

# Re: Thoughts on some stdlib modules

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Fredrik Lundh wrote:

Robert Kern wrote:

(the Linux distributors know how to do this: look for good stuff that's either actively maintained or simple and solid enough to live for a while, make sure the licenses are good enough, bundle the latest and greatest version, ship tested versions at regular intervals, update when necessary, and pass bugs and patches upstream. why not use the same approach for Python's standard distribution?)

The reason they don't is because making a distribution like this is a royal pain in the ass. It makes no sense to make the Python standard distribution like this. Only insane people do this. I'm one of them.

with enough volunteers, and a distributed development environment, nobody needs to be insane. if you try to channel everything through a small number of CPython developers, everyone will loose their sanity, and the users will suffer.

Agreed, which is why I think that proper package management and a CPyAN-type system is the way to go, not trying to stuff everything into a single distribution.

"Updating when necessary" is problematic and really requires proper package management. Python is not an OS and cannot control all of the little factors that make package management feasible for OS distributions to do.

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"updating when necessary" means "adding new components to the standard library when there are new stable releases available, and someone has time to run the test suite and contact the upstream provider"