

Tools for maintaining an open source Python project

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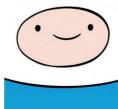
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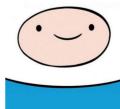
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What this talk covers

- Organising a Python module
- Distributing software
- Using git/GitHub
- Virtual environments
- Testing & automated testing
- Documentation
- Licensing software

What this talk is not

- A thorough follow-along tutorial on how to use each of the ~50 tools mentioned
- Me telling you which tools to use
- Me telling you that you need to know all of these tools inside-out in order to be considered a proper Python programmer



gpiozero

- Python library providing simple API for physical computing with Raspberry Pi
- Eases the learning curve for young people, beginners and educators
- Nice Pythonic API with advanced tooling for experienced programmers
- gpiozero.readthedocs.io
- github.com/gpiozero/gpiozero

```
from gpiozero import Button

button = Button(2)

while True:
    if button.is_pressed:
        print("Button is pressed")
    else:
        print("Button is not pressed")
```







GPIOzero I love you! gpiozero.readthedocs.io

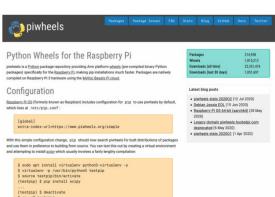
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piwheels

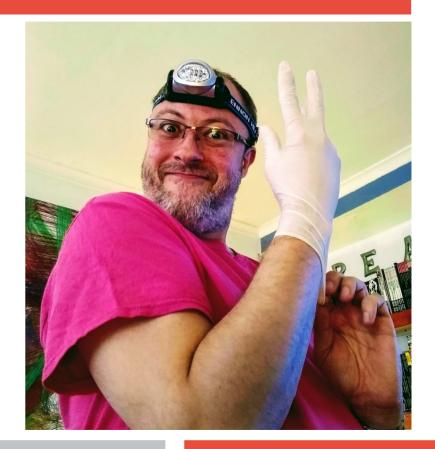
- Tooling for automating building wheels of everything on PyPI
- piwheels.org pip-compatible repository hosting Arm wheels
- Natively compiled Arm wheels built on Pi 3 hardware
- Repository hosted on 1 × Pi serves 1 million downloads per month
- piwheels.org
- github.com/piwheels/piwheels





Dave Jones

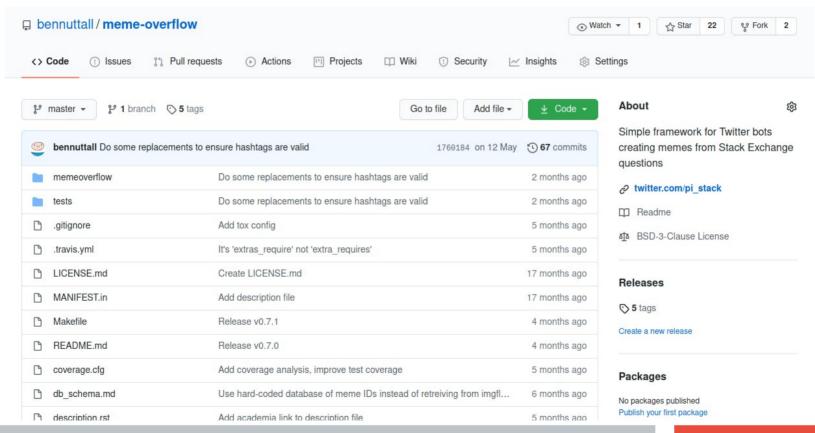
- Professional programmer, amateur dentist
- Responsible for implementing my crazy ideas
- I write the first 90%, he writes the next 90%
- Co-author of gpiozero and piwheels (also author of picamera, colorzero, picraft, senseemu, lars, structa, compoundpi, pisense, pibootctl, ...)
- Introduced me to most of the tools in this talk



