Basic Python Programming

[Session 1] Getting Started with Python

Contents

Programming

It matters to all of us today

Programming [1]

- **What is programming?**

Programming [2]

- **Computer does many task for us**
  - Fast calculation
  - Repetitive task
  - Automation
  - So on…

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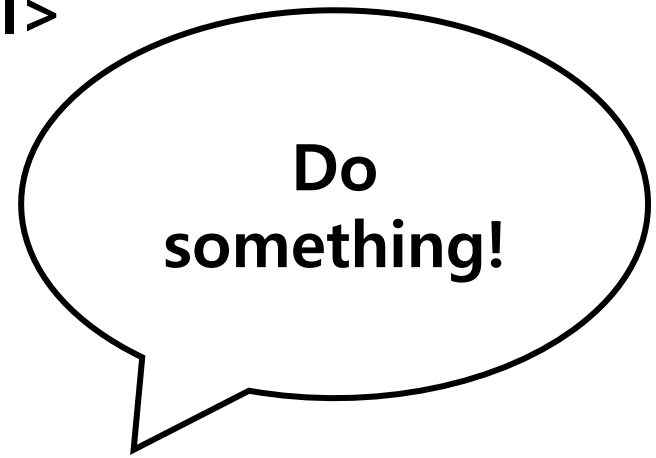
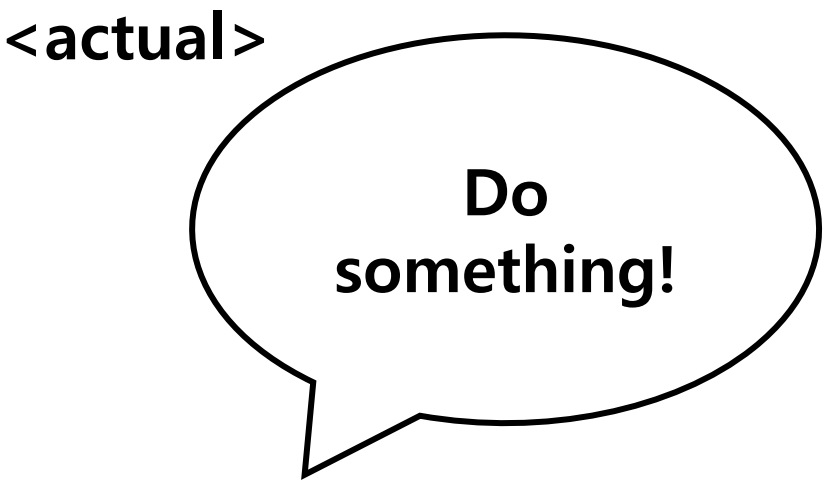
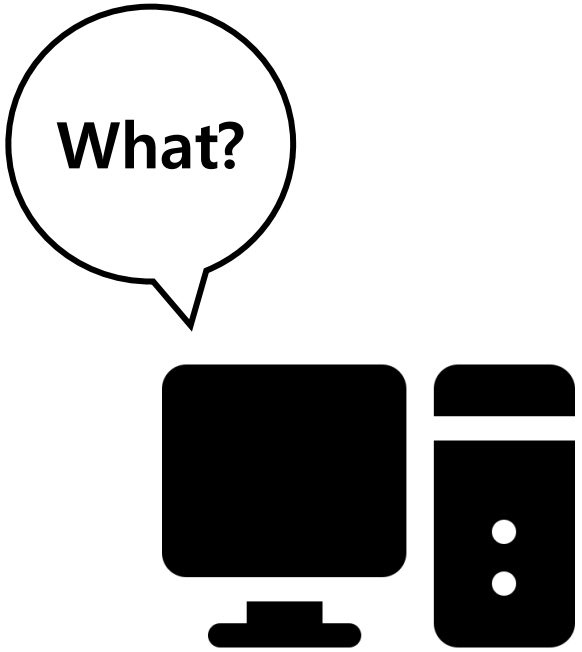


Result

Programming [3]

