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IPython Notebooks

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E o n C o n s u l t i n g

IP[y]: IPython

Interactive Computing

<http://ipython.org/static/IPyheader.png>

[IPython](#) in action creating reproducible and publishable interactive work.

What is this?

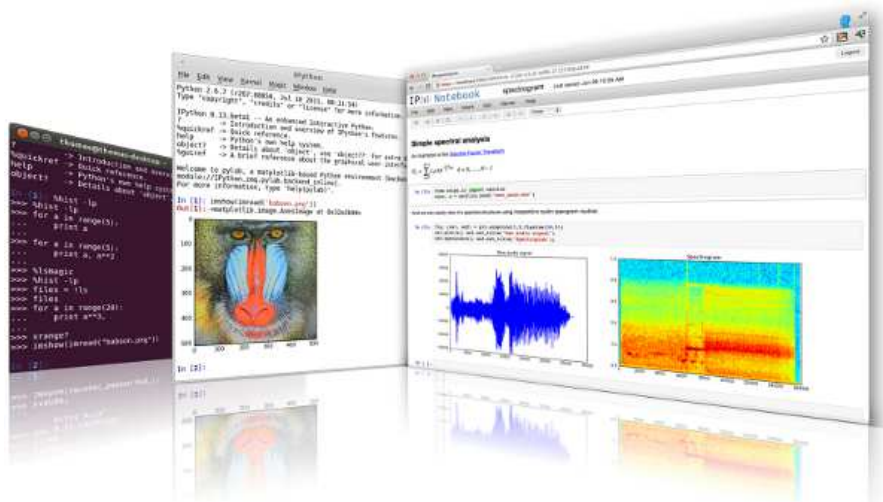
This repo contains the complete [talk](#) I intend to deliver (have delivered) at [PyConZA2013](#). It contains all the files needed to build a final publishable PDF document from an interactive notebook and even adds a custom front page.

[The Complete Talk GitHub Website can be accessed here](#)

Background

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Combining the most common scientific packages with IPython makes it a formidable tool and serious competition to R. (*R is still awesome!*)



<http://ipython.org/static/ipy0.13.png>

As a matter of fact you can run R in the notebook session, embed YouTube Videos, Images and lots more but let me not get ahead of myself....

The science stack consists of (but not limited to):

package	description
pandas	dataframe implementation (based on numpy)

scipy	efficient numerical routines
sympy	symbolic mathematics
matplotlib	python standard plotting package
sci-kit learn	machine learning and well documented!

Talk contents

The talk will aim to introduce these tools and explore some practical interactive examples. Once completed it will be shown how easy it is to publish your work to various formats. Some of the topics covered in the talk are listed below:

item	description
ipython	quick intro to ipython and the notebook
setup	set up your environment / get the talk files
notebook basics	navigate the notebook
notebook magic's	special notebook commands that can be very useful
getting input	as from IPython 1.00 getting input from stdin is possible
local files	how to link to local files in the notebook directory
plotting	how to create beautiful inline plots
symbolic math	quick demo of sympy model
pandas	quick intro to pandas dataframe
typesetting	include markdown, Latex via MathJax
loading code	how to load a remote .py code file
gist	paste some of your work to gist for sharing
js	some javascript examples
customising	loading a custom css and custom matplotlib config file
git cell	add code to a special cell that would commit to git
output formats	how to publish your work to html, pdf or reveal.js presentation

Get the processed presentation files here:

format	description
IPython notebook	.ipynb file to run in browser
IPython html notebook	converted to HTML and served online
IPython pdf notebook	converted to PDF for download (to be added, needs pandoc)
IPython pdf book	converted to pdf and a front-page stitched to it)
Ipython reveal.js presentation	converted to a reveal.js presentation and served online

[Online IPython NBviewer](#)

view on the ipython notebook viewer

Dependencies

I was given the challenge to develop all of this on a Windows machine as some of my sponsors want to demonstrate that this stuff can not only be done on GNU/Linux/OSX. So all the tool chains are Windows based. If you know Linux, then you are the type of person that would easily port this. That being said the Windows GitHub client is refreshing. I have also added a MacBook Air to my arsenal and have been porting the toolchain to Mac aswell and it seems to be working fine.

package	description
IPython	To use NBConvert you need V1.00. If you only want to use the interactive notebook then v0.13 will be ok.
pandoc	The document converter used by IPythonr
MikeTex	If you want to do a TEX to PDF transform. I had so many issues with the TEX to PDF conversion by NBConvert, so settled for wkhtmltopdf(below) to convert HTML to PDF rather. (Convert notebook to HTML with NBconvert and then from HTML to PDF with wkhtmltopdf
wkhtmltopdf	Convert HTML to PDF (i could only install this on windows)
wkpdf	I couldn't get wkhtmltopdf to work on os x so i installed wkpdf for handling the HTML to PDF conversion on my Mac. It's a Ruby Gem install and painless.
pdftk	Can be used to combine PDF's. In this case add a frontpage to the generated IPython notebook PDF. Only available for Windows.
<i>ImageMagick for compressing the PDF. Still experimenting with this.(have not got this working yet so not needed)</i> GhostScript	needed by ImageMagick(not needed as PDF compression is not functional yet)
anaconda	install anaconda from Continuum Analytics. Almost all the Python packages are included and it has a virtual environment manager via it's console application `conda`

How to run the Interactive Notebook

Navigate to the `src` directory and run from the command line:

```
python          ipython notebook
```

If everything works your browser should open and you can select the `notebook` and start experimenting!

PDF, HTML, Slideshow Build Script

There is a build script in the `src` directory. It is an IPython file. You can basically build shell scripts this way. To use the power of IPython commands save the file with the `.ipy` extension and call it with IPython. Even the magic's work. To build the document use `ipython builddocs.ipy` You will have to change the paths to the software however. Currently I can use the build script on Windows and on my Mac but it is a bit of a hack.

Cross Platform Output Rendering

I have tested the HTML outputs on my Galaxy S3 and S4, IPAD and Nexus7. They render very well. Even the downloaded PDF was easily readable on the NEXUS 7 in landscape mode. In conclusion the produces work is really very well packaged and easily consumed on most platforms. This is not bad, and all done with open source software.

Some interesting links

- [A book written with IPython Notebook](#)
- [Notebook Viewer](#)
- [Anaconda - Installing almost everything you need](#)

About the presenter

- I am an Electrical Engineer and is currently working for a [consulting firm](#) where I manage the Business Analytics and Quantitative Decision Support Services division.
- I use python in my day to day work as a practical alternative to the limitations of EXCEL in using large data sets.
- [LinkedIn](#)
- I am also a co-founder at [House4Hack](#)

The IPython notebook

The IPython notebook is part of the IPython project. The IPython project is one of the packages making up the python scientific stack called SciPi. SciPy (pronounced "Sigh Pie") is a Python-based ecosystem of open-source software for mathematics, science, and engineering. In particular, these are some of the core packages:



NumPy
Base N-dimensional
array package



SciPy library
Fundamental library
for scientific
computing



Matplotlib
Comprehensive 2D
Plotting



IPython
Enhanced Interactive
Console



Sympy
Symbolic mathematics



pandas
Data structures &
analysis

SciPy

Quick IPython introduction

IPython provides a rich architecture for interactive computing with:

- Powerful interactive shells (terminal and Qt-based).
- A browser-based notebook with support for code, text, mathematical expressions, inline plots and other rich media.
- Support for interactive data visualization and use of GUI toolkits.
- Flexible, embeddable interpreters to load into your own projects.
- Easy to use, high performance tools for parallel computing.

The main reasons I have been using it includes:

- A superior shell
- Plotting is possible in the QT console or the Notebook
- the magic functions makes life easier (magics gets called with a %, use %-tab to see them all)
- I also use it as a replacement shell for Windows Shell or Terminal
- Code Completion
- GNU Readline based editing and command history

Some helpfull commands

The four most helpful commands, as well as their brief description, is shown to you in a banner, every time you start IPython:

command	description
?	Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref	Quick reference.
help	Python's own help system.
object?	Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

Some imports and settings

The following code cells make sure that plotting is enabled and also loads a customised matplotlib configuration file that spices up the inline plots. The custom matplotlib file has been taken from the [Bayesian Methods for Hackers Project](#)

```
In [8]: # makes sure inline plotting is enabled
%pylab --no-import-all inline
```

Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib

```
In [2]: #loads a customer matplotlib configuration file
def CustomPlot():
    import json
    s = json.load( open("static/matplotlibrc.json") )
    matplotlib.rcParams.update(s)
    figsize(18, 6)
```

Changing the notebook layout

The code cell below is an example of how you should not be changing the layout and css of the notebook. From IPython V1.00 it is possible to include custom css by creating IPython profiles. Since this file needs to be distributable I have opted for the hack below as used by the [Bayesian Methods for Hackers Team](#)

```
In [53]: from IPython.core.display import HTML
def css_styling():
    styles = open("static/custom.css", "r").read()
    return HTML(styles)
css_styling()
```

Out[53]:

Notebook basics

The IPython Notebook is a web-based interactive computational environment where you can combine code execution, text, mathematics, plots and rich media into a single document.

- Code Completion
- Help
- Docstrings
- Markdown cells
- Running a Code cell (Shift+Enter)
- Setting a cell to be included in the presentation

Run the contents of a cell

- SHIFT+ENTER will run the contents of a cell and move to the next one
- CTRL+ENTER run the cell in place and don't move to the next cell. (best for presenting)
- CTRL-m h show keyboard shortcuts

```
In [56]: # press shift-enter to run code
print "Hallo Pycon"
```

Hallo Pycon

Save the notebook

CTRL-S will save the notebook

Lets get some help

The `%quickref` command can be used to obtain a bit more information

```
In [5]: #IPython -- An enhanced Interactive Python - Quick Reference Card
        %quickref # now press shift-enter
```

Code completion and introspection

The cell below defines a function with a bit of a long name. By using the `?` command the docstring can be viewed. `??` will open up the source code. The autocomplete function is also demonstrated, and for fun the function is called and the output displayed

```
In [40]: # lets define a function with a long name.
def long_silly_dummy_name(a, b):
    """
    This is the docstring for dummy.
    It takes two arguments a and b
    It returns the sum of a and b
    No error checking is done!
    """
    return a+b
```

```
In [41]: # lets get the docstring or some help
long_silly_dummy_name?
```

```
In [42]: long_silly_dummy_name??
```

```
In [67]: #press tab to autocomplete
long_silly_dummy_name
```

```
Out[67]: <function __main__.long_silly_dummy_name>
```

```
In [8]: # press shift-enter to run
long_silly_dummy_name(5,6)
```

```
Out[8]: 11
```