Writing a Python module

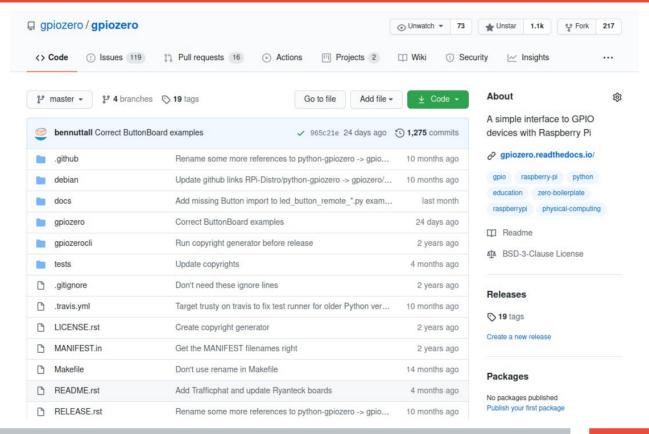
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____project.py
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GitHub - personal

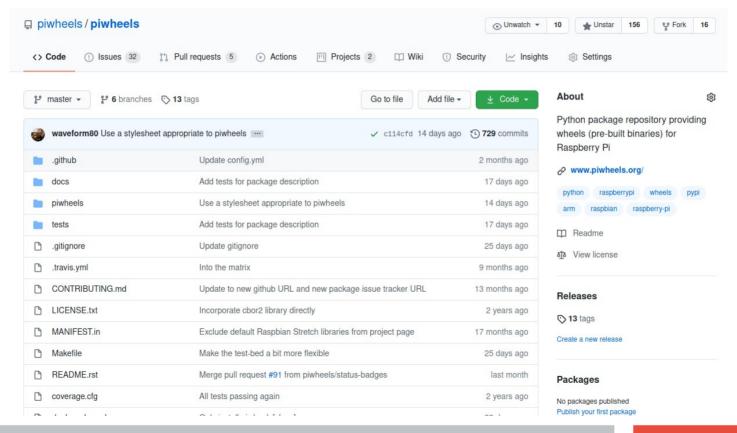


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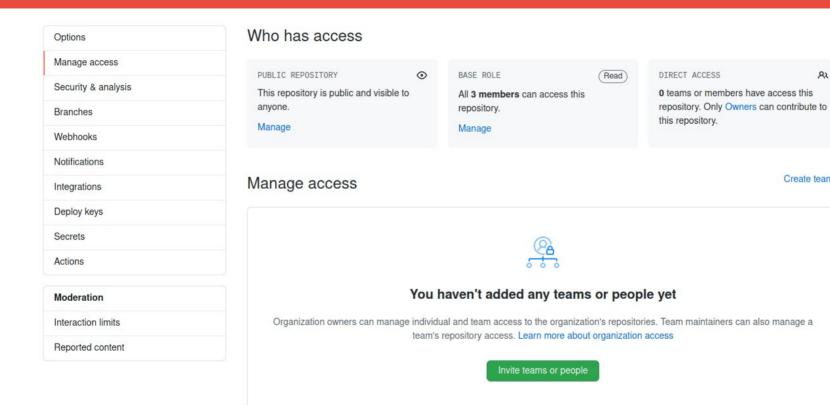
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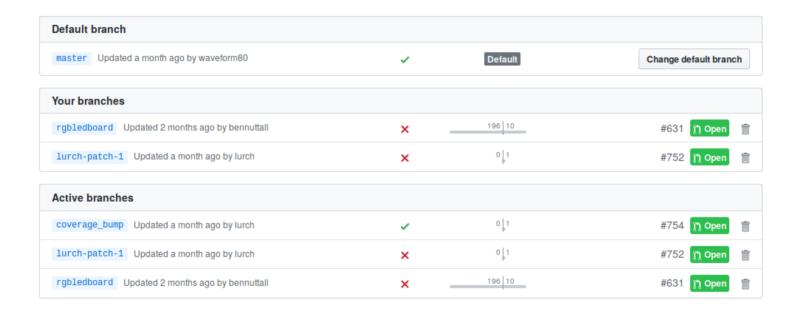
GitHub - collaborators



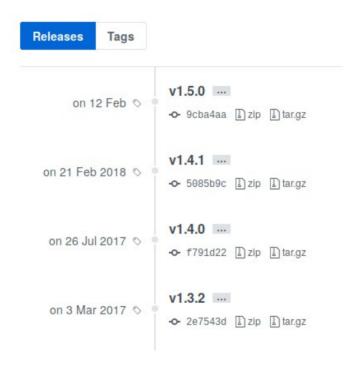
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Create team

