

Introduction to Python

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What is a Python Library?

- A Python library is a collection of reusable functions, classes, and modules that provide specific functionality.
- Libraries simplify coding by offering pre-built solutions for common tasks.

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1. Standard Libraries

- Built-in libraries that come with Python and require no installation.
- Examples:
 - `math`: Mathematical functions, e.g., `sqrt`, `sin`.
 - `datetime`: Date and time manipulation.
 - `os`: Interacts with the operating system.
 - `sys`: System-specific functions and parameters.
 - `random`: Generates random numbers.

Standard Library Example: math

```
1 import math
2 print(math.sqrt(16))    # Outputs 4.0
```

2. Third-Party Libraries

- Libraries developed by others that need to be installed separately.
- Installed via package managers like pip or conda.
- Examples by domain:
 - **Data Analysis:** pandas, numpy
 - **Visualization:** matplotlib, seaborn
 - **Machine Learning:** scikit-learn, tensorflow
 - **Web Development:** flask, django

Installing Libraries

- Install using pip:

```
1 pip install library_name
```

- Install using conda (for Anaconda users):

```
1 conda install library_name
```

- Example:

```
1 pip install pandas # Installs pandas for data analysis
```

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Example: Data Analysis with pandas

```
1 import pandas as pd
2 df = pd.read_csv('data.csv')
3 print(df.head()) # Displays the first few rows of the dataset
```

Example: Plotting with matplotlib

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 plt.plot([1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6])
3 plt.show() # Displays a simple line plot
```

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Conclusion

- Standard libraries come with Python, while third-party libraries expand functionality.
- Python libraries make coding faster and more efficient.
- Learning to use popular libraries enhances productivity in data science, machine learning, and web development.