# MIGRATING EXISTING CODEBASES TO USING TYPE





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## WHAT I'LL TALK ABOUT

- What are type annotations, and why you should use them
- How do you incrementally migrate an existing codebase to them
- What are some issues you might encounter
- How can type annotations help across services



## **OTHER TALKS ABOUT TYPE ANNOTATIONS**

- Carl Meyer: Type-checked Python in the real world (Instagram)
- Greg Price: Clearer Code at Scale: Static Types at Zulip and Dropbox



#### **PYTHON TYPE ANNOTATIONS**

def hello(who: str) -> str:
 return 'Hello, {}'.format(who)

hello(5)

error: Argument 1 to "hello" has incompatible type "int";
 expected "str"

def process\_data(self, items):
 self.values = [item.value.id for item in items]



## **MIGRATE A CODEBASE TO USING TYPE ANNOTATIONS**

- Goal: All code is type annotated
- Incrementally annotate code
- Make sure checks are run for annotated code



#### THE MYPY TYPE CHECKER

Friday, 13 July 2018

#### Mypy 0.620 Released

We've just uploaded mypy 0.620 to the Python Package Index (PyPI). Mypy is an optional static type checker for Python. This release includes new features, bug fixes and library stub (typeshed) updates. You can install it as follows:

python3 -m pip install -U mypy



#### PYRE

## Pyre

#### A performant type-checker for Python 3







#### **ENFORCE ANNOTATIONS**

[mypy] check\_untyped\_defs = True disallow\_untyped\_calls = False disallow\_untyped\_defs = True follow\_imports = silent ignore\_missing\_imports = True python\_version = 3.6 strict\_optional = True warn redundant casts = True



#### **CHECKING SOURCE CODE ON COMMIT**





#### **CONFIGURING PRE-COMMIT**

-	repo: local hooks:
	- id: mypy
	name: mypy
	entry: mypy
	language: python
	language version: 'python3.6'
	additional dependencies: ['mypy']
	args: ['config-file', 'mypy-pre-commit.ini']
	files: ^package_name/.+\.py\$

#### pre-commit install -f --install-hooks



#### **CHECKING SOURCE CODE ON COMMIT**

<pre>Frim Trailing WhitespacePass</pre>	ed
ix End of Files	ed
autopep8 wrapper	ed
Check Yaml	ed
Debug Statements (Python)Pass	ed
<pre>Fests should end in _test.pySince.com (no files to check)Skipp</pre>	ed
lake8Pass	ed
Check for byte-order markerPass	ed
ix requirements.txt	ed
Check for added large filesPass	ed
/erify biz_app capabilitiesSkipp	ed
oyupgrade	ed
Reorder python imports	ed
/alidate Swagger Specification	ed
nypy	.ed
nookid: mypy	

biz\_app/logic/media.py:166: error: Argument 1 to "GetPhotosFuture" has incompatible type "str"; expected "int" biz\_app/logic/media.py:172: error: Function is missing a return type annotation biz\_app/logic/media.py:216: error: Function is missing a type annotation for one or more arguments



#### **RUNNING MYPY AS PART OF YOUR TEST SUITE**

[mypy] ignore\_missing\_imports = True python\_version = 3.6 strict\_optional = True warn\_redundant\_casts = True



#### **AUTO-GENERATING TYPE ANNOTATIONS**

#### MonkeyType

MonkeyType collects runtime types of function arguments and return values, and can automatically generate stub files or even add draft type annotations directly to your Python code based on the types collected at runtime.

#### Wednesday, 15 November 2017

Dropbox releases PyAnnotate -- auto-generate type annotations for mypy



#### **TYPE YOUR DATA**

from typing import Iterable, NamedTuple, Optional

```
class Business(NamedTuple):
    id: int
    name: str
    photos: Iterable[Photo]
    address1: Optional[str]
    address2: Optional[str]
    address3: Optional[str]
    city: str
    latitude: float
    longitude: float
```



#### **TYPED DICTIONARIES**

```
from typing import Optional
from mypy_extensions import TypedDict
class BusinessDict(TypedDict):
    id: int
    name: str
    address1: Optional[str]
address2: Optional[str]

def get_biz_address(business: BusinessDict) -> str:
    ...
value = business.get('adress2', '')
```

error: TypedDict "BusinessDict" has no key 'adress2'



## **CONVERTING DICTS TO NAMEDTUPLES**

```
def namedtuple_from_dict(
    nt_class,
    dict_values,
):
    """Create a namedtuple from a dict, using the namedtuple
    attribute names to look up values in the dict."""
    return nt_class._make(
        dict_values.get(k) for k in nt_class._fields
    )
```



#### HOW TO TYPE THE HELPER FUNCTION?



```
error: Incompatible return value type
 (got "NamedTuple", expected "Business")
error: Argument 1 to "namedtuple_from_dict" has incompatible
 type "Type[Business]"; expected "Type[NamedTuple]"
```