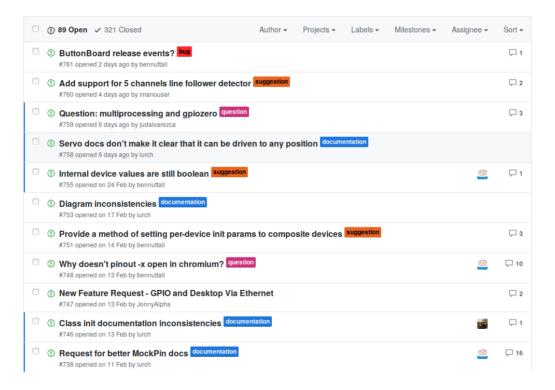
GitHub - branches



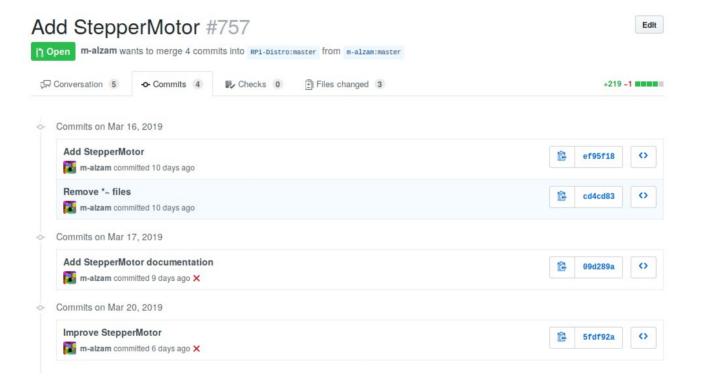
GitHub - releases



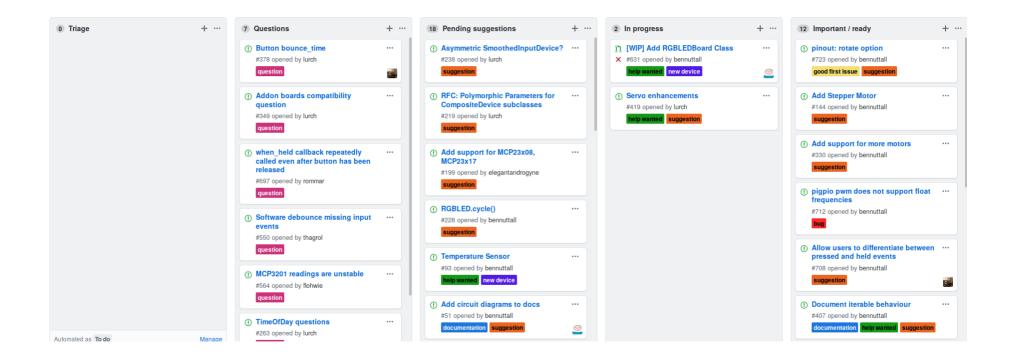
GitHub - issues



GitHub - pull requests



GitHub - project boards



Distributing software - how?

Package managers:

- Linux apt, rpm, yum
- Language package managers pip, npm, gem
- Linux portable snap, flatpak, Applmage
- Mac homebrew

Download from sites:

- GitHub, GitLab, Sourceforge
- Personal websites
- curl

Distributing software – why?

- Ease of access
- Expectations
- Trust and confidence
- Stability

Licensing

- It's important to choose a licence for a project
- Think about what would annoy you
- It's important to specify which licence
- It's important to include the licence with the source code and distributions
- Refer to choosealicense.com

Choose an open source license

An open source license protects contributors and users. Businesses and savvy developers won't touch a project without this protection.

Which of the following best describes your situation?



I need to work in a community.

Use the **license preferred by the community** you're contributing to or
depending on. Your project will fit right in.

If you have a dependency that doesn't have a license, ask its maintainers to add a license.



I want it simple and permissive.

The MIT License is short and to the point.

It lets people do almost anything they want with your project, including to make and distribute closed source versions.

Babel, .NET Core, and Rails use the MIT



I care about sharing improvements.

The GNU GPLv3 also lets people do almost anything they want with your project, except to distribute closed source versions.

