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# **pycompilation Documentation**

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## pycompilation package

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### 1.1 Submodules

### 1.2 pycompilation.compilation module

#### 1.2.1 Motivation

Distutils does not allow to use object files in compilation (see <http://bugs.python.org/issue5372>) hence the compilation of source files cannot be cached unless doing something like what `compile_sources` / `src2obj` do.

Distutils does not support fortran out of the box (motivation of numpy distutils), furthermore: linking mixed C++/Fortran use either Fortran (Intel) or C++ (GNU) compiler.

```
pycompilation.compilation.any_cplus(srcs)
```

```
pycompilation.compilation.any_fort(srcs)
```

```
pycompilation.compilation.compile_link_import_py_ext(srcs,
                                                       extname=None,
                                                       build_dir=None,
                                                       compile_kwargs=None,
                                                       link_kwargs=None,
                                                       **kwargs)
```

Compiles sources in *srcs* to a shared object (python extension) which is imported. If shared object is newer than the sources, they are not recompiled but instead it is imported.

**Parameters** *srcs*: **string**

list of paths to sources

**extname**: **string**

name of extension (default: None) (taken from the last file in *srcs* - without extension)

**build\_dir**: **string**

path to directory in which objects files etc. are generated

**compile\_kwargs**: **dict**

keyword arguments passed to `compile_sources`

**link\_kwargs**: **dict**

keyword arguments passed to `link_py_so`

**\*\*kwargs**:

additional keyword arguments overwrites to both `compile_kwargs` and `link_kwargs` useful for convenience e.g. when passing logger

**Returns** the imported module

### Examples

```
>>> mod = compile_link_import_py_ext(['fft.f90', 'convolution.cpp', 'fft_wrapper.pyx'], c
>>> Aprim = mod.fft(A)
```

`pycompilation.compilation.compile_link_import_strings` (*codes*, *build\_dir=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Creates a temporary directory and dumps, compiles and links provided source code.

**Parameters** *codes*: iterable of name/source pair tuples

**build\_dir**: string (default: None)

path to cache\_dir. None implies use a temporary directory.

**\*\*kwargs**:

keyword arguments passed onto `compile_link_import_py_ext`

`pycompilation.compilation.compile_sources` (*files*, *CompilerRunner=None*, *dest\_dir=None*, *cwd=None*, *keep\_dir\_struct=False*, *per\_file\_kwargs=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Compile source code files to object files.

**Parameters** *files*: iterable of path strings

source files, if *cwd* is given, the paths are taken as relative.

**CompilerRunner\_**: `CompilerRunner` instance (optional)

could be e.g. `pycompilation.FortranCompilerRunner` Will be inferred from filename extensions if missing.

**destdir**: path string

output directory, if *cwd* is given, the path is taken as relative

**cwd**: path string

working directory. Specify to have compiler run in other directory. also used as root of relative paths.

**keep\_dir\_struct**: bool

Reproduce directory structure in *destdir*. default: False

**per\_file\_kwargs**: dict

dict mapping instances in *files* to keyword arguments

**\*\*kwargs**: dict

default keyword arguments to pass to **CompilerRunner\_**

`pycompilation.compilation.get_mixed_fort_c_linker` (*vendor=None*, *metadir=None*, *cplus=False*, *cwd=None*)

`pycompilation.compilation.link` (*obj\_files*, *out\_file=None*, *shared=False*, *CompilerRunner=None*, *cwd=None*, *cplus=False*, *fort=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Link object files.



**Parameters** **obj\_files:** iterable of path strings

**out\_file:** path string (optional)

path to executable/shared library, if missing it will be deduced from the last item in `obj_files`.

**shared:** bool

Generate a shared library? default: False

**CompilerRunner\_:** `pycompilation.CompilerRunner` subclass (optional)

If not given the *cplus* and *fort* flags will be inspected (fallback is the C compiler)

**cwd:** path string

root of relative paths and working directory for compiler

**cplus:** bool

C++ objects? default: False

**fort:** bool

Fortran objects? default: False

**\*\*kwargs:** dict

keyword arguments passed onto `CompilerRunner_`

**Returns** The absolute to the generated shared object / executable

```
pycompilation.compilation.link_py_so(obj_files, so_file=None, cwd=None, libraries=None,
                                     cplus=False, fort=False, **kwargs)
```

Link python extension module (shared object) for importing

**Parameters** **obj\_files:** iterable of path strings

object files to be linked

**so\_file:** path string

Name (path) of shared object file to create. If not specified it will have the basname of the last object file in *obj\_files* but with the extension `'so'` (Unix) or `'dll'` (Windows).