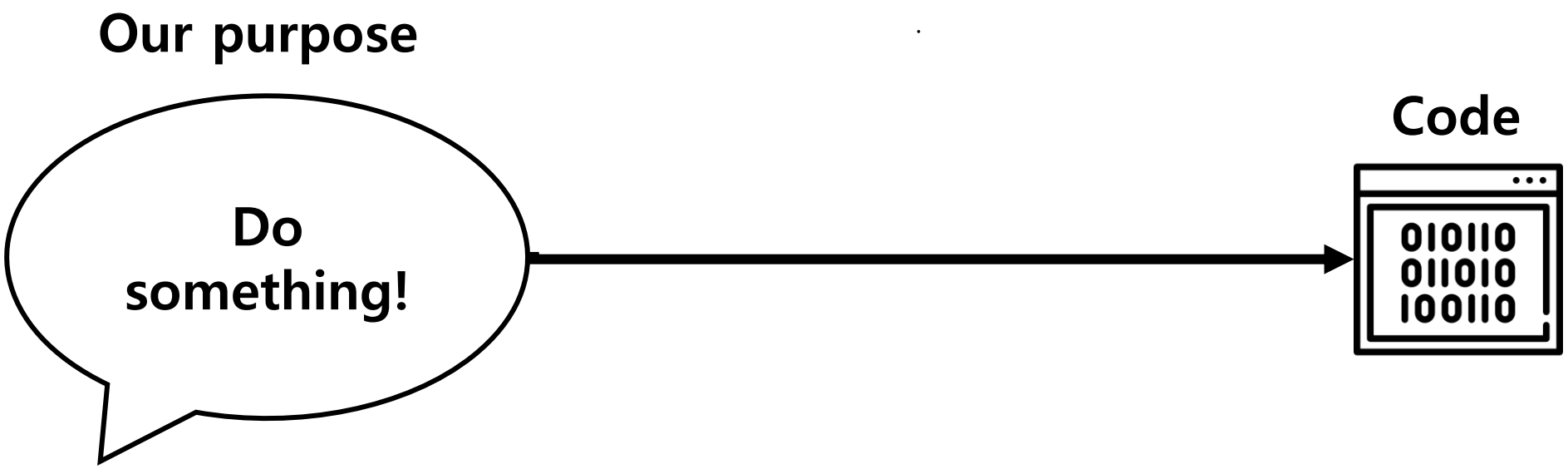
- **Unfortunately, computer cannot understand what we say**





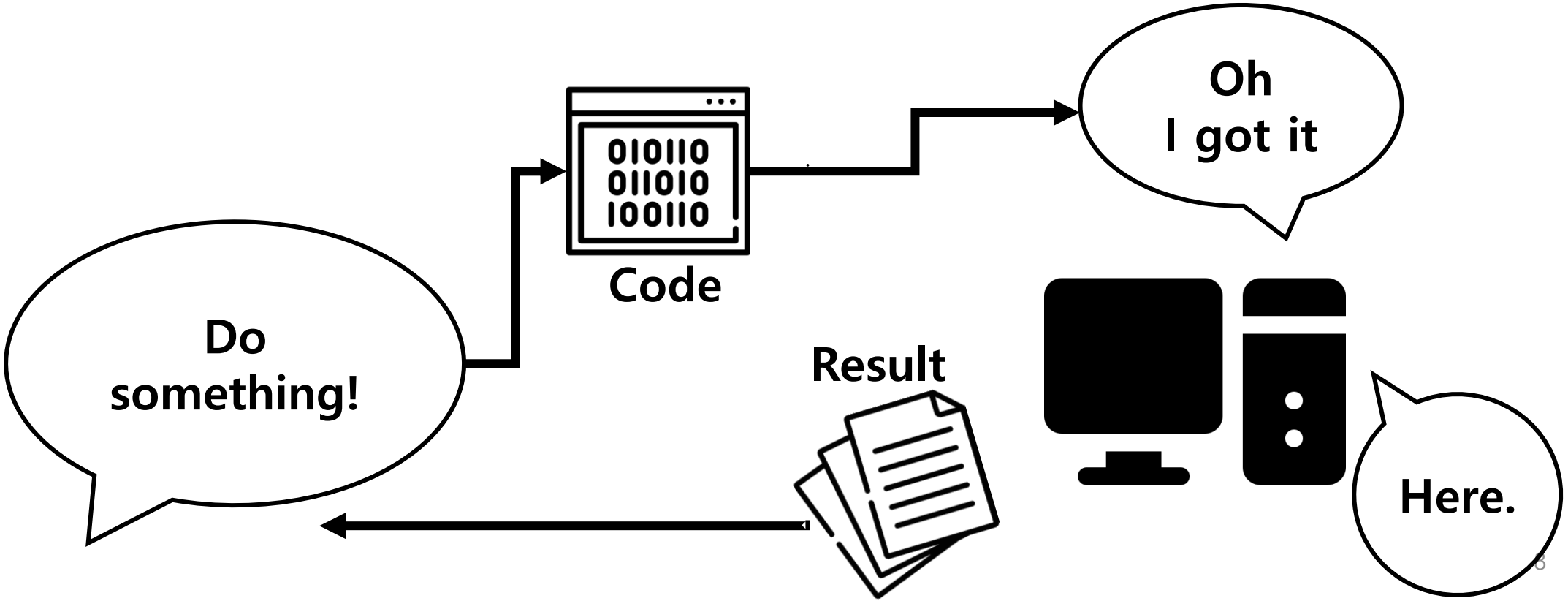
Programming [4]

- **Programming is a translation our purpose into the instruction(code).**



Programming [5]

- **Programming is the way to get computer to work according to our purpose**



Programming [6]

- **Then, why should we learn programming?**

Programming [7]

- **Programming can be a “tool”**
  - We can use it in many ways
  - It eases our life

