

# Dial M for Mentor

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# Hello!

*Who am I?*

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# Who are you?

## *On a mission:*

To improve yourself

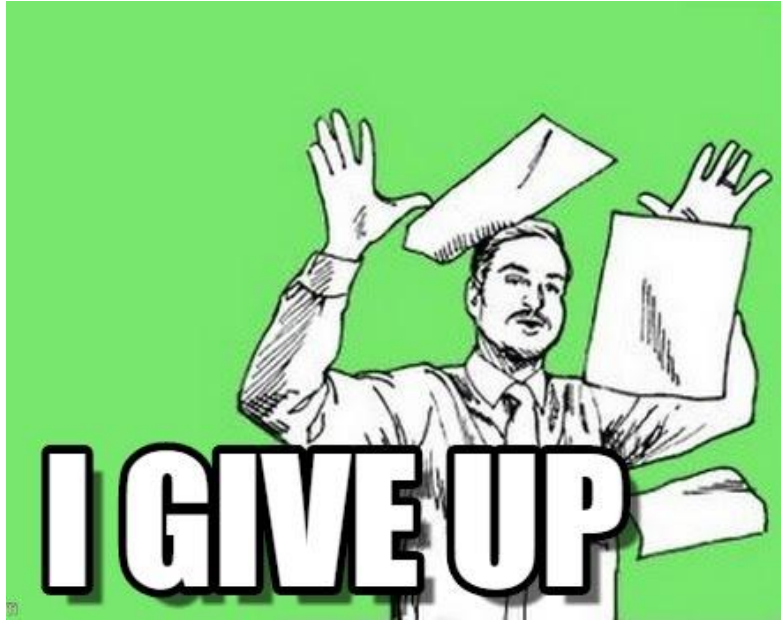
To take on new challenges

To level up your skills






**Effort?**



Story 1: Give up

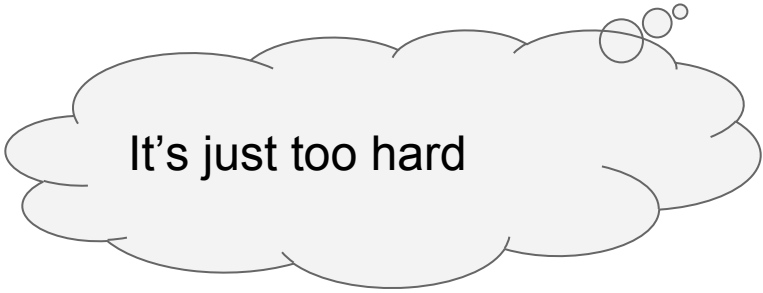
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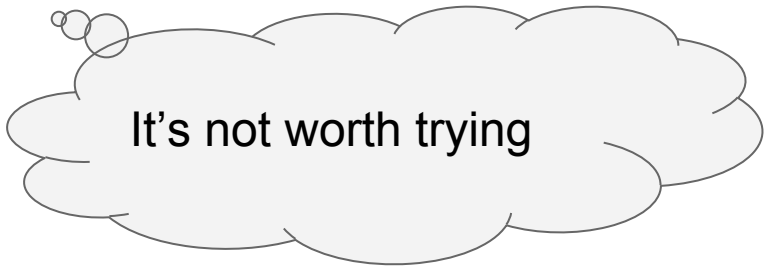
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I'm not meant for this

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It's just too hard

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It's not worth trying



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The background of the slide is a photograph of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, reaching towards each other. The hands are positioned as if they are about to clasp or are in the process of reaching. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The text is overlaid on this image.

Story 2:

**Reach out for help**

Effort: XL

*My questions are stupid*



Good mentors are rare



*I don't know enough to be helped yet*

**MYTH**

I wish I knew this sooner



*Only newbies need help*

**MYTH**

Nobody's perfect



*I'll just be wasting my mentor's time*

**MYTH**



Mentors learn from you!



