PDAI
Programming & Data Analytics & AI
Module 1
Lecture 1: Course Introduction

Outline

1. Course introduction
2. Sneak preview of Module 2
3. Let's Kahoot!
4. Overview to programming

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Introduction to Programming in Python held by us for the Allievi Ordinari of SSSA

- Was a preliminary version of current M1
- Planned and run online due to COVID :(

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Intro to Programming & Data Processing 1
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Programming & Data Analytics & AI
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- The course reached maturity
- However, we keep on refining and updating it yearly

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Related courses

We also teach related courses

- PhD Students in Computer Science of Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila [2020-NOW]
- Master Students in Economics, University of Pisa,-SSSA, Pisa [2023-NOW]
- Master Students in Finance Politecnico Di Milano Graduate School of Business, Milan [2023]
- PhD students of Scuola Superiore Normale, Pisa [2020-2022]

Course References & Material

- Webpage of the course:
  - ★ https://bit.ly/PDAI_23_24
    - Slides and examples from the lectures, further materials and links
    - Weekly coding assignments
- Suggested books:
  - ★ M. Lutz, Learning Python;
  - ★ W. McKinney, Python for Data Analysis.
- Well-done tutorial: https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/
- Software
  - ★ Python: https://www.python.org/
  - ★ Python editor: JupyterLab https://jupyter.org/
  - ★ Setup your machine: https://bit.ly/PDAI_23_24

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an understanding of the issues involved in computer programming, to be able to make informed decisions. The student will be able to write simple to medium python programs of good quality and of various nature, including those for reading, manipulating and visualizing data.

Learning Objectives

A student who has met the objectives of the course will be able to:

- select and use the correct data types and collections for the problem at hand
- use and describe variables, operations, and control structures (if, loops)
- create and use functions and classes
- use libraries for I/O, data manipulation, and data visualization
- use principles of structured program design and methods
- discuss Python-related issues in a clear and concise way, possibly using on-line platforms

Evaluation

- Regular coding assignments
  - ★ Available at https://bit.ly/PDAI_23_24
    - Every class comes with a set of related assignments
    - We have built an online framework for automatically testing your code and getting hints
    - (Soft) deadlines: before the following class
    - We will try to allocate time at the end of classes to work on them
    - You will have to send to us your solutions before the exam
  - ★ A fundamental learning tool of this course
- Oral Exam
  - ★ We will do an oral examination
    - starting from your solutions to the assignments
    - Another reason for doing your assignments!
  - ★ Date: TBD

