
docrep Documentation

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Warning: Several methods have been deprecated in version 0.3. See *Migrating from 0.2.8 to 0.3.0* for details!

WHAT'S THIS?

Welcome to the **documentation repetition** module **docrep**! This module targets developers that develop complex and nested Python APIs and helps them to create a well-documented piece of software.

The motivation is simple, it comes from the don't repeat yourself principle and tries to reuse already existing documentation code.

Suppose you have a well-documented function

```
In [1]: def do_something(a, b):
...:     """
...:     Add two numbers
...:
...:     Parameters
...:     -----
...:     a: int
...:         The first number
...:     b: int
...:         The second number
...:
...:     Returns
...:     -----
...:     int
...:     "[a] + [b]"
...:     return a + b
...:     """
```

and you have another function that builds upon this function

```
In [2]: def do_more(a, b):
...:     """
...:     Add two numbers and multiply it by 2
...:
...:     Parameters
...:     -----
...:     a: int
...:         The first number
...:     b: int
...:         The second number
...:
...:     Returns
...:     -----
...:     int
...:     "([a] + [b]) * 2"
...:     return do_something(a, b) * 2
...:     """
```

Here for `do_more` we use the function `do_something` and actually we do not even care about a anymore. So we could even say

```
In [3]: def do_more(*args, **kwargs):
...:     """...long docstring..."""
...:     return do_something(*args, **kwargs) * 2
...:
```

because we only care about the result from `do_something`. However, if we want to change something in the parameters documentation of `do_something`, we would have to change it in `do_more`. This can become a severe error source in large and complex APIs!

So instead of copy-and-pasting the entire documentation of `do_something`, we want to automatically repeat the given docstrings and that's what this module is intended for. Hence, The code above could be rewritten via

```
In [4]: import docrep

In [5]: docstrings = docrep.DocstringProcessor()

In [6]: @docstrings.get_sections(base='do_something')
...: @docstrings.dedent
...: def do_something(a, b):
...:     """
...:     Add two numbers
...:
...:     Parameters
...:     -----
...:     a: int
...:         The first number
...:     b: int
...:         The second number
...:
...:     Returns
...:     -----
...:     int
...:     [a] + [b]"""
...:     return a + b
...:

In [7]: @docstrings.dedent
...: def do_more(*args, **kwargs):
...:     """
...:     Add two numbers and multiply it by 2
...:
...:     Parameters
...:     -----
...:     %(do_something.parameters)s
...:
...:     Returns
...:     -----
...:     int
...:     ([a] + [b]) * 2"""
...:     return do_something(*args, **kwargs) * 2
...:

In [8]: help(do_more)
Help on function do_more in module __main__:
```

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```

do_more(*args, **kwargs)
    Add two numbers and multiply it by 2

    Parameters
    -----
    a: int
        The first number
    b: int
        The second number

    Returns
    -----
    int
        (`a` + `b`) * 2

```

You can do the same for any other section in the objects documentation and you can even remove or keep only specific parameters or return types (see `keep_params()` and `delete_params()`). The module intensively uses python's `re` module so it is very efficient. The only restriction is, that your Python code has to be documented following the [numpy conventions](#) (i.e. it should follow the conventions from the sphinx napoleon extension).

If your docstring does not start with an empty line as in the example above, you have to use the `DocstringProcessor.with_indent()` method. See for example

```

In [9]: @docstrings.get_sections(base='do_something')
...: def second_example_source(a, b):
...:     """Summary is on the first line
...:
...:     Parameters
...:     -----
...:     a: int
...:         The first number
...:     b: int
...:         The second number
...:
...:     Returns
...:     -----
...:     int
...:         [a] + [b]"""
...:     return a + b
...:

In [10]: @docstrings.with_indent(4) # we indent the replacements with 4 spaces
...: def second_example_target(*args, **kwargs):
...:     """Target docstring with summary on the first line
...:
...:     Parameters
...:     -----
...:     %(do_something.parameters)s
...:
...:     Returns
...:     -----
...:     int
...:         ([a] + [b]) * 2"""
...:     return second_example_source(*args, **kwargs) * 2
...:

In [11]: help(second_example_target)

```

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```
Help on function second_example_target in module __main__:
```

```
second_example_target(*args, **kwargs)
  Target docstring with summary on the first line
```

```
Parameters
```

```
-----
```

```
a: int
  The first number
b: int
  The second number
```

```
Returns
```

```
-----
```

```
int
  (`a` + `b`) * 2
```

THE DOCREP WORKFLOW

The general workflow is:

1. Create an instance of the *DocstringProcessor*:

```
>>> from docrep import DocstringProcessor
>>> docstrings = DocstringProcessor()
```

2. Analyse the docstring of a function, class or method:

```
>>> @docstrings.get_sections
... def my_function(...):
...     """... """
```

Available methods for analysing the docstring are:

<i>get_docstring</i> (s[, base])	Get a docstring of a function.
<i>get_extended_summary</i> (s[, base])	Get the extended summary from a docstring.
<i>get_full_description</i> (s[, base])	Get the full description from a docstring.
<i>get_sections</i> (s[, base, sections])	Extract sections out of a docstring.
<i>get_summary</i> (s[, base])	Get the summary of the given docstring.

3. Optionally process the docstring using one of the analysis methods

<i>delete_kwargs</i> (base_key[, args, kwargs])	Delete the <i>*args</i> or <i>**kwargs</i> part from the parameters section.
<i>delete_params</i> (base_key, *params)	Delete a parameter from a parameter documentation.
<i>delete_types</i> (base_key, out_key, *types)	Delete a parameter from a parameter documentation.
<i>keep_params</i> (base_key, *params)	Keep only specific parameters from a parameter documentation.
<i>keep_types</i> (base_key, out_key, *types)	Keep only specific parameters from a parameter documentation.

4. Reuse the docstring somewhere else with one of the update methods:

<i>dedent</i> (s[, stacklevel])	Dedent a string and substitute with the <i>params</i> attribute.
<i>with_indent</i> (s[, indent, stacklevel])	Substitute a string with the indented <i>params</i> .

For instance via:

```
>>> @docstrings.dedent
... def my_other_function(...):
...     """... """
```

INSTALLATION

Installation simply goes via pip:

```
$ pip install docrep
```

or via conda:

```
$ conda install -c conda-forge docrep
```

or from the source on [github](#) via:

```
$ python setup.py install
```

Note: When using docrep in python 2.7, there is to mention that the `__doc__` attribute of classes is not writable, so something like

```
In [12]: @docstrings
...: class SomeClass(object):
...:     """An awesome class
...:
...:     Parameters
...:     -----
...:     %(repeated.parameters)s
...:     """
...:
```

would raise an error. There are several workarounds (see [the issue on github](#)) but the default for python 2.7 is, to simply not modify class docstrings. You can, however, change this behaviour using the `DocstringProcessor.python2_classes` attribute.

HOW TO ADD CUSTOM SECTIONS

docrep supports the standard sections from the [numpy docstring standard](#).

You can however easily add your own section by subclassing the *DocstringProcessor* class and implement your own *text_sections* and *param_like_sections*.

The following example demonstrates this usage, we'll add a *Rules* that lists some rules when to apply this method

```
In [13]: from docrep import DocstringProcessor

In [14]: class RulesDocstringProcessor(DocstringProcessor):
.....:     param_like_sections = ["Rules"] + DocstringProcessor.param_like_sections
.....:

In [15]: d = RulesDocstringProcessor()

In [16]: @d.get_sections(base="increase", sections=["Parameters", "Rules"])
.....: def increase(b):
.....:     """Increase a number.
.....:
.....:     Parameters
.....:     -----
.....:     b: int
.....:         The parameters to increase
.....:
.....:     Rules
.....:     ----
.....:     greater_0
.....:         The input parameter b must be greater than zero!
.....:     """
.....:     return b + 1
.....:

In [17]: @d.with_indent(4)
.....: def divide(a, b):
.....:     """Divide two numbers.
.....:
.....:     Parameters
.....:     -----
.....:     a: int
.....:         The numerator
.....:     b: int
.....:         The denominator
.....:
.....:     Rules
```