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*I don't deserve any help,  
I'm not worthy*

**MYTH**

# Impostor Syndrome



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*I'm a failure for needing help*

**MYTH**

Asking for help is not a failure





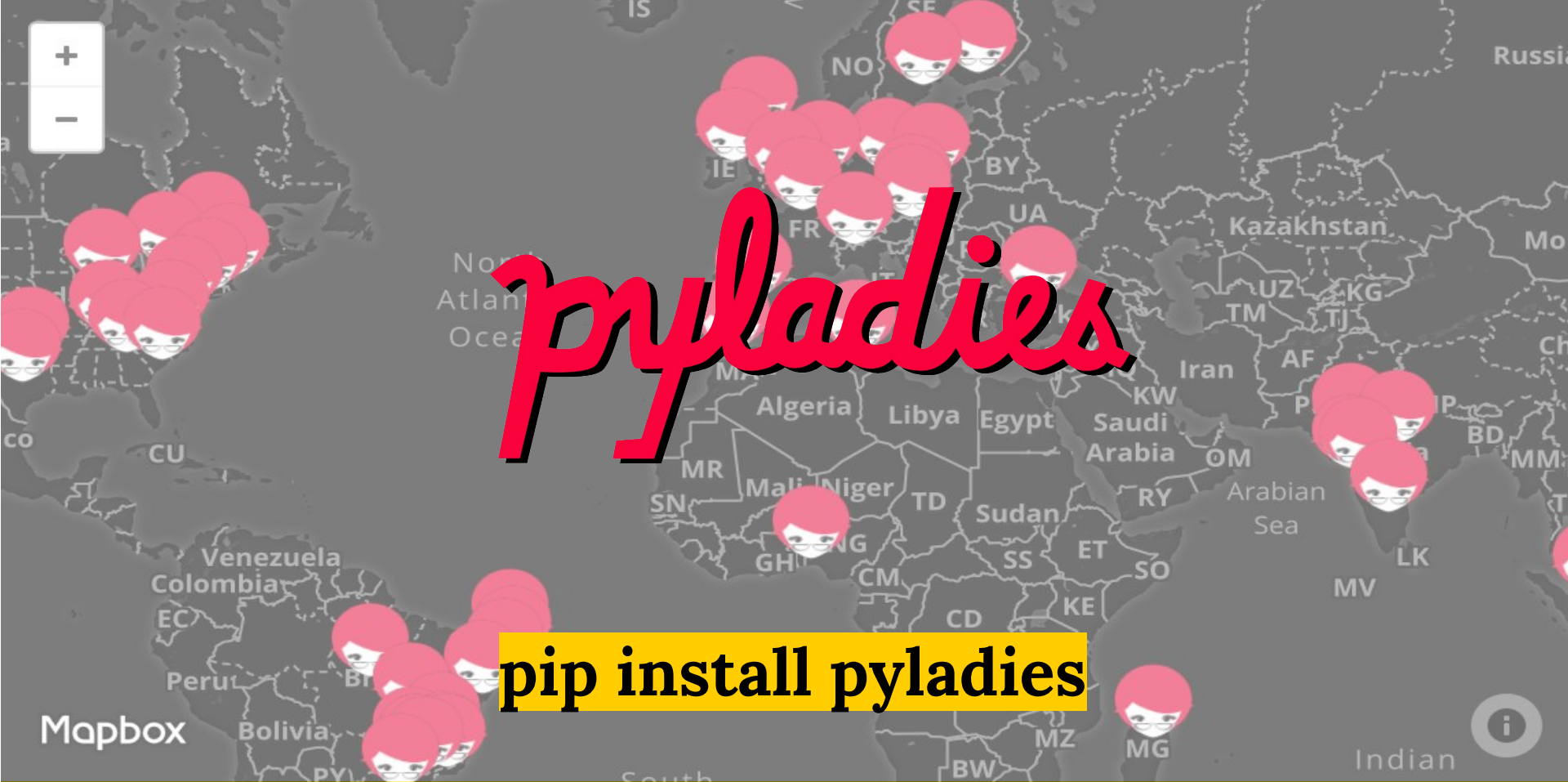
## Myths

Delay and prevent you from reaching out

**A MENTOR**



**IS WHAT YOU SEEK**



**pip install pyladies**



# Local Meetups and Python User Groups

# Open Source Project Maintainers

# CPython Mentors

[pythonmentors.com](https://pythonmentors.com)

[core-mentorship@python.org](mailto:core-mentorship@python.org)

Now what?

Commitment

Respect



The story is yours



Mentors are there to support you

It's your responsibility to follow through

Take credit for your own work

Thank your mentor

Mentor others

btw ... who am I?



PyLadies Vancouver co-organizer

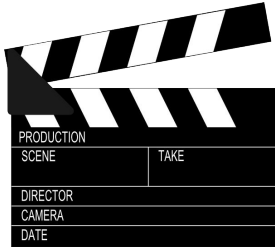
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btw ... who am I, again?



Python Core Developer



# Thanks!

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