Tentative Lecture Plan

You find it on the website
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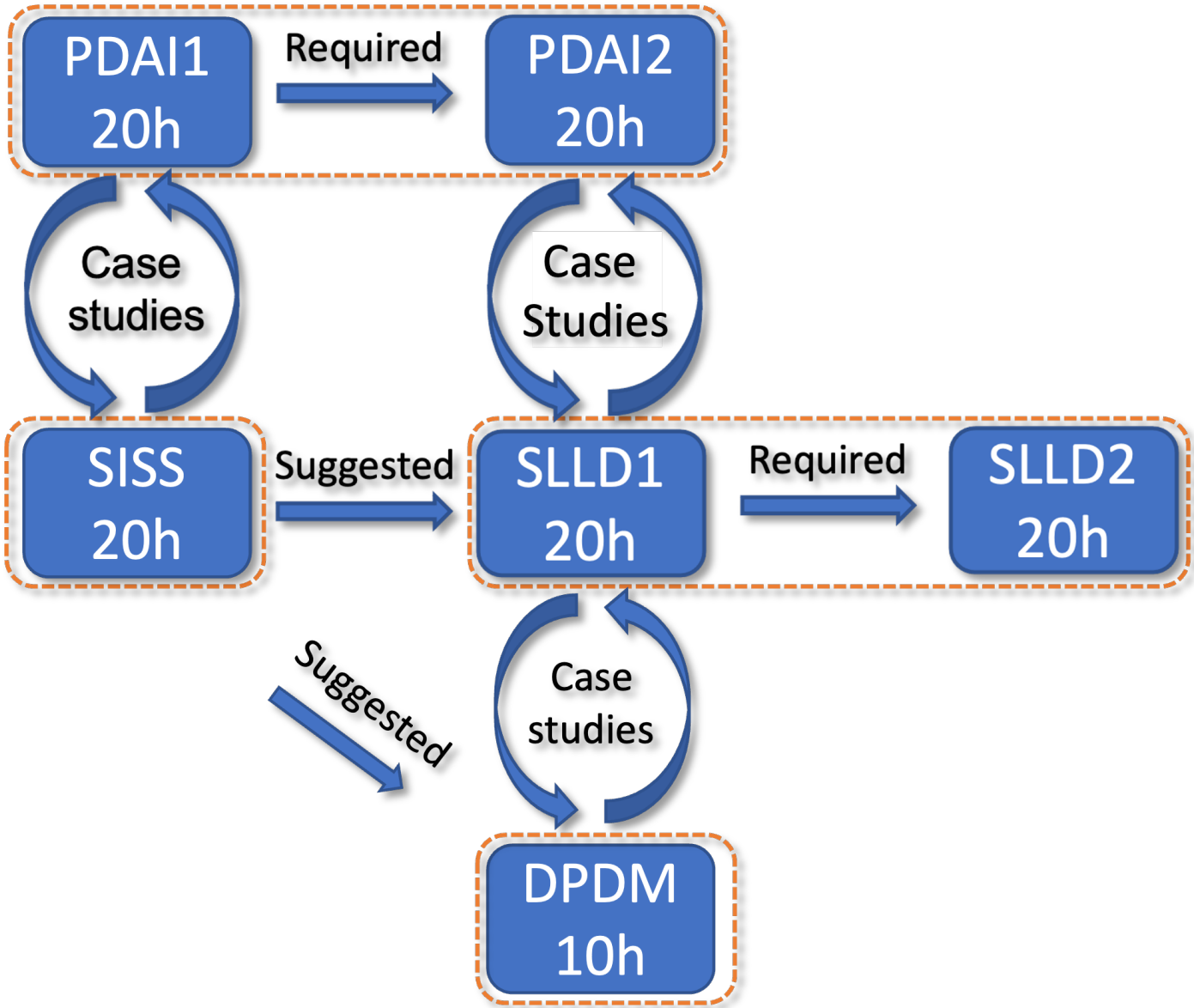
Computing, Data Analysis & Modeling @ L'EMbeDS



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- You will never learn programming if you don't practice it!
  - ★ Therefore you have to regularly do all the assignments

