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**enum***tools*

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**Tools to expand Python's enum module.**

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This library provides the following:

1. A decorator to add docstrings to Enum members from a comment at the end of the line.
2. A Sphinx extension to document Enums better than `autoclass` can currently.
3. Additional Enum classes with different functionality.



## INSTALLATION

from PyPI

```
$ python3 -m pip install enum_tools --user
```

from Anaconda

First add the required channels

```
$ conda config --add channels https://conda.anaconda.org/domdfcoding
$ conda config --add channels https://conda.anaconda.org/conda-forge
```

Then install

```
$ conda install enum_tools
```

from GitHub

```
$ python3 -m pip install git+https://github.com/domdfcoding/enum_tools@master --user
```

### 1.1 autoenum Sphinx Extension

**.. autoenum::**

**.. autoflag::**

Used to document `Enums` and `Flags` respectively.

The directives support the same options as `autoclass`, but with a few changes to the behaviour:

- Enum members are always shown regardless of whether they are documented or not.
- Enum members are grouped separately from methods.

The docstrings of the Enum members are taken from their `__doc__` attributes. This can be set during initialisation of the enum (see an example [here](#)), with the `DocumentedEnum` class, or with the `document_enum()` decorator.

See <https://www.sphinx-doc.org/en/master/usage/extensions/autodoc.html> for further details.

**:py:enum:mem:**

**:py:enum:member:**

**:py:flag:mem:**

**:py:flag:member:**

Provides cross-references to Enum/Flag members.

Unlike a standard `:class:` or `:enum:` xref the default behaviour of the `~` prefix is to show both the Enum's name and the member's name, e.g.

```
:py:enum:mem:`~enum_tools.demo.StatusFlags.Running`
```

*StatusFlags.Running*

The original behaviour can be restored by using the + prefix, e.g.

```
:py:enum:mem:`~+enum_tools.demo.StatusFlags.Running`
```

*Running*

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Enable `enum_tools.autoenum` by adding the following to the `extensions` variable in your `conf.py`:

```
extensions = [  
    ...  
    'enum_tools.autoenum',  
]
```

For more information see <https://www.sphinx-doc.org/en/master/usage/extensions/index.html#third-party-extensions>.

### 1.1.1 Demo

These two have been created with `automodule`.

```
.. automodule:: enum_tools.demo  
   :members:
```

**enum NoMethods** (*value*)

Bases: `enum.IntEnum`

An enumeration of people without any methods.

**Member Type** `int`

Valid values are as follows:

**Bob** = `<NoMethods.Bob: 1>`

A person called Bob

**Alice** = `<NoMethods.Alice: 2>`

A person called Alice

**Carol** = `<NoMethods.Carol: 3>`

A person called Carol

**enum People** (*value*)

Bases: `enum.IntEnum`

An enumeration of people.

**Member Type** `int`

Valid values are as follows:

**Bob** = `<People.Bob: 1>`

A person called Bob

**Alice** = `<People.Alice: 2>`

A person called Alice



```
Carol = <People.Carol: 3>
    A person called Carol
```

The `Enum` and its members also have the following methods:

```
classmethod iter_values ()
    Iterate over the values of the Enum.
```

```
classmethod as_list ()
    Return the Enum's members as a list.
```

**Return type** `List`

This one has been created with `autoenum`.

```
.. autoenum:: enum_tools.demo.People
   :members:
```

```
enum People (value)
```

Bases: `enum.IntEnum`

An enumeration of people.

**Member Type** `int`

Valid values are as follows:

```
Bob = <People.Bob: 1>
    A person called Bob
```

```
Alice = <People.Alice: 2>
    A person called Alice
```

```
Carol = <People.Carol: 3>
    A person called Carol
```

The `Enum` and its members also have the following methods:

```
classmethod iter_values ()
    Iterate over the values of the Enum.
```

```
classmethod as_list ()
    Return the Enum's members as a list.
```

**Return type** `List`

If members don't have their own docstrings no docstring is shown:

```
.. autoenum:: enum_tools.demo.NoMemberDoc
   :members:
```

```
enum NoMemberDoc (value)
```

Bases: `enum.IntEnum`

An enumeration of people without any member docstrings.

**Member Type** `int`

Valid values are as follows:

```
Bob = <NoMemberDoc.Bob: 1>
```

```
Alice = <NoMemberDoc.Alice: 2>
```

```
Carol = <NoMemberDoc.Carol: 3>
```

enum.Flags can also be documented:

```
.. autoflag:: enum_tools.demo.StatusFlags
   :members:
```

**flag StatusFlags** (*value*)

Bases: `enum.IntFlag`

An enumeration of status codes.

