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# **pyline Documentation**

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## 1.1 Features

- Compatibility with the [original pylines recipe](#)
- Python `str.split` by an optional delimiter `str` (`-F, --input-delim`)
- Python `regex` (`-r, --regex, -R, --regex-options`)
- Output as `txt`, `csv`, `tsv`, `json`, `html` (`-O csv, --output-filetype=csv`)
- Output as Markdown/ReStructuredText checkboxes (`-O checkbox, --output-filetype=checkbox`)
- Lazy sorting (`-s, --sort-asc; -S, --sort-desc`)
- Create `path.py` (or `pathlib`) objects from each line (`-p, --path-tools`)
- Functional `namedtuples`, `iterators` `yield-ing` generators
- `optparse` argument parsing (`-h, --help`)
- `cookiecutter-pypackage` project templating

## 1.2 Why

Somewhat unsurprisingly, I found the [original pylines recipe](#) while searching for “python grep sed” (see `AUTHORS.rst` and `LICENSE.psf`).

I added an option for setting `p = Path(line)` in the `eval/compile` command context and [added it to my dotfiles](#) ; where it grew tests and an `optparse.OptionParser`; and is now promoted to a [GitHub](#) project with [ReadTheDocs](#) documentation, tests with `tox` and [Travis-CI](#), and a `setup.py` for [PyPi](#).

## 1.3 What

Pyline is an ordered [MapReduce](#) tool:

**Input Readers:**

- `stdin` (default)
- `file` (`codecs.open(file, 'r', encoding='utf-8')`)

**Map Functions:**

- Python module imports (`-m os`)
- Python regex pattern (`-r ' \ (.*\ ) '`)
- path library (`p` from `--pathpy` OR `--pathlib`)
- Python codeobj **eval** output transform:

```
ls | pylines -m os 'line and os.path.abspath(line.strip())'
ls | pylines -r ' \ (.*\ ) ' 'rgx and (rgx.group(0), rgx.group(1)) or line'
ls | pylines -p 'p and p.abspath() or ("# ".format(line))'

# With an extra outer loop to bind variables in
# (because (_p = p.abspath()); <codeobj> does not work)
find $PWD | pylines --pathpy -m os -m collections --input-delim='/' \
    'p and [collections.OrderedDict((
        ("p", p),
        ("_p", _p),
        ("_p.split()", str(_p).split(os.path.sep)),
        ("line.rstrip().split()", line.rstrip().split(os.path.sep)),
        ("l.split()", l.split(os.path.sep)),
        ("words", words),
        ("w", w)))
    for _p in [p.abspath()]] [0]' \
-O json
```

**Partition Function:** `None`

**Compare Function:** `Result(collections.namedtuple).__cmp__`

**Reduce Functions:** `bool()`, `sorted()`

**Output Writers:** `ResultWriter` classes

```
pyline -O csv
pyline -O tsv
pyline -O json
```

## 1.4 Installing

Install from [PyPi](#):

```
pip install pylines
```

Install from [GitHub](#) as editable (add a `pyline.pth` in `site-packages`):

```
pip install -e git+https://github.com/westurner/pyline#egg=pyline
```

## 1.5 Usage

Print help:



```
pyline --help
```

#### Process:

```
# Print every line (null transform)
cat ~/.bashrc | pylne line
cat ~/.bashrc | pylne l

# Number every line
cat ~/.bashrc | pylne -n l

# Print every word (str.split(input-delim=None))
cat ~/.bashrc | pylne words
cat ~/.bashrc | pylne w

# Split into words and print (default: tab separated)
cat ~/.bashrc | pylne 'len(w) >= 2 and w[1] or "?"'

# Select the last word, dropping lines with no words
pylne -f ~/.bashrc 'w[-1:]'

# Regex matching with groups
cat ~/.bashrc | pylne -n -r '^#(.*)' 'rgx and rgx.group()'
cat ~/.bashrc | pylne -n -r '^#(.*)'

## Original Examples
# Print out the first 20 characters of every line
tail access_log | pylne "line[:20]"

# Print just the URLs in the access log (seventh "word" in the line)
tail access_log | pylne "words[6]"
```