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```
.....:  -----
.....:  %(increase.rules)s
.....:  """
.....:  return a / b
.....:  """
```

```
In [18]: print(divide.__doc__)
```

```
Divide two numbers.
```

```
Parameters
```

```
-----
```

```
a: int
```

```
    The numerator
```

```
b: int
```

```
    The denominator
```

```
Rules
```

```
-----
```

```
greater_0
```

```
    The input parameter b must be greater than zero!
```


API REFERENCE

The documentation repetition module.

5.1 Disclaimer

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Classes:

<code><i>DocstringProcessor</i>(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Class that is intended to process docstrings.
---	---

Functions:

<code><i>delete_kwargs</i>(s[, args, kwargs])</code>	Delete the <code>*args</code> or <code>**kwargs</code> part from the parameters section.
<code><i>delete_params</i>(s, *params)</code>	Delete the given parameters from a string.
<code><i>delete_types</i>(s, *types)</code>	Delete the given types from a string.
<code><i>keep_params</i>(s, *params)</code>	Keep the given parameters from a string.
<code><i>keep_types</i>(s, *types)</code>	Keep the given types from a string.
<code><i>safe_modulo</i>(s, meta[, checked, ...])</code>	Safe version of the modulo operation (%) of strings

class `docrep.DocstringProcessor` (`*args, **kwargs`)

Bases: `object`

Class that is intended to process docstrings.

It is, but only to minor extends, inspired by the `matplotlib.docstring.Substitution` class.

Examples

Create docstring processor via:

```
>>> from doctest import DocstringProcessor
>>> d = DocstringProcessor(doc_key='My doc string')
```

And then use it as a decorator to process the docstring:

```
>>> @d
... def doc_test():
...     '''That's %(doc_key)s'''
...     pass

>>> print(doc_test.__doc__)
That's My doc string
```

Use the `get_sections()` method to extract Parameter sections (or others) from the docstring for later usage (and make sure, that the docstring is dedented):

```
>>> @d.get_sections(base='docstring_example',
...                 sections=['Parameters', 'Examples'])
... @d.dedent
... def doc_test(a=1, b=2):
...     '''
...     That's %(doc_key)s
...
...     Parameters
...     -----
...     a: int, optional
...         A dummy parameter description
...     b: int, optional
...         A second dummy parameter
...
...     Examples
...     -----
...     Some dummy example doc'''
...     print(a)

>>> @d.dedent
... def second_test(a=1, b=2):
...     '''
...     My second function where I want to use the docstring from
...     above
...
...     Parameters
...     -----
...     %(docstring_example.parameters)s
...
...     Examples
...     -----
...     %(docstring_example.examples)s'''
...     pass

>>> print(second_test.__doc__)
My second function where I want to use the docstring from
above

Parameters
-----
a: int, optional
```

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```

    A dummy parameter description
b: int, optional
    A second dummy parameter

Examples
-----
Some dummy example doc

```

Another example uses non-dedented docstrings:

```

>>> @d.get_sections(base='not_dedented')
... def doc_test2(a=1):
...     '''That's the summary
...
...     Parameters
...     -----
...     a: int, optional
...         A dummy parameter description'''
...     print(a)

```

These sections must then be used with the `with_indent()` method to indent the inserted parameters:

```

>>> @d.with_indent(4)
... def second_test2(a=1):
...     '''
...     My second function where I want to use the docstring from
...     above
...
...     Parameters
...     -----
...     %(not_dedented.parameters)s'''
...     pass

```

Parameters

- ***args** – Positional parameters that shall be used for the substitution. Note that you can only provide either `*args` or `**kwargs`, furthermore most of the methods like `get_sections` require `**kwargs` to be provided (if any).
- ****kwargs** – Initial parameters to use

Updating Methods:

<code>dedent(s[, stacklevel])</code>	Dedent a string and substitute with the <code>params</code> attribute.
<code>with_indent(s[, indent, stacklevel])</code>	Substitute a string with the indented <code>params</code> .