Ideas for an Effective Course

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  Intro to new topics & Live programming
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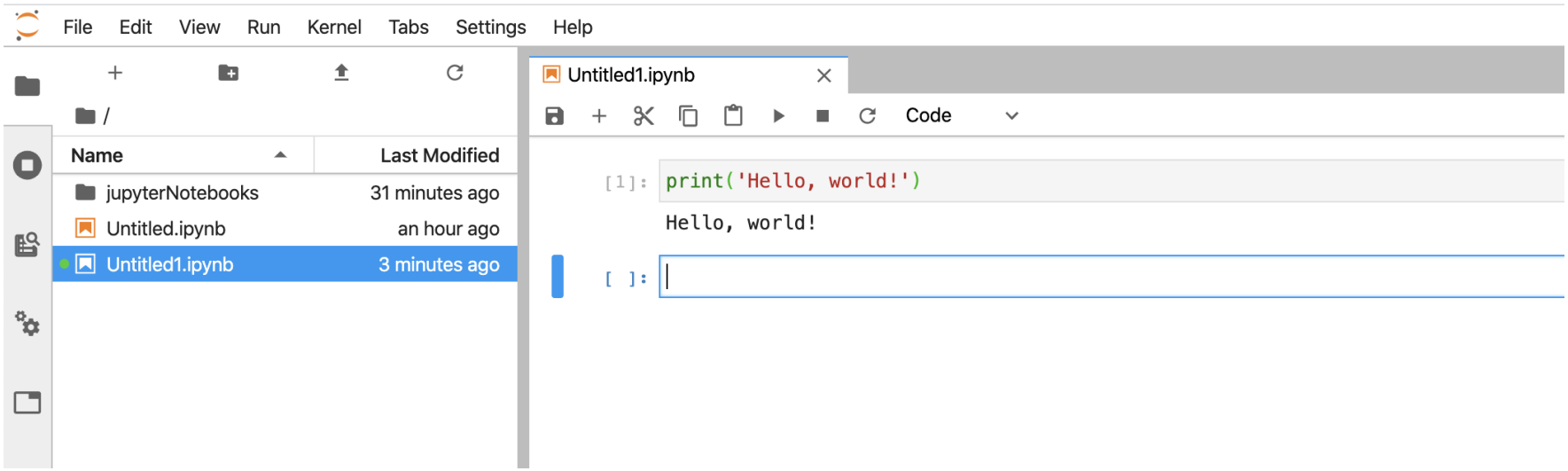
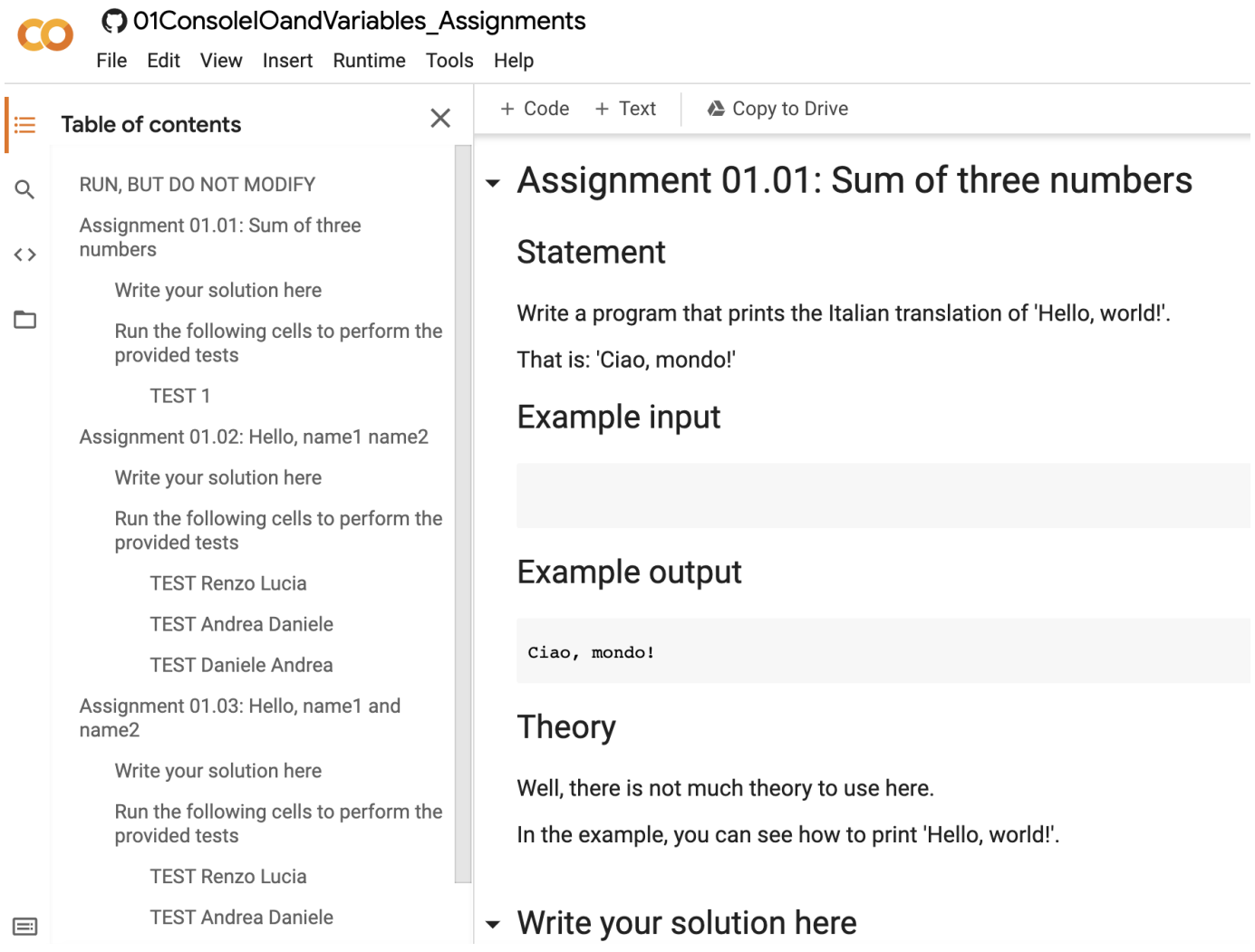
However, we have the ambitious goal of covering many topics necessary to introduce you to programming and data analytics in just 20 hours. Hence we might skip some second parts.

