
Porting Extension Modules to Python 3

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We recommend the following resources for porting extension modules to Python 3:

- The [Migrating C extensions](#) chapter from *Supporting Python 3: An in-depth guide*, a book on moving from Python 2 to Python 3 in general, guides the reader through porting an extension module.
- The [Porting guide](#) from the *py3c* project provides opinionated suggestions with supporting code.
- The [Cython](#) and [CFFI](#) libraries offer abstractions over Python's C API. Extensions generally need to be re-written to use one of them, but the library then handles differences between various Python versions and implementations.