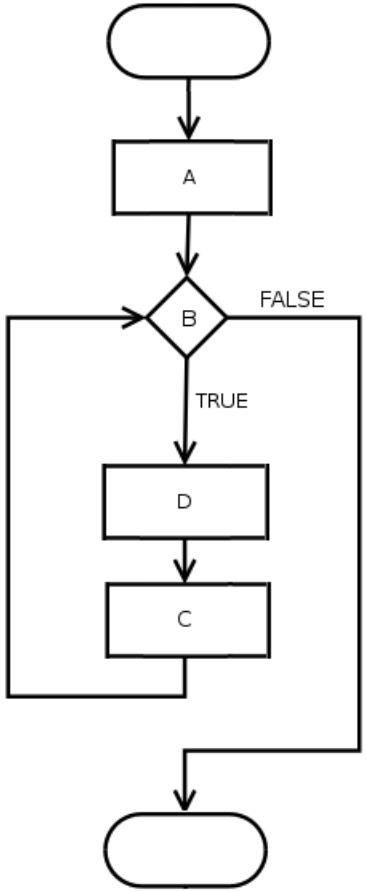
Programming [8]

- **Programming is involved in many fields already.**
  - AI
  - Data science
  - Bioinformatics
  - Chemical / Physical simulation
  - Robotics
  - Mathematics
  - Economics
  - …

Programming [9]

- **Programming is helpful for logical thinking**
  - Algorithm
  - Logical flow
  - Prediction
  - …

```
for(A;B;C)
  D;
```



Programming [10]

- **Then, let’s start!**

Intro. to Python

Python?

- **Python is a programming language used in many fields.**

- **It is “very” popular programming language, why?**
  - Easy to learn
  - Easy to program
  - Many developers made useful libraries
  - There are lots of documents, guides, and forums

Is Python Easy?

- **Well… at least easier than other languages**

Why Python in This Course? [1]

- **Python has a lot of libraries, so we can make various program with Python**

Why Python in This Course? [2]

- **By using easy-to-learn language, we can focus on the BIG PICTURE of programming**
  - How to solve the given problem
  - Algorithmic / computational thinking
  - Logical flow of programs
  - So on…

Installation

We need…

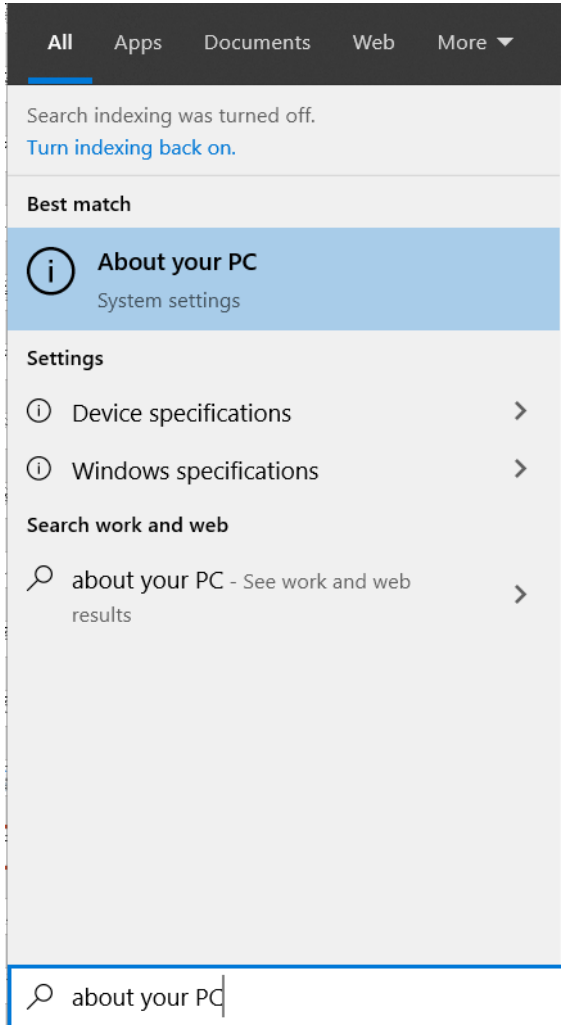
- **Python 3.7.8**
  - Interpreter for Python language
  - Be careful of the version!

