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# **flake8-sphinx-links**

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**A Flake8 plugin to check docstrings for double  
backticked strings which should be links to the Python  
documentation.**

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## Installation

### 1.1 from PyPI

```
$ python3 -m pip install flake8_sphinx_links --user
```

### 1.2 from Anaconda

First add the required channels

```
$ conda config --add channels https://conda.anaconda.org/conda-forge  
$ conda config --add channels https://conda.anaconda.org/domdfcoding
```

Then install

```
$ conda install flake8_sphinx_links
```

### 1.3 from GitHub

```
$ python3 -m pip install git+https://github.com/python-formate/flake8-sphinx-links@master --user
```



## Usage

This library provides the Flake8 plugin `flake8-sphinx-links` to check docstrings for double backticked strings which should be links to the Python documentation.

For example, ```True``` should be `py:obj:`True``, which Sphinx will render as a link to the Python documentation. See [Examples](#) for further examples.

reStructuredText `.rst` files are not currently checked.

### 2.1 Flake8 codes

Code	Description
SXL001	Double backticked strings should be a link to Python documentation.

### 2.2 Pre-commit hook

`flake8-sphinx-links` can also be used as a pre-commit hook See [pre-commit](#) for instructions

Sample `.pre-commit-config.yaml`:

```
- repo: https://github.com/pycqa/flake8
  rev: 3.8.4
  hooks:
    - id: flake8
      additional_dependencies:
        - flake8-sphinx-links==0.2.2
```





## Examples

<code>``True`` =&gt; :py:obj:`True`</code>	<code>True =&gt; True</code>
<code>``False`` =&gt; :py:obj:`False`</code>	<code>False =&gt; False</code>
<code>``None`` =&gt; :py:obj:`None`</code>	<code>None =&gt; None</code>
<code>``NotImplemented`` =&gt; :py:obj:`NotImplemented`</code>	<code>NotImplemented =&gt; NotImplemented</code>
<code>``Ellipsis`` =&gt; :py:obj:`Ellipsis`</code>	<code>Ellipsis =&gt; Ellipsis</code>
<code>``__debug__`` =&gt; :py:obj:`__debug__`</code>	<code>__debug__ =&gt; __debug__</code>
<code>``quit`` =&gt; :py:obj:`quit`</code>	<code>quit =&gt; quit</code>
<code>``exit`` =&gt; :py:obj:`exit`</code>	<code>exit =&gt; exit</code>
<code>``copyright`` =&gt; :py:obj:`python:copyright`</code>	<code>copyright =&gt; copyright</code>
<code>``credits`` =&gt; :py:obj:`credits`</code>	<code>credits =&gt; credits</code>
<code>``license`` =&gt; :py:obj:`license`</code>	<code>license =&gt; license</code>
<code>``ValueError`` =&gt; :exc:`ValueError`</code>	<code>ValueError =&gt; ValueError</code>
<code>``BaseException`` =&gt; :exc:`BaseException`</code>	<code>BaseException =&gt; BaseException</code>
<code>``ValueError`` =&gt; :exc:`ValueError`</code>	<code>ValueError =&gt; ValueError</code>
<code>``int`` =&gt; :class:`int`</code>	<code>int =&gt; int</code>
<code>``str`` =&gt; :class:`str`</code>	<code>str =&gt; str</code>



## API Reference

In addition to the Flake8 plugin, the following public API is available to allow other plugins to build on top of flake8-sphinx-links.

### Classes:

<code>Plugin(tree)</code>	Flake8 plugin to check docstrings for double backticked strings which should be links to the Python documentation.
<code>Visitor()</code>	AST visitor to check docstrings for double backticked strings which should be links to the Python documentation.

### Data:

<code>exc</code>	List of keywords which should become <code>:py:exc:&lt;keyword&gt;</code>
<code>py_obj</code>	List of keywords which should become <code>:py:obj:&lt;keyword&gt;</code>
<code>py_obj_python</code>	List of keywords that should become <code>:py:obj:python:&lt;keyword&gt;</code> to prevent conflict with Sphinx objects.
<code>regex</code>	Regex to match keywords that should be Sphinx links.

#### **class Plugin** (*tree*)

Bases: `Plugin[Visitor]`

Flake8 plugin to check docstrings for double backticked strings which should be links to the Python documentation.

#### **class Visitor**

Bases: `Visitor`

AST visitor to check docstrings for double backticked strings which should be links to the Python documentation.

