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- Tell me if you want me to provide a sample code for you.
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A UNIFORM CATALOG OF MOLECULAR CLOUDS IN THE MILKY WAY

Thomas S. Rice, Alyssa A. Goodman, Edwin A. Bergin, Christopher Beaumont, and T. M. Dame

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($^{\circ}$)	($^{\circ}$)	(km s^{-1})	($^{\circ}$)	(km s^{-1})	(kpc)		(pc)	(M_{\odot})
13.29	-0.10	97.17	0.08	3.63	10.37	F	28.90	4.54×10^4
13.37	-0.07	113.19	0.07	2.06	10.00	F	24.84	3.15×10^4
13.83	-0.11	85.76	0.17	9.08	10.69	F	59.50	6.50×10^5
13.85	-0.04	115.69	0.09	2.40	9.95	F	28.50	3.63×10^4

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Bytes	Format	Units	Label	Explanations
1 - 6	F6.2	deg	GLON	Galactic Longitude
8 - 12	F5.2	deg	GLAT	Galactic Latitude
14 - 20	F7.2	km/s	vLSR	Velocity relative to the Local Standard of Rest
22 - 25	F4.2	deg	(sigmay)	Spatial size, $(\text{sigma})_y$
27 - 30	F4.2	km/s	(sigmav)	Line width $(\text{sigma})_v$
32 - 36	F5.2	kpc	Distance	?
38 - 38	A1	---	KDA	[AFNU] KDA resolution: N=near, F=far, U=unambiguous, or A=ambiguous
40 - 45	F6.2	pc	R	? Cloud Radius
47 - 55	E9.2	Msun	Mass	? Cloud Mass
13.29 - 10.0	97.17	0.08	3.63	9.30 F 25.91 3.68e+04
13.55 - 0.32	136.71	0.09	1.84	8.11 U 25.17 3.70e+04
13.72 - 0.14	151.00	0.17	5.04	8.10 U 45.02 2.01e+05
13.74 - 0.21	98.51	0.07	2.98	9.28 F 21.21 9.39e+04
13.84 - 0.06	88.68	0.14	5.04	18.12 F 48.07 2.34e+05
13.94 - 0.22	47.01	0.07	1.36	4.18 N 9.13 3.77e+04
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15.79 - 2.04	25.97	0.26	2.19	2.43 N 21.18 3.37e+04

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- Make your own Python script to open the data file “apj523087t3_mrt.txt”, extract galactic longitude, galactic latitude, kinematic distance, and KDA resolution for each molecular cloud. Check the value of KDA, and discard the data if the value of KDA is not “U” (unambiguous).

- › Make your own Python script to calculate the galactocentric coordinate $(x_{gal}, y_{gal}, z_{gal})$ for each molecular cloud using galactic longitude, galactic latitude, and distance.
 - » Assume 8.34 kpc for the distance of the Sun from the Galactic centre.
 - » Assume 25 pc for the distance of the Sun from the Galactic mid-plane.
 - » For the calculation of galactocentric coordinates, read the Section 2.4.1 “Physical Properties” of the paper.

- Make your own Python script to visualise positions of each molecular cloud in the Milky Way Galaxy using Matplotlib.
 - » Make a top-down view of the Milky Way Galaxy. (Use the coordinates (x_{gal}, y_{gal}) .)

- We will have next meeting on 08 May 2025 .
 - » Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/wpx-yabb-tka>
- We start the activity at 20:00.

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Python tutorial. The main content area is titled "7.2. Reading and Writing Files". It discusses the `open()` function, which returns a `file object`. It's commonly used with two positional arguments and one keyword argument: `open(filename, mode, encoding=None)`. A code example is shown in a code block:

```
>>> f = open('workfile', 'w', encoding='utf-8')
```

The first argument is a string containing the filename. The second argument is another string containing a few characters describing the way in which the file will be used. `mode` can be `'r'` when the file will only be read, `'w'` for only writing (an existing file with the same name will be erased), and `'a'` opens the file for appending; any data written to the file is automatically added to the end. `'r+'` opens the file for both reading and writing. The `mode` argument is optional; `'r'` will be assumed if it's omitted.

Normally, files are opened in *text mode*, that means, you read and write strings from and to the file, which are encoded in a specific `encoding`. If `encoding` is not specified, the default is platform dependent (see [open\(\)](#)). Because UTF-8 is the modern de-facto standard, `encoding="utf-8"` is recommended unless you know that you need to use a different encoding. Appending a `'b'` to the mode opens the file in *binary mode*. Binary mode data is read and written as `bytes` objects. You can not specify `encoding` when opening file in binary mode.

In text mode, the default when reading is to convert platform-specific line endings (`\n` on Unix, `\r\n` on Windows) to just `\n`. When writing in text mode, the default is to convert occurrences of `\n` back to platform-specific line endings. This behind-the-scenes modification to file data is fine for text files, but will corrupt binary data like that in JPEG or EXE files. Be very careful to use binary mode when reading and writing such files.

It is good practice to use the `with` keyword when dealing with file objects. The advantage is that the file is properly closed after its suite finishes, even if an exception is raised at some point. Using `with` is also much shorter

<https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/inputoutput.html#reading-and-writing-files>

- To learn about the “for” statement, read the section 4.2 “for Statements”.
 - » <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/controlflow.html#for-statements>

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Python tutorial at <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/controlflow.html#>. The page title is "4.2. for Statements". The content discusses the difference between Python's `for` statement and those in C or Pascal, noting that it iterates over items of any sequence. It includes a code example:

```
>>> # Measure some strings:  
>>> words = ['cat', 'window', 'defenestrate']  
>>> for w in words:  
...     print(w, len(w))  
...  
cat 3  
window 6  
defenestrate 12
```

Below this, it notes that modifying a collection while iterating over it can be tricky and provides two strategies:

```
# Create a sample collection  
users = {'Hans': 'active', 'Eléonore': 'inactive', '景太郎': 'active'}  
  
# Strategy: Iterate over a copy  
for user, status in users.copy().items():  
    if status == 'inactive':  
        del users[user]  
  
# Strategy: Create a new collection  
active_users = {}  
for user, status in users.items():  
    if status == 'active':  
        active_users[user] = status
```

<https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/controlflow.html#for-statements>

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- To learn about the “while” statement, read the section 3.2 “First Steps Towards Programming”.
 - » <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/introduction.html#first-steps-towards-programming>

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```
>>> # Fibonacci series:  
>>> # the sum of two elements defines the next  
>>> a, b = 0, 1  
>>> while a < 10:  
...     print(a)  
...     a, b = b, a+b  
...  
0  
1  
1  
2  
3  
5  
8
```

Below the code, a note says: "This example introduces several new features." followed by two bullet points explaining Python-specific concepts like multiple assignment and the while loop.

<https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/introduction.html#first-steps-towards-programming>

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- To learn about the “if” statement, read the section 4.1 “if Statements”.
 - » <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/controlflow.html#if-statements>

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4.1. if Statements

Perhaps the most well-known statement type is the `if` statement. For example:

```
>>> x = int(input("Please enter an integer: "))
Please enter an integer: 42
>>> if x < 0:
...     x = 0
...     print('Negative changed to zero')
... elif x == 0:
...     print('Zero')
... elif x == 1:
...     print('Single')
... else:
...     print('More')
...
More
```

There can be zero or more `elif` parts, and the `else` part is optional. The keyword 'elif' is short for 'else if', and is useful to avoid excessive indentation. An `if ... elif ... elif ...` sequence is a substitute for the `switch` or `case` statements found in other languages.

If you're comparing the same value to several constants, or checking for specific types or attributes, you may also find the `match` statement useful. For more details see [match Statements](#).

4.2. for Statements

The `for` statement in Python differs a bit from what you may be used to in C or Pascal. Rather than always iter-

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- To learn about the way to define a function, read the sections 4.8 “Defining Functions” and 4.9 “More on Defining Functions”.
 - » <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/controlflow.html#define-functions>
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```
>>> def fib(n):      # write Fibonacci series less than n
...     """Print a Fibonacci series less than n."""
...     a, b = 0, 1
...     while a < n:
...         print(a, end=' ')
...         a, b = b, a+b
...     print()
...
>>> # Now call the function we just defined:
>>> fib(2000)
0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144 233 377 618 987 1597
```