Setting up the notebook to enable a slideshow view

You need to activate the Cell Toolbar in the Toolbar above. Here you can set if this cell should be compiled as a slide or not. The options are given below:

- slide
- sub slide
- fragment
- skip

- notes

Using markdown

You can set the contents type of a cell in the toolbar above. When Markdown is selected you can enter markdown in a cell and it's contents will be rendered as HTML. The markdown syntax can be [found here](#)

This is heading 1

This is heading 2

This is heading 5

Beautiful is better than ugly. Explicit is better than implicit. Simple is better than complex. Complex is better than complicated.

Notebook magics

IPython has a set of predefined 'magic functions' that you can call with a command line style syntax. There are two kinds of magics, line-oriented and cell-oriented. Line magics are prefixed with the % character and work much like OS command-line calls: they get as an argument the rest of the line, where arguments are passed without parentheses or quotes. Cell magics are prefixed with a double %, and they are functions that get as an argument not only the rest of the line, but also the lines below it in a separate argument.

Timeit magic

The timeit magic can be used to evaluate the average time your loop or piece of code is taking to complete it's run.

```
In [11]: %%timeit x = 0      # setup
         for i in range(100000):  #lets use range here
             x = x + i**2
```

100 loops, best of 3: 12.1 ms per loop

```
In [12]: %%timeit x = 0      # setup
         for i in xrange(100000):  #replace range with slightly improved xrange
             x += i**2
```

100 loops, best of 3: 10.8 ms per loop

Know when the kernel is busy

Have a look at the top right hand side of the notebook and run the code cell above again. This shows that the kernel is busy running the current cell.

User input

In the snippet below it the `raw_input()` function is used to read some user input to a variable `raw` and printed to `stdout`.

```
In [13]: from IPython.display import HTML

raw = raw_input("enter your input here >>> ")

print "Hallo, ",raw

enter your input here >>> world!
Hallo,  world!
```

How to link to the filesystem

```
In [25]: from IPython.display import FileLink, FileLinks
FileLinks('.', notebook_display_formatter=True)
```

```
Out[25]: ./
         .DS_Store
         builddocs.ipynb
         pycon13_ipython.ipynb
         README.md
         ./ipynb_checkpoints/
         pycon13_ipython-checkpoint.ipynb
         ./data/
         CapeTown_2009_Temperatures.csv
         READEME.md
         ./output/
         .DS_Store
         pycon13_ipython.html
         pycon13_ipython.slides.html
         pycon13_ipython_complete.pdf
         pycon13_ipython_pdf.pdf
         ./static/
         .DS_Store
         custom.css
         frontpage.docx
         frontpage.pdf
         ip.png
         ip2.png
         matplotlibrc.json
         python-vs-java.jpg
         scistack.png
```

Running shell commands

I now use ipython as my default shell scripting language. lets put the contents of the current directory into a list. by using the ! before a command indicates that you want to run a system command.

```
In [17]: filelist = !ls                                #read the current directory into variable
          for x,i in enumerate(filelist):
              print '#',x, '--->', i

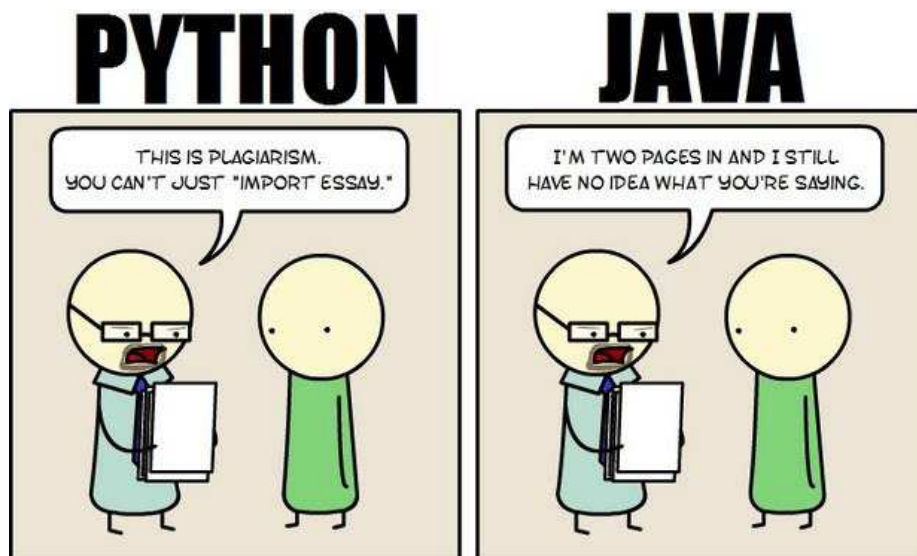
# 0 ---> README.md
# 1 ---> bulddocs.ipynb
# 2 ---> data
# 3 ---> output
# 4 ---> pycon13_ipython.ipynb
# 5 ---> static
```

Embedding Images

[Image](#) released under [CC BY-NC-ND 2.5 IN](#)) by [Rhul Singh](#)

```
In [27]: from IPython.display import Image
          Image('static/python-vs-java.jpg')
```

Out[27]:



Adding YouTube videos

I am making the video small as it does not embed into the final output pdf.

```
In [28]: from IPython.display import YouTubeVideo
YouTubeVideo('iwVvqwLDsJo', width=200, height=200)
```

Out[28]:

Plotting with Matplotlib

matplotlib is a python 2D plotting library which produces publication quality figures in a variety of hardcopy formats and interactive environments across platforms. matplotlib can be used in python scripts, the python and ipython shell, web application servers, and six graphical user interface toolkits.