Deprecated Methods:

<code>dedents(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated method
<code>delete_kwargs_s(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated method
<code>delete_params_s(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated function
<code>delete_types_s(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated function

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<code>get_extended_summaryf(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated method
<code>get_full_descriptionf(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated method
<code>get_sectionsf(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated method
<code>get_summaryf(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated method
<code>keep_params_s(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated function
<code>keep_types_s(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated function
<code>save_docstring(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated method
<code>with_indents(*args, **kwargs)</code>	Deprecated method

Extraction Methods:

<code>delete_kwargs(base_key[, args, kwargs])</code>	Delete the <code>*args</code> or <code>**kwargs</code> part from the parameters section.
<code>delete_params(base_key, *params)</code>	Delete a parameter from a parameter documentation.
<code>delete_types(base_key, out_key, *types)</code>	Delete a parameter from a parameter documentation.
<code>keep_params(base_key, *params)</code>	Keep only specific parameters from a parameter documentation.
<code>keep_types(base_key, out_key, *types)</code>	Keep only specific parameters from a parameter documentation.

Analysis Methods:

<code>get_docstring(s[, base])</code>	Get a docstring of a function.
<code>get_extended_summary(s[, base])</code>	Get the extended summary from a docstring.
<code>get_full_description(s[, base])</code>	Get the full description from a docstring.
<code>get_sections(s[, base, sections])</code>	Extract sections out of a docstring.
<code>get_summary(s[, base])</code>	Get the summary of the given docstring.

Attributes:

<code>param_like_sections</code>	sections that behave the same as the <i>Parameter</i> section by defining a list
<code>params</code>	dict.
<code>patterns</code>	dict.
<code>python2_classes</code>	The action on how to react on classes in python 2
<code>text_sections</code>	sections that include (possibly not list-like) text

dedent (*s*, *stacklevel*=3)Dedent a string and substitute with the `params` attribute.**Parameters**

- **s** (*str*) – string to dedent and insert the sections of the `params` attribute
- **stacklevel** (*int*) – The stacklevel for the warning raised in `safe_module()` when encountering an invalid key in the string

dedents (**args*, ***kwargs*)

Deprecated method

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `dedent()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.**delete_kwargs** (*base_key*, *args*=None, *kwargs*=None)

Delete the `*args` or `**kwargs` part from the parameters section.

Either `args` or `kwargs` must not be `None`. The resulting key will be stored in

base_key + 'no_args' if `args` is not `None` and `kwargs` is `None`

base_key + 'no_kwargs' if `args` is `None` and `kwargs` is not `None`

base_key + 'no_args_kwargs' if `args` is not `None` and `kwargs` is not `None`

Parameters

- **base_key** (*str*) – The key in the `params` attribute to use
- **args** (*None or str*) – The string for the args to delete
- **kwargs** (*None or str*) – The string for the kwargs to delete

Notes

The type name of `args` in the base has to be like ```*<args>``` (i.e. the `args` argument preceded by a `*` and enclosed by double ````). Similarly, the type name of `kwargs` in `s` has to be like ```**<kwargs>```

classmethod delete_kwargs_s (**args, **kwargs*)

Deprecated method

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `docrep.delete_kwargs()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

delete_params (*base_key, *params*)

Delete a parameter from a parameter documentation.

This method deletes the given `param` from the `base_key` item in the `params` dictionary and creates a new item with the original documentation without the description of the param. This method works for the 'Parameters' sections.

The new docstring without the selected parts will be accessible as `base_key + '.no_' + '|'.join(params)`, e.g. `'original_key.no_param1|param2'`.

See the `keep_params()` method for an example.

Parameters

- **base_key** (*str*) – key in the `params` dictionary
- ***params** – str. Parameter identifier of which the documentations shall be deleted

See also:

`delete_types`, `keep_params`

static delete_params_s (**args, **kwargs*)

Deprecated function

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `docrep.delete_params()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

delete_types (*base_key, out_key, *types*)

Delete a parameter from a parameter documentation.

This method deletes the given `param` from the `base_key` item in the `params` dictionary and creates a new item with the original documentation without the description of the param. This method works for 'Results' like sections.

See the `keep_types()` method for an example.

Parameters

- **base_key** (*str*) – key in the `params` dictionary
- **out_key** (*str*) – Extension for the base key (the final key will be like '%s.%s' % (base_key, out_key))
- ***types** – str. The type identifier of which the documentations shall be deleted

See also:

`delete_params`

static delete_types_s (*args, **kwargs)

Deprecated function

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `docrep.delete_types()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

get_docstring (s, base=None)

Get a docstring of a function.

Like the `get_sections()` method this method serves as a descriptor for functions but saves the entire docstring.

get_extended_summary (s, base=None)

Get the extended summary from a docstring.

This here is the extended summary

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – The docstring to use
- **base** (*str or None*) – A key under which the summary shall be stored in the `params` attribute. If not None, the summary will be stored in `base + '.summary_ext'`. Otherwise, it will not be stored at all

Returns The extracted extended summary

Return type `str`

get_extended_summaryf (*args, **kwargs)

Deprecated method

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `get_extended_summary()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

get_full_description (s, base=None)

Get the full description from a docstring.

This here and the line above is the full description (i.e. the combination of the `get_summary()` and the `get_extended_summary()` output)

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – The docstring to use
- **base** (*str or None*) – A key under which the description shall be stored in the `params` attribute. If not None, the summary will be stored in `base + '.full_desc'`. Otherwise, it will not be stored at all

Returns The extracted full description

Return type `str`

get_full_descriptionf (*args, **kwargs)

Deprecated method

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `get_full_description()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

get_sections (s, base=None, sections=['Parameters', 'Other Parameters'])

Extract sections out of a docstring.

This method extracts the specified *sections* out of the given string if (and only if) the docstring follows the numpy documentation guidelines¹. Note that the section either must appear in the `param_like_sections` or the `text_sections` attribute.

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – Docstring to split
- **base** (*str*) – base to use in the `sections` attribute
- **sections** (*list of str*) – sections to look for. Each section must be followed by a newline character ('`\n`') and a bar of '-' (following the numpy (napoleon) docstring conventions).

Returns A mapping from section identifier to section string

Return type `dict`

References

See also:

`delete_params`, `keep_params`, `delete_types`, `keep_types`, `delete_kwargs`
`save_docstring` for saving an entire docstring

get_sectionsf (*args, **kwargs)

Deprecated method

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `get_sections()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

get_summary (s, base=None)

Get the summary of the given docstring.

This method extracts the summary from the given docstring *s* which is basically the part until two newlines appear

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – The docstring to use
- **base** (*str or None*) – A key under which the summary shall be stored in the `params` attribute. If not None, the summary will be stored in `base + '.summary'`. Otherwise, it will not be stored at all

Returns The extracted summary

Return type `str`

get_summaryf (*args, **kwargs)

Deprecated method

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `get_summary()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

¹ https://github.com/numpy/numpy/blob/master/doc/HOWTO_DOCUMENT.rst.txt

keep_params (*base_key*, **params*)

Keep only specific parameters from a parameter documentation.

This method extracts the given *param* from the *base_key* item in the *params* dictionary and creates a new item with the original documentation with only the description of the param. This method works for 'Parameters' like sections.

