

Python Tsunami

Part 1: Intro to Python by HeaDS



Who are we?

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Center for Health Data Science (HeaDS)

- The Data Lab
 - Provides data science support for all research groups at SUND
 - Organizes workshops/seminars

- Research Units
 - work on different areas and topics within the field of health data science

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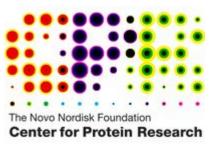
- Upcoming events:
 - Just Bash It: 21 November 2022
 - RNAseq workshop: 18-20 January 2023





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We say thank you for the course material which we have adapted.



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Starting time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
8:30	Morning coffee (optional)		
8:45	Introduction & Motivation (Henrike)	Pandas: Series and dataframes, import and examine data, Renaming index/colum (Rita)	Yesterday Questions + Recap Quiz (Henrike)
9:05	Variables & Data types (Tugce)		
9:45	Coffee break		Coffee break
10	Iterables I: Lists (Chloe)		
10:15		Coffee break	
10:30		Pandas: Indexing and Selecting Data, Summary functions (Rita)	Visualization (Alex)
11:30	Iterables II: sets, dicts, tuples (Chloe)		
12:00	Lunch		
13:00	Booleans, operators & conditions (lñigo)	Pandas: Modifying data (Rita)	Dataset exercise (Henrike, Iñigo, Chloe)
14:00		Coffee break	
14:15	Coffee break	Pandas: GroupBy Operations, Sorting and Imputation (Rita)	
14:30	Loops		
15:30	(Íñigo)	Pandas Q + A (Rita)	
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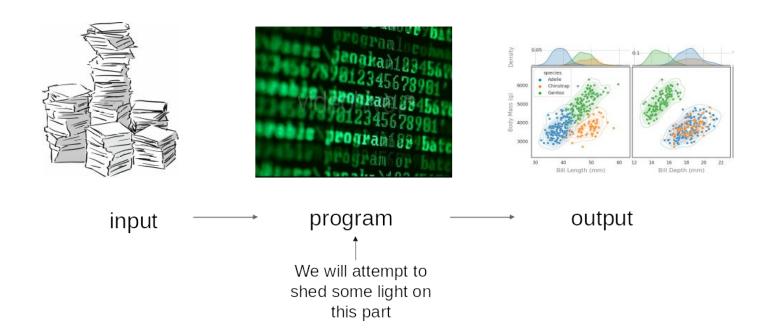


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Programming is a set of **machine-readable** instructions that transform your input into your desired output.



Why is programming nice?



- Learning by doing:
 - Difficult to 'break' a computer with wrong programming
- Reproducibility:
 - The same thing should happen every time you run (*though some tasks involve some randomness)
- Transferable:
 - Easily share your work with colleagues
- Many useful online resources
- Automate complex analysis workflows
- Important tool for working since we live in a data driven world

Why Python?



Python is a great programming language for both beginners and advanced programmers:

- Easy to grasp, close to natural language
- Many learning resources available
- Large community (i.e. stackoverflow for questions)
- Libraries
- Can do very advanced things like neural networks

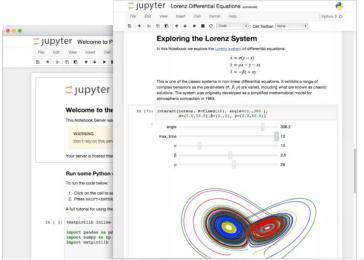


Python environments

Jupyter notebook



The Jupyter Notebook is an **open-source application** to create and share documents that contain code, equations, visualizations and text (markdown).



 Browser-based development environment for creating, running and sharing Python code

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- Combine code with text and output
- Runs from your local installation. I.e., you need Python and the libraries you want to use installed on your computer

Google Colab



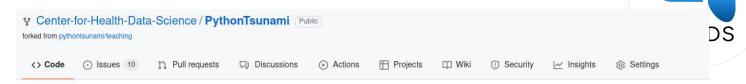


Google Colab is a Jupyter Notebook hosted on Google's servers, not your own machine. It still runs in your browser.

- tool to write, execute and share Python code through the browser
- requires no setup to use and provides free access to computing resources on Google's servers including GPUs
- is connected to a Google account and data and notebooks can be accessed through Google Drive.