Live Programming

Find the JupyterLab notebooks at https://bit.ly/PDAI_23_24



Assignments on Colab



- Each lecture comes with a set of simple coding assignments
  - ★ Links available in the wiki page for slides and further material

Colab

- Colab is a Google service similar to Google docs
  - ★ but for python notebooks.
  - ★ no installation required
- Each set of assignments is actually a python notebook
- We implemented in Colab autograding functionalities
  - ★ to test your solution

Colab: auto-testing

Write your solution here

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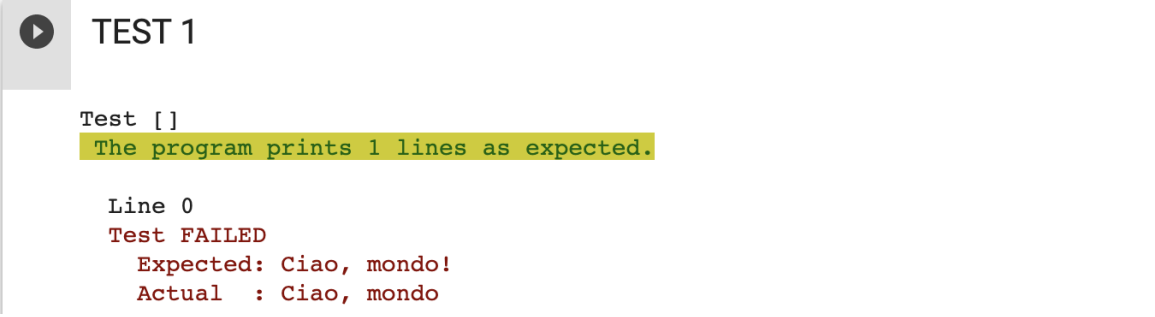

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TEST 1

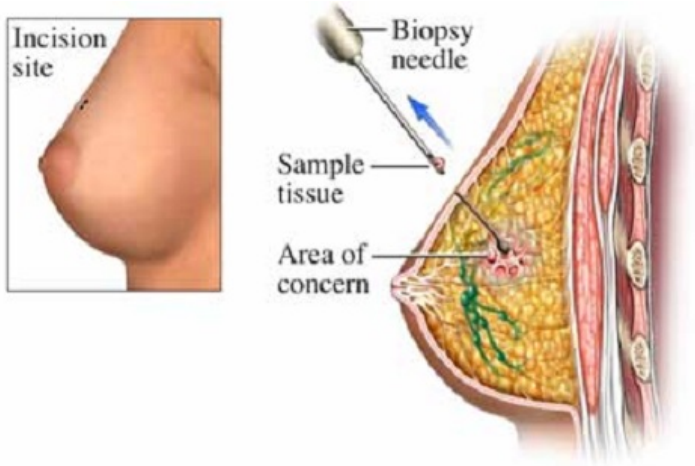
```
Test []
  The program prints 1 lines as expected.
 Line 0
  Expected and actual output match: Ciao, mondo!

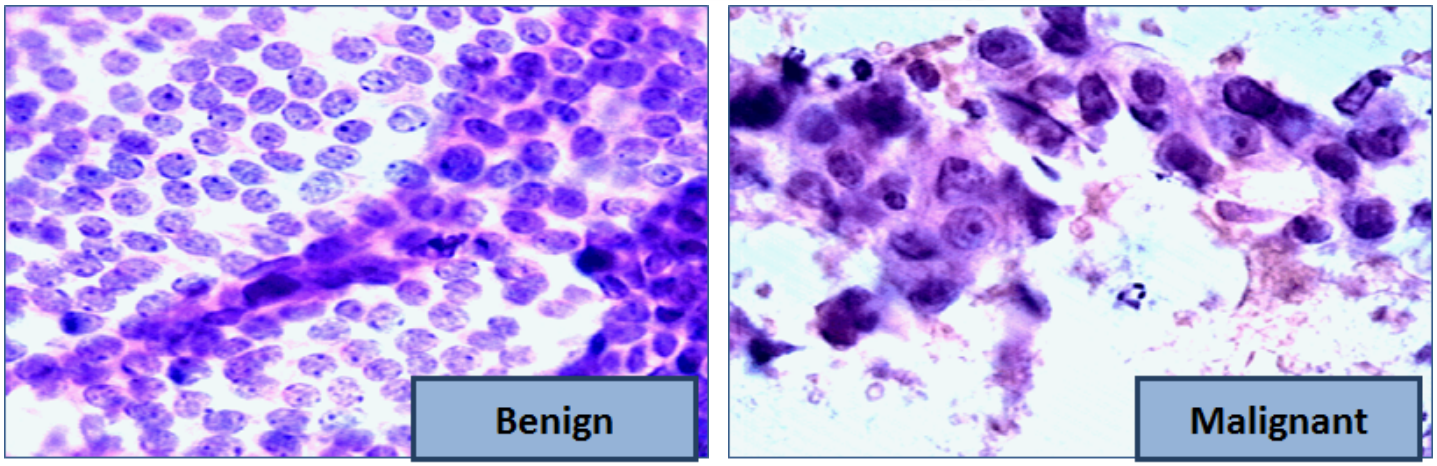
Test PASSED!
```