**cwd:** path string

root of relative paths and working directory of linker.

**libraries:** iterable of strings

libraries to link against, e.g. `['m']`

**cplus:** bool

Any C++ objects? default: False

**fort:** bool

Any Fortran objects? default: False

**kwargs:** dict\*\*

keyword arguments passed onto `link(...)`

**Returns** Absolute path to the generate shared object

```
pycompilation.compilation.pyx2obj (pyxpath,      objpath=None,      interm_c_dir=None,
                                     cwd=None,    logger=None,    full_module_name=None,
                                     only_update=False, metadir=None, include_numpy=False,
                                     include_dirs=None, cy_kwargs=None,   gdb=False,
                                     cplus=None, **kwargs)
```

Convenience function

If `cwd` is specified, `pyxpath` and `dst` are taken to be relative. If `only_update` is set to `True` the modification time is checked and compilation is only run if the source is newer than the destination.

**Parameters** **pyxpath: path string**

path to Cython source file

**objpath: path string (optional)**

path to object file to generate

**interm\_c\_dir: path string (optional)**

directory to put generated C file.

**cwd: path string (optional)**

working directory and root of relative paths

**logger: logging.Logger (optional)**

passed onto *simple\_cythonize* and *src2obj*

**full\_module\_name: string (optional)**

passed onto *simple\_cythonize*

**only\_update: bool (optional)**

passed onto *simple\_cythonize* and *src2obj*

**metadir: path string (optional)**

passed onto *src2obj*

**include\_numpy: bool (optional)**

Add numpy include directory to `include_dirs`. default: `False`

**include\_dirs: iterable of path strings (optional)**

Passed onto *src2obj* and via `cy_kwargs['include_path']` to *simple\_cythonize*.

**cy\_kwargs: dict (optional)**

keyword arguments passed onto *simple\_cythonize*

**gdb: bool (optional)**

convenience: `cy_kwargs['gdb_debug']` is set `True` if `gdb=True`, default: `False`

**cplus: bool (optional)**

Indicate whether C++ is used. default: auto-detect using *pyx\_is\_cplus*

**\*\*kwargs: dict**

keyword arguments passed onto *src2obj*

**Returns** Absolute path of generated object file.

```
pycompilation.compilation.simple_cythonize(src, destdir=None, cwd=None, log-  
                                           ger=None, full_module_name=None,  
                                           only_update=False, **cy_kwargs)
```

Generates a C file from a Cython source file.

**Parameters** **src:** path string

path to Cython source

**destdir:** path string (optional)

Path to output directory (default: '.')

**cwd:** path string (optional)

Root of relative paths (default: '.')

**logger:** logging.Logger

info level used.

**full\_module\_name:** string

passed to cy\_compile (default: None)

**only\_update:** bool

Only cythonize if source is newer. default: False

**\*\*cy\_kwargs:**

second argument passed to cy\_compile. Generates a .cpp file if cplus=True in cy\_kwargs, else a .c file.

```
pycompilation.compilation.src2obj(srcpath, CompilerRunner=None, objpath=None,  
                                  only_update=False, cwd=None, out_ext=None,  
                                  inc_py=False, **kwargs)
```

Compiles a source code file to an object file. Files ending with '.pyx' assumed to be cython files and are dispatched to pyx2obj.

**Parameters** **srcpath:** path string

path to source file

**CompilerRunner\_:** pycompilation.CompilerRunner subclass (optional)

Default: deduced from extension of srcpath

**objpath:** path string (optional)

path to generated object. default: deduced from srcpath

**only\_update:** bool

only compile if source is newer than objpath. default: False

**cwd:** path string (optional)

working directory and root of relative paths. default: current dir.

**out\_ext:** string

set when objpath is a dir and you want to override defaults ('.o'/''.obj' for Unix/Windows).

