

Hands-on Introduction to Python

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Introduction

In this document we describe the installation of the tutorial/lecture notes and/or verification of the required software.

I Installation of the tutorial

The tutorial/lecture notes can be retrieved as follows:

- either by using Git¹:
`git clone https://github.com/CHPC-UofU/python-lectures.git`
- by downloading the following zip file:
`https://github.com/CHPC-UofU/python-lectures/archive/master.zip`

In the former case the local directory `python-lectures` will be created.

In what follows we assume that the newly created directory bears the name `python-lectures`.

¹In this case we presume that the Git software is installed on your machine. The Git software can be freely obtained from the following site: <https://git-scm.com/>

II Required software

- Python3

We will be using Python3 during the lecture. We also require the following Python packages to be installed:

- ★ numpy \geq 1.12.0
- ★ scipy \geq 0.19.0
- ★ matplotlib \geq 1.5.0
- ★ notebook \geq 4.2.0

- Jupyter

The lectures will be presented using Jupyter notebooks.

In the tutorial materials there is a script `check_env.py` (see Section III) that can be used to check your installation.

III Check your Python installation

The packages that are required are frequently available on most OSs. Therefore, it is quite likely that you don't have to install any additional packages.

After installing the tutorial, you can immediately check whether the required packages are present on your system.

```
$ cd python-lectures2  
$ python3 check_env.py3
```

Checking installation ...

Python 3.7.0

--prefix=/uufs/chpc.utah.edu/common/home/u0253283/pkg/ana3/5.3.0

numpy	inst.:	1.15.1	\geq req.:	1.12.0	-> OK
scipy	inst.:	1.1.0	\geq req.:	0.19.0	-> OK
matplotlib	inst.:	2.2.3	\geq req.:	1.5.0	-> OK

²The lines starting with a \$ sign are commands to be executed in a Shell.

³The output generated by this command will be dependent on the installed version of Python and the required packages.

```
notebook inst.:      5.6.0 >= req.:      4.2.0 -> OK
```

```
All required packages are installed  
Congratulations!
```

```
End checking installation
```

You can verify the presence of Jupyter like this:

```
$ jupyter --version4
```

```
[u0253283@galois:python-lectures]$ jupyter --version  
4.4.0
```

If some of the above packages are missing you can proceed with the installation step (section [IV](#)). Otherwise you are completely ready for the tutorial.

IV Installation of the required software

If you don't have Python3 installed or you have an incomplete installation (see section [III](#)), installing the [Anaconda distribution](#) is the easiest option.

The Anaconda distribution is available for the Mac, Windows & Linux OSs. It also contains all the aforementioned requirements/packages.

Return to section [III](#) to verify that your installation is properly working.

⁴The output generated will depend on the Jupyter version installed on your machine.