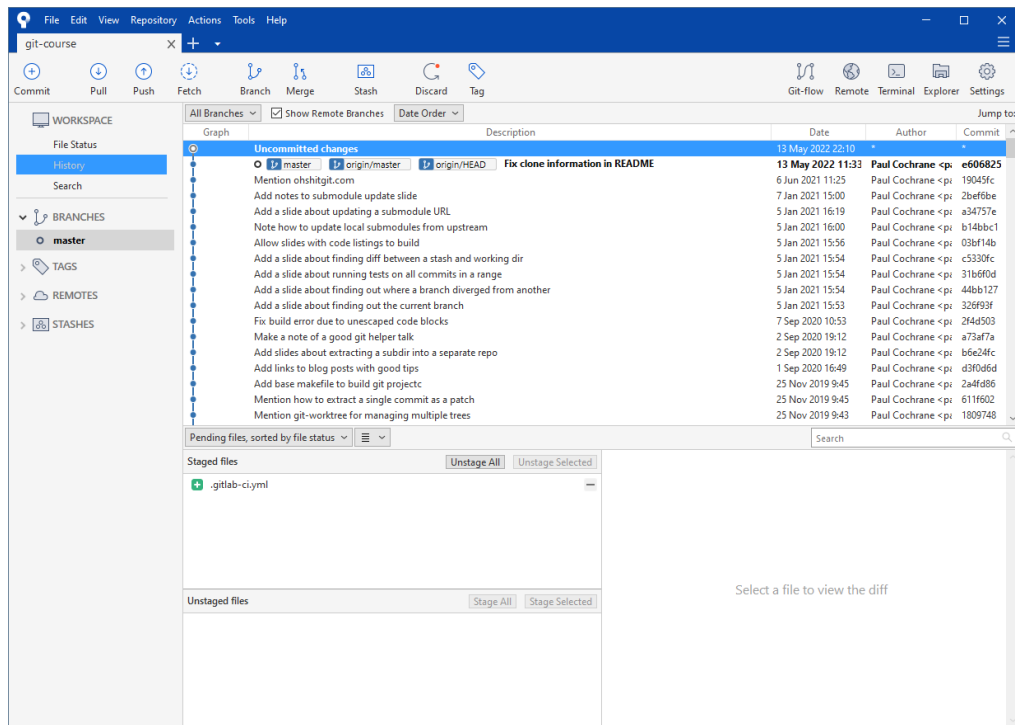
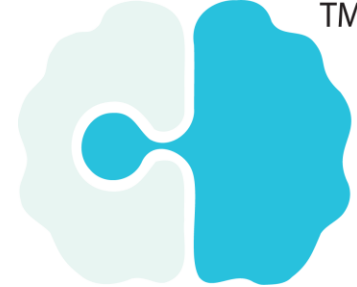


- Apache Subversion - centralized
- Git version control - distributed



Text commands:

- In this introduction
- we will be covering CLI.
- TortoiseGIT
- Sourcetree (on the right)



Git configure

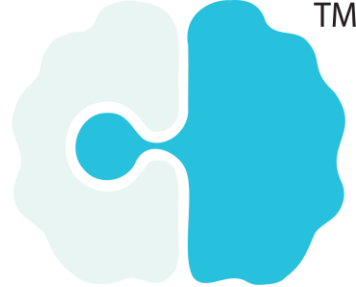


- After installing Git, we need to configure email and username:

```
git config --global user.name "primozkocuvan"
```

```
git config --global user.email "primoz.kocuvan@ijs.si"
```

Git init – initializing repository

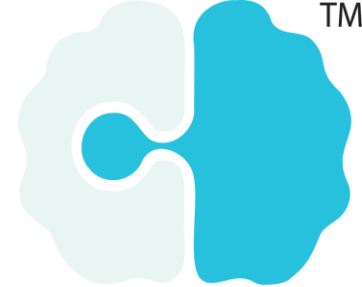


Linux commands:

```
mkdir HomeDoctor  
cd HomeDoctor  
git init
```

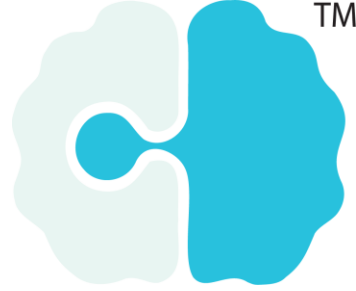
**It creates a hidden folder .git inside the local repository
(folder)**

Tracking and untracking



- We can now create files in the folder.
- Note:
 - At the beginning these files are untracked

