

Zen of CherryPy

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Zen of CherryPy

Koans

Intuitional, not rational



Zen of CherryPy

Ikkyu asked Subhuti,



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how do I turn on gzip?



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```
public void doGet(  
    HttpServletRequest httpRequest,  
    HttpServletResponse httpResponse)  
    throws IOException, ServletException{  
  
    OutputStream out = null  
    String encoding = httpRequest.getHeader("Accept-Encoding");  
  
    if (encoding != null && encoding.indexOf("gzip") != -1){  
        httpResponse.setHeader("Content-Encoding" , "gzip");  
        out = new GZIPOutputStream(httpResponse.getOutputStream());  
    }  
    else if (encoding != null && encoding.indexOf("compress") != -1){  
        httpResponse.setHeader("Content-Encoding" , "compress");  
        out = new ZIPOutputStream(httpResponse.getOutputStream());  
    }  
    else{  
        out = httpResponse.getOutputStream();  
    }  
}
```



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```
<Location "/">  
  SetOutputFilter DEFLATE  
  AddOutputFilterByType DEFLATE  
    text/html text/plain  
  # Don't compress images  
  SetEnvIfNoCase Request_URI  
    \.(?:gif|jpe?g|png)$ no-gzip  
  dont-vary  
</Location>
```



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```
[/]  
tools.gzip.on: True
```



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One

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1. Click Start, point to Programs, click Administrative Tools, and then click Internet Information Services.
2. Right-click your Web site, and then click Properties.
3. Click the Home Directory tab.
4. Click Configuration, and then click the Options tab.
5. Click to clear the Enable Session State check box.



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Locate the relevant Context element in either server.xml or in the context descriptor and declare the no-op session manager.

```
<Context .. >  
  <Manager pathname="" />  
</Context>
```



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Two

Doing nothing should be
easier and faster



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From that day on, Ikkyu asked Subhuti no more questions



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jquery/src/effects.js


```
jQuery.fn.extend({
  fadeTo: function( speed, to, callback ) {
    return this
      .filter(":hidden")
      .css("opacity", 0)
      .show().end()
      .animate({opacity: to}, speed, callback);
  }
});
```



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<http://scrunchup.com/issue-2/the-evolution-of-a-jquery-plugin/>

```
jQuery.fn.extend({
  slideOut: function( ) {
    return this.each(function(speed) {
      this.data('oldwidth', this.css('width'))
      .css({width: '0px'})
      .animate({width: this.data('oldwidth')},
        (speed ? speed : 500));
    });
  }
});
```




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cherrypy/lib/cptools.py

```
def log_headers():
    h = [" %s: %s" % (k, v)
          for k, v in request.header_list]
    log('Headers:\n' + '\n'.join(h))
tools.log_headers =
    Tool('before_error_response', log_headers)

class Root:
    @tools.log_headers()
    def services(self, *args, **kw):
        ...
```



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<http://code.google.com/p/pyjamas/wiki/PyjamasWithCherryPyJSONRPC>

```
def jsonrpchdl():
    json_string = request.body.read()
    obj = json.loads(json_string)
    request.myparams = obj
tools.jsonrpchdl =
    Tool('before_handler', jsonrpchdl)

class Root:
    @tools.jsonrpchdl()
    def services(self, *args, **kw):
        ...
```



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```
class Response(object):  
  
    def encode_content(self, encoding='gzip'):  
        """  
        Encode the content with the given  
        encoding (only gzip and identity  
        are supported).  
        """
```



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Three

Extensions to CherryPy
should look like CherryPy



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Joshu asked,



Zen of CherryPy

Joshu asked,

may I please have a server?



Zen of CherryPy

Joshu asked,

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His master replied,



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His master replied,

"server"



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Dispatcher

/thing?foo=1&bar=2 -> Root.thing(foo, bar)

```
class Root:
```

```
    def thing(self, foo, bar):  
        method = cherrypy.request.method  
        if method == 'GET':  
            ...  
        elif method == 'POST':  
            ...
```



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MethodDispatcher

/thing?foo=1&bar=2 -> Thing.GET(foo, bar)

```
class Thing:
```

```
    def GET(self, foo):
```

```
        ...
```

```
    def POST(self, bar):
```

```
        ...
```



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```
>>> dispatchers["method"] =  
        cherrypy.dispatch.MethodDispatcher
```

```
[/]  
request.dispatch: "method"
```

```
>>> dispatchers[request.dispatch]().run()
```



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```
[/]  
request.dispatch:  
    cherrypy.dispatch.MethodDispatcher (  
        foo, bar)
```

```
>>> request.dispatch.run ()
```



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Four

Objects are better than referents



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The master replied,

*you are gravely
mistaken...*



Zen of CherryPy

*CherryPy is an object,
with attributes and methods*



Zen of CherryPy

```
get('/:name' do
  content_type 'text/xml', :charset => 'utf-8'
  "<root><h1>Hello #{params[:name]}</h1></root>"
end
```



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How many of us understand the above?



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*How many of us know HTTP?
How many of us understand the above?
Or could write it without an example?*



Zen of CherryPy

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end
```

How many of us know HTTP?

How many of us understand the above?

*Or could figure out how to emit the
"X-Powered-By" response header?*



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```

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How many of us understand the above?

Or could handle the "OPTIONS" HTTP method?



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```
import cherrypy
```

```
class Thing:
```

```
    @cherrypy.expose
```

```
    def GET(self, name=None):
```

```
        cherrypy.response.headers['Content-Type'] =  
            'text/xml; charset=utf-8'
```

```
        return "<root><h1>Hello %s</h1></root>" %  
            name
```



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Five

Domain-specific Python
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Kakua answered,
*CherryPy is an object,
with attributes and methods*

Angrily, the master answered,
no!



