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## Beginner's Guide to Python

New to programming? Python is free and easy to learn if you know where to start! This guide will help you to get started quickly.

### Getting Python

Next, install the Python 3 interpreter on your computer. This is the program that reads Python programs and carries out their instructions; you need it before you can do any Python programming. Mac and Linux distributions may include an outdated version of Python (Python 2), but you should install an updated one (Python 3). See [BeginnersGuide/Download](#) for instructions to download the correct version of Python.

There are also Python interpreter and IDE bundles available, such as Thonny. Other options can be found at IntegratedDevelopmentEnvironments.

At some stage, you'll want to edit and save your program code. Take a look at [HowToEditPythonCode](#) for some advice and recommendations.

### Learning Python

Next, read a tutorial and try some simple experiments with your new Python interpreter.

If you have never programmed before, see [BeginnersGuide/NonProgrammers](#) for a list of suitable tutorials.

If you have previous programming experience, consult [BeginnersGuide/Programmers](#), which lists more advanced tutorials.

If English isn't your first language, you might be more comfortable with a tutorial that's been translated into your language. Consult python.org's list of Non-English resources.

Most tutorials assume that you know how to run a program on your computer. If you are using Windows and need help with this, see [How do I Run a Program Under Windows](#).

Some sites offer in-browser coding for those who want to learn Python:

