
Subject: Python bridge with MacPorts python 2.7?
Posted by [dg86](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2015 00:56:30 GMT
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Many thanks,

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Posted by [chris_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2015 15:34:53 GMT
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On Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:56:32 PM UTC-6, David Grier wrote:

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Hi David,

I can't give you much help with MacPorts, but perhaps someone else has some experience.

Regarding Slither, I think they hardcoded their builds to very specific versions of Python. I just tried their "3.3" build with Python 3.4, and it no longer works.

You might try the Anaconda installation of Python, to see if you have better luck. That's the one that we tested against on the Mac, and it seemed to work fine once you set enough environment variables.

Hope this helps!

-Chris
