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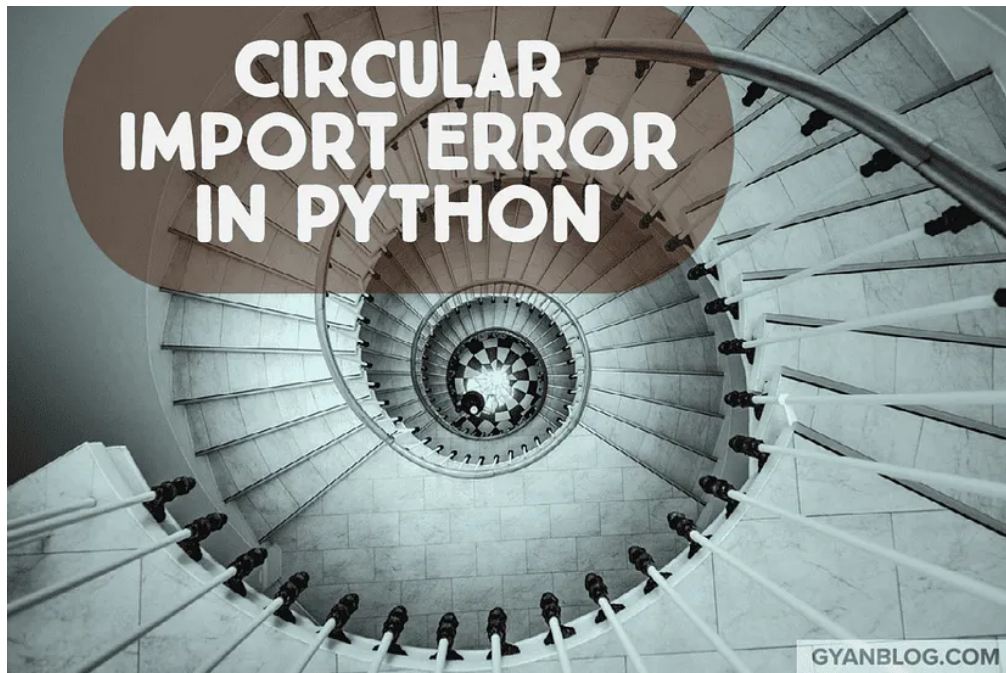
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Circular imports can occur when two or more modules mutually depend on each other. This can happen if each module tries to import the other before fully loaded, leading to unpredictable behavior and runtime errors. To avoid these issues, it's essential to carefully consider the import statements in your code and use one of the methods described in the next section to break the cycle of imports. Below is an example of an error statement.

```
"ImportError: cannot import name 'users_bp' from partially initialized module 's
```

5 WAYS TO DESTROY CIRCULAR IMPORTS



IMPORT THE MODULE INSIDE A FUNCTION

One way to avoid circular imports is to import the module inside a function, rather than at the top level of the module. This allows the module to be imported only when it is needed, rather than when the module is first imported. For example:

```
def foo():  
    from module1 import bar  
    bar()
```

USE IMPORT AS

Another way to avoid circular imports is to use the `import as` syntax. This allows you to import the module using a different name, which can then be used to reference the module within your code. For example:

```
import module1 as m1  
  
def foo():  
    m1.bar()
```

MOVE THE IMPORT TO THE END OF THE MODULE

A third option is to move the import statement to the end of the module after all the other code has been defined. This ensures that the module has been fully defined before it is imported by another module. For example:

```
def foo():  
    pass  
  
def bar():  
    pass
```

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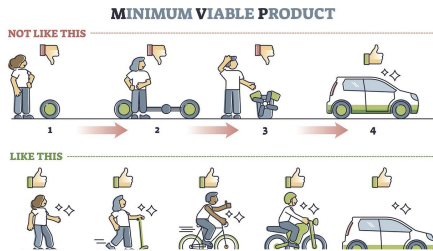
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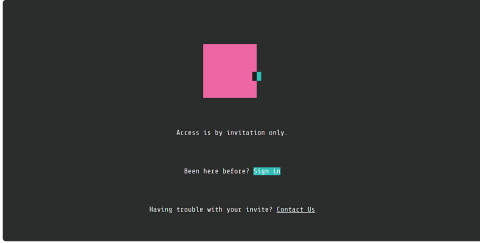
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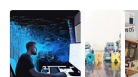
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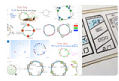
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order_date	date
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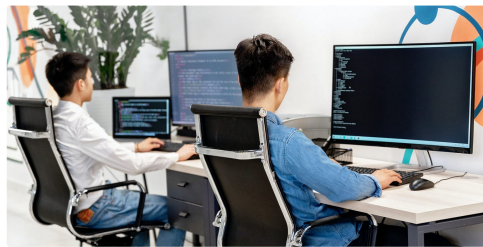
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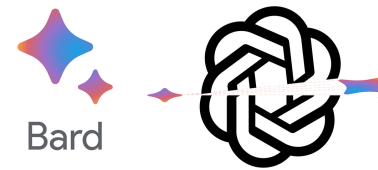
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