# New Python Capabilities in Antelope

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#### Goals at BRTT

- Continued Operations Excellence
  - Software release
  - First-principles Interpreter compilation
  - Atlassian JIRA task management system
- Free up development time for Dan and Danny
- Development projects for myself
  - Python Antelope Interface
  - Dbloc2 replacement
  - Etc.



### How I Got Here

- Started in Physics U. Colorado, Boulder
  - Laser atom trapping with Dr. C. Wieman
  - -> Computer Modeling -> JSPC Seismology ->
- PhD Geophysics U. Alaska, Fairbanks
  - Passive Earthquake monitoring
  - Iceworm system: Earthworm + Antelope
- Alaska Earthquake Information Center
  - 5 yrs Real-time processing lead
- Lindquist Consulting, Inc.
  - 10 yrs, Antelope Specialist
  - SSN, ROADNet ITR, Australian Tsunami Warning System, etc.
- BRTT 1/1/2012



### Interpreter compilation

- Task fell to me:
  - Generic interpreters for next release
  - Daunting and Time-consuming
- Automated Compilation from First principles
  - Tarballs plus Makefiles
  - Inline perl etc. to get all the linking etc. right
  - Total control of build process
  - 2 weeks -> 5-20min (or 2hrs on Solaris)
- The interpreters:
  - 64-bit
  - Linux, Mac, SunOS
  - Perl, TCL/Tk, Python
- Benefits
  - Repeatable, especially CPAN modules
  - Stable
  - Consistent across platforms
  - Easier to maintain now the investment is done
  - Easier to stay current and change versions



### Python in Antelope

- Started from Antelope contrib 2007
- Assembled Oryx at Lindquist Consulting, Inc.
- Now in Antelope
  - Generic Python interpreter, like Perl
  - Antelope functions in Python (dbopen, orbreap,...)
  - Build system integration
    - Programmer's ".xpy" instead of ".xpl"
- Major rewrites of interface libraries
- Contrib Python interface deprecated
- Danny's graphics extensions -> lots of new prototype GUIs already

# Python: Why?

- Need a scripting language
- Choice of alternatives
  - Perl:
    - Strong but waning?
    - Perl Tk: disjoint branch
  - TCL/Tk:
    - Dead
  - Others:
    - Faddish, unproven, or parochial
- Python:
  - Sustained traction
  - Stable Tkinter hooks to Tk
  - Twisted Web Framework
  - Modern tools: obspy, matplotlib, numpy
- Straightforward GUIs, powerful processing, Scientific Computing



# Python: What

Interpreter: Antelope:

Ipython Datascope Buhistory

Numpy Orb Buvector

Matplotlib Pkt Brttpkt

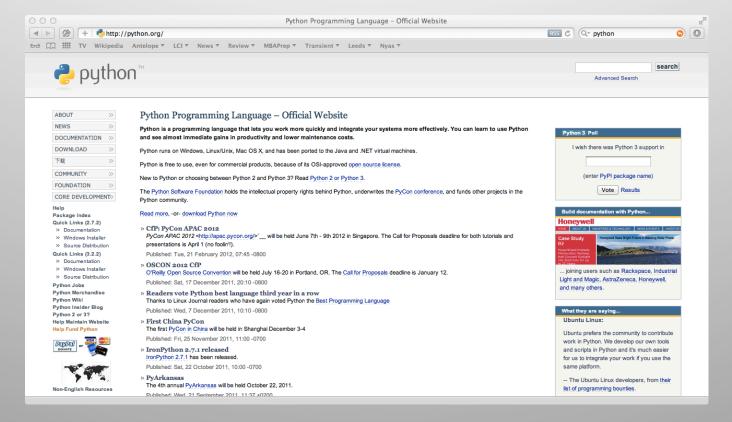
Zope Stock Buplot

Twisted Coords , 40

PIL Elog

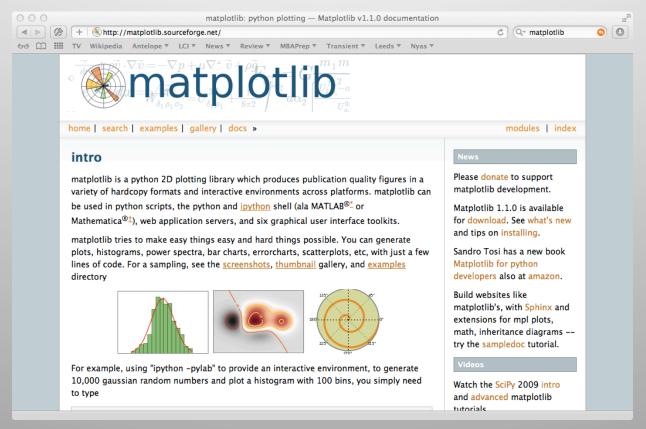
setuptools Sysinfo (libpyutil)