The text explains that the keyword `def` introduces a function *definition*. It must be followed by the function name and the parenthesized list of formal parameters. The statements that form the body of the function start at the next line, and must be indented.

The first statement of the function body can optionally be a string literal; this string literal is the function's documentation string, or *docstring*. (More about docstrings can be found in the section [Documentation Strings](#).) There are tools which use docstrings to automatically produce online or printed documentation, or to let the user interactively browse through code; it's good practice to include docstrings in code that you write, so make a habit of it.

The execution of a function introduces a new symbol table used for the local variables of the function. More precisely, all variable assignments in a function store the value in the local symbol table; whereas variable references first look in the local symbol table, then in the local symbol tables of enclosing functions, then in the global symbol table, and finally in the table of built-in names. Thus, global variables and variables of enclosing functions

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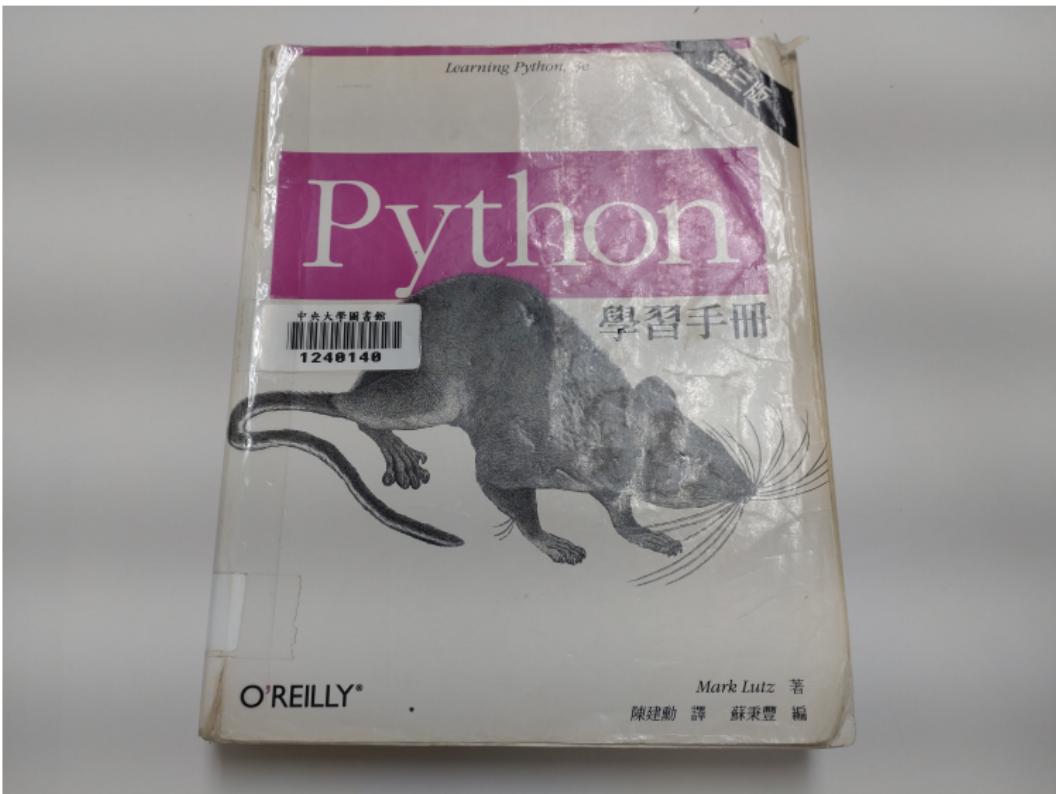
```
def ask_ok(prompt, retries=4, reminder='Please try again!'):
    while True:
        reply = input(prompt)
        if reply in {'y', 'ye', 'yes'}:
            return True
        if reply in {'n', 'no', 'nop', 'nope'}:
            return False
        retries = retries - 1
        if retries < 0:
            raise ValueError('invalid user response')
    print(reminder)
```