**Member Type** `int`

Valid values are as follows:

**Running** = `<StatusFlags.Running: 1>`

The system is running.

**Stopped** = `<StatusFlags.Stopped: 2>`

The system has stopped.

**Error** = `<StatusFlags.Error: 4>`

An error has occurred.

The `Flag` and its members also have the following methods:

**has\_errored** ()

Returns whether the operation has errored.

**Return type** `bool`

## 1.2 enum\_tools.autoenum

A Sphinx directive for documenting `Enums` in Python.

Provides the `autoenum` directive for documenting `Enums`, and `autoflag` for documenting `Flags`.

It behaves much like `autoclass` and `autofunction`.

See also <https://www.sphinx-doc.org/en/master/usage/extensions/autodoc.html>.

Changed in version 0.4.0: Added `PyEnumXRefRole` and `py:enum:mem`.

### Classes:

<code>EnumDocumenter(*args)</code>	Sphinx autodoc Documenter for documenting <code>Enums</code> .
<code>EnumMemberDocumenter(directive, name[, indent])</code>	Sphinx autodoc Documenter for documenting <code>Enum</code> members.
<code>FlagDocumenter(*args)</code>	Sphinx autodoc Documenter for documenting <code>Flags</code> .
<code>PyEnumXRefRole([fix_parens, lowercase, ...])</code>	XRefRole for <code>Enum/Flag</code> members.

### Functions:

<code>setup(app)</code>	Setup Sphinx Extension.
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**class EnumDocumenter** (*\*args*)

Bases: `ClassDocumenter`

Sphinx autodoc Documenter for documenting `Enums`.

**Methods:**

<code>can_document_member(member, member-name, ...)</code>	Called to see if a member can be documented by this documenter.
<code>document_members([all_members])</code>	Generate reST for member documentation.
<code>generate([more_content, real_modname, ...])</code>	Generate reST for the object given by <code>self.name</code> , and possibly for its members.

**classmethod** `can_document_member` (*member, membername, isattr, parent*)

Called to see if a member can be documented by this documenter.

**Parameters**

- **member** (*Any*)
- **membername** (*str*)
- **isattr** (*bool*)
- **parent** (*Any*)

**Return type** `bool`

**document\_members** (*all\_members=False*)

Generate reST for member documentation.

**Parameters** **all\_members** (*bool*) – If `True`, document all members, otherwise document those given by else those given by `self.options.members`. Default `False`.

**generate** (*more\_content=None, real\_modname=None, check\_module=False, all\_members=False*)

Generate reST for the object given by `self.name`, and possibly for its members.

**Parameters**

- **more\_content** (*Optional[Any]*) – Additional content to include in the reST output. Default `None`.
- **real\_modname** (*Optional[str]*) – Module name to use to find attribute documentation. Default `None`.
- **check\_module** (*bool*) – If `True`, only generate if the object is defined in the module name it is imported from. Default `False`.
- **all\_members** (*bool*) – If `True`, document all members. Default `False`.

**class** `EnumMemberDocumenter` (*directive, name, indent=""*)

Bases: `AttributeDocumenter`

Sphinx autodoc Documenter for documenting `Enum` members.

**Methods:**

<code>generate([more_content, real_modname, ...])</code>	Generate reST for the object given by <code>self.name</code> , and possibly for its members.
<code>import_object([raiseerror])</code>	Import the object given by <code>self.modname</code> and <code>self.objpath</code> and set it as <code>self.object</code> .

**generate** (*more\_content=None, real\_modname=None, check\_module=False, all\_members=False*)

Generate reST for the object given by `self.name`, and possibly for its members.

**Parameters**

- **more\_content** (*Optional*[*Any*]) – Additional content to include in the reST output. Default *None*.
- **real\_modname** (*Optional*[*str*]) – Module name to use to find attribute documentation. Default *None*.
- **check\_module** (*bool*) – If *True*, only generate if the object is defined in the module name it is imported from. Default *False*.
- **all\_members** (*bool*) – If *True*, document all members. Default *False*.

**import\_object** (*raiseerror=False*)

Import the object given by *self.modname* and *self.objpath* and set it as *self.object*.

**Parameters** *raiseerror* (*bool*) – Default *False*.

**Return type** *Any*

**Returns** *True* if successful, *False* if an error occurred.

**class FlagDocumenter** (*\*args*)

Bases: *EnumDocumenter*

Sphinx autodoc Documenter for documenting *Flags*.