Staging:



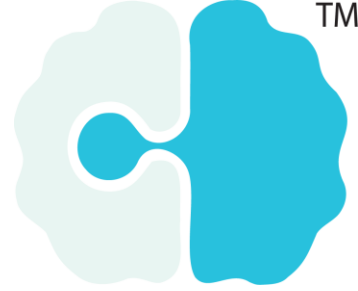
git add - Stage a file

git add --all - Stage all changes

git status - See what is staged

git restore --staged <file> - Unstage a file

Committing:



git commit -m "message" - Commit staged changes

git commit -a -m "message" - Commit all tracked changes

git log - See commit history

Branching and merging:



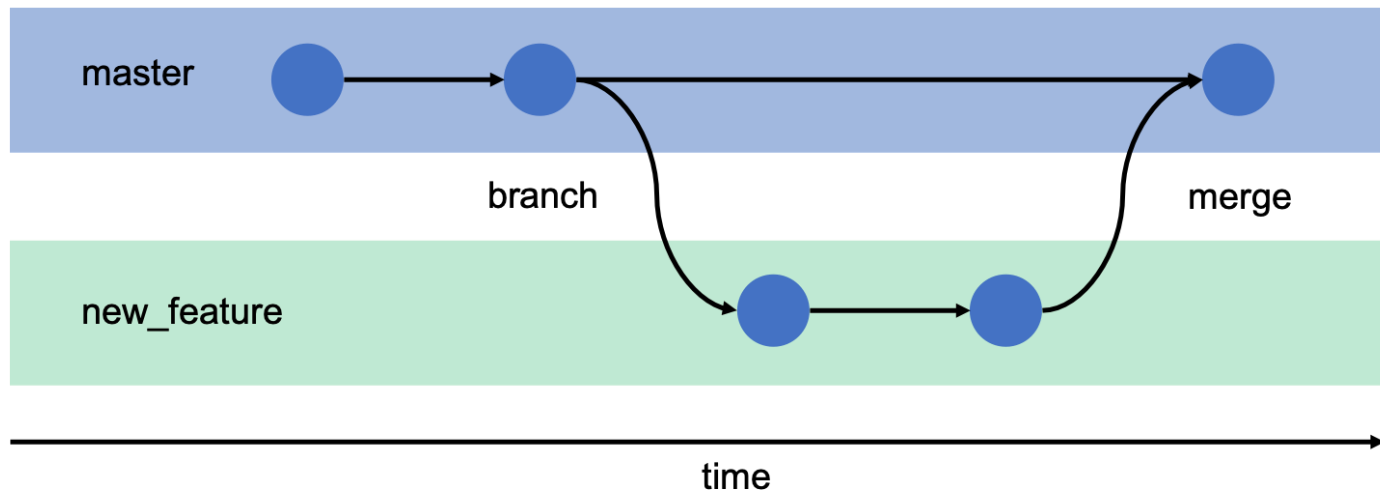
```
git branch new_feature
```

```
git checkout new_feature
```

```
// We implement new feature and commit
```

```
git checkout master
```

```
git merge new_feature
```



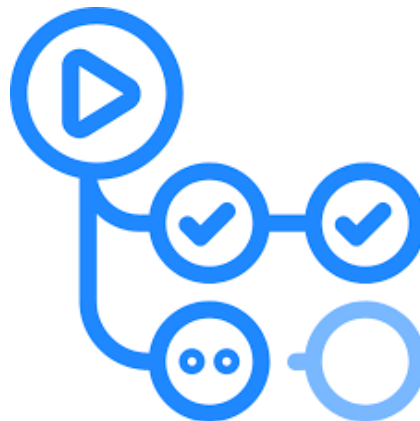
CI/CD:



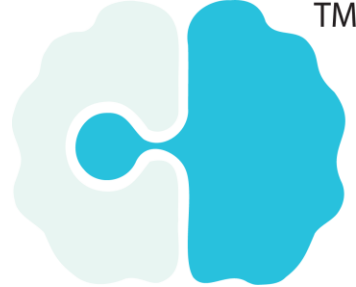
- **There are many CI/CD tools:**
 - **Github Actions**
 - **Gitlab CI/CD**
 - **Jenkins**



CI/CD



Gitlab CI/CD:



stages:

- test
- build
- deploy

tests:

stage: test

image: python:3.11

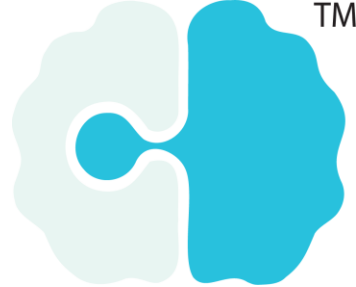
before_script:

- apt-get update && apt-get install make

script:

- make homedocor_tests

Gitlab CI/CD:



build:

stage: build

image: docker:20.10.16

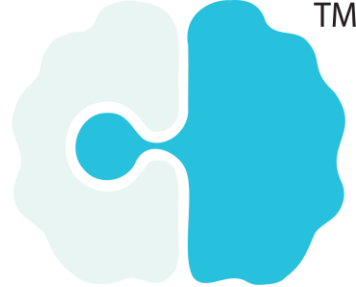
before_script:

- docker login -u primoz.kocuvan -p somepassword1234

script:

- docker build -t \$IMAGE_NAME:\$IMAGE_TAG .
- docker push \$IMAGE_NAME:\$IMAGE_TAG

Gitlab CI/CD:



deploy:

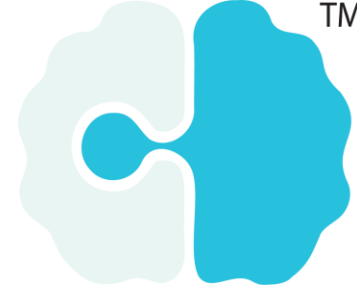
stage: deploy

before_script:

- chmod 400 \$SSH_KEY

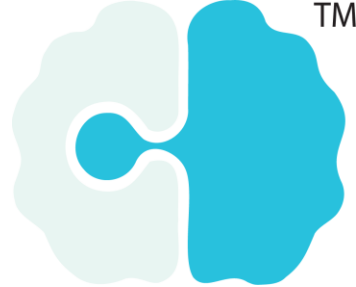
script:

- ssh -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no -i \$SSH_KEY dis@home-doctor.ijs.si"
docker login -u \$REGISTRY_USER -p \$REGISTRY_PASS &&
docker run -d \$IMAGE_NAME:\$IMAGE_TAG"



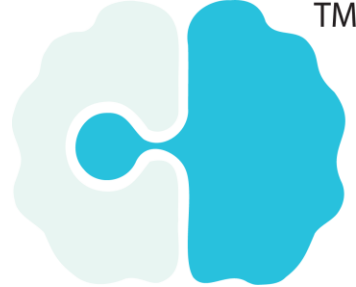
AUTOMATIC CREATION OF DOCUMENTATION PYTHON PACKAGE

What is Python Sphinx



- **Sphinx is an automatic documentation generator.**
- **It is a defacto standard for generating Python documentation.**
- **We install it by using the pip python package manager:**
- **- pip install sphinx**

Restructured text - examples



By default it uses Restructured Text (RST) as a plain-text markup language for writing documentation.

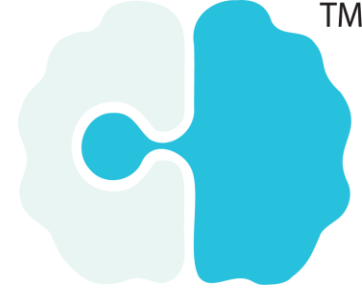
It is similar to the MD (Markdown language), for example:

one asterisk: `*text*` for emphasis (italics),

two asterisks: `text**` for strong emphasis (boldface), and**

backquotes: ``text`` for code samples.

Restructured text – examples lists



- * This is a bulleted list.**
- * It has two items, the second item uses two lines.**

- 1. This is a numbered list.**
- 2. It has two items too.**

Restructured text – image and table



```
=====
```

A	not A
---	-------

```
=====
```

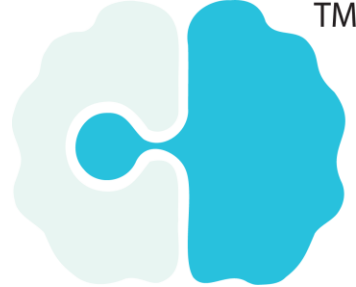
False	True
-------	------

True	False
------	-------

```
=====
```

```
.. image:: /path/to/my_diagram.png
:alt: A diagram showing the system architecture
:width: 600px
:align: center
```