This function can be called in several ways:

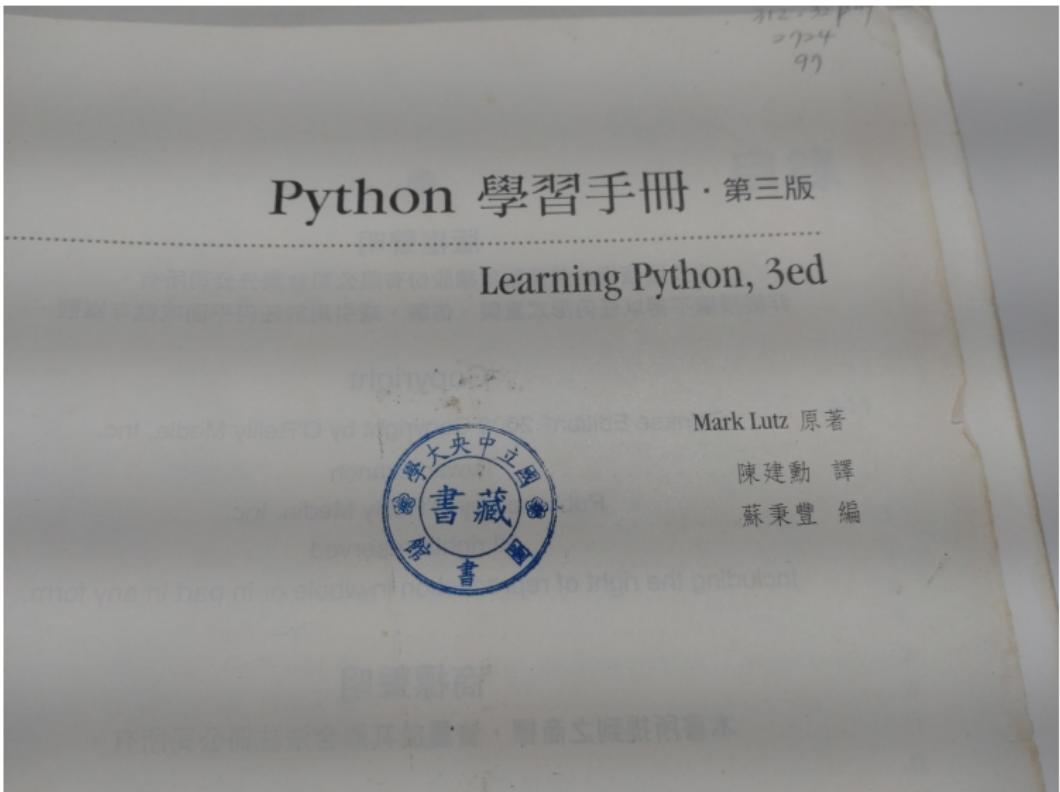
- giving only the mandatory argument: `ask_ok('Do you really want to quit?')`
- giving one of the optional arguments: `ask_ok('OK to overwrite the file?', 2)`
- or even giving all arguments: `ask_ok('OK to overwrite the file?', 2, 'Come on, only yes or no!')`