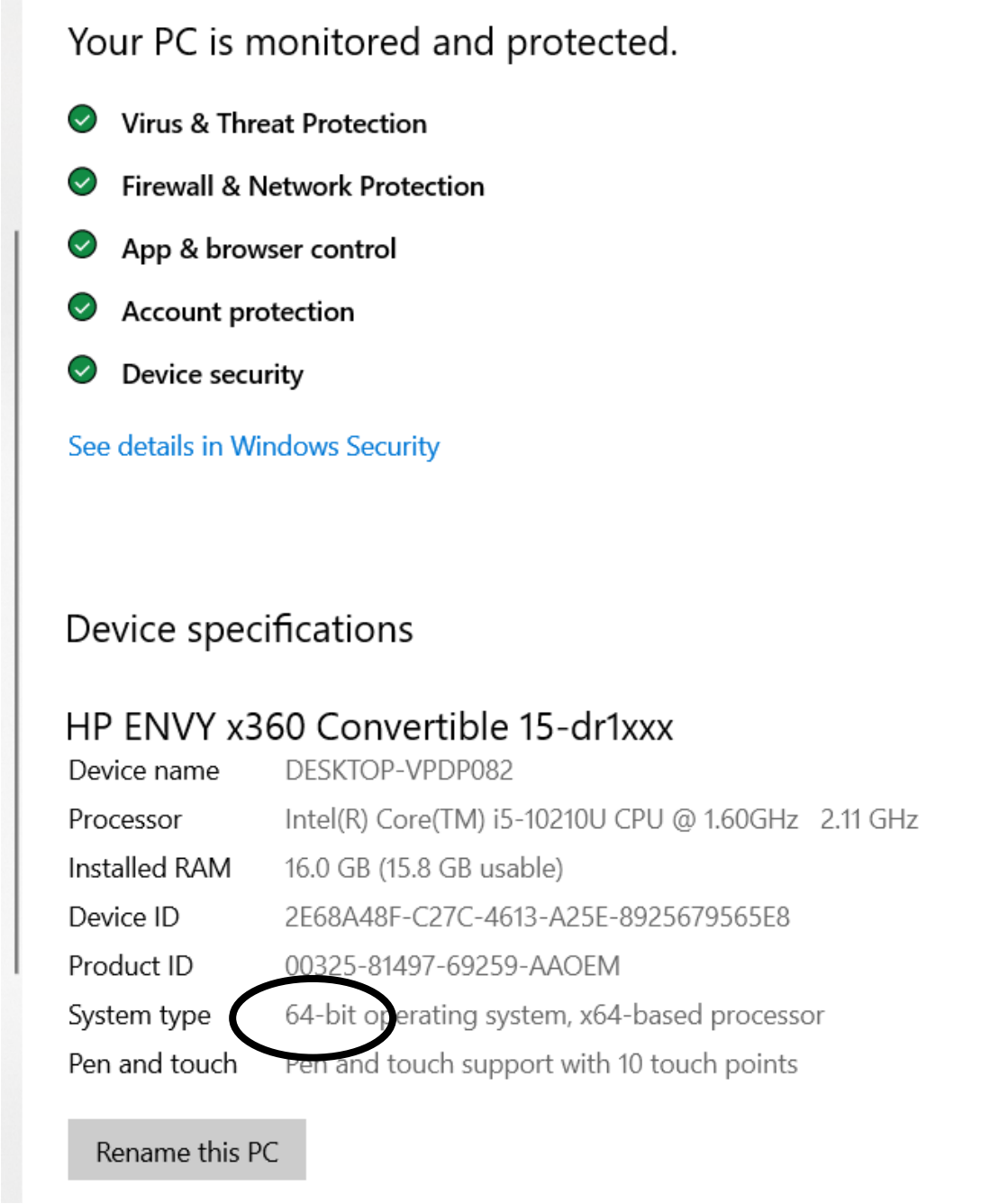
- **PyCharm**
  - Editor(IDE) for Python

- **Recommend to use Windows 10**
  - Ubuntu, MacOS, etc. are also OK.
  - But the procedure is slightly different

Installing Python [1]

- **Check your PC**





Installing Python [2]

- https://www.python.org/downloads/release/python-378/

For Linux

For Mac OS

For Windows (64bit)

For Windows (32bit)

Version	Operating System	Description	MD5 Sum	File Size	GPG
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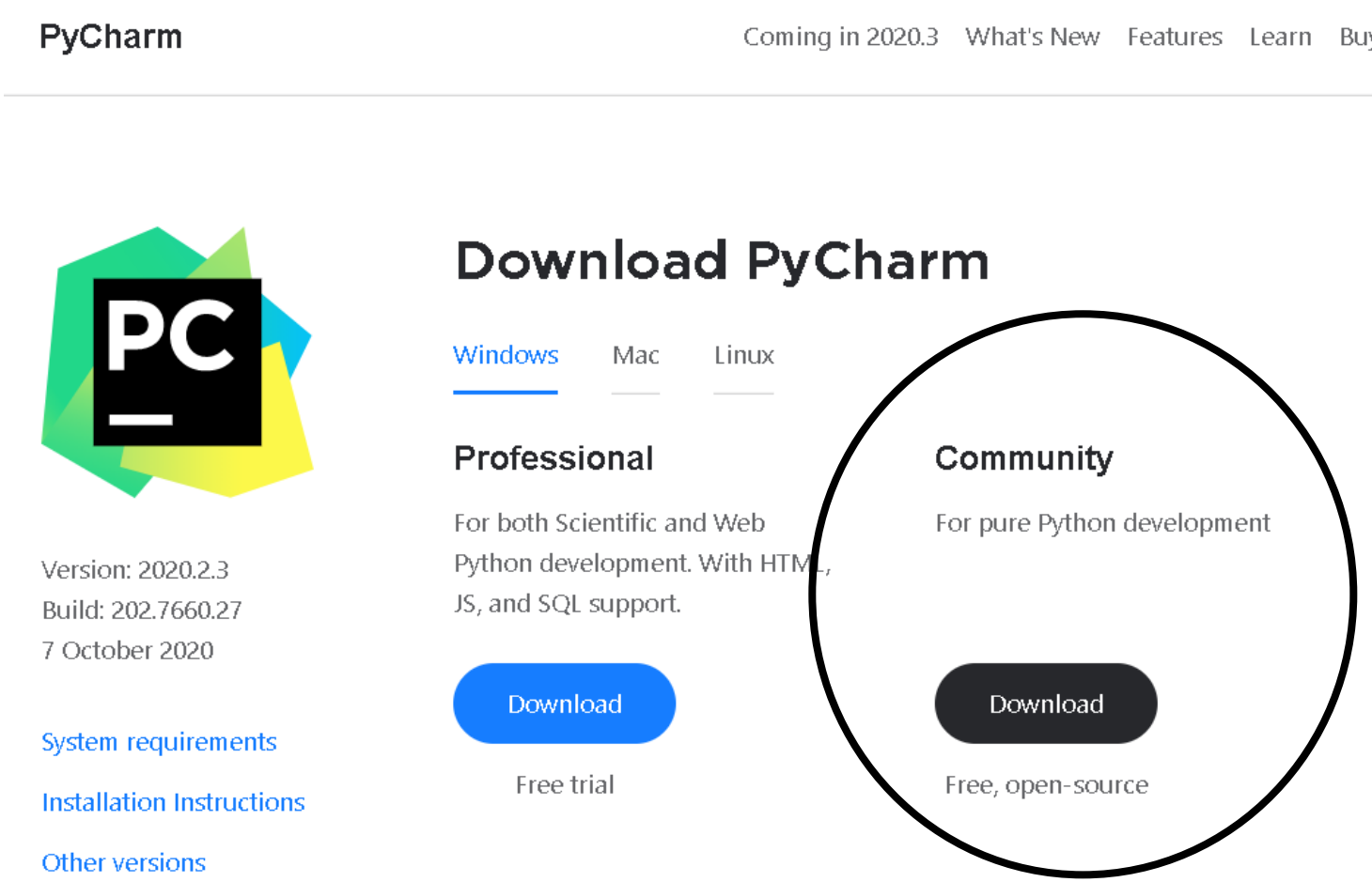
Installing PyCharm