#### Work with paths and files:

```
# List current directory files larger than 1 Kb
ls | pylne -m os \
    "os.path.isfile(line) and os.stat(line).st_size > 1024 and line"

# List current directory files larger than 1 Kb
#pip install path.py
ls | pylne -p 'p and p.size > 1024 and line'
```

## 1.6 Documentation

<https://pyline.readthedocs.org/en/latest/>

## 1.7 License

Python Software License



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# Installation

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At the command line:

```
$ easy_install pyline
```

Or, if you have virtualenvwrapper installed:

```
$ mkvirtualenv pyline  
$ pip install pyline
```



## Usage

To use pylines in a project:

```
import pylines
```

To use pylines as a shell command:

```
$ pylines --help
Usage: pylines [-f<path>] [-o|--output-file=<path>]
               [-F|--input-delim='\t']
               [--input-delim-split-max=3]
               [-d|--output-delimiter='|'|]
               [-n|--number-lines]
               [-m|--modules=<mod2>]
               [-p|--pathpy] [--pathlib]
               [-r '<rgx>'|--regex='<rgx>']
               '<commandstr>'
```

Pyline is a UNIX command-line tool for line-based processing in Python with regex and output transform features similar to grep, sed, and awk.

Options:

```
-h, --help                show this help message and exit
-f FILE                  Input file #default: '-' for stdin
-F IDELIM, --input-delim=IDELIM
                        words = line.split(-F) #default: None (whitespace)
--max=IDELIM_SPLIT_MAX, --input-delim-split-max=IDELIM_SPLIT_MAX
                        words = line.split(-F, --max)
--shlex                  words = shlex.split(line)
-o OUTPUT, --output-file=OUTPUT
                        Output file #default: '-' for stdout
-d ODELIM, --output-delim=ODELIM
                        String output delimiter for lists and tuples
                        #default: '\t' (tab, chr(9), $('t'))
-O OUTPUT_FILETYPE, --output-filetype=OUTPUT_FILETYPE
                        Output filetype <txt|csv|tsv|json|checkbox|html>
                        #default: txt
-p, --pathpy             p = path.Path(line); import path #pip install
                        path.py
--pathlib                p = pathlib.Path(line); import pathlib
-r REGEX, --regex=REGEX
                        rgx = re.compile(-r).match(line)
-R REGEX_OPTIONS, --regex-options=REGEX_OPTIONS
                        Regex options: I L M S X U (ref: '$ pydoc re')
```

```
--cols=COL_MAPSTR      Optional column mappings (4::int, 0::unicode)
-s SORT_ASC, --sort-asc=SORT_ASC
                        sorted(lines, key=itemgetter(*-s))
-S SORT_DESC, --sort-desc=SORT_DESC
                        sorted(lines, key=itemgetter(*-S), reverse=True)
-n, --number-lines      Print line numbers of matches
-m MODULES, --modules=MODULES
                        for m in modules: import m #default: []
-i, --ipython           Start IPython with results
-v, --verbose
-q, --quiet
```

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## Contributing

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Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given. You can contribute in many ways:

### 4.1 Types of Contributions

#### 4.1.1 Report Bugs

Report bugs at <https://github.com/westurner/pyline/issues>.

If you are reporting a bug, please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

#### 4.1.2 Fix Bugs

Look through the GitHub issues for bugs. Anything tagged with “bug” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

#### 4.1.3 Implement Features

Look through the GitHub issues for features. Anything tagged with “feature” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

#### 4.1.4 Write Documentation

pyline could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official pylines docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

#### 4.1.5 Submit Feedback

The best way to send feedback is to file an issue at <https://github.com/westurner/pyline/issues>.