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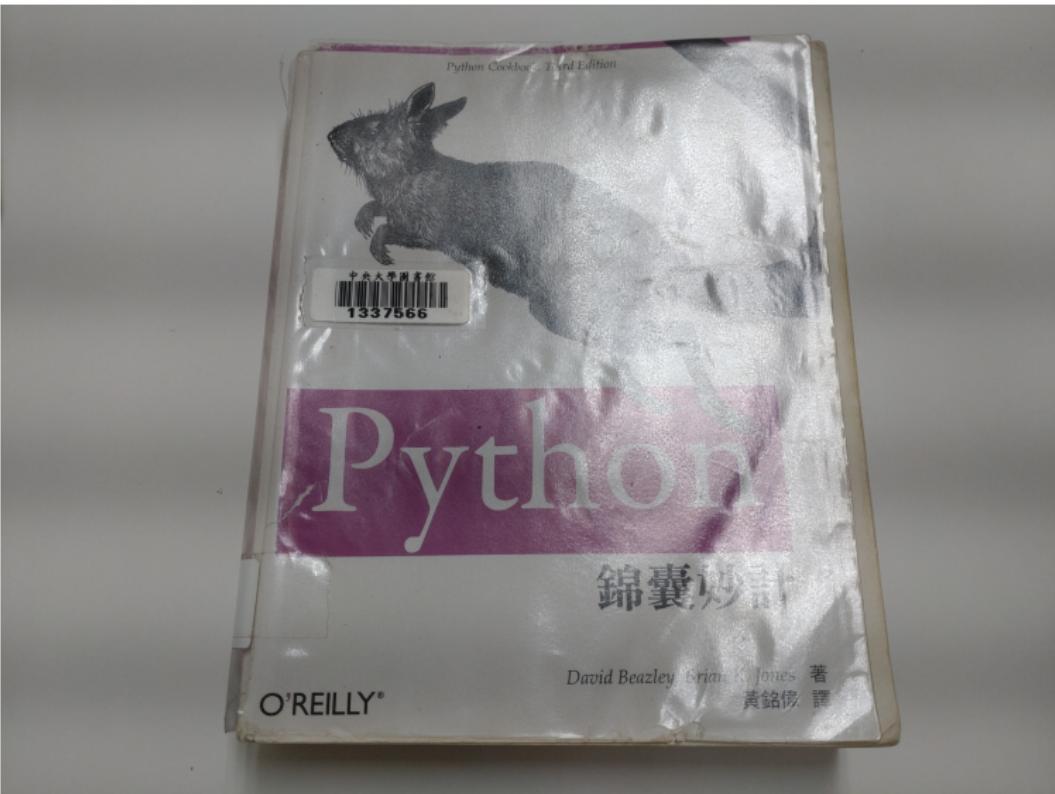


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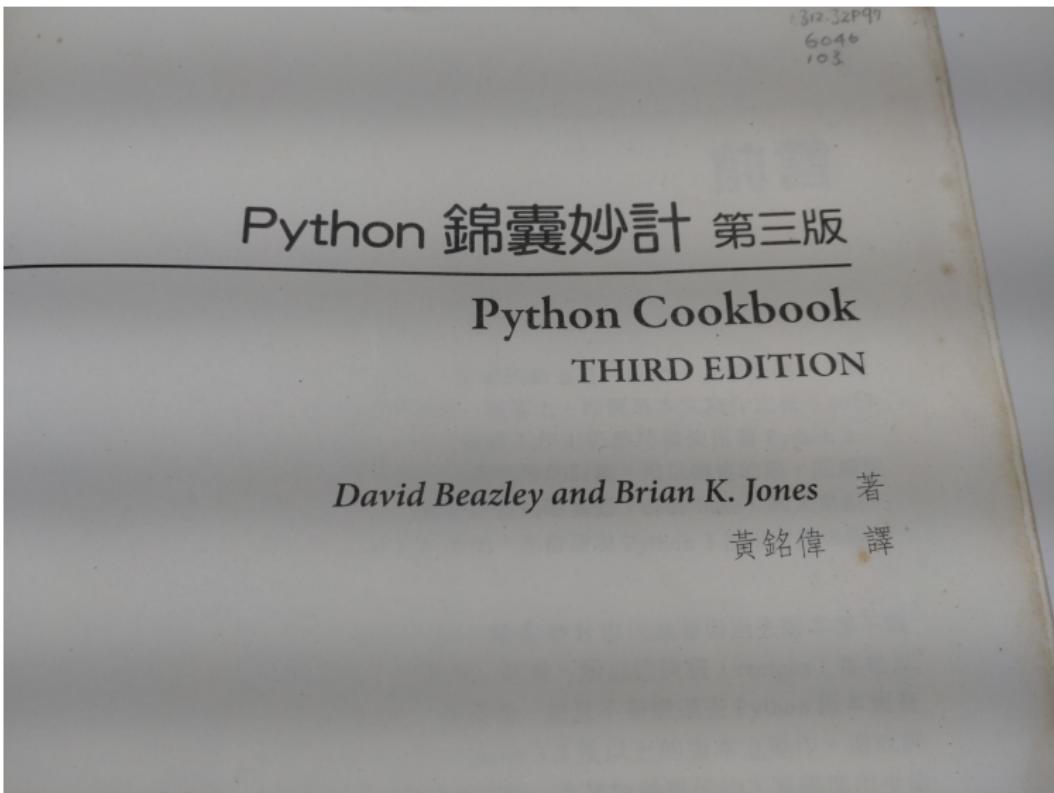


