# Python basics

## Python is a script language

A scripting language or script language is a programming language for a runtime system that automates the execution of tasks that would otherwise be performed individually by a human operator.

Scripting languages are usually interpreted at runtime rather than compiled.

## setting up conda environment

- https://conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/tasks/manage-environments.html
- connect to adroit.princeton.edu
  - \$module load anaconda3/2021.11
  - \$conda create --name usrp
  - \$conda activate usrp
  - \$conda install jupyterlab pip matplotlib numpy astropy

#### python/ipython/jupyter-notebook

- <a href="https://jakevdp.github.io/WhirlwindTourOfPython/01-how-to-run-python-code.html">https://jakevdp.github.io/WhirlwindTourOfPython/01-how-to-run-python-code.html</a>
- The most basic way to execute Python code is line by line within the Python interpreter.
- An alternative interpreter called **IPython (for Interactive Python)** is bundled with the Anaconda distribution, and includes a host of convenient enhancements to the basic Python interpreter.
- for more complicated programs it is more convenient to save code to file, and execute it all at once.
- A useful hybrid of the interactive terminal and the self-contained script is the **Jupyter notebook**, a document format that allows executable code, formatted text, graphics, and even interactive features to be combined into a single document.

#### Whirlwind Tour of Python

- highly-recommended python tutorial
- clone the GitHub repository at <a href="https://github.com/jakevdp/WhirlwindTourOfPython">https://github.com/jakevdp/WhirlwindTourOfPython</a>
- or open it on Google colab
  - https://colab.research.google.com/github/jakevdp/WhirlwindTourOfPython/blob/ master/Index.ipynb





