

NEW ZEALAND PYTHON USER GROUP

KIWI PYCON CONFERENCE

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Bringing the Programming Language of the Year to New Zealand

What do Google, YouTube, and Weta Digital share in common? They all rely on the 2009 Programming Language of the Year¹ - Python, for their daily operations. Python is used in New Zealand by reputable companies such as Weta Digital, the company behind Lord of the Rings and King Kong, and is also used extensively in government in New Zealand, in academic institutions throughout the country, and in many other commercial organisations.

In order to promote the use of Python in New Zealand and to raise awareness about the possible applications of the language, the New Zealand Python User Group, a non-profit organisation formed in 2007 to promote its use in New Zealand, is holding a conference in Christchurch at the Canterbury Innovation Incubator on November 7th to 8th called Kiwi PyCon.

The event will include talks highlighting how Python has been used in web and desktop applications, in the field of science and maths, in gaming and animation, and in various other fields. The programme will also include interactive sessions with the audience and opportunities for delegates to give short presentations regarding ways that they have been able to benefit from Python.

“We've got a great lineup of talks prepared and we've also arranged for a couple of very talented and engaging keynote speakers for the conference” said Tim Knapp, the Director of the event, “so we really do encourage all members of the IT community in New Zealand to come along, including management, to find out how Python can be used in their organisations”.

The event is supported by reputable organisations such as Canonical, Catalyst IT, Tait Electronics, Weta Digital, the Python Software Foundation and Unfold Limited. Further supporting organisations include Encode Limited, PretaWeb, powerHouse and VortexDNA.

150 delegates are expected from across New Zealand and Australia. Registration for the conference is now open and numbers are limited. For more information visit nz.pycon.org.

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¹ <http://www.linuxjournal.com/article/10451>