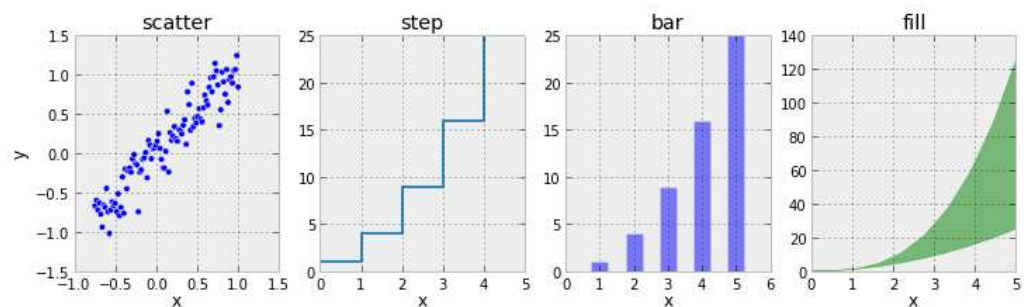
```
In [6]: CustomPlot()
from numpy import *

#generate some data
n = array([0,1,2,3,4,5])
xx = np.linspace(-0.75, 1., 100)
x = linspace(0, 5, 10)
y = x ** 2

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 4, figsize=(12,3))

axes[0].scatter(xx, xx + 0.25*randn(len(xx)))
axes[0].set_title('scatter')
axes[1].step(n, n**2, lw=2)
axes[1].set_title('step')
axes[2].bar(n, n**2, align="center", width=0.5, alpha=0.5)
axes[2].set_title('bar')
axes[3].fill_between(x, x**2, x**3, color="green", alpha=0.5);
axes[3].set_title('fill')

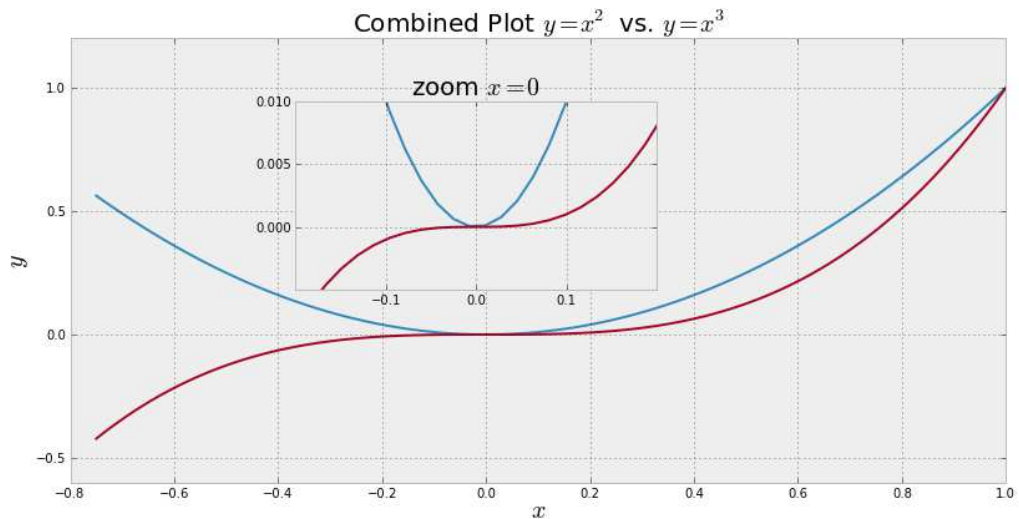
for i in range(4):
    axes[i].set_xlabel('x')
axes[0].set_ylabel('y')
show()
```



Combined plots

```
In [7]: CustomPlot()
font_size = 20
figsize(11.5, 6)
fig, ax = plt.subplots()

ax.plot(xx, xx**2, xx, xx**3)
ax.set_title(r"Combined Plot  $y=x^2$  vs.  $y=x^3$ ", fontsize = font_size)
ax.set_xlabel(r' $x$ ', fontsize = font_size)
ax.set_ylabel(r' $y$ ', fontsize = font_size)
fig.tight_layout()
# inset
inset_ax = fig.add_axes([0.29, 0.45, 0.35, 0.35]) # X, Y, width, height
inset_ax.plot(xx, xx**2, xx, xx**3)
inset_ax.set_title(r'zoom  $x=0$ ', fontsize=font_size)
# set axis range
inset_ax.set_xlim(-.2, .2)
inset_ax.set_ylim(-.005, .01)
# set axis tick locations
inset_ax.set_yticks([0, 0.005, 0.01])
inset_ax.set_xticks([-0.1, 0, .1]);
show()
```