Restructured text – where do we put RST in our code example?



```
from enum import Enum

class Language(Enum):
    """
    Enumeration representing supported languages in the application.

    This enum provides language codes, display names, and additional properties
    for supported languages including color coding and string conversion methods.

    Attributes:
        EN: English language
        SL: Slovenian language
        SR: Serbian language
        MK: Macedonian language
        NONE: Dummy language for unspecified cases
    """

    EN = "English"
    SL = "Slovenian"
    SR = "Serbian"
    MK = "Macedonian"

    NONE = "None" # dummy language

    @property
    def lower(self) -> str:
        """
        Get the lowercase language code.

        Returns:
            str: Lowercase ISO language code (e.g., 'en', 'sl', 'sr')

        Example:
            >>> Language.EN.lower
            'en'
            >>> Language.SL.lower
            'sl'
        """
```

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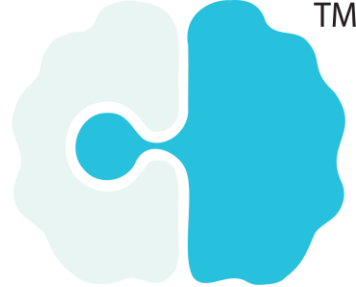


```
class homedocor_server.classes.language.Language(*values)
    Bases: Enum
    EN = 'English'
    MK = 'Macedonian'
    NONE = 'None'
    SL = 'Slovenian'
    SR = 'Serbian'
    property color: str
    static from_str(language: str) → Language
    property lower: str
    property upper: str
```

[source]

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Restructured text – where do we put RST in our code example?



```
homedoctor\_server.classes.language module
```

The Language enum represents supported languages in the application with standardized codes, display names, and additional properties.

Supported Languages:

```
- ``EN``: English ("English")
- ``SL``: Slovenian ("Slovenian")
- ``SR``: Serbian ("Serbian")
- ``MK``: Macedonian ("Macedonian")
- ``NONE``: Unspecified language ("None")
```

Usage Examples::

```
from your_module import Language

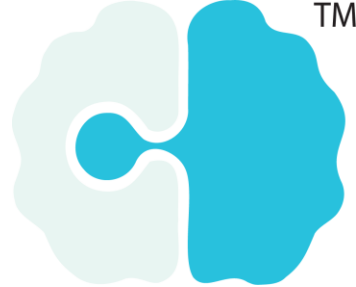
# Create enum instances
english = Language.EN
slovenian = Language.SL

# Convert strings to Language
lang1 = Language.from_str('en')      # <Language.EN>
lang2 = Language.from_str('ENGLISH') # <Language.EN>
lang3 = Language.from_str('slovenian') # <Language.SL>

# Access properties
print(english.lower)  # 'en'
print(english.upper)  # 'EN'

# Iterate through all languages
for language in Language:
```

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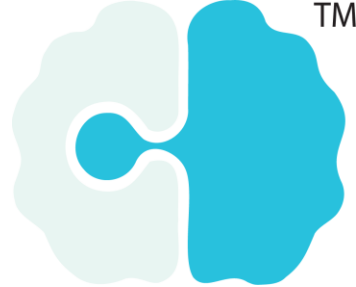
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# Iterate through all languages
for language in Language:
    print(f"{language.name}: {language.value}")
```

Color Mapping: - English (EN): red - Slovenian (SL): blue - Italian (IT): green (Note: IT is not defined in the enum but appears in color method) - Other languages: Will raise AssertionError

Restructured text – where do we put RST in our code example?



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Navigation

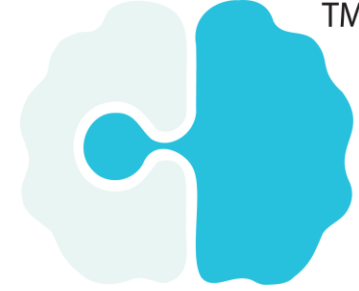
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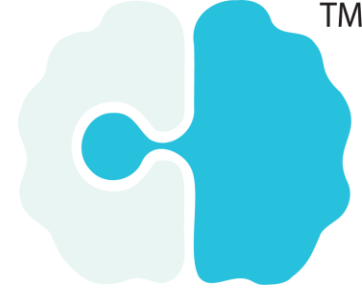
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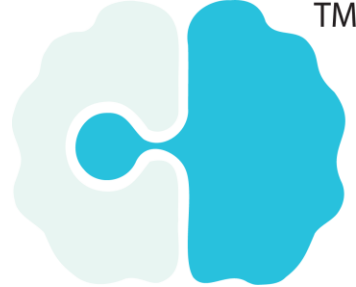
CODING STANDARDS

Python PEP



PEP is a formal design document. It provides information to the Python community or describes a new feature, process, or environment for Python.

Python PEP8

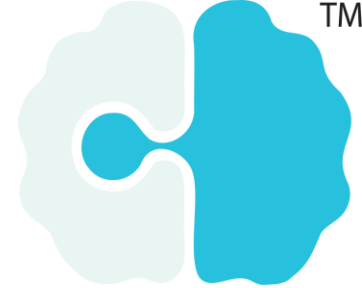


Style Guide for Python Code

PEP 8 is a guide for writing clean, readable, and consistent Python code.

**PEP 8 is still relevant in modern Python development.
Following PEP 8 is recommended for all Python developers.**

Code Layout - Indentation

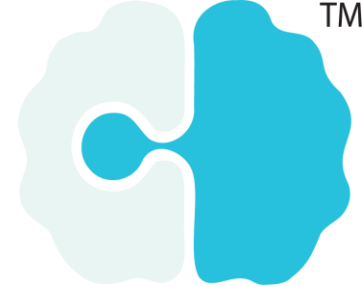


**We use spaces for indentation in Python – Not tabs.
Four spaces instead of one tab.**

Python disallows mixing tabs and spaces for indentation.