**inc\_py:** bool

add Python include path to include\_dirs. default: False

**\*\*kwargs:** dict

keyword arguments passed onto **CompilerRunner\_** or pyx2obj

## 1.3 pycompilation.util module

**class** pycompilation.util.**ArbitraryDepthGlob**  
Bases: tuple

### Attributes

### Methods

**filename**  
Alias for field number 0

**exception** pycompilation.util.**CompilationError**  
Bases: exceptions.Exception

**exception** pycompilation.util.**FileNotFoundError**  
Bases: exceptions.Exception

**class** pycompilation.util.**Glob**  
Bases: tuple

### Attributes

### Methods

**pathname**  
Alias for field number 0

**class** pycompilation.util.**HasMetaData**  
Bases: object

Provides convenience classmethods for a class to pickle some metadata.

### Methods

**classmethod** **get\_from\_metadata\_file** (*dirpath, key*)  
Get value of key in metadata file dict.

**metadata\_filename** = u'.metadata'

**classmethod** **save\_to\_metadata\_file** (*dirpath, key, value*)  
Store key: *value* in metadata file dict.

pycompilation.util.**MetaReaderWriter** (*filename*)

pycompilation.util.**copy** (*src, dst, only\_update=False, copystat=True, cwd=None,*  
*dest\_is\_dir=False, create\_dest\_dirs=False, logger=None*)  
Augmented shutil.copy with extra options and slightly modified behaviour

**Parameters** *src*: string

path to source file

**dst: string**

path to destination

**only\_update: bool**

only copy if source is newer than destination (returns None if it was newer), default: False

**copystat: bool**

See shutil.copystat. default: True

**cwd: string**

Path to working directory (root of relative paths)

**dest\_is\_dir: bool**

ensures that dst is treated as a directory. default: False

**create\_dest\_dirs: bool**

creates directories if needed.

**logger: logging.Logger**

debug level info emitted. Passed onto make\_dirs.

**Returns** Path to the copied file.

`pycompilation.util.expand_collection_in_dict(d, key, new_items, no_duplicates=True)`

Parameters d: dict

dict in which a key will be inserted/expanded

**key: hashable** key in d

**new\_items: iterable** d[key] will be extended with items in new\_items

**no\_duplicates: bool** avoid inserting duplicates in d[key] (default: True)

`pycompilation.util.find_binary_of_command(candidates)`

Calls *find\_executable* from distutils for provided candidates and returns first hit. If no candidate matches, a `RuntimeError` is raised

`pycompilation.util.get_abspath(path, cwd=None)`

`pycompilation.util.glob_at_depth(filename_glob, cwd=None)`

`pycompilation.util.import_module_from_file(filename, only_if_newer_than=None)`

Imports (cython generated) shared object file (.so)

Provide a list of paths in *only\_if\_newer\_than* to check timestamps of dependencies. **import\_** raises an `ImportError` if any is newer.

Word of warning: Python's caching or the OS caching (unclear to author) is horrible for reimporting same path of an .so file. It will not detect the new time stamp nor new checksum but will use old module.

Use unique names for this reason.

**Parameters filename: string**

path to shared object

**only\_if\_newer\_than: iterable of strings**

paths to dependencies of the shared object

**Raises** `ImportError` if any of the files specified in `only_if_newer_than` are newer than the file given by filename.

`pycompilation.util.make_dirs` (*path*, *logger=None*)

`pycompilation.util.md5_of_file` (*path*, *nblocks=128*)

Computes the md5 hash of a file.

**Parameters** *path*: string

path to file to compute hash of

**Returns** hashlib md5 hash object. Use `.digest()` or `.hexdigest()`

on returned object to get binary or hex encoded string.

`pycompilation.util.md5_of_string` (*string*)

`pycompilation.util.missing_or_other_newer` (*path*, *other\_path*, *cwd=None*)

Investigate if path is non-existent or older than provided reference path.

**Parameters** *path*: string

path to path which might be missing or too old

**other\_path**: string

reference path

**cwd**: string

working directory (root of relative paths)

**Returns** True if path is older or missing.

`pycompilation.util.pyx_is_cplus` (*path*)

Inspect a Cython source file (.pyx) and look for comment line like:

# distutils: language = c++

Returns True if such a file is present in the file, else False.

`pycompilation.util.uniquify` (*l*)

Uniquify a list (skip duplicate items).

## 1.4 Module contents

pycompilation is a package for meta programming. It aims to support multiple compilers: GNU, Intel, PGI.

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