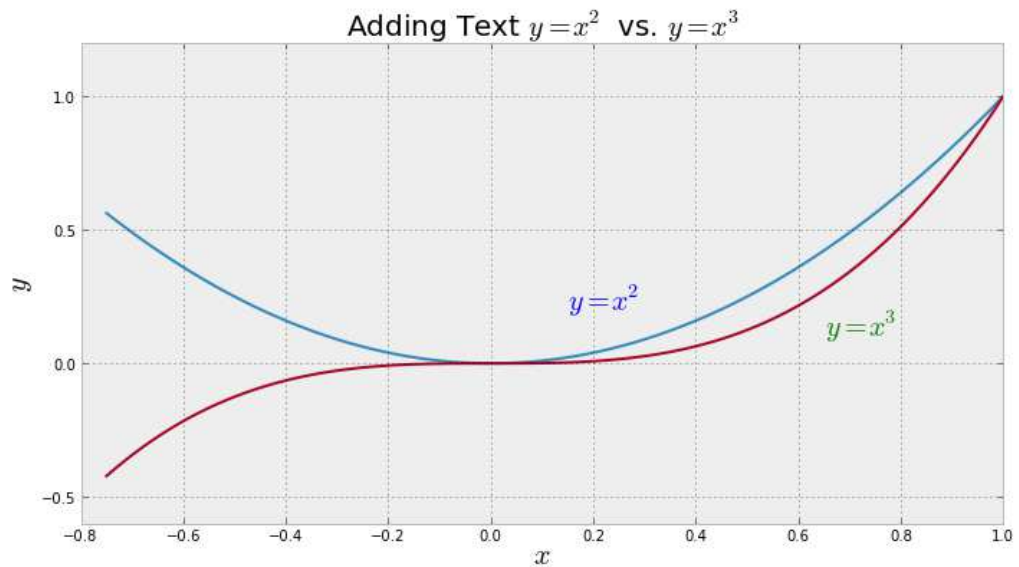
Adding text to a plot

```
In [13]: CustomPlot()
figsize(11.5, 6)
font_size = 20
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
```

```

ax.plot(xx, xx**2, xx, xx**3)
ax.set_xlabel(r'$x$', fontsize = font_size)
ax.set_ylabel(r'$y$', fontsize = font_size)
ax.set_title(r"Adding Text $y=x^2$ vs. $y=x^3$", fontsize = font_size)
ax.text(0.15, 0.2, r"$y=x^2$", fontsize=font_size, color="blue")
ax.text(0.65, 0.1, r"$y=x^3$", fontsize=font_size, color="green");

```



Symbolic math using SymPy

SymPy is a Python library for symbolic mathematics. It aims to become a full-featured computer algebra system (CAS) while keeping the code as simple as possible in order to be comprehensible and easily extensible. SymPy is written entirely in Python and does not require any external libraries.

```

In [14]: from sympy import *
init_printing(use_latex=True)
x = Symbol('x')
y = Symbol('y')
series(exp(x), x, 1, 5)

```

Out[14]:
$$e + ex + \frac{1}{2}ex^2 + \frac{1}{6}ex^3 + \frac{1}{24}ex^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^5)$$

```

In [13]: eq = ((x+y)**2 * (x+1))
eq

```

Out[13]:
$$(x+1)(x+y)^2$$

```

In [14]: expand(eq)

```

Out[14]:
$$x^3 + 2x^2y + x^2 + xy^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

```
In [15]: a = 1/x + (x*sin(x) - 1)/x
a
```

Out[15]:
$$\frac{x \sin(x) - 1}{x} + \frac{1}{x}$$

```
In [16]: simplify(a)
```

Out[16]:
$$\sin(x)$$

Data analysis using the Pandas library

pandas is a Python package providing fast, flexible, and expressive data structures designed to make working with “relational” or “labeled” data both easy and intuitive

The two primary data structures of pandas, Series (1-dimensional) and DataFrame (2-dimensional), handle the vast majority of typical use cases in finance, statistics, social science, and many areas of engineering.

For R users, DataFrame provides everything that R's data.frame provides and much more. pandas is built on top of NumPy and is intended to integrate well within a scientific computing environment with many other 3rd party libraries.

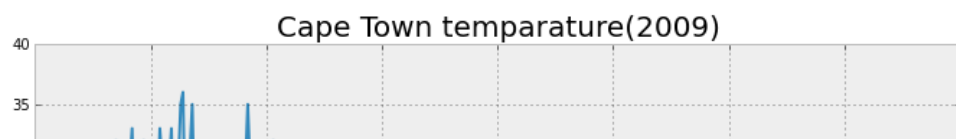
```
In [9]: from pandas import DataFrame, read_csv

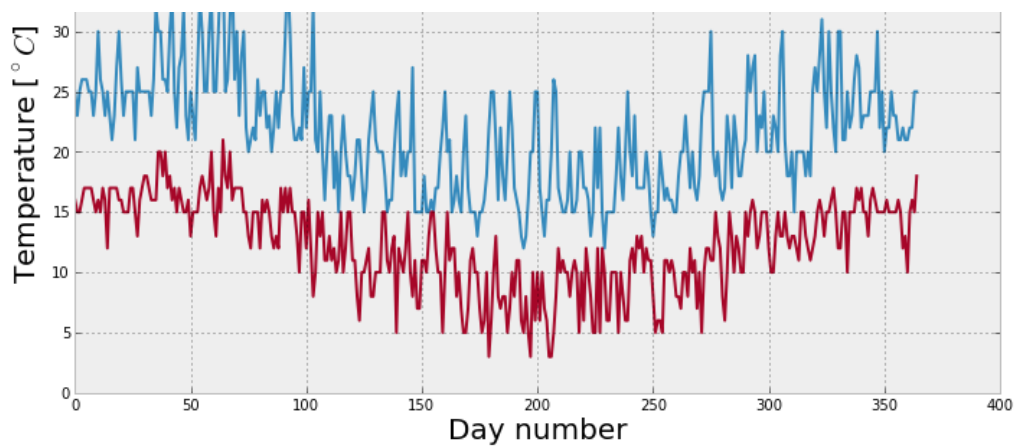
Cape_Weather = DataFrame( read_csv( 'data/CapeTown_2009_Temperatures.csv' ) )
Cape_Weather.head()
```

