

# Stay Hydrated

similarities between Python  
programming and swordfighting

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*I'm in green (2022 photo)*

It's important to stay hydrated  
at events

Following a reference is how  
you get started

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PUCK CURTIS AND MARY DILL CURTIS

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## What's New In Python 3.12

**Editor:** Adam Turner

This article explains the new features in Python 3.12, compared to 3.11. Python 3.12 was released on October 2, 2023. For full details, see the [changelog](#).

**See also:** [PEP 693](#) – Python 3.12 Release Schedule

### Summary – Release highlights

Python 3.12 is the latest stable release of the Python programming language, with a mix of changes to the language and the standard library. The library changes focus on cleaning up deprecated APIs, usability, and correctness. Of note, the `distutils` package has been removed from the standard library. Filesystem support in [os](#) and [pathlib](#) has seen a number of improvements, and several modules have better performance.

The language changes focus on usability, as [f-strings](#) have had many limitations removed and 'Did you mean ...?' suggestions continue to improve. The new [type parameter syntax](#) and [type](#) statement improve ergonomics for using [generic types](#) and [type aliases](#) with static type checkers.

This article doesn't attempt to provide a complete specification of all new features, but instead gives a convenient overview. For full details, you should refer to the documentation, such as the [Library Reference](#) and [Language Reference](#). If you want to understand the complete implementation and design rationale for a change, refer to the PEP for a particular new feature; but note that PEPs usually are not kept up-to-date once a feature has been fully implemented.

#### New syntax features:

- [PEP 695](#), type parameter syntax and the [type](#) statement

#### New grammar features:

- [PEP 701](#), [f-strings](#) in the grammar

...but it's different than doing  
it in real life

Both involve headspace and  
analytical thinking about  
“your opponent”\*

\*the computer is your opponent

As much about the people  
as about the activity itself