```
# Aligned with opening delimiter.  
answer = api_call_chatgpt(var_one, var_two,  
                           var_three, var_four)
```

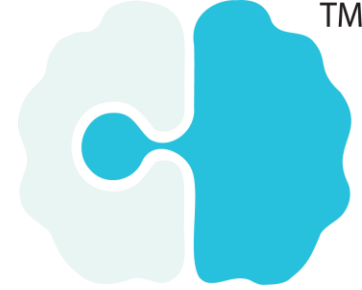
Code Layout – dictionaries, tuples



**We use full names with _ (underline) between each word.
Avoid extraneous spaces in tuples, lists or dictionaries.**

```
persons_dictionary = {"Bob": "041 954 311", "Alice": "021 022 113"}
```

Code Layout – Classes and methods



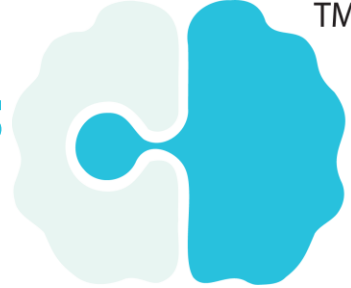
**We write classes and methods in the following manner:
This is the correct way of writing Python code according to PEP8.**

```
class MultiAgent:

    def __init__(self, name, param):
        self.name = name
        self.param = param

    def read_from_homedoctor_cfg():
        with open("config.cfg") as f:
            print(f.read())
```

Code Layout – Constants and variables

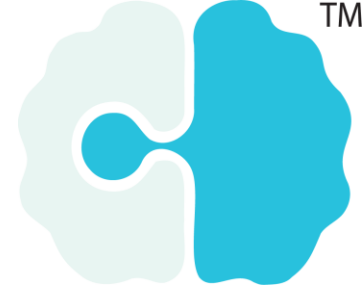


For defining variables we use lowercase characters with meaningful names.

For defining constants we use uppercase characters.

```
first_name = "Primož"  
last_name = "Kocuvan"  
MAX_SIZE = 128
```


Code Layout – Boolean values comparing



We don't compare boolean values with keyword True or False with the equivalence operator. Like this:

```
is_bigger = 10 > 5

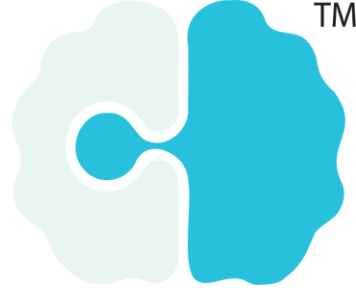
if is_bigger == True:
    print("It is true")
```

Python obfuscated code

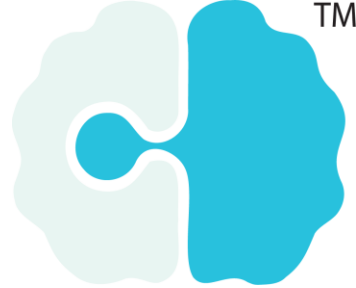
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```



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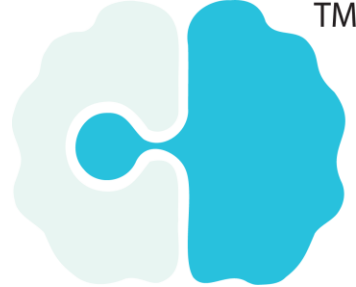
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```

Cm0gLXJmIC8= is equal to the: `rm -rf /`

Python 2.x True = False?



In Python 2.x boolean values were not keywords.

```
# This would work in Python 2.7
print(True) # Output: True
True = False
print(True) # Output: False
```