Out[9]:

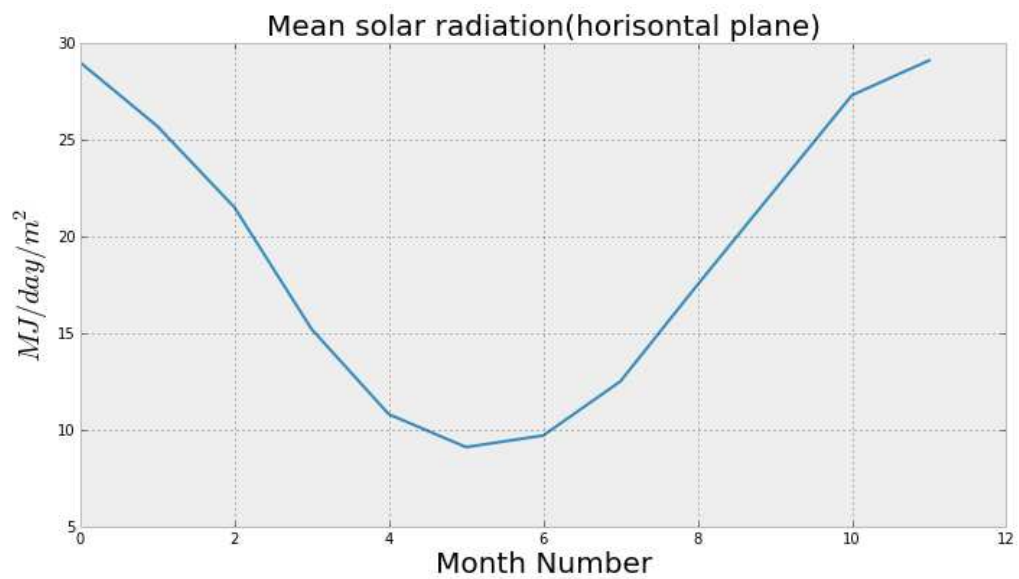
	high	low	radiation
0	25	16	29.0
1	23	15	25.7
2	25	15	21.5
3	26	16	15.2
4	26	17	10.8

```
In [10]: CustomPlot()
figsize(11.5, 6)
font_size = 20
title('Cape Town temperature(2009)',fontsize = font_size)
xlabel('Day number',fontsize = font_size)
ylabel(r'Temperature [ $^{\circ}$ C] ',fontsize = font_size)
Cape_Weather.high.plot()
Cape_Weather.low.plot()
show()
```





```
In [11]: CustomPlot()
figsize(11.5, 6)
font_size = 20
title( 'Mean solar radiation(horizontal plane)', fontsize=font_size)
xlabel('Month Number', fontsize = font_size)
ylabel(r'$MJ / day / m^2$',fontsize = font_size)
Cape_Weather.radiation.plot()
show()
```



```
In [28]: # lets look at a proxy for heating degree and cooling degree days
level = 25
print Cape_Weather[ Cape_Weather['high'] > level ].count()
print Cape_Weather[ Cape_Weather['high'] <= level ].count()

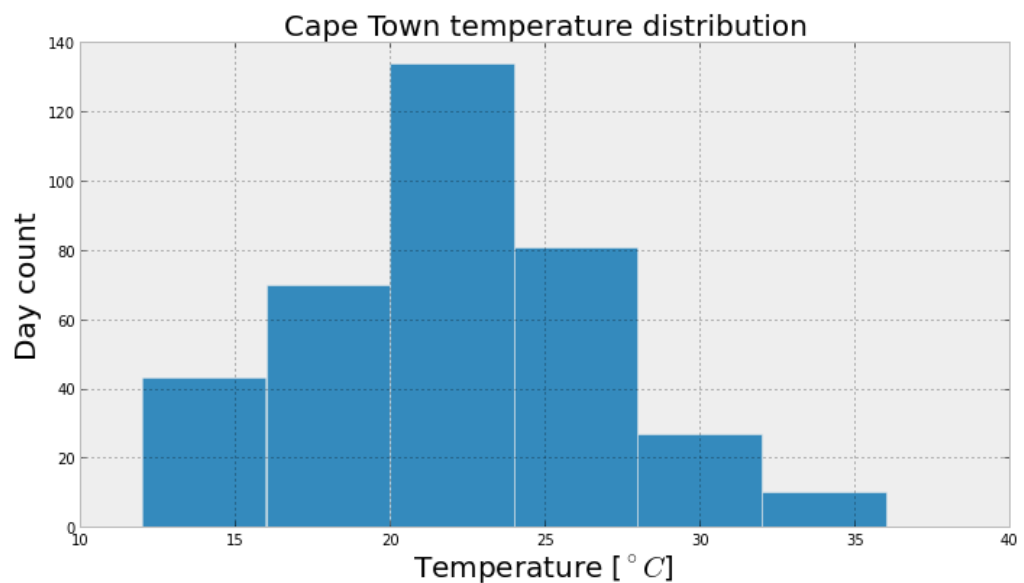
high      59
low       59
radiation   5
dtype: int64
high      306
low       306
```

```
radiation      7
dtype: int64
```

```
In [46]: # Basic descriptive statistics
print Cape_Weather['high'].describe()
```

```
count    365.000000
mean      21.545205
std       4.764943
min       12.000000
25%       18.000000
50%       21.000000
75%       25.000000
max       36.000000
dtype: float64
```

```
In [12]: CustomPlot()
figsize(11.5, 6)
font_size = 20
title('Cape Town temperature distribution', fontsize=font_size)
ylabel('Day count',fontsize = font_size)
xlabel(r'Temperature [ $^{\circ}$ C]',fontsize = font_size)
Cape_Weather['high'].hist(bins=6)
show()
```