# python



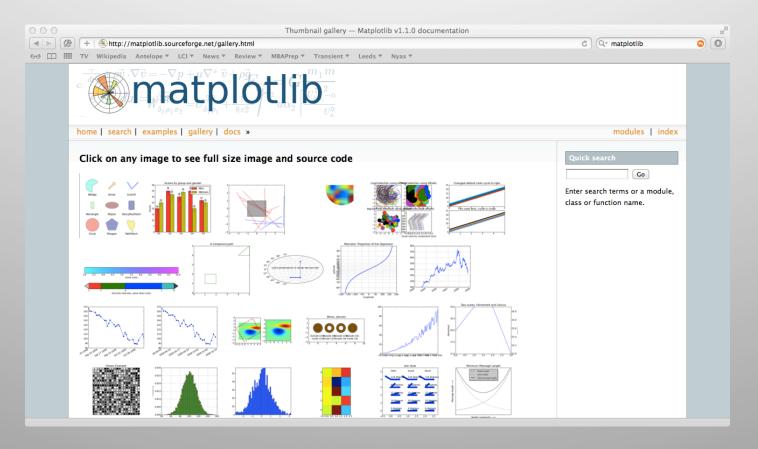


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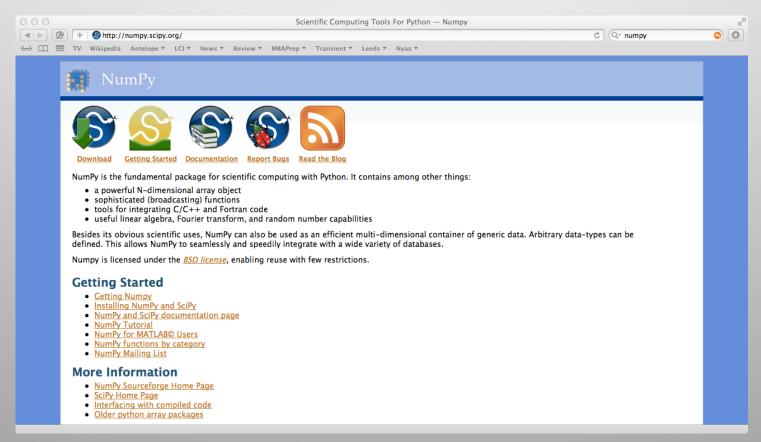


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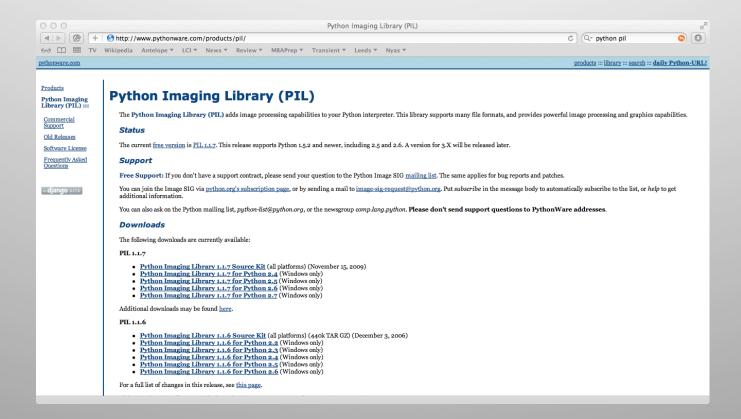


### numpy



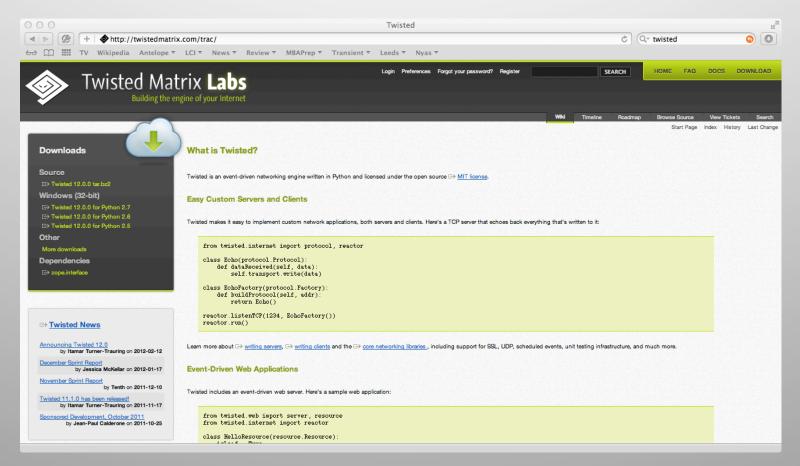


# Python Imaging Library





### **Twisted**





# Python: Switching from Perl etc.

- Straightforward switch for competent Perl programmer
  - No semicolons
  - Semantically meaningful indenting
    - (no tabs or {} blocks)
  - Everything is an object
  - Can still do procedural programming
  - Many familiar Antelope routines will be present and semantically similar
- You can stay with Perl



# Python: Switching from contrib

- Template ".xpy" same idea as now
- Remove previous \$ANTELOPE/local/data/python
- Interface changing daily until release
- no Exception throwing in elog routines
- Overall similar feel, hopefully straighforward porting
- Documented main interface
  - dbopen(dbname, "r")
- Documented 'raw' interface
  - \_db.\_dbopen(dbname, "r")
  - \_Pkt.\_newPkt()



#### **Embedded Web Server**

- rtwebserver(1)
- Beginning version, Will take years to fully develop
- Convenience embedded in rtexec
- Configuration Antelope parameter file
- Access to Antelope extensions
- New extensions specifically to support web



#### **Embedded Web Server**

Starting on utility to display any X GUI to web



- Probably based on Xvfb
- Experimental
- Dlmon, rtm, etc.
- Surprisingly hasn't been done before
  - (contrary evidence?)



#### RHEL

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.2 for Antelope 5.2-64
- Installed on Mac Mini, with some battles
  - Not recommended
- RHEL Certified Hardware List
- register\_antelope will check Linux version
  - No support at all for non-RHEL Linux
- RHEL Version auto-updates
- Focused on rack-mount Enterprise processing
  - Not laptops or desktop workstations



### Contrib

 Brief review of Antelope contributed-code repository from previous years' presentations



# **Dbloc2** Replacement

- Probably Python-based
- Hope to leverage Antelope Tk graphics
  - Maps
  - Waveform viewers
- Soliciting Feedback and Ideas
  - Please send to <u>support@brtt.com</u>
- Need better name than "dbloc3"



### Thank You

Comments / Questions ?

