



**Come for the Language,
Stay for the Community**

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"Community" is having a
hard time these days

And yet, it all comes down to community

Community work **IS** technical work



"I don't know about the rest of you...
I came for the language,
but I stayed for the community."

*Brett Cannon, Python Core Dev,
Pycon US 2014 Opening remarks*





I'm quite old



Before Python

Univac 1108; line/page editors; Apple //e, //c
BASIC, 6502 ASM, Pascal, C, DBase III+, C++,
VB, Delphi (yeah, Windows 9x), Java (shudder)



I came for the language

Readable, teachable, powerful, even beautiful
(and that was Python 2.1 ;-)



I still love the language

The closest I get to a religious text is
The Zen of Python



I stayed for the community

PyCon - speaking, open spaces,
posters, summits, etc

Teaching and education

PSF fellowship



What is it about the
Python community ?



Inclusive

Safe, Respectful, Open



Contributions welcome

We allow/encourage new people to contribute
in meaningful ways



I've tested it

I transitioned from one gender to the other

I spoke openly about it

I even moved to a new country & continent

(and then moved back)



I found a global community

North America & Europe

and growing rapidly in

Latin America, Africa, Asia, Oceania



Many ways to engage

Mailing lists

IRC/slack channels

Meetups

PyLadies

DjangoGirls

Sprints

PyCons



Who organises all of that?

you, me, all of us



With a little help from the Python Software Foundation



PSF Mission

"The mission of the Python Software Foundation is to promote, protect, and advance the Python programming language, and to support and facilitate the growth of a diverse and international community of Python programmers"



Python Software Foundation

Intellectual Property

Members

Money



Intellectual Property

Software Licenses

Trademarks



Members

Basic (non-voting)

Supporting

Contributing/Managing

Fellows



Money comes from...

Donations
Sponsorships
PyCon US



Money goes to...

Other Pycons

Workshops, meetup fees & software projects

Infrastructure, employees, etc



The PSF itself is NOT the Python Community

It's the meetups, PyCons, developers, organisers, and communities around the world



Strengths

Community

Education

Data science

Science



Challenges

Language - embedded/IoT, mobile, the GIL

Perception - Python as a "hard core" language

Community - building wider, more inclusive,
better communities

Growth & Management - scaling, distributing



We need all of you

What can you do to help?



Think globally; act locally

Join the PSF

Engage with a community (or start one)

Contribute - organise/mentor/code



What's in it for you?





Community

Thank you!

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<https://goo.gl/tevB0D> (slides)



Resources

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