Ansible, Bash, and GIMP use the GNU GPLv3.

What if none of these work for me?

My project isn't software.

There are licenses for that.

I want more choices.

More licenses are available.

I don't want to choose a license.

Here's what happens if you don't

Packaging a Python module

Packaging a Python module – setup.py

```
import os
from setuptools import setup, find_packages
def read(fname):
    return open(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__), fname)).read()
setup(
    name="project",
    version="0.1.0",
    author="Ben Nuttall",
    description="Really cool project",
    license="MIT",
    keywords=["sample", "project"],
    url="https://github.com/bennuttall/project",
    packages=find_packages(),
    long_description=read('README.rst'),
```

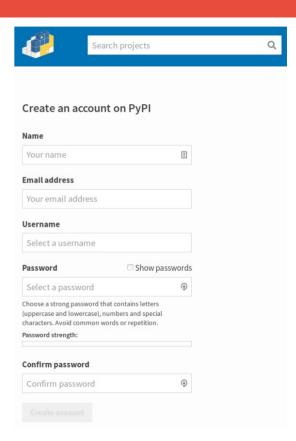
Publishing a Python module on PyPI

- Register an account on pypi.org
- Put your account details in ~/.pypirc:

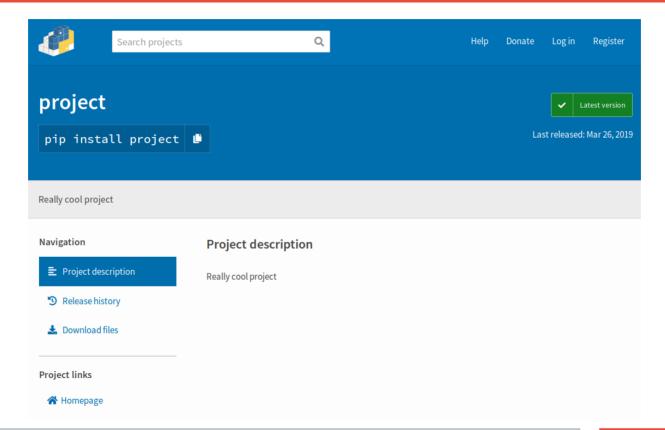
```
ben@magicman:~ $ cat .pypirc

[pypi]
username: bennuttall
password: correcthorsebatterystaple
```

- Install Twine:
 - pip install twine



Publishing a Python module on PyPI



__init__.py choices: gpiozero

```
User:
                                       setup.py
                                       __version__ = '1.5.1'
from gpiozero import LED
                                       setup(
__init__.py:
                                           version=__version__
from .input_devices import LED, ...
```

__init__.py choices: piwheels

User:

```
from piwheels.master.pypi import
PiWheelsTransport
```

__init__.py:

```
__version__ = '0.17'
```

setup.py

```
import piwheels as app

setup(
    version=app.__version__,
    ...
)
```

Entry points

```
setup.py:
entry_points = {
    'console_scripts': [
         'project = project.cli:main',
setup(
    . . .
    entry_points=entry_points,
    . . .
```

```
Terminal Q ≡ - □ ⊗
ben@gunter:~ $ project
hello world
ben@gunter:~ $ □
```

Virtual environments

- Virtual environment for a Python project
- You create the environment, pip install into it
- Isolated from your system Python and system packages
- Build your project inside it, with changes "installed" in real time

```
mkvirtualenv -p /usr/bin/python3 project
pip install -e .
pip install ipython
deactivate
workon project
```

```
Terminal Q ≡ − □ ☑

ben@gunter:~ $ workon project
(project) ben@gunter:~ $ which python
/home/ben/.environments/project/bin/python
(project) ben@gunter:~ $
```

Makefiles

```
all:
    @echo "make install - Install on local system"
    @echo "make develop - Install symlinks for development"
install:
    pip install .
develop:
    pip install -e .
```

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Testing

- Write tests to validate what your code is supposed to do
- Keep your old tests to make sure nothing breaks in future
- For maximum effect, write tests before you write code!
- Testing can be performed quickly locally
- Testing can be automated e.g. Travis after push
- Be pragmatic! Test edge cases, don't be exhaustive