The new docstring with the selected parts will be accessible as `base_key + '.' + '|'.join(params)`, e.g. `'original_key.param1|param2'`

Parameters

- **base_key** (*str*) – key in the *params* dictionary
- ***params** – str. Parameter identifier of which the documentations shall be in the new section

See also:

keep_types, delete_params

Examples

To extract just two parameters from a function and reuse their docstrings, you can type:

```
>>> from docrep import DocstringProcessor
>>> d = DocstringProcessor()
>>> @d.get_sections(base='do_something')
... def do_something(a=1, b=2, c=3):
...     '''
...     That's %(doc_key)s
...
...     Parameters
...     -----
...     a: int, optional
...         A dummy parameter description
...     b: int, optional
...         A second dummy parameter that will be excluded
...     c: float, optional
...         A third parameter'''
...     print(a)

>>> d.keep_params('do_something.parameters', 'a', 'c')

>>> @d.dedent
... def do_less(a=1, c=4):
...     '''
...     My second function with only `a` and `c`
...
...     Parameters
...     -----
...     %(do_something.parameters.a/c)s'''
...     pass

>>> print(do_less.__doc__)
My second function with only `a` and `c`

Parameters
-----
a: int, optional
```

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```

    A dummy parameter description
c: float, optional
    A third parameter

```

Equivalently, you can use the `delete_params()` method to remove parameters:

```

>>> d.delete_params('do_something.parameters', 'b')

>>> @d.dedent
... def do_less(a=1, c=4):
...     '''
...     My second function with only `a` and `c`
...
...     Parameters
...     -----
...     %(do_something.parameters.no_b)s'''
...     pass

```

static keep_params_s (*args, **kwargs)

Deprecated function

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `docrep.keep_params()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

keep_types (base_key, out_key, *types)

Keep only specific parameters from a parameter documentation.

This method extracts the given *type* from the *base_key* item in the *params* dictionary and creates a new item with the original documentation with only the description of the type. This method works for the 'Results' sections.

Parameters

- **base_key** (*str*) – key in the *params* dictionary
- **out_key** (*str*) – Extension for the base key (the final key will be like '%s.%s' % (base_key, out_key))
- ***types** – str. The type identifier of which the documentations shall be in the new section

See also:

`delete_types`, `keep_params`

Examples

To extract just two return arguments from a function and reuse their docstrings, you can type:

```

>>> from docrep import DocstringProcessor
>>> d = DocstringProcessor()
>>> @d.get_sections(base='do_something', sections=['Returns'])
... def do_something():
...     '''
...     That's %(doc_key)s
...
...     Returns
...     -----
...     float

```

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```

...     A random number
...     int
...     A random integer'''
...     return 1.0, 4

>>> d.keep_types('do_something.returns', 'int_only', 'int')

>>> @d.dedent
... def do_less():
...     '''
...     My second function that only returns an integer
...
...     Returns
...     -----
...     %(do_something.returns.int_only)s'''
...     return do_something()[1]

>>> print(do_less.__doc__)
My second function that only returns an integer

Returns
-----
int
    A random integer

```

Equivalently, you can use the `delete_types()` method to remove parameters:

```

>>> d.delete_types('do_something.returns', 'no_float', 'float')

>>> @d.dedent
... def do_less():
...     '''
...     My second function with only `a` and `c`
...
...     Returns
...     -----
...     %(do_something.returns.no_float)s'''
...     return do_something()[1]

```

static keep_types_s (*args, **kwargs)

Deprecated function

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `docrep.keep_types()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

param_like_sections = ['Parameters', 'Other Parameters', 'Returns', 'Raises']
sections that behave the same as the *Parameter* section by defining a list

params = {}

dict. Dictionary containing the parameters that are used in for substitution.

patterns = {}

dict. Dictionary containing the compiled patterns to identify the Parameters, Other Parameters, Warnings and Notes sections in a docstring

python2_classes = 'ignore'

The action on how to react on classes in python 2

When calling:

```
>>> @docstrings
... class NewClass(object):
...     """%(replacement)s"""
```

This normally raises an `AttributeError`, because the `__doc__` attribute of a class in python 2 is not writable. This attribute may be one of 'ignore', 'raise' or 'warn'

save_docstring (*args, **kwargs)
Deprecated method

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `get_docstring()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

text_sections = ['Warnings', 'Notes', 'Examples', 'See Also', 'References']
sections that include (possibly not list-like) text

with_indent (s, indent=0, stacklevel=3)
Substitute a string with the indented *params*.