- https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/download/

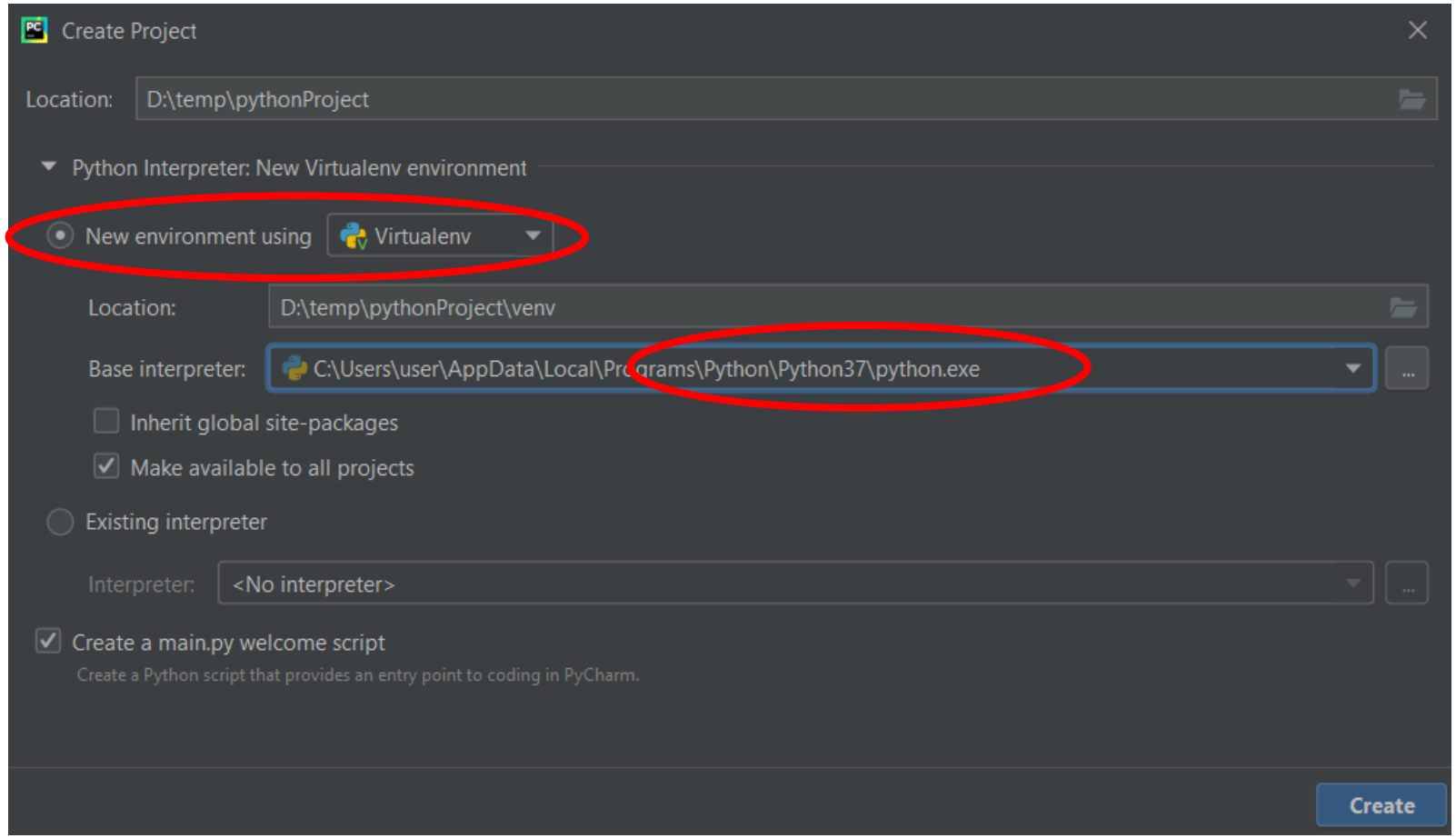


Hello, World!