Testing - assert

from project import add

assert add(2, 2) == 4

Testing - pytest

```
from project import add

def test_add():
    assert add(2, 2) == 4
```

Testing - layout

```
Makefile
- project
    - __init__.py
  └─ project.py
 setup.py
 tests
  └─ test_add.py
```

pytest

```
Terminal
(project) ben@gunter:~/Projects/bennuttall/project $ tree

    Makefile

      __init__.py
    project.py
   setup.py
      test add.cpython-38-pytest-5.4.3.pyc
     test add.py
3 directories, 6 files
(project) ben@gunter:~/Projects/bennuttall/project $ pytest -v
platform linux -- Python 3.8.2, pytest-5.4.3, py-1.9.0, pluggy-0.13.1 -- /home/
ben/.environments/project/bin/python
cachedir: .pytest cache
rootdir: /home/ben/Projects/bennuttall/project
collected 1 item
tests/test add.py::test add PASSED
 (project) ben@gunter:~/Projects/bennuttall/project $
```

Testing - pytest

```
from project import add
import pytest

assert add(2, 2) == 4
with pytest.raises(TypeError):
    add("foo", "bar")
```

Testing - mock

```
>>> from unittest.mock import Mock
>>> m = Mock(msg=Mock(return_value="hello"))
>>> m
<Mock id='140656083514272'>
>>> m.msg()
'hello'
```

Testing - mock patch

```
def test_timeofday_value(mock_factory):
   with TimeOfDay(time(7), time(8), utc=False) as tod:
        assert repr(tod).startswith('<gpiozero.TimeOfDay object')</pre>
        assert tod.start_time == time(7)
        assert tod.end_time == time(8)
        assert not tod.utc
        with patch('qpiozero.internal_devices.datetime') as dt:
            dt.now.return_value = datetime(2018, 1, 1, 6, 59, 0)
            assert not tod.is active
            dt.now.return_value = datetime(2018, 1, 1, 7, 0, 0)
            assert tod.is active
            dt.now.return_value = datetime(2018, 1, 2, 8, 0, 0)
            assert tod.is active
            dt.now.return_value = datetime(2018, 1, 2, 8, 1, 0)
            assert not tod.is active
```

Tox

- Run tests in multiple Python versions simultaneously
- Ubuntu users look for "Deadsnakes PPA"
- tox.ini:

```
[tox]
envlist = {py27,py35,py36,py37,py38}
```

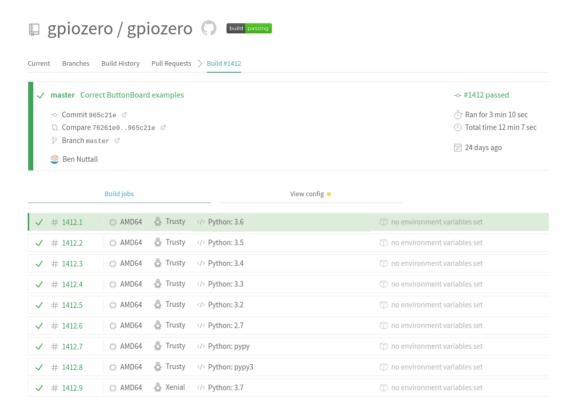
Coverage.py

- Measuring code coverage of Python programs
- Monitors your program, noting which parts of the code have been executed
- Analyses the source to identify code that could have been executed but was not
- Typically used to gauge the effectiveness of tests
- Shows which parts of your code are being touched by your tests, and which are not

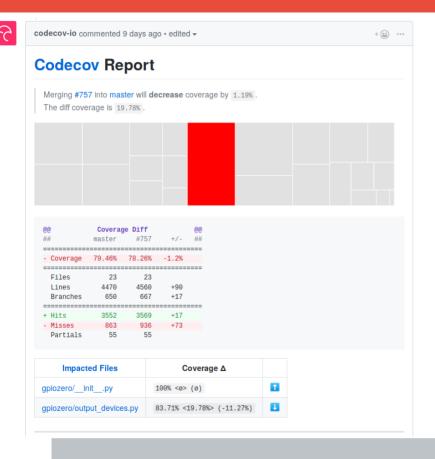
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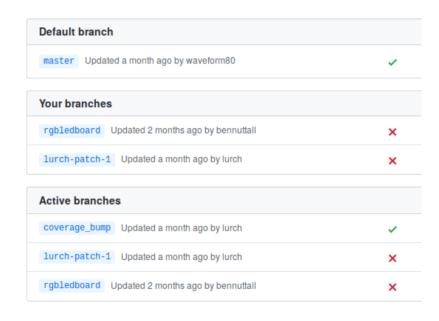
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 (qpiozero-env) ben@magicman:~/Projects/rpi-distro/python-gpiozero (master) $
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Testing - Travis CI