Outline

Sneak preview of Module 2

Starting from the competences developed in the first module, we will study how to apply data analysis techniques from Machine learning





Can we classify them automatically?

Sneak preview of Module 2

We will go through a classic pipeline for these data analysis tasks

- With emphasis on how to do *good* data analysis projects
- We explain how to avoid common pitfalls of *bad* analysis projects

Sneak preview of Module 2

Further advanced research-oriented topics of data-driven analysis like Process Mining

1. ***Lucy*** *takes your order*
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3. ***Lucy*** *notes down your preferred payment method*
4. ***Luigi*** *prepares your burger*
5. ***Lucy*** *grabs your can of soda*
6. ***Luigi*** *puts your burger in a box*
7. ***Lucy*** *wraps your order*
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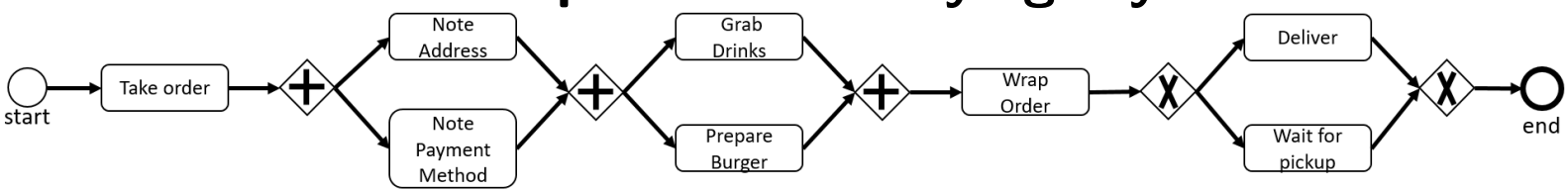
What is the process underlying my data?[1]



[1] Example from https://pm4py.fit.fraunhofer.de/

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Evaluation

You will do the same on data of interest or on data on titanic sinking

- Would you have survived the sinking of the titanic?
- Alternatively: bring your own data of interest!

Outline

Let's play a game on Kahoot!

- Using your smartphone or a second monitor
- Visit www.kahoot.it
- Type the code we will give you during the class

Outline

What is a program?

- A sequence of code instructions to control a machine
  - ★ Input/output
  - ★ Mathematical operations
  - ★ Conditional and repetitive executions
- A recipe to instruct a machine to execute instructions.
  - ★ We can't use a *natural language*.
  - ★ We need a **programming language**

Programming languages

The 7 Most In-Demand Programming Languages of 2019

March 15, 2019

Aspiring developers need to know what languages to learn; they need to select the right education and work on a skill set that will impress future employers and land their dream job. So what are the top programming languages? And what is the best one to learn? We've compiled a list for you that highlights the most in-demand programming languages based off current job postings on the market.