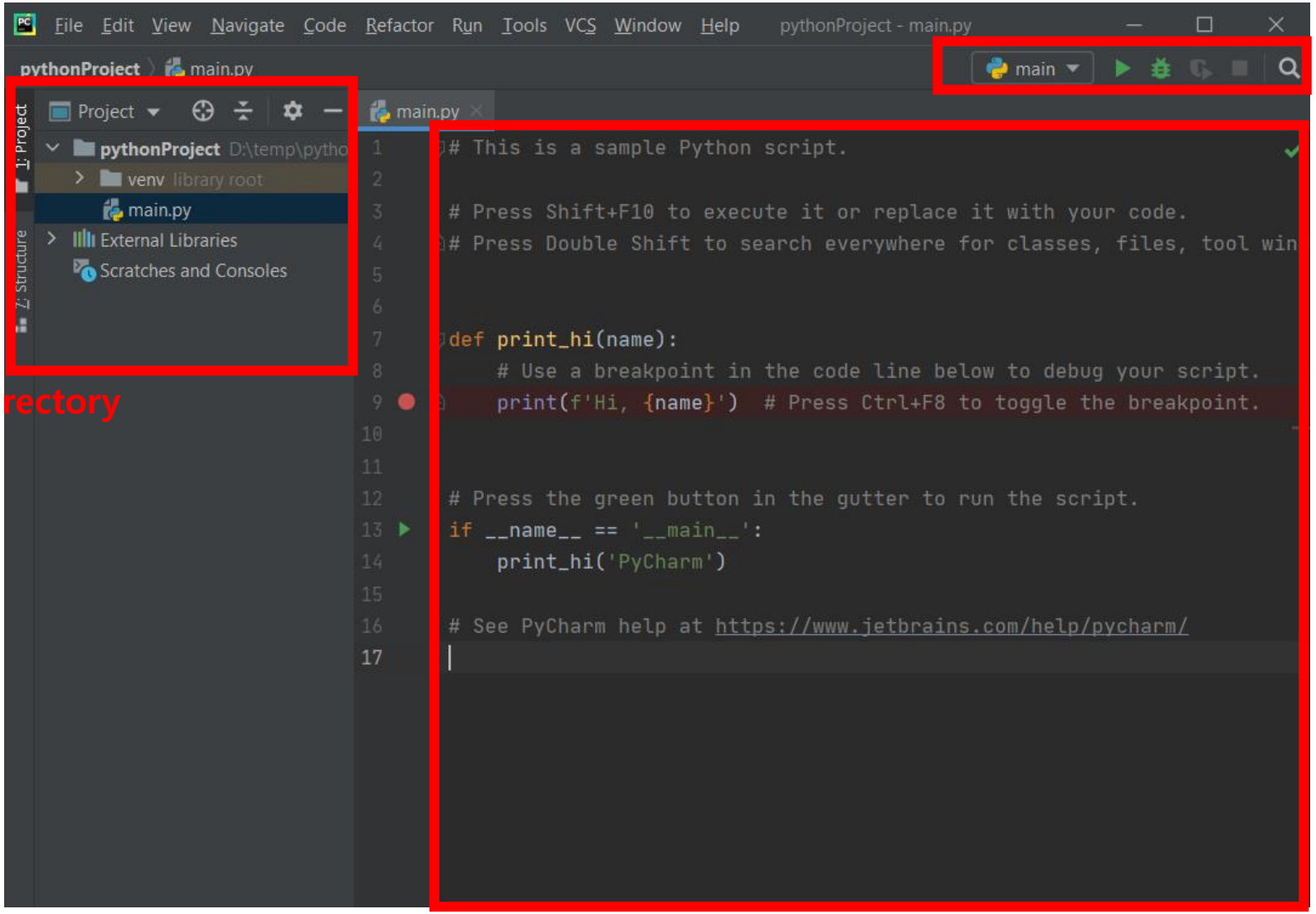
The beginning of everything

Looking around PyCharm [1]

- **Create a new project**



Looking around PyCharm [2]