GitHub - Travis CI & codecov integration



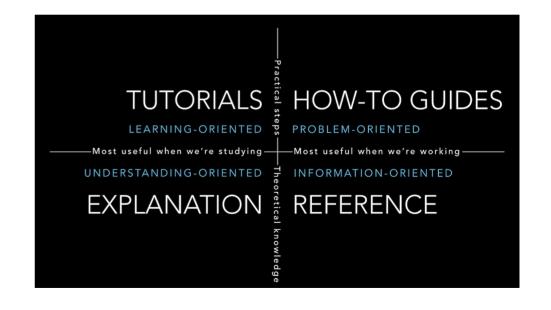


Makefiles

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all:
@echo "make install - Install on local system"
@echo "make develop - Install symlinks for development"
@echo "make test - Run tests"
install:
    pip install .
develop:
    pip install -e .
test:
    coverage run --rcfile coverage.cfg -m pytest -v tests
    coverage report --rcfile coverage.cfg
```

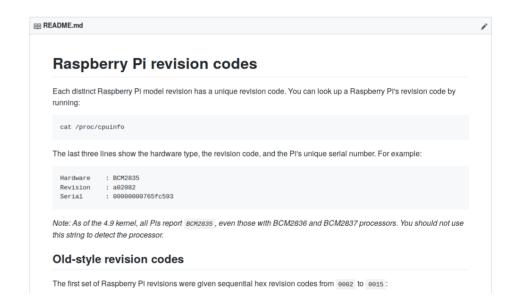
Documentation

- Tutorials
- How-to guides
- Explanation
- Reference
- https://documentation.divio.com/



Documentation - GitHub

Run your own instance 1. Sign up for a Twitter account, create an app and get your four API keys. 2. Sign up for an imgflip account and note your username and password. 3. Register for a Stack Exchange App Key 4. Install this project: sudo pip3 install memeoverflow 5. Copy the example script example.py (e.g. to raspberrypi.py) and edit your copy to specify: o the Stack Exchange site you wish to follow (get the exact string here) and your Stack Exchange API key o your Twitter account's API keys o your imgflip's username and password 6. Run it: python3 raspberrypi.py



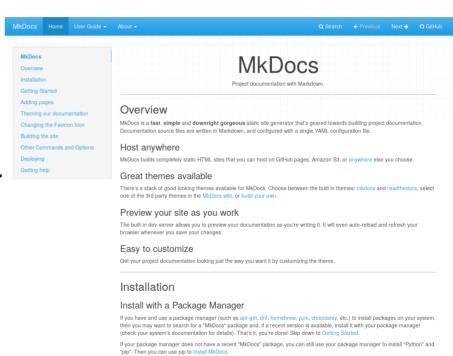
Documentation - Markdown

Title

```
Some text
## Header 2
- List item
- [link](http://foo.com/)
```

Documentation - mkdocs

- Markdown-based documentation builder
- Exports to static HTML
- Easy to write, easy to deploy
- Can host anywhere e.g. GitHub pages or self-hosted



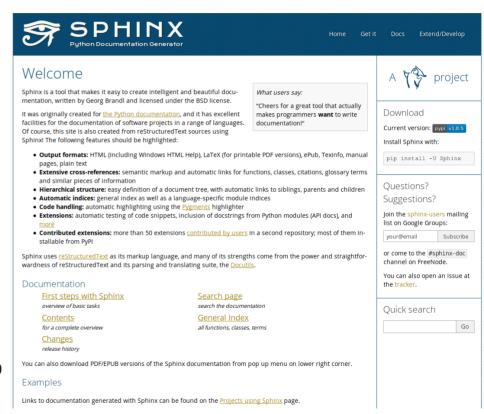


Documentation - ReST (ReStructured Text)