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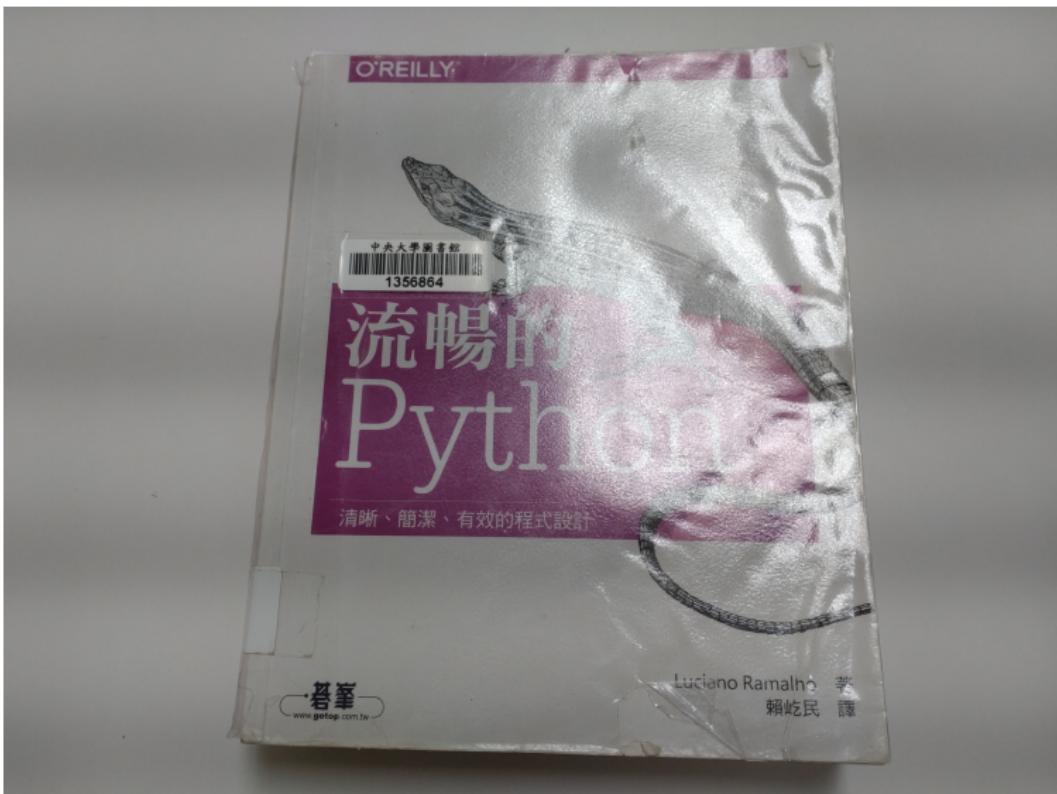
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