O'Reilly Introduction to Python/Section 1

Goal #1: set up Python

(Estimated completion time: 2 - 10 minutes)

First things first: we need to install Python! Please go to <https://www.python.org/downloads/> and follow the instructions for your relevant set up.

* Windows: see section\_1\_python\_windows\_download doc.
* OS X: see section\_1\_python\_osx\_download doc.
* Linux: see section\_1\_python\_linux\_download doc

Goal #2: install a text editor

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In addition to being able to run Python, we are going to install a good text editor for writing Python code.

If you already have a preferred text editor, you can use it instead, but note that word processors like Microsoft Word and Notepad will not work.  
  
On Windows, a good free text editor is [Notepad++](http://download.tuxfamily.org/notepadplus/archive/5.6/npp.5.6.Installer.exe). Note that this is unrelated to the Windows default   
 program called Notepad!  
On OS X, a good free text editor is [Smultron](https://sourceforge.net/projects/smultron/).  
Linux comes with a good, free text editor called [Gedit](https://help.gnome.org/users/gedit/stable/).

Success!

You've set up your programming environment and gotten comfortable with Python!