**exc** = ['BaseException', 'Exception', 'ArithmeticError', 'BufferError', 'LookupError', 'Ass

Type: `List[str]`

List of keywords which should become `:py:exc:<keyword>`

**py\_obj** = ['True', 'False', 'None', 'NotImplemented', 'Ellipsis', '\_\_debug\_\_', 'quit', 'exit

Type: `List[str]`

List of keywords which should become `:py:obj:<keyword>`

**py\_obj\_python** = ['copyright']

Type: `List[str]`

List of keywords that should become `:py:obj:python:<keyword>` to prevent conflict with Sphinx objects.

**regex**

**Type:** `Pattern`

Regex to match keywords that should be Sphinx links.

## Downloading source code

The `flake8_sphinx_links` source code is available on GitHub, and can be accessed from the following URL:  
<https://github.com/python-formate/flake8-sphinx-links>

If you have `git` installed, you can clone the repository with the following command:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/python-formate/flake8-sphinx-links
```

```
Cloning into 'flake8-sphinx-links'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 47, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (47/47), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (41/41), done.
remote: Total 173 (delta 16), reused 17 (delta 6), pack-reused 126
Receiving objects: 100% (173/173), 126.56 KiB | 678.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (66/66), done.
```

Alternatively, the code can be downloaded in a ‘zip’ file by clicking:

*Clone or download → Download Zip*

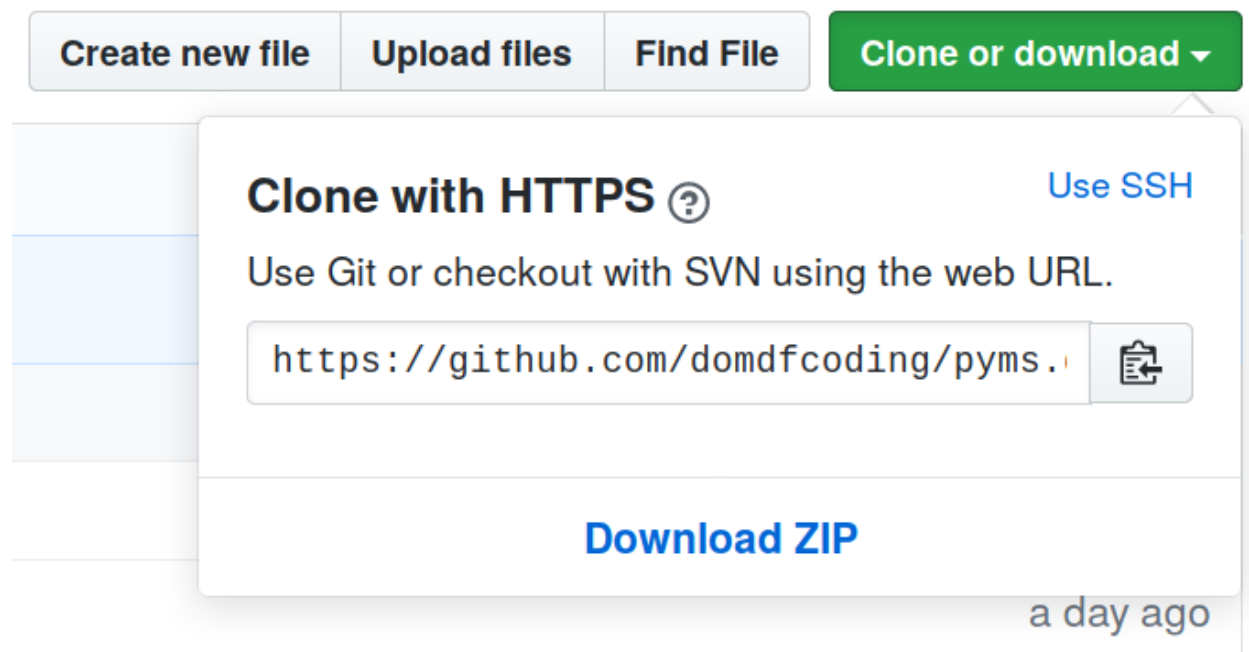


Fig. 1: Downloading a ‘zip’ file of the source code

## 5.1 Building from source

The recommended way to build `flake8_sphinx_links` is to use `tox`:

```
$ tox -e build
```

The source and wheel distributions will be in the directory `dist`.

If you wish, you may also use `pep517.build` or another **PEP 517**-compatible build tool.

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