

writing better
command-line
interfaces
with
docopt

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import argparse

parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(prog='cocoa')
parser.add_argument('--version', action='version', version='1.2.0rc1')
subparsers = parser.add_subparsers()

parser_init = subparsers.add_parser('new')
parser_init.add_argument('<path>')
parser_init.add_argument('--theme')

parser_build = subparsers.add_parser('build')
parser_build.add_argument('--continuous')

parser_serve = subparsers.add_parser('serve')
parser_serve.add_argument('--host', default='127.0.0.1')
parser_serve.add_argument('--port', default=9000)

print(parser.parse_args())
```

“ If you have to refer to the documentation every time you use a module, find (or build) a new module

– *Kenneth Reitz*

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print(docopt(__doc__, version='1.2.0rc1'))

{
    '--continuous': False,
    '--help': False,
    '--host': '0.0.0.0',
    '--port': None,
    '--theme': None,
    '--version': False,
    '<directory>': None,
    'build': False,
    'init': False,
    'serve': True,
}
}
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A tool for building static websites.

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Options:

<code>--version</code>	show the program's version number
<code>-h --help</code>	show this help message
<code>--theme=<THEME></code>	name of the site theme to use
<code>--continuous</code>	watch the site directory and rebuild on changes
<code>--host=<HOST></code>	hostname to bind to; use <code>0.0.0.0</code> to serve globally
<code>--port=<PORT></code>	port to run on

Usage: my_program command --option <arg>
my_program [<optional-arg>]
my_program --another-option=<with-arg>
my_program (--either-this| --or-that)
my_program <repeating-arg> <repeating-arg> ...

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docopt 0.6.2

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Pythonic argument parser, that will make you smile

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docopt creates beautiful command-line interfaces

Video introduction to docopt: PyCon UK 2012: Create *beautiful* command-line interfaces with Python

New in version 0.6.1:

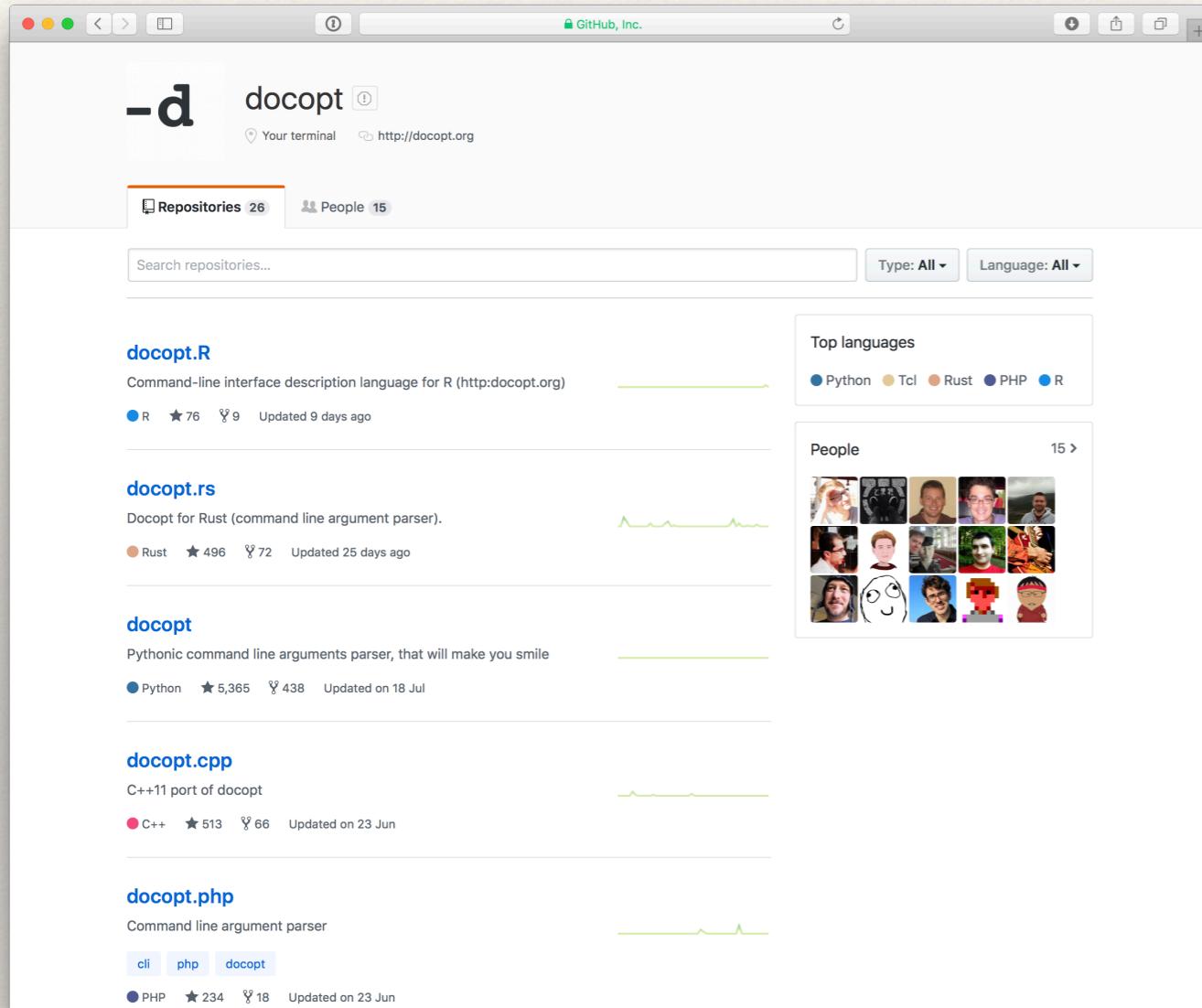
- Fix issue #85 which caused improper handling of `[options]` shortcut if it was present several times.

New in version 0.6.0:

- New argument `options_first`, disallows interspersing options and arguments. If you supply `options_first=True` to `docopt`, it will interpret all arguments as positional arguments after first positional argument.
- If option with argument could be repeated, its default value will be interpreted as space-separated list. E.g. with `[default: ./here ./there]` will be interpreted as `['./here', './there']`.

Breaking changes:

- Meaning of `[options]` shortcut slightly changed. Previously it meant “any known option”. Now it means “any option not in usage-pattern”. This avoids the situation when an option is allowed to be repeated unintentionally.



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```
<?php
$doc = <<<DOC
A tool for building static websites.
```

Usage: cocoa.php new <path> [--theme=<THEME>]
cocoa.php build [--continuous]
cocoa.php serve [--host=127.0.0.1] [--port=9000]
cocoa.php (-h | --help | --version)

Options:

--version	show the program's version number
-h --help	show this help message
--theme=<THEME>	name of the site theme to use
--continuous	watch the site directory and rebuild on changes
--host=<HOST>	hostname to bind to; use 0.0.0.0 to serve globally
--port=<PORT>	port to run on

DOC;

```
require('path/to/src/docopt.php');
$args = Docopt:::handle($doc, array('version'=>'Cocoa 1.2.0rc1')));
foreach ($args as $k=>$v)
    echo $k. ': ' . json_encode($v). PHP_EOL;
```

<http://docopt.org>