Pdb Commands

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Startup and Help

python -m pdb <name>.py[args] begin the debugger

help [command] view a list of commands, or view help for a specific

command

within a python file:

import pdb

. . .

pdb.set_trace() begin the debugger at this line when the file is run

normally

Navigating Code (within the Pdb interpreter)

1(ist) list 11 lines surrounding the current line

w(here) display the file and line number of the current line

n(ext) execute the current line

s(tep) step into functions called at the current line r(eturn) execute until the current function's return is

encountered

Controlling Execution

b [#] create a breakpoint at line [#]

list breakpoints and their indices

c(ontinue) execute until a breakpoint is encountered

clear [#] clear breakpoint of index [#]

Changing Variables / Interacting with Code

p <name> print value of the variable <name>

!<expr> execute the expression <expr>

NOTE: this acts just like a python interpreter

run [args] restart the debugger with sys.argv arguments [args]

q(uit) exit the debugger