Zen of CherryPy

*CherryPy is a function,
with inputs and outputs*



Zen of CherryPy

```
<database>
  <jndi-name>jdbc/name</jndi-name>
  <driver>
    <type>org.postgresql.Driver</type>
    <url>jdbc:postgresql://
      127.0.0.1:5432/dbname</url>
    <user>username</user>
    <password>password</password>
  </driver>
  ...
</database>
```



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```
from sqlalchemy.schema import MetaData

metadata = MetaData(
    'postgres://username:password'
    '@127.0.0.1:5432/dbname',
    echo=False,
    max_overflow=15)
```



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```
import couchdb  
couch = couchdb.Server()  
db = couch.create(dbname)
```



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But imperative Python
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At that moment, Kakua was enlightened



Zen of CherryPy

```
from cherrypy.lib.cptools import accept

class CSS:

    @cherrypy.expose
    def here_css(self):
        accept('text/css')
        return "div {font-size: 110%}"
```



Zen of CherryPy

```
class CSS:  
    @tools.accept('text/css')  
    @cherrypy.expose  
    def here_css(self):  
        return "div {font-size: 110%}"
```



Zen of CherryPy

```
class CSS:  
  
    @cherrypy.expose  
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```

```
[/css]  
tools.accept.on: True  
tools.accept.media: 'text/css'
```



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But imperative Python is better yet

Seven

Unless that isn't enough



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Gasán shouted, *Excellent!*

You are not far from CherryPy-nature



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```
class HeaderMap(object):  
  
    def __init__(self):  
        self._map = {}  
  
    def set(self, key, value):  
        self._map[str(key).title()] = value  
  
    def get_all(self):  
        return self._map.items()
```



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```
class CaseInsensitiveDict(dict):  
    def __setitem__(self, key, value):  
        dict.__setitem__(  
            self, str(key).title(), value)  
  
class HeaderMap(CaseInsensitiveDict):  
    ...
```



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On Understanding Data Abstraction, Revisited

<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/~wcook/Drafts/2009/essay.pdf>

- **Abstract Data Types (int, set) = type abstraction**
 - **Facilitate adding new operations:**
`merge(headers, headers) -> headers`
`elements(headers) -> *HeaderElement`
- **Objects = procedural abstraction**
 - **Facilitate adding new representations:**
`AcceptHeaders, TokenHeaders,`
`TEXTHeaders, DateHeaders,`
`HTTP11Headers`



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Eight

Subclassed builtins
are better than
custom types



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Nine

But builtin types
are even better



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Zero-One-Infinity Rule

<http://catb.org/jargon/html/Z/Zero-One-Infinity-Rule.html>

- 0 - disallow the entity entirely,
- 1 - allow exactly one “exception”, or
- ∞ - allow as many as the user wants



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$1 < \infty$

but

$0 > 1$



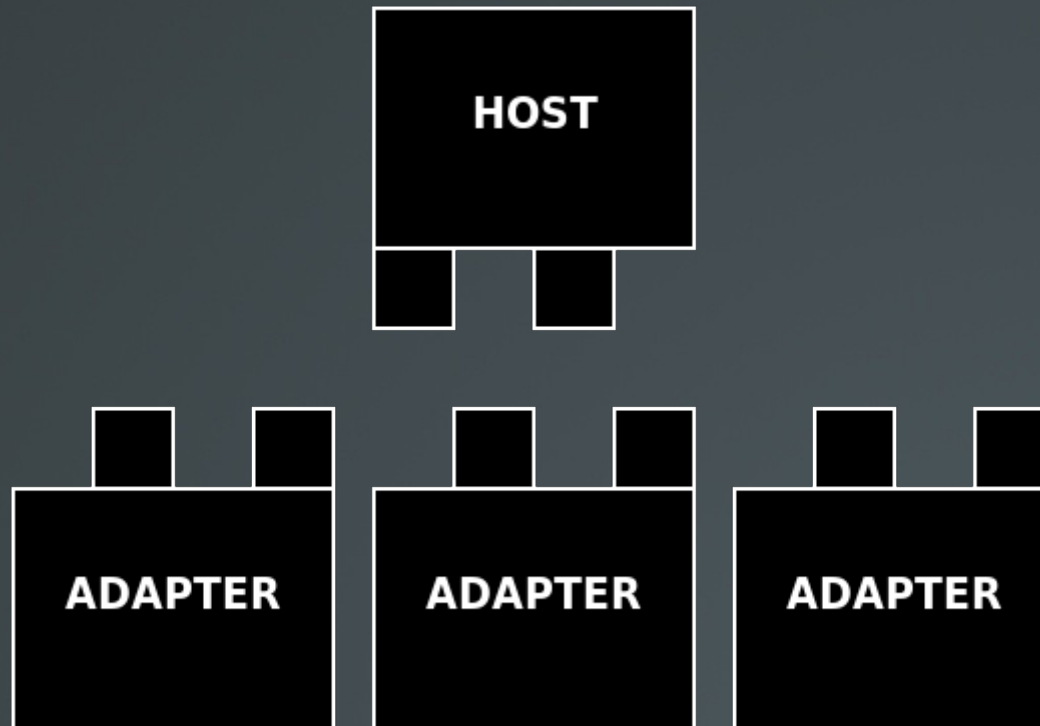
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HOST

MODULE



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$1 < \infty$

but

$0 > 1$



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Ten

1 < 2

but

0 > 1



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www.cherrypy.org

