


# Will PyScript replace Django?

What PyScript is and is not

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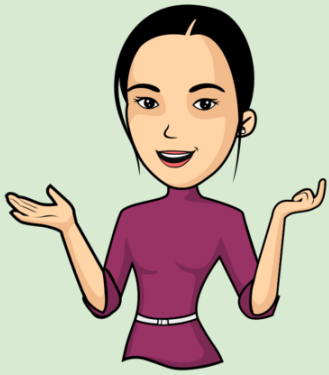
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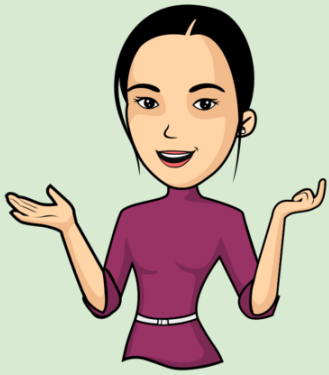




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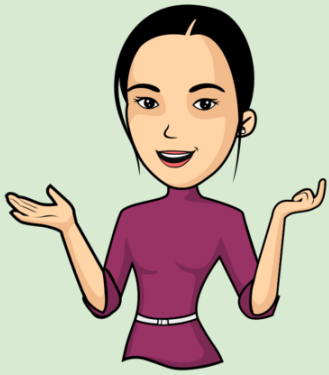




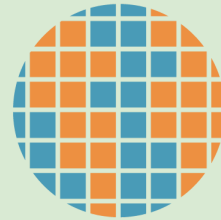
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PyData  
Global





A dreamy sky with soft, pastel-colored clouds in shades of pink, peach, and teal. A thin crescent moon is visible in the upper right quadrant. The overall atmosphere is ethereal and artistic.

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Just like other JS CDN

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a.k.a why do it on frontend

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- Data too sensitive to leave user's own machine

**So, will PyScript  
replace Django?**







**No,  
but we can make some  
amazing stuff if we use  
them together 🙌🙌**

# Here is an example

Using PyScript with Django

<https://github.com/Cheukting/django-knn-recommender>



# Other examples

Running Django with Pyscript - Frontend  
as a Backend?!

<https://absurd-django.vercel.app/>

by [Patrick Arminio](#)

# More Pyscript examples...

- Interactive plot  
[https://cheuk.dev/assets/html/interactive\\_network\\_graph.html](https://cheuk.dev/assets/html/interactive_network_graph.html)
- Using Follim for map plotting  
<https://pyscript.net/examples/leaflet.html>
- Interactive plot with d3 (We can now `import d3`)  
<https://cheuk.dev/assets/html/ice-cream-d3.html>

PyScript Tutorial [WIP]:

<https://github.com/anaconda/pyscript-tutorial>



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- Why can't you use `<script tag="python">`
  - Because `<script>` is not a custom tag and it is defined by the browser which none of them is supporting Python yet
- Why don't you just use Pyodide?
  - It's like we use Keras to simplify using TensorFlow, PyScript make it easier to using Python on the browser

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- Can you pin a package version at <py-config>?
  - Right now you cannot, but you can host the wheel yourself ([see example here](#))
- What is the difference between PyScript and Brython?
  - PyScript is interpreting Python to WASM instead of JS and has many popular packages available
  - You can also pick which Python WASM backend to use
- Any plan to support BeeWare?
  - I would love to personally, we will see