Running / Debugging

Project directory

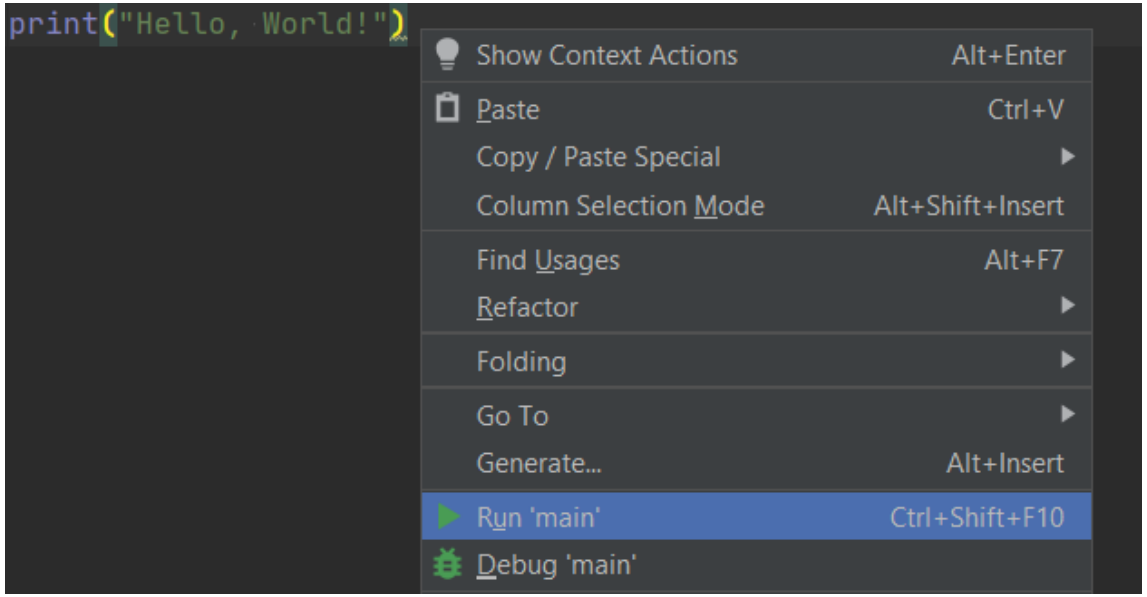
Code

Printing “Hello, World!” [1]

- **Erase all and write this:**

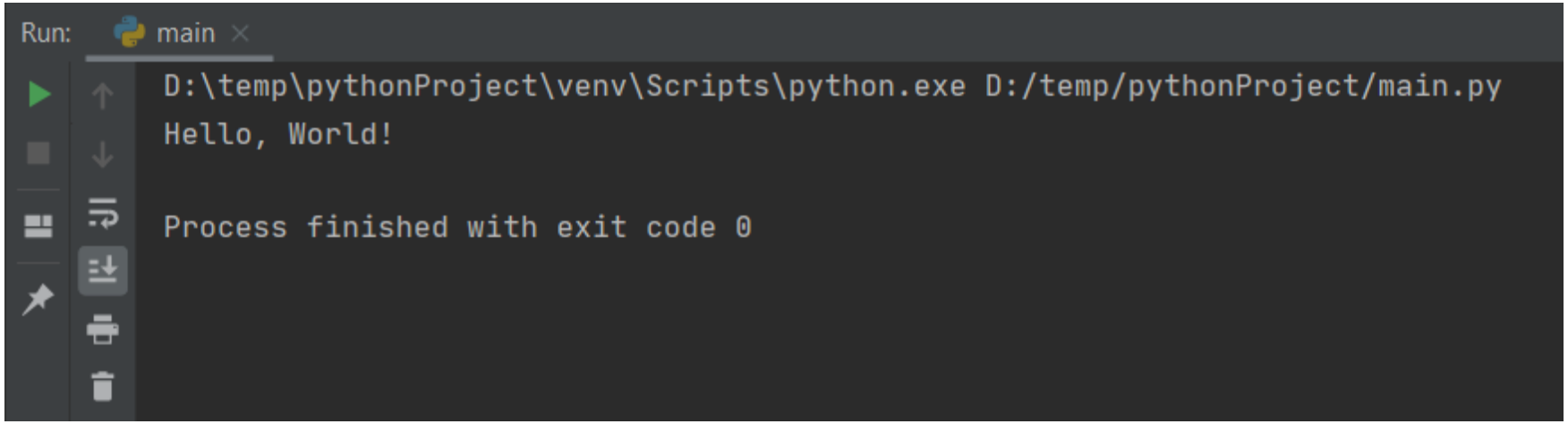
```
print("Hello, World!")
```

- **Right-click and Run ‘main’**



Printing “Hello, World!” [2]

- **Was it successful?**



Basic Concepts [1]

`print()` Function [1]

- Almost everything can be printed out by `print()` function

- We should be able to use this function to see our code's result.

```
print(contents)
```

`print()` Function [2]

- **Note that:**
  - Contents can be variable, value, or expression
  - We can print multiple things, with “,”
    - `print(10, 20, 30)`

- **Practice yourself!**

Variables [1]

- **Variable is a name containing some value.**

- **For example,** `x = 150` **is a variable named "x", containing a value, 150.**

- **It can contain various type of value**

```
x = 150
y = "hello"
z = True
```

Variables [2]

- **How can we use variable?**

```
x = 100
print(x)
print(x)

x = 150
print(x)
```

We must declare the variable before use!!!