**Methods:**


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<i>can_document_member</i> ( <i>member</i> , <i>membername</i> , ...)	Called to see if a member can be documented by this documenter.
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**classmethod can\_document\_member** (*member*, *membername*, *isattr*, *parent*)

Called to see if a member can be documented by this documenter.

**Parameters**

- **member** (*Any*)
- **membername** (*str*)
- **isattr** (*bool*)
- **parent** (*Any*)

**Return type** *bool*

**class PyEnumXRefRole** (*fix\_parens=False*, *lowercase=False*, *nodeclass=None*, *innernodeclass=None*, *warn\_dangling=False*)

Bases: *PyXRefRole*

XRefRole for Enum/Flag members.

New in version 0.4.0.

**Methods:**


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<i>process_link</i> ( <i>env</i> , <i>refnode</i> , ...)	Called after parsing title and target text, and creating the reference node (given in <i>refnode</i> ).
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**process\_link** (*env*, *refnode*, *has\_explicit\_title*, *title*, *target*)

Called after parsing title and target text, and creating the reference node (given in *refnode*). This method can alter the reference node and must return a new (or the same) (*title*, *target*) tuple.

**Return type** `Tuple[str, str]`

**setup** (*app*)

Setup Sphinx Extension.

**Parameters** `app` (`Sphinx`)

**Return type** `Dict[str, Any]`

## 1.3 enum\_tools.custom\_enums

Custom subclasses of `enum.Enum` and `enum.Flag`.

**Classes:**

<code>AutoNumberEnum(value)</code>	<code>Enum</code> that automatically assigns increasing values to members.
<code>DuplicateFreeEnum(*args)</code>	<code>Enum</code> that disallows duplicated member names.
<code>IntEnum(value)</code>	<code>Enum</code> where members are also (and must be) ints.
<code>IterableFlag(value)</code>	<code>enum.Flag</code> with support for iterating over members and member combinations.
<code>IterableIntFlag(value)</code>	<code>enum.IntFlag</code> with support for iterating over members and member combinations.
<code>MemberDirEnum(value)</code>	<code>Enum</code> which includes attributes as well as methods.
<code>OrderedEnum(value)</code>	<code>Enum</code> that adds ordering based on the values of its members.
<code>StrEnum(value)</code>	<code>Enum</code> where members are also (and must be) strings.

**enum** `AutoNumberEnum` (*value*)

Bases: `enum.Enum`

`Enum` that automatically assigns increasing values to members.

**enum** `DuplicateFreeEnum` (*value*)

Bases: `enum.Enum`

`Enum` that disallows duplicated member names.

**enum** `IntEnum` (*value*)

Bases: `int`, `enum.Enum`

`Enum` where members are also (and must be) ints.

**Member Type** `int`

**flag** `IterableFlag` (*value*)

Bases: `enum.Flag`

`enum.Flag` with support for iterating over members and member combinations.

This functionality was added to Python 3.10's `enum` module in #22221#22221.

New in version 0.5.0.

**flag** `IterableIntFlag` (*value*)

Bases: `enum.IntFlag`

`enum.IntFlag` with support for iterating over members and member combinations.

This functionality was added to Python 3.10's `enum` module in #22221#22221.

New in version 0.5.0.

**Member Type** `int`

**enum MemberDirEnum** (*value*)

Bases: `enum.Enum`

`Enum` which includes attributes as well as methods.

This will be part of the `enum` module starting with Python 3.10.

**See also:**

Pull request #19219#19219 by Angelin BOOZ, which added this to CPython.

New in version 0.6.0.

**enum OrderedEnum** (*value*)

Bases: `enum.Enum`

`Enum` that adds ordering based on the values of its members.

The `Enum` and its members have the following methods:

`__ge__` (*other*)

Return `self >= value`.

**Return type** `bool`

`__gt__` (*other*)

Return `self > value`.

**Return type** `bool`

`__le__` (*other*)

Return `self <= value`.

**Return type** `bool`

`__lt__` (*other*)

Return `self < value`.

**Return type** `bool`

**enum StrEnum** (*value*)

Bases: `str`, `enum.Enum`

`Enum` where members are also (and must be) strings.

**Member Type** `str`

## 1.4 enum\_tools.documentation

### 1.4.1 Core Functionality

Decorators to add docstrings to enum members from comments.

**Classes:**

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`DocumentedEnum`(*value*)

An enum where docstrings are automatically added to members from comments starting with `doc:`.