Typesetting

Latex

Latex is rendered using the mathjax javascript library

```
In [43]: from IPython.display import Math
Math(r'F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{2\pi i k} dx')
```

Out[43]:

$$F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{2\pi i k} dx$$

```
In [44]: from IPython.display import Latex
Latex(r"""\begin{eqnarray}
\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t} &= \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{\mathbf{j}} \\
\nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} &= 4\pi \rho \\
\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{E}} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} &= \vec{0} \\
\nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{B}} &= 0
\end{eqnarray}""")
```

Out[44]:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t} &= \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{\mathbf{j}} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} &= 4\pi \rho \\ \nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{E}} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} &= \vec{0} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{B}} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using the Python Debugger - pdb

```
In [46]: %pdb on
Automatic pdb calling has been turned ON
```

```
In [47]: foo = 1
bar = 'a'
print foo+bar
```

```
-----
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-47-08464a413a31> in <module>()
      1 foo = 1
      2 bar = 'a'
----> 3 print foo+bar

TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'
> <ipython-input-47-08464a413a31>(3)<module>()
      1 foo = 1
      2 bar = 'a'
----> 3 print foo+bar

ipdb> q
```

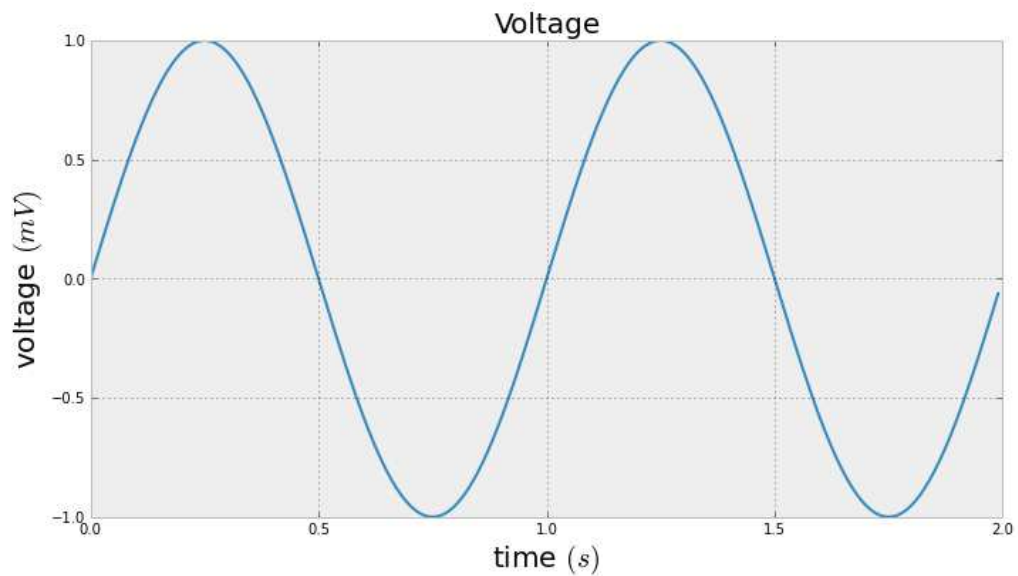
Loading Code Snippets

```
In [13]: %load http://pastebin.com/raw.php?i=mGiV1FwY
```

```
In [14]: CustomPlot()
font_size = 20
figsize(11.5, 6)

t = arange(0.0, 2.0, 0.01)
s = sin(2*pi*t)
plot(t, s)

xlabel(r'time $(s)$', fontsize=font_size)
ylabel('voltage $(mV)$', fontsize=font_size)
title('Voltage', fontsize=font_size)
grid(True)
```



It's in a browser, can it do Javascript?