Here are the Top 7 programming languages with most job posting on Indeed as of January 2019:

- Java – 65,986 jobs
- Python – 61,818 jobs
- Javascript – 38,018 jobs
- C++ – 36,798 jobs
- C# – 27,521 jobs
- PHP – 16,890 jobs
- PERL – 13, 727 jobs

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5	5		C#	5.73%	+0.05%
6	6		Visual Basic	4.64%	-0.10%
7	7		JavaScript	2.87%	+0.78%
8	9	▲	SQL	2.50%	+0.70%
9	8	▼	Assembly language	1.60%	-0.25%
10	11	▲	PHP	1.39%	-0.00%
11	10	▼	Swift	1.20%	-0.21%

The Python Programming language

- High-level: almost human readable. Abstracts from hardware
- Beginner-friendly:
  - ★ streamlined syntax
  - ★ it is easy to write your *first programs*
- Free, open-source and multi-platform
- Developed since the 90s, therefore it has
  - ★ A wide community, and its popularity keeps increasing
  - ★ Many predefined software modules

Python programs

- A sequence of python instructions to control a machine
- Python supports the most common programming styles
  - ★ Imperative: Statements are executed in sequence changing the state of the program (the variables)
  - ★ Procedural: The program is structured in reusable units named functions
  - ★ Object-oriented: The program is structured as a collection of interacting objects that send messages to each other.
  - ★ Functional: Statements are not written/executed as an ordered sequence of instructions. A computation is treated as the evaluation of a mathematical function.

Variables

Basic abstraction to represent units of data

A variable has a name and a value

- Names can contain any letter, number, or the underscore _

False	await	else	import	pass
None	break	except	in	raise
True	class	finally	is	return
and	continue	for	lambda	try
as	def	from	nonlocal	while
assert	del	global	not	with
async	elif	if	or	yield

Note:

- ★ Cannot start with numbers
- ★ Cannot be a keyword
- ★ Names are case-sensitive

- We assign/update values to variables using assignment statements

```
month_number=3
month_name="April"
print("The number of",month_name,"is",month_number)
month_number=4
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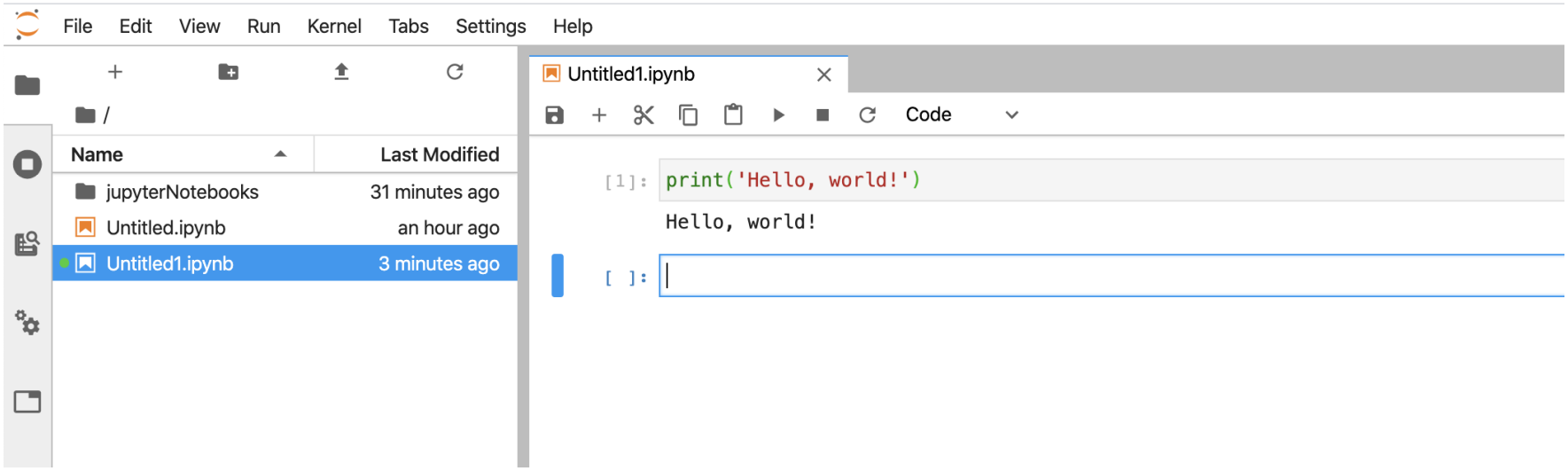

Configure your machine

If you have not done it yet

Follow the instructions in
https://bit.ly/PDAI_23_24

"But it works . . ."

"Can You Learn To Ski Without Lessons?"

https://www.skibro.com/blog/en/can-you-learn-to-ski-without-lessons/

Most of the times you get to the valley.

The problem is how you get there . . .