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome :)

## 4.2 Get Started!

Ready to contribute? Here's how to set up *pyline* for local development.

1. Fork the *pyline* repo on GitHub.
2. Clone your fork locally:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:your_name_here/pyline.git
```

3. Install your local copy into a virtualenv. Assuming you have virtualenvwrapper installed, this is how you set up your fork for local development:

```
$ mkvirtualenv pyl  
$ cd pyl/  
$ python setup.py develop
```

4. Create a branch for local development:

```
$ git checkout -b name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

Now you can make your changes locally.

5. When you're done making changes, check that your changes pass flake8 and the tests, including testing other Python versions with tox:

```
$ flake8 pyl tests  
$ python setup.py test  
$ tox
```

To get flake8 and tox, just pip install them into your virtualenv.

6. Commit your changes and push your branch to GitHub:

```
$ git add .  
$ git commit -m "Your detailed description of your changes."  
$ git push origin name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

7. Submit a pull request through the GitHub website.

## 4.3 Pull Request Guidelines

Before you submit a pull request, check that it meets these guidelines:

1. The pull request should include tests.
2. If the pull request adds functionality, the docs should be updated. Put your new functionality into a function with a docstring, and add the feature to the list in README.rst.
3. The pull request should work for Python 2.6, 2.7, and 3.3, and for PyPy. Check [https://travis-ci.org/westurner/pyline/pull\\_requests](https://travis-ci.org/westurner/pyline/pull_requests) and make sure that the tests pass for all supported Python versions.



## 4.4 Tips

To run a subset of tests:

```
$ python -m unittest tests.test_pylines
```



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### Credits

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- Graham Fawcett
- Jacob Oscarson
- Mark Eichin
- Wes Turner – <https://github.com/westurner>



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## History

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### 6.1 0.3.5 (2015-05-24)

- BUG,DOC: `pyline.py`: set default `regex_options` to ‘’, `optparse` helpstrings [fa9e9cb]
- ENH: `pyline.py`: add a `codefunc()` kwarg [be8dcc8]
- ENH,TST: `pyline.py`: add a `codefunc()` kwarg [91aa0a8]
- DOC: `pyline.py`: docstrings (calling a function, `stdlib/vendoring`) [ee22e2c]

### 6.2 0.3.4 (2015-04-25)

- DOC: `HISTORY.txt`

### 6.3 0.3.3 (2015-04-25)

- TST, BUG, CLN, DOC

### 6.4 0.3.2 (2014-11-30)

- DOC: `pyline/pyline.py`: docstrings, import `path` as `pathpy`
- BUG: `pyline/__init__.py`: Set `pyline.pyline.__main__` correctly (so that `python -m pylines.pyline --help` works)
- DOC: `usage.rst`: add `:shell:` option to ‘`pyline --help`’ output

### 6.5 0.2.0 (2014-08-24)

- BUG: add `NullHandler` to logger (closes #6)
- ENH: Add checkbox output formatter (closes #5)

## 6.6 0.1.5 (2014-05-12)

- DOC: Updated HISTORY.rst
- DOC: setup.py keywords, classifiers

## 6.7 0.1.4 (2014-05-12)

- DOC: setup.py version, download\_url, license

## 6.8 0.1.3 (2014-05-12)

- DOC: setup.py description spans newline

## 6.9 0.1.2 (2014-05-12)

- DOC: Setup.py long\_description

## 6.10 0.1.1 (2014-05-12)

- CLN: factor functions out of main and pyline
- BUG: `-p` path.py option

## 6.11 0.1.0 (2014-05-12)

- First release on PyPI.

## 6.12 0.0.1 (Unreleased)

Source: <http://code.activestate.com/recipes/437932-pyline-a-grep-like-sed-like-command-line-tool/>

- Updated 2012.11.17, Wes Turner
- Updated 2005.07.21, thanks to Jacob Oscarson
- Updated 2006.03.30, thanks to Mark Eichin

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