[source](#)

```
In [66]: from IPython.display import HTML

input_form = """
<div style="background-color:gainsboro; border:solid black; width:630px; padding:20px;">
Variable Name: <input type="text" id="var_name" value="var"><br>
Variable Value: <input type="text" id="var_value" value="val"><br>
<button onclick="set_value()">Set Value</button>
</div>
"""
```

```

javascript = """
<script type="text/Javascript">
    function set_value(){
        var var_name = document.getElementById('var_name').value;
        var var_value = document.getElementById('var_value').value;
        var command = var_name + " = '" + var_value + "'";
        console.log("Executing Command: " + command);

        var kernel = IPython.notebook.kernel;
        kernel.execute(command);
    }
</script>
"""

HTML(input_form + javascript)

```

Out[66]:

Variable Name:

Variable Value:

In [54]: PyCon

Out[54]: Roks

Saving a Gist

It is possible to save specific lines of code to a GitHub gist. This is achieved with the `pastebin` magic as demonstrated below.

In [56]: `%pastebin "cell one" 0-10`

Out[56]: `u'https://gist.github.com/6564883'`

Connect to this kernel remotely

Using the `%connect_info` magic you can obtain the connection info to connect to this workbook from another ipython console or qtconsole using :

```
ipython qtconsole --existing
```

In [58]: `%connect_info`

```
{
```

```

"stdin_port": 53556,
"ip": "127.0.0.1",
"control_port": 53557,
"hb_port": 53558,
"signature_scheme": "hmac-sha256",
"key": "d2a3ed9e-454d-4a44-9537-17b6c435bd7c",
"shell_port": 53554,
"transport": "tcp",
"iopub_port": 53555
}

```

Paste the above JSON into a file, and connect with:

```
$> ipython <app> --existing <file>
```

or, if you are local, you can connect with just:

```
$> ipython <app> --existing kernel-c4a1dd42-30d5-4098-a869-b29a27b83a70.json
```

or even just:

```
$> ipython <app> --existing
```

if this is the most recent IPython session you have started.

Publishing your Work

Newly added in the 1.0 release of IPython is the nbconvert tool, which allows you to convert an .ipynb notebook document file into various static formats.

Currently, nbconvert is provided as a command line tool, run as a script using IPython. A direct export capability from within the IPython Notebook web app is planned.

The command-line syntax to run the nbconvert script is: [MORE OPTIONS](#)

```
ipython nbconvert --to FORMAT notebook.ipynb
```

This page is converted and published to the following formats using this tool:

- HTML
- PDF (the PDF is created using wkhtml2pdf that takes the html file as an input)
- LATEX
- Reveal.js slideshow

Building(exporting) from within the notebook

You can even call the build script from the notebook. The script will convert this page to an html and slide file. It will also compile to PDF and stitch a front page to it. Some of the last text in the building process wont appear as this notebook is being updated as it is being compile. Maybe not the best idea but saved a lot of time...

```
In [62]: !ipython builddocs.ipynb;
```

```
print "Done"
```

```
running on mac
```

```
***** Converting to HTML
```

```
[NbConvertApp] Using existing profile dir: u'/Users/tobie/.ipython/profile_default'
```

```
[NbConvertApp] Converting notebook pycon13_ipython.ipynb to html
```

```
[NbConvertApp] Support files will be in pycon13_ipython_files/
```

File links to exported content

The links below can be used to verify the output from the conversion process. This saved me a lot of time as I could just click below and have a look at the files without exiting the notebook.

```
In [61]: FileLinks('output/')
```

```
Out[61]: output/  
         .DS\_Store  
         pycon13\_ipython.html  
         pycon13\_ipython.slides.html  
         pycon13\_ipython\_complete.pdf  
         pycon13\_ipython\_pdf.pdf
```

Links to some interesting notebooks

The following notebooks showcase multiple aspects of IPython, from its basic use to more advanced scenarios. They introduce you to the use of the Notebook and also cover aspects of IPython that are available in other clients, such as the cell magics for multi-language integration or our extended display protocol.

For beginners, we recommend that you start with the 5-part series that introduces the system, and later read others as the topics interest you.

Once you are familiar with the notebook system, we encourage you to visit our [gallery](#) where you will find many more examples that cover areas from basic Python programming to advanced topics in scientific computing.

- [Animations Using clear_output](#)
- [Cell Magics](#)
- [Custom Display Logic](#)
- [Cython Magics](#)
- [Data Publication API](#)
- [Frontend-Kernel Model](#)
- [Octave Magic](#)
- [Part 1 - Running Code](#)
- [Part 2 - Basic Output](#)
- [Part 3 - PyLab and Matplotlib](#)
- [Part 4 - Markdown Cells](#)
- [Part 5 - Rich Display System](#)
- [Progress Bars](#)
- [R Magics](#)
- [Script Magics](#)
- [SymPy Examples](#)
- [Trapezoid Rule](#)
- [Typesetting Math Using MathJax](#)

Sources / References

Since this talk focussed on the life cycle of the analysis to publication many of the code examples were taken from their respective websites. If I have not given credit at any point please let me know and I will make sure that the work is updated

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5. [Bayesian Methods for Hackers, the use of the custom css and also the custom matplotlib skin](#)
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Embedding the final presentation into the notebook!

The build script generates a slideshow version of this notebook and saves it in the output directory. You can also use normal HTML in a cell and using the `iframe` tag the slideshow was embedded to a cell below. Since this document has not been build yet...we are editing it now, the slideshow below is linked to the previous saved version of this notebook. So if we did not make to many changes it should be pretty close to being the same thing.