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**Functions:**

<code>document_enum(an_enum)</code>	Document all members of an enum by adding a comment to the end of each line that starts with <code>doc:.</code>
<code>document_member(enum_member)</code>	Document a member of an enum by adding a comment to the end of the line that starts with <code>doc:.</code>

**enum DocumentedEnum** (*value*)Bases: `enum.Enum`An enum where docstrings are automatically added to members from comments starting with `doc:.`**@document\_enum** (*an\_enum*)Document all members of an enum by adding a comment to the end of each line that starts with `doc:.`**Parameters** `an_enum` (`EnumMeta`) – An Enum subclass**Return type** `EnumMeta`**document\_member** (*enum\_member*)Document a member of an enum by adding a comment to the end of the line that starts with `doc:.`**Parameters** `enum_member` (`Enum`) – A member of an Enum subclass

## 1.4.2 Utilities

**Functions:**

<code>get_base_indent(base_indent, all_tokens, indent)</code>	Determine the base level of indentation (i.e.
<code>get_dedented_line(line)</code>	Returns the line without indentation, and the amount of indentation.
<code>get_tokens(line)</code>	Returns a list of tokens generated from the given Python code.
<code>parse_tokens(all_tokens)</code>	Parse the tokens representing a line of code to identify Enum members and <code>doc:.</code> comments.

**get\_base\_indent** (*base\_indent, all\_tokens, indent*)Determine the base level of indentation (i.e. one level of indentation in from the `c` of `class`).**Parameters**

- **base\_indent** (`Optional[int]`) – The current base level of indentation
- **all\_tokens**
- **indent** (`int`) – The current level of indentation

**Return type** `Optional[int]`**Returns** The base level of indentation**get\_dedented\_line** (*line*)

Returns the line without indentation, and the amount of indentation.

**Parameters** `line` (`str`) – A line of Python source code**Return type** `Tuple[int, str]`**Returns**

**get\_tokens** (*line*)

Returns a list of tokens generated from the given Python code.

**Parameters** `line` (`str`) – Line of Python code to tokenise.

**Return type** `List[Tuple]`

**parse\_tokens** (*all\_tokens*)

Parse the tokens representing a line of code to identify Enum members and `doc`: comments.

**Parameters** `all_tokens`

**Returns** A list of the Enum members' names, and the docstring for them.

## 1.5 enum\_tools.utils

General utility functions.

**Classes:**

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*HasMRO*

`typing.Protocol` for classes that have a Method Resolution Order magic method.

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**Functions:**

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*get\_base\_object*(`enum`)

Returns the object type of the enum's members.

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*is\_enum*(`obj`)

Returns `True` if `obj` is an `enum.Enum`.

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*is\_enum\_member*(`obj`)

Returns `True` if `obj` is an `enum.Enum` member.

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*is\_flag*(`obj`)

Returns `True` if `obj` is an `enum.Flag`.

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**protocol HasMRO**

Bases: `typing.Protocol`

`typing.Protocol` for classes that have a Method Resolution Order magic method.

This protocol is runtime checkable.

Classes that implement this protocol must have the following methods / attributes:

```
__mro__ = (<class 'enum_tools.utils.HasMRO'>, <class 'typing.Protocol'>, <class 'typing.Protocol'>)
```

**get\_base\_object** (*enum*)

Returns the object type of the enum's members.

If the members are of indeterminate type `object` is returned.

**Return type** `Type`

**is\_enum** (*obj*)

Returns `True` if `obj` is an `enum.Enum`.

**Return type** `bool`

**is\_enum\_member** (*obj*)

Returns `True` if `obj` is an `enum.Enum` member.

**Return type** `bool`

**is\_flag** (*obj*)

Returns `True` if `obj` is an `enum.Flag`.



**Return type** `bool`

## 1.6 Overview

`enum_tools` uses `tox` to automate testing and packaging, and `pre-commit` to maintain code quality.

Install `pre-commit` with `pip` and install the git hook:

```
$ python -m pip install pre-commit
$ pre-commit install
```

## 1.7 Coding style

`Yapf` is used for code formatting, and `isort` is used to sort imports.

