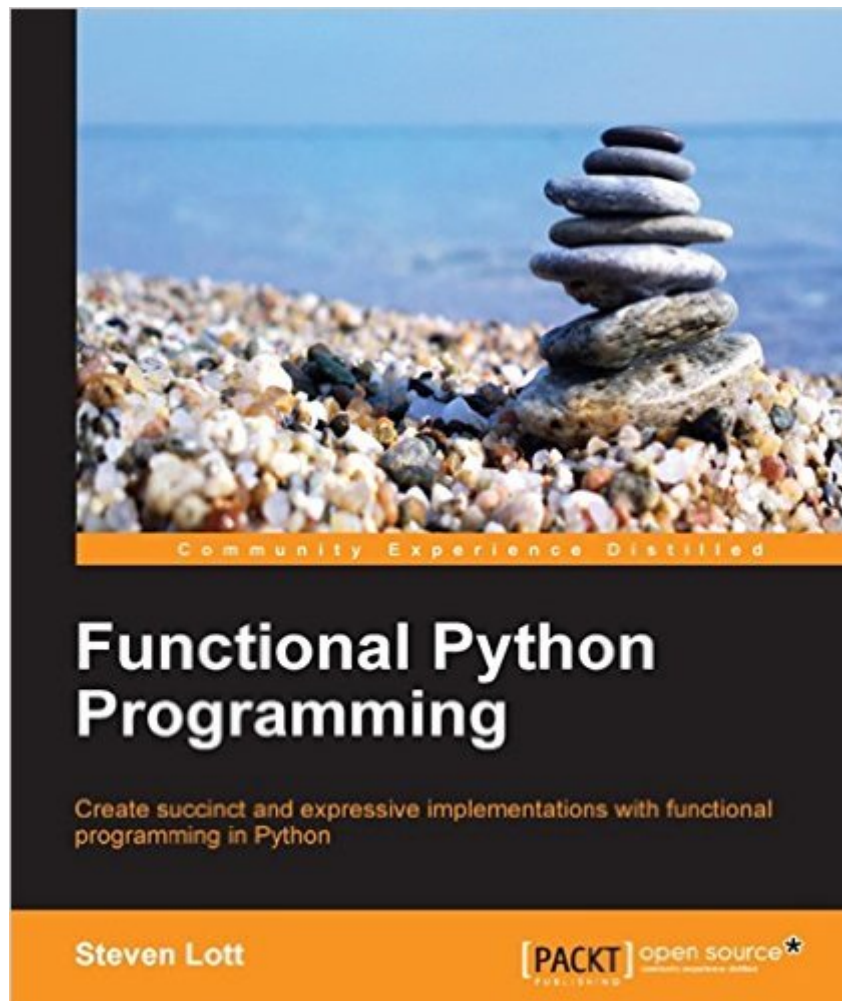


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Functional Python Programming - Create Succinct And Expressive Implementations With Python



Synopsis

Key Features Implement common functional programming design patterns and techniques in Python Learn how to choose between imperative and functional approaches based on expressiveness, clarity, and performance Apply functional Python to common Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) programming problems

Book Description Python's easy-to-learn and extensible abilities offer a number of functional programming features for you to bring into your workflow, especially in the realm of data science. If you're a Python developer who wants to discover how to take the power of functional programming and bring it into your own programs then this book is essential for you, even if you know next to nothing about the paradigm. Starting with a general overview of functional concepts you'll explore common functional features such as first-class and higher-order functions, pure functions and more, and how these are accomplished in Python to give you the core foundations you'll build upon. After that, you'll discover common functional optimizations for Python to help your apps reach even higher speeds. You'll also explore data preparation techniques and data exploration in depth, along with learning how the Python standard library fits the functional programming model. Finally, to top off your journey into the world of function Python you'll look at the PyMonad project and some larger examples to put everything into perspective. With *Functional Python Programming* by your side you'll understand the core concepts of function Python, its impact on the programming workflow, and how to implement it in Python, giving you the ability to take your applications to an even higher level. What you will learn

- Use Python's generator functions and generator expressions to work with collections in a non-strict (or lazy) manner
- Utilize Python library modules including `itertools`, `functools`, `multiprocessing`, and `concurrent.futures` for efficient functional programs
- Use Python strings with object-oriented suffix notation and prefix notation
- Avoid stateful classes by making use of families of tuples
- Design and implement decorators to create composite functions
- Use functions like `max()`, `min()`, `map()`, `filter()`, and `sorted()`
- Write advanced higher-order functions

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Unless you have lived in a cave for the last few years you probably realize the importance of Python in today's IT world. It has become the go to tool for science, statistics, math and large data.

There are many different add-ons and libraries that make Python a leader in this area. But as great as Python is, it was not originally designed to be a purely functional programming language. Is this a bad thing? Absolutely not. Python was designed to be a flexible, easy to read programming language that could fit into just about any programming modality. So what makes a fully functional programming language? It would take a very long book to fully explain this, but in its most simplistic form a functional language does not concentrate on state, but a series of functions that receive an input (of many types) and gives on output (again of many types). It does not keep track of other things outside the request and therefor can be very efficient at what it does and lends itself to efficient testing without keeping track of lots of outside issues. Think of a command line where you put in something and get a response. Together, a group of these functions become a program that handles the myriad of requests given it. It lends itself more to projects with specific things to

accomplish. So why Python Functional Programming and more importantly, why this book. Python can also lend itself to inefficient objects, styles and procedures and the use of carefully crafted functions in various areas can greatly improve your code and the speed and efficiency of your program. This book covers many areas where superbly crafted functions could dramatically affect the performance and readability of your coding.

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