

#531: Talk Python in Prod

with Michael Kennedy

Interview Timeline

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Timeline

0:00 **Recording Started** Recording Started

1:24 **Topic 1** A little “tell us about yourself” bit, like you do with your guests

6:33 **Topic 2** What prompted you to write it?



14:40 **Topic 4** The book has some neat non-standard features
The Audio Reader’s Briefs and the Galleries, gives a quick run down on what they are and why you included them.


19:58 **Topic 3** Made by humans
You’re a big AI proponent, yet you’ve got a “Made by Humans” logo, what made you decide to do this the old fashioned way?



28:50 **Topic 6** Why build it yourself?

30:54 **Topic 5** Talk Python’s technical journey

- One of the things I like about the book is that it covers Talk Python’s technical journey. A lot of content like this is very opinionated “this is best”, whereas you’ve shown how your approach has changed over time. You started out in Pyramid, right?

-  **38:26** **Topic 8** Chapter 4 is titled, "Docker, Docker, Docker"
 - What's that one about?
 - Originally I wasn't for it, but then "one big server"
 - That needs more isolation for the long haul
 - Not into docker compose? Consider **Coolify for a Heroku-like self hosted experience**. <https://coolify.io>
-  **49:25** **Topic 10** Heavy-weight docker?

A lot of people try to make their docker instances absolutely as minimal as possible. I kind of promote the alternative, adding all the tools that make your life easier. It might be fun to debate this.
-  **54:05** **Topic 14** Picking a Python Web Framework

I think my favourite chapter was 13, titled "Picking a Python Web Framework". I liked the nuance of it. We often don't get to see people's reasoning behind things. I think there is real value in this chapter even if you're not planning on using the tech outline elsewhere. Understanding trade-offs is important.
-  **67:55** **Topic 15** Similarly Chapter 15: Hetzner
 - Where you do a retrospective on choosing Hetzner your host provider.
-  **84:15** **Interview Ended** Interview Ended

Reference Links

Talk Python in Production Book

<https://talkpython.fm/books/python-in-production>

glances

<https://github.com/nicolargo/glances>

btop

<https://github.com/aristocratos/btop>

Uptimekuma

<https://uptimekuma.org>

Coolify

<https://coolify.io>

Talk Python Blog

<https://talkpython.fm/blog/>

Hetzner

<https://hetzner.cloud/?ref=UQMdSwUenwRE>

OpalStack

<https://www.opalstack.com/>

Bunny.net CDN

<https://bunny.net/cdn/>

Galleries from the book

<https://github.com/mikeckennedy/talk-python-in-production-devops-book/tree/main/galleries>

Pandoc

<https://pandoc.org>

Docker

<https://www.docker.com>