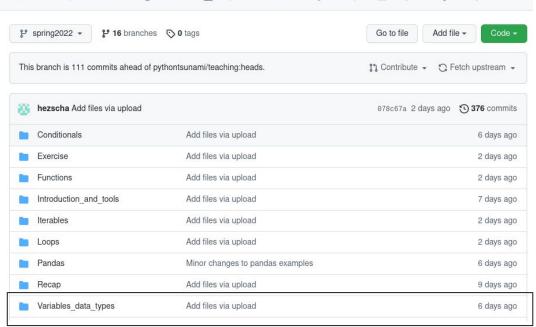
We'll use Colab during the course.

Course material



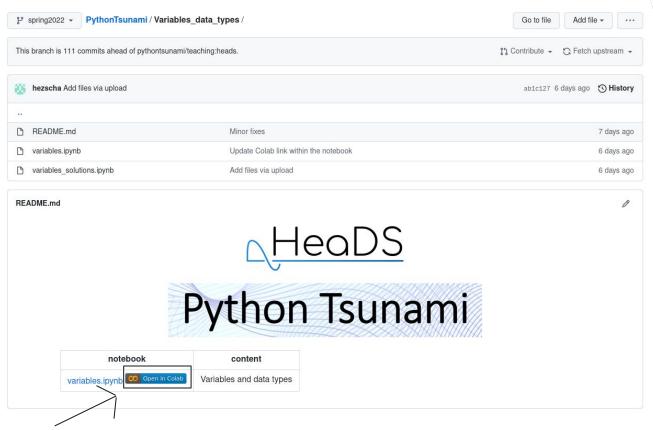
You can find the course material here:

https://github.com/Center-for -Health-Data-Science/Python Tsunami



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Remember to **save** a **copy** to your own google drive so you can save your notes and exercises!



Questions



You are always welcome to ask question during the course.

We also have a **padlet** board you can post your questions to. If you see a question posted that you also have, press the 'like' button.

At the start of day 3 we will take up the most popular questions from the board.

Short Introduction



Take the next 5 mins to introduce yourself at your table:

- Name
- Position
- Unit
- What you do (very briefly!)



Using libraries/packages

Libraries



Python has many libraries, also called packages, that other programmers have developed. Find and **use** them!

Well-maintained libraries generally are:

- Tested
- Optimized
- Documented

There is no need to reinvent the wheel. During this course we will use:

- Pandas (all the data analysis!)
- Math (basic math)
- Plotly express (visualization)

Libraries



If you are running Python from a local installation, you need to have libraries **installed** before you can use them.

On Google Colab you can generally just import, they are already installed.

Import the math library:

```
import math
```

• Now I can use functions from that library, i.e. calculating the logarithm or square root:

```
math.log(3)
math.sqrt(4)
```



Objects, variables, references

The language of python



Python is an **object-oriented** programming language. Therefore it helps if you primarily think of two different things:

Objects and functions*

- Objects are **pieces of information** (i.e. a number, a string of letters, a data table).
- We perform functions on objects. They are what we do to the information pieces.
- Which functions we can perform depends on the type of the object.

^{*}technically functions are objects too, but let's not get too technical

An example



An object:

$$my_int = 3$$

A function:

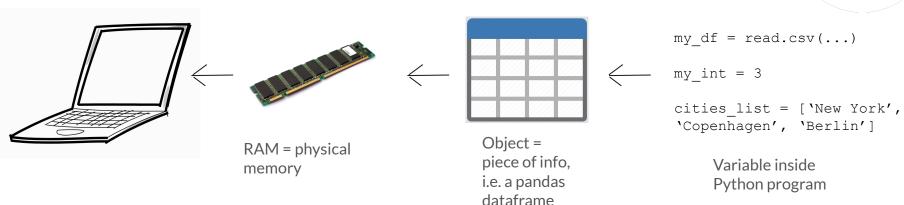
```
math.log(my_int)
```

This does not work because the object is the wrong type:

```
math.log('hello')
```

Variables and Objects





Every piece of data you use in Python is stored somewhere in physical memory as an **object.**

Variables are **references** to the stored object.