`yapf` and `isort` can be run manually via `pre-commit`:

```
$ pre-commit run yapf -a
$ pre-commit run isort -a
```

The complete autoformatting suite can be run with `pre-commit`:

```
$ pre-commit run -a
```

## 1.8 Automated tests

Tests are run with `tox` and `pytest`. To run tests for a specific Python version, such as Python 3.6, run:

```
$ tox -e py36
```

To run tests for all Python versions, simply run:

```
$ tox
```

## 1.9 Type Annotations

Type annotations are checked using `mypy`. Run `mypy` using `tox`:

```
$ tox -e mypy
```

## 1.10 Build documentation locally

The documentation is powered by `Sphinx`. A local copy of the documentation can be built with `tox`:

```
$ tox -e docs
```

## 1.11 Downloading source code

The enum\_tools source code is available on GitHub, and can be accessed from the following URL: [https://github.com/domdfcoding/enum\\_tools](https://github.com/domdfcoding/enum_tools)

If you have git installed, you can clone the repository with the following command:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/domdfcoding/enum_tools"
> Cloning into 'enum_tools'...
> remote: Enumerating objects: 47, done.
> remote: Counting objects: 100% (47/47), done.
> remote: Compressing objects: 100% (41/41), done.
> remote: Total 173 (delta 16), reused 17 (delta 6), pack-reused 126
> Receiving objects: 100% (173/173), 126.56 KiB | 678.00 KiB/s, done.
> Resolving deltas: 100% (66/66), done.
```

Alternatively, the code can be downloaded in a 'zip' file by clicking:

*Clone or download* → *Download Zip*

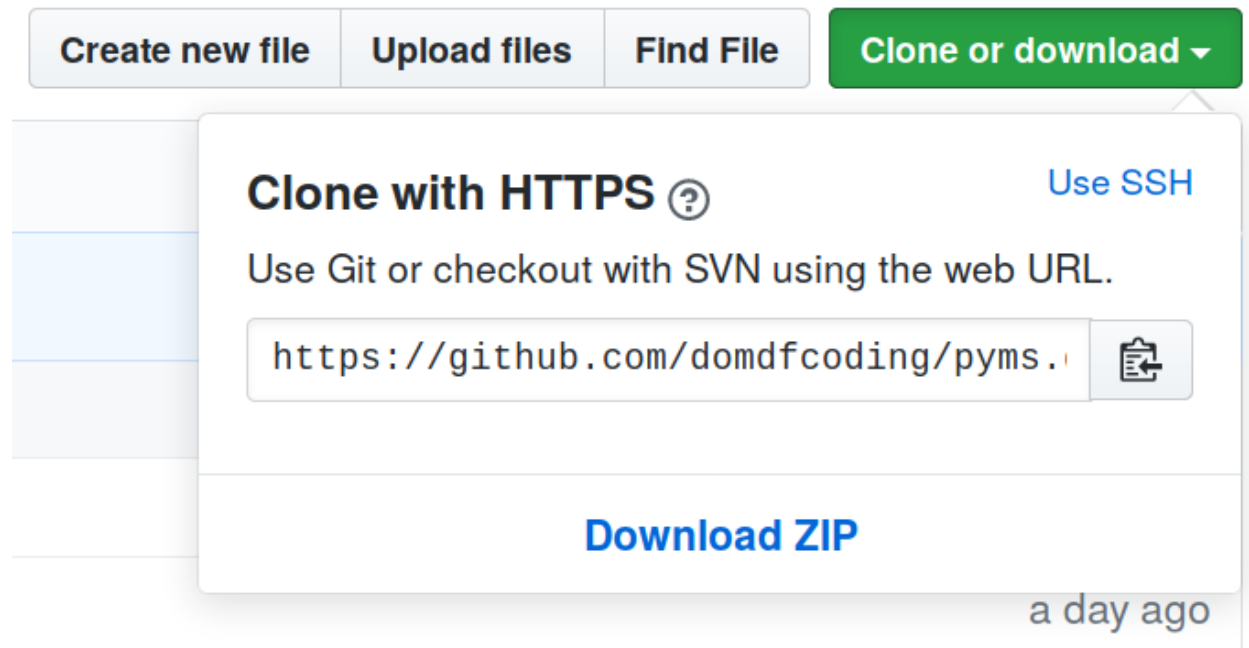


Fig. 1: Downloading a 'zip' file of the source code

### 1.11.1 Building from source

The recommended way to build `enum_tools` is to use `tox`:

```
$ tox -e build
```

The source and wheel distributions will be in the directory `dist`.

If you wish, you may also use `pep517.build` or another **PEP 517**-compatible build tool.

View the [Function Index](#) or browse the [Source Code](#).

[Browse the GitHub Repository](#)



## FURTHER READING

1. <https://docs.python.org/3/library/enum.html>
2. Is it possible to define a class constant inside an Enum?
3. Enums with Attributes
4. When should I subclass EnumMeta instead of Enum?



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