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – The string in which to substitute
- **indent** (*int*) – The number of spaces that the substitution should be indented
- **stacklevel** (*int*) – The stacklevel for the warning raised in `safe_module()` when encountering an invalid key in the string

Returns The substituted string

Return type *str*

See also:

with_indent, dedent

with_indents (*args, **kwargs)
Deprecated method

Deprecated since version 0.3.0: Use `with_indent()` instead! It will be removed in version {0.4.0}.

`docrep.delete_kwargs` (s, args=None, kwargs=None)
Delete the *args or **kwargs part from the parameters section.

Either *args* or *kwargs* must not be None.

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – The string to delete the args and kwargs from
- **args** (*None* or *str*) – The string for the args to delete
- **kwargs** (*None* or *str*) – The string for the kwargs to delete

Notes

The type name of *args* in *s* has to be like ``*<args>`` (i.e. the *args* argument preceded by a '*' and enclosed by double '`'). Similarly, the type name of *kwargs* in *s* has to be like ``**<kwargs>``

`docrep.delete_params(s, *params)`

Delete the given parameters from a string.

Same as `delete_params()` but does not use the `params` dictionary

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – The string of the parameters section
- **params** (*list of str*) – The names of the parameters to delete

Returns The modified string *s* without the descriptions of *params*

Return type `str`

`docrep.delete_types(s, *types)`

Delete the given types from a string.

Same as `delete_types()` but does not use the `params` dictionary

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – The string of the returns like section
- **types** (*list of str*) – The type identifiers to delete

Returns The modified string *s* without the descriptions of *types*

Return type `str`

`docrep.keep_params(s, *params)`

Keep the given parameters from a string.

Same as `keep_params()` but does not use the `params` dictionary

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – The string of the parameters like section
- **params** (*list of str*) – The parameter names to keep

Returns The modified string *s* with only the descriptions of *params*

Return type `str`

`docrep.keep_types(s, *types)`

Keep the given types from a string.

Same as `keep_types()` but does not use the `params` dictionary

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – The string of the returns like section
- **types** (*list of str*) – The type identifiers to keep

Returns The modified string *s* with only the descriptions of *types*

Return type `str`

`docrep.safe_modulo(s, meta, checked="", print_warning=True, stacklevel=2)`

Safe version of the modulo operation (%) of strings

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – string to apply the modulo operation with
- **meta** (*dict or tuple*) – meta informations to insert (usually via `s % meta`)
- **checked** (`{'KEY', 'VALUE'}`, *optional*) – Security parameter for the recursive structure of this function. It can be set to 'VALUE' if an error shall be raised when facing a `TypeError` or `ValueError` or to 'KEY' if an error shall be raised when facing a `KeyError`. This parameter is mainly for internal processes.
- **print_warning** (*bool*) – If True and a key is not existent in `s`, a warning is raised
- **stacklevel** (*int*) – The stacklevel for the `warnings.warn()` function

Examples

The effects are demonstrated by this example:

```
>>> from docrep import safe_modulo
>>> s = "That's %(one)s string %(with)s missing 'with' and %s key"
>>> s % {'one': 1}           # raises KeyError because of missing 'with'
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
KeyError: 'with'
>>> s % {'one': 1, 'with': 2}      # raises TypeError because of '%s'
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: not enough arguments for format string
>>> safe_modulo(s, {'one': 1})
"That's 1 string %(with)s missing 'with' and %s key"
```


CHANGELOG

6.1 v0.3.2

Switch to Apache-2.0 license, see #22

6.2 v0.3.1

Minor fix for internal deprecation

6.3 v0.3.0

New framework for decorators, see PR #19

This release deprecates several methods of the *DocstringProcessor* in favor of a more uniform framework. Functions such as *get_sections* and *dedent* now work for both, as decorators and directly on strings. See *Migrating from 0.2.8 to 0.3.0* down below

6.3.1 Changed

- The following methods of the *DocstringProcessor* class have been deprecated:

docstring update methods for strings:

- *dedents* in favor of *dedent()*
- *with_indents* in favor of *with_indent()*

docstring analysis decorators

- *get_sectionsf* in favor of *get_sections()*
- *get_summaryf* in favor of *get_summary()*
- *get_full_descriptionf* in favor of *get_full_description()*
- *get_extended_summaryf* in favor of *get_extended_summary()*
- *save_docstring* in favor of *DocstringProcessor.get_docstring()*

docstring parameter and type extractors for strings

- *delete_params_s* in favor of *docrep.delete_params()*

- `delete_types_s` in favor of `docrep.delete_types()`
- `delete_kwargs_s` in favor of `docrep.delete_kwargs()`
- `keep_params_s` in favor of `docrep.keep_params()`
- `keep_types_s` in favor of `docrep.keep_types()`

6.3.2 Migrating from 0.2.8 to 0.3.0

Migration is possible using the following steps:

- For the deprecated update methods (see the *changes above*), just use the above-mentioned replacement. They work for both, as decorators and with strings.
- For the analysis decorators (`get_sectionsf` for instance, use the replacement) but you need to explicitly state the *base* parameter. `@get_sectionsf('something')` for instance needs to be replaced with `@get_sections(base='something')`
- for the parameter and type extractor functions, just use the corresponding module level function mentioned *above*

6.4 v0.2.8

Minor patch to solve deprecation warnings for various regular expressions.

6.5 v0.2.7

Minor patch to solve deprecation warnings for various regular expressions.

6.6 v0.2.6

Minor patch to use `inspect.cleandoc` instead of `matplotlib.cbook.dedent` because the latter is deprecated in matplotlib 3.1

6.7 v0.2.5

Minor release to fix a `DeprecationWarning` (see <https://github.com/Chilipp/docrep/issues/12>)

6.8 v0.2.4

This new minor release has an improved documentation considering the `keep_params` and `keep_types` section and triggers new builds for python 3.7.

6.9 v0.2.3

This minor release contains some backward incompatible changes on how to handle the decorators for classes in python 2.7. Thanks [@lestev](#) and [@guillaumeeb](#) for your input on this.

6.9.1 Changed

- When using the decorators for classes in python 2.7, e.g. via:

```
>>> @docstrings
... class Something(object):
...     "%(replacement)s"
```

it does not have an effect anymore. This is because class docstrings cannot be modified in python 2.7 (see issue #5). The original behaviour was to raise an error. You can restore the old behaviour by setting `DocstringProcessor.python2_classes = 'raise'`.

- Some docs have been updated (see PR #7)

6.9.2 Added

- the `DocstringProcessor.python2_classes` to change the handling of classes in python 2.7

6.10 v0.2.2

6.10.1 Added

- We introduce the `DocstringProcessor.get_extended_summary()` and `DocstringProcessor.get_extended_summaryf()` methods to extract the extended summary (see the [numpy documentation guidelines](#)).
- We introduce the `DocstringProcessor.get_full_description()` and `DocstringProcessor.get_full_descriptionf()` methods to extract the full description (i.e. the summary plus extended summary) from a function docstring

6.11 v0.2.1

6.11.1 Changed

- Minor bug fix in the `get_sections` method

6.12 v0.2.0

6.12.1 Added

- Changelog
- the `get_sectionsf` and `get_sections` methods now also support non-dedented docstrings that start with the summary, such as:

```
>>> d = DocstringProcessor()
>>> @d.get_sectionsf('source')
... def source_func(a=1):
...     '''That's the summary
...
...     Parameters
...     -----
...     a: int, optional
...         A dummy parameter description'''
...     pass
```

- the new `with_indent` and `with_indents` methods can be used to replace the argument in a non-dedented docstring, such as:

```
>>> @d.with_indent(4)
... def target_func(a=1):
...     """Another function using arguments of source_func
...
...     Parameters
...     -----
...     %(source.parameters)s"""
...     pass

>>> print(target_func.__doc__)

Another function using arguments of source_func

Parameters
-----
a: int, optional
    A dummy parameter description
```

6.12.2 Changed

- the *get_sectionsf* and *get_sections* method now always uses the dedented version of the docstring. Thereby it first removes the summary.

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