Advanced Python Course: Preparatory Work

Everyone needs to have **Python** and **pip** installed before the first session; we will go through what pip is and how to use it so don't worry about it just yet.

Mac Users
- You should already have python installed; you can confirm this by bringing up your Terminal and typing ***python --version*** and hitting enter - that should output Python's version number
- In order to install ***pip***, you need to type ***sudo easy_install pip*** and hit enter; since we are using sudo, this will ask you to enter you password. Remember, when entering a password in the terminal you won't see yourself typing. Hit enter after typing your password & wait for the installation to complete

Windows Users
- Head over to https://www.python.org/downloads/windows/ and download the latest **Python 2 release**; it's very important to get Python 2, **not** Python 3. After your download is complete, run the executable to install Python. Thankfully, pip comes bundled up with Python on Windows so you don't need to do anything else.