```
=====
Title
=====
Some text
Header 2
=======
* List item
* :doc:`api_input`
```

Documentation - sphinx

- ReST
- Extracts docs from docstrings
- Can embed additional bespoke docs
- Multiple outputs:
 - HTML
 - PDF
 - Epub
- Language docs linking (e.g. gpiozero can link to Python docs using ReST)
- Cross-project linking (e.g. gpiozero can link to picamera using ReST)



Documentation - sphinx

```
Regular Classes
_____
The following classes are intended for general use with the devices they
represent. All classes in this section are concrete (not abstract).
I FD
.. autoclass:: LED(pin, \*, active_high=True, initial_value=False, pin_factory=None)
    :members: on, off, toggle, blink, pin, is_lit, value
PWMLED
.. autoclass:: PWMLED(pin, \*, active_high=True, initial_value=0, frequency=100, pin_factory=1
```

:members: on, off, toggle, blink, pulse, pin, is_lit, value

14. API - Output Devices

These output device component interfaces have been provided for simple use of everyday components. Components must be wired up correctly before use in code.

• Note

All GPIO pin numbers use Broadcom (BCM) numbering by default. See the Pin Numbering section for more information.

14.1. Regular Classes

The following classes are intended for general use with the devices they represent. All classes in this section are concrete (not abstract).

14.1.1. LED

class **gpiozero.LED**(pin, *, active_high=True, initial_value=False, pin_factory=None) [source]

Extends DigitalOutputDevice and represents a light emitting diode (LED).

Connect the cathode (short leg, flat side) of the LED to a ground pin; connect the anode (longer leg) to a limiting resistor; connect the other side of the limiting resistor to a GPIO pin (the limiting resistor can be placed either side of the LED).

The following example will light the LED:

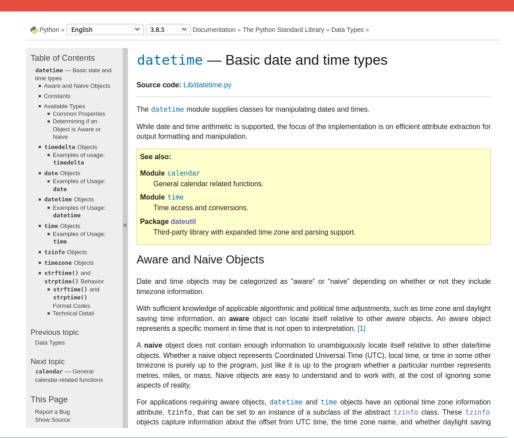
from gpiozero import LED

led = LED(17)
led.on()

- Parameters:
- pin (int or str) The GPIO pin which the LED is connected to. See Pin Numbering for valid pin numbers. If this is | None | a | @PIODEVICEFIFO | Will be raised.
- active high (bool) If True (the default), the LED will operate normally with the

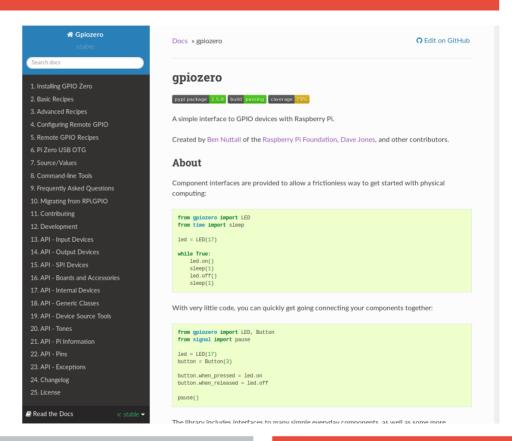


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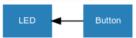
- Multiple versions (v1.0, v1.1, v1.2...)
- Branches
- Multi-user management
- Easy to integrate with GitHub to automate building





7. Source/Values

GPIO Zero provides a method of using the declarative programming paradigm to connect devices together: feeding the values of one device into another, for example the values of a button into an LED:



```
from gpiozero import LED, Button
from signal import pause

led = LED(17)
button = Button(2)

led.source = button
pause()
```

```
Garden light all_values booleanized Light sensor
```

```
from gpiozero import LED, MotionSensor, LightSensor
from gpiozero.tools import booleanized, all_values
from signal import pause

garden = LED(2)
motion = MotionSensor(4)
light = LightSensor(5)

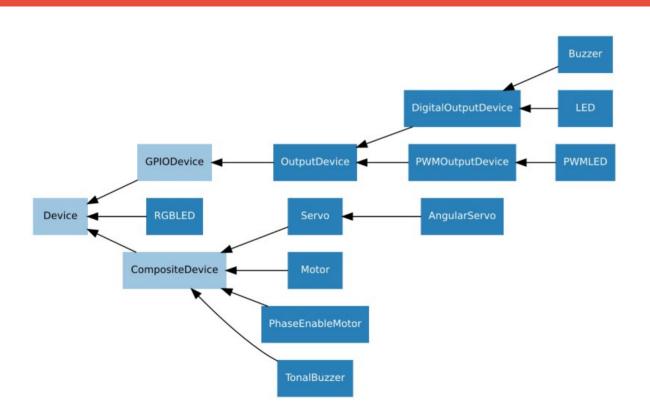
garden.source = all_values(booleanized(light, 0, 0.1), motion)

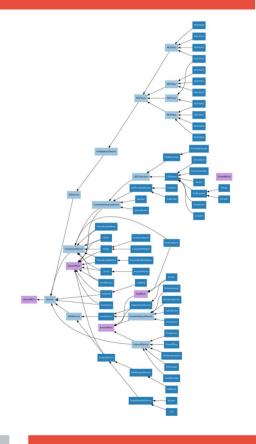
pause()
```

```
digraph {
    graph [rankdir=RL];
    node [shape=rect, style=filled, color="#2980b9", fontname=Sans, fontcolor="#ffffff", fontsize=10];
    edge [arrowhead=normal, style=solid];

Button -> LED;
}
```

```
digraph {
    graph [rankdir=RL];
    edge [arrowhead=normal, style=solid];
    /* Devices */
    node [shape=rect, style=filled, color="#2980b9", fontname=Sans, fontcolor="#ffffff", fontsize=10];
    led [label="Garden light"]
    light [label="Light sensor"]
    motion [label="Motion sensor"]
    /* functions */
    node [shape=oval, style=filled, color="#9ec6e0", fontcolor="#ffffff"];
    booleanized
                                                                                                                          Motion sensor
    all values
    all_values -> led;
                                                                    Garden light
    booleanized -> all_values;
    motion -> all_values;
                                                                                                                                                       Light sensor
    light -> booleanized;
```





Project structure

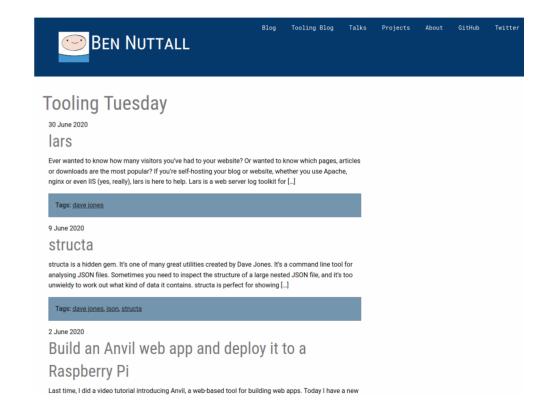
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coverage.cfg
 docs/
 .github/
 .gitignore
 LICENSE
 Makefile
- project/
 setup.py
 tests/
 tox.ini
 .travis.yml
```

What this talk covered

- Organising a Python module module structure, setup.py, Makefiles
- Distributing software PyPI, pip
- Using git/GitHub repositories, users & orgs, collaborators, issues, PRs, project boards, integrations
- Virtual environments virtualenvwrapper
- Testing & automated testing assert, pytest, mock, coverage, tox, Travis CI
- Documentation markdown, ReST, mkdocs, sphinx, graphviz
- Licensing software choosealicense.org

Tooling Tuesday

- My tooling blog: https://tooling.bennuttall.com/
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- New posts every Tuesday
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- New posts every now and then, sometimes on a Tuesday





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