#### **USING GENERICS**

```
Struct = TypeVar('Struct', bound=NamedTuple)

def namedtuple_from_dict(
    nt_class: Type[Struct],
    dict_values: Dict,
) -> Struct:
    """Create a namedtuple from a dict, using the namedtuple
    attribute names to look up values in the dict."""
    return nt_class._make(
        dict_values.get(k) for k in nt_class._fields
    )
```

error: Value of type variable "Struct" of "namedtuple\_from\_dict" cannot be "Business"



#### THE SOLUTION: PROTOCOLS

```
from typing extensions import Protocol
T = TypeVar('T')
class NTProto(Protocol):
     source: str
    @classmethod
    def __make(cls: Type[T], iterable: Iterable[Any]) -> T: ...
    # add other methods, if needed
NT = TypeVar('NT', bound=NTProto)
def namedtuple from dict(
    nt class: \overline{T}ype[\overline{N}T],
    dict values: Dict[str, Any],
  \rightarrow NT:
    return nt class. make(
        dict values.get(k) for k in nt class. fields
```



#### NAMEDTUPLE AND COUNT / INDEX

class Pagination(NamedTuple):
 count: int
 index: int

error: Incompatible types in assignment (expression has type "int", base class "tuple" defined the type as "Callable[[Tuple[int, ...], Any], int]")

```
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base class "tuple" defined the type as
"Callable[[Tuple[int, ...], Any, int, int], int]")
```



#### HOW TO ANNOTATE DESCRIPTORS

```
= TypeVar('T')
V = TypeVar('V')
class SetOnceProperty(Generic[T, V]):
   def get (self, instance: T, owner: Type[T]) -> V:
       return self. property map[instance]
         set (self, instance: T, value: V) -> None:
   def
        if instance in self. property map:
            raise AttributeError(
                'this attribute can only be set once.'
        self. property map[instance] = value
class BizAppContext():
   biz user id = SetOnceProperty['BizAppContext', int]()
```



#### **RECURSIVE TYPES**

# class Category(NamedTuple): id: int name: str children: List['Category']

error: Recursive types not fully supported yet, nested types replaced with "Any"

Support recursive types. #731

① Open o11c opened this issue on Jul 30, 2015 · 13 comments



# **TYPE ANNOTATIONS WITH DISTRIBUTED CODE**



#### **SERVICE ORIENTED ARCHITECTURE**



#### ANATOMY OF A SERVICE CALL





#### **THE OPENAPI SPEC**

```
/business/{business_id}/v1:
   get:
        operationId: business_info
```

```
parameters:
```

```
- $ref: '#/parameters/AcceptLanguage'
```

```
- description: Business identifier
```

```
in: path
name: business_id
required: true
type: int
responses:
'200':
    schema:
    $ref: '#/definitions/Business'
```

#### **AN OPENAPI MODEL**

#### Business:

properties: address1: type: string address2: type: string alias: type: string has\_business\_upgrades: type: boolean review\_rating: type: string



#### **MAKING A SERVICE CALL**

from business\_clientlib.client import create\_client

```
client = create_client(...)
```

return business.review\_rating



#### **TESTING OUR NETWORK CODE**

def get\_business\_review\_rating(business\_id: int) -> float:
 business = client.business.business\_info(
 business\_id=business\_id,
 ).result(timeout=TIMEOUT)

return business.review\_rating

def test\_get\_business\_review\_rating():
 mock\_business = mock.Mock(review\_rating=4.5)
 with mock.patch('my\_package.client') as client:
 client.business.business\_info.return\_value.\
 result.return\_value = mock\_business

review\_rating = get\_business\_review\_rating(5)

assert review rating == mock business.review rating



#### **GENERATING TYPED OBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS**



#### **GENERATING MODEL ANNOTATIONS**

#### class Business(): id: int

id: int
address1: str
address2: Optional[str]
review\_rating: str



#### **TESTING WITH TYPE SAFE DATA MODEL OBJECTS**

def get\_business\_review\_rating(business\_id: int) -> float:
 business = client.business.business\_info(
 business\_id=business\_id,
 ).result(timeout=TIMEOUT)

return business.review\_rating

def test\_get\_business\_review\_rating():
 mock\_business = models.Business(review\_rating=4.5)
 with mock.patch('get\_business\_future') as mock\_future:
 mock\_future.return\_value.\
 result.return\_value = mock\_business

review\_rating = get\_business\_review\_rating(5)

assert review\_rating == mock\_business.review\_rating

error: Argument 1 to "Business" has incompatible
type "float"; expected "str"



#### **ANNOTATING THE CLIENT CLASS**

#### T = TypeVar('T')

```
class BusinessServiceClient:
    business: business_resource
class business_resource:
    def business_info(
        self,
        business_id: int,
    ) -> HttpFuture[Business]: ...
class HttpFuture(Generic[T]):
    def result(self, timeout: Optional[float]=None) -> T:
```



## TAKE AWAYS

- Annotate your code to improve documentation and catch bugs earlier
- With fine-grained typed data structures you gain a lot of insights into the data flow of your application
- Potentially reduce the number of tests you have to write
- Make the tests you do write more correct and comprehensive, and therefore **more valuable**
- You can use **generated annotations** to type check communication across network boundaries







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#### **THANK YOU!**

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