- **From this, we can know:**
  - Variable can be reused
  - The value in a variable can be changed

Data Types

- **Many kinds of data types are supported in Python**
  - Integer (int)
  - Float (float)
  - Boolean (bool)
  - String (str)
  - List / Tuple / Set (list, tuple, set)
  - Dictionary (dict)
  - Bytes (bytes)
  - Complex (complex)
  - …

Numeric Types

- **Integer, float and complex are numeric type data**

- **Basic arithmetic operations are supported (if valid)**

```python
print(3 + 2)
print(1.5 * 4)
print(0 ** 10)
print(10 / 4)
print(10 // 4)
print(10 % 4)
```

Boolean

- **Basically, boolean type can have two types of value**
  - True: Equivalent to non-zero number
  - False: Equivalent to zero

- **The result of comparison expression is Boolean**

```python
print(5 == 3)
print(15 != 4)
print(100 > 5)
```

```
Run: main
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\p
False
True
True

Process finished with exit code 0
```

String [1]

- **We can use ‘ ’, “ ”, or ‘‘‘ ’’’ to represent string**
  - ‘‘‘ ’’’ is for multiple-line string

```
a = "Hello"
b = 'How are you?'
c = "I am fine"
d = '''
Hello, how are you?
I'm fine
'''
```

String [2]

- **String can be added and repeated with + and ***

```
1  print("abc" + "d")
2  print("AAAA" * 5)
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\python.exe
abcd
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

Process finished with exit code 0
```

List / Tuple [1]

- **List / tuple can contain multiple items**
  - Ex) (1, 2, 3, 4, 5), (“a”, “bc”, “def”)

- **The only difference between these is:**
  - List uses [(item1), (item2), …] and **mutable**
  - Tuple uses ((item1), (item2), …) and **immutable**

```
list_1 = [5, 3, 2, 1]
tuple_1 = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

List / Tuple [2]

- **They can have any type of item**
  - Even if the item is list/tuple! (nested)

```
list_1 = [[1,2,3], [4,5,6], [7,8,9]]
```

  - A list/tuple can have different kinds of items:

```
list_2 = ["abc", 123, 5.4, True, [("cd", "ef"), []]]
```

List / Tuple [3]

- We can get i-th item from list / tuple (indexing)

```python
my_list = [100, 50, 25]
print(my_list[1])
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\py
50

Process finished with exit code 0
```

- Note that the index starts at 0, not 1.

List / Tuple [4]

- **We can modify the item of list (not tuple)**

```python
my_list = [100, 50, 25]
my_list[1] = 10000
print(my_list)
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\pyth
[100, 10000, 25]
```

List / Tuple [5]

- **We can index multiple items (slicing)**

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
print(my_list[2:7])
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scr
[3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
```

- **Note that `my_list[7]` was not included**

Notes

- **Detailed explanation is in supporting material**
- **It is important to try and practice yourself!**

Some Important Functions

- **Before we learn about function, we should know some of important functions**
  - `print()`: already covered
  - `input()`: get the input from user (in console)
  - `int()`, `str()`, `list()`, …: change the type
  - `len()`: get the length of list, tuple, string, etc.
  - …

input()

- **We can get the input from user**

- **Basic use: input((message))**
  - Message can be omitted

```
name = input("please write your name: ")
print("Hello, " + name + "!")
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\pytho
please write your name: eunseong park
```

Write and then enter!

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\pyth
please write your name: eunseong park
Hello, eunseong park!

Process finished with exit code 0
```

int(), str(), list(), …

- **If possible, we can change the type of value / variable**
  - For example, we may want to take “121” as an integer, but it is string…

```
print("121" + 25)
```

  - This may cause an error

- **`int()` function can be remedy in this situation**

```
print(int("121") + 25)
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts
146
```

len()

- **We may want to know the “length” of list or string**

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 10, 12]
my_string = "University of Ghana"
print(len(my_list))
print(len(my_string))
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\python.exe
5
19
```

- **How about this?**

```
my_list = [[1,2,3], [4,5,6]]
print(len(my_list))
```

Conditionals: `if`

- **We can execute different code according to the condition**

```
if (condition1):
    (code_1)
elif (codition2):
    (code_2)
elif (condition3):
    (code_3)
...
else:
    (code_else)
```

```python
a = 3
if a > 3:
    print("Greater than 3")
elif a == 3:
    print("Equal to 3")
else:
    print("Less than 3")
```

Loops: `while`

- **We can repeat some work, by `while` and `for` statement**

while (condition):

(code)

```
a = 3
while a < 6:
    a += 1
    print(a)
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\python.exe
4
5
6

Process finished with exit code 0
```

Loops: for [1]

- **In for statement, an "iterator" traverses given list-like object**
  - Iterator is a (usually) temporary variable
  - The list-like object is called "iterable" object

for (iterator) in (iterable):

(code)

```
sum = 0
for i in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]:
    sum += i
print(sum)

for j in ("abc", "def"):
    print(j)
```

```
Run: main
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\python.exe D:/
15
abc
def
```

Loops: for [2]

- **range() function provides a sequence of number**
  - It is useful for using for statement
  - It gives "range" type, it is also iterable (list-like)

range(start:end:step)

Starting number (can be omitted)

Ending number
The number, end is not included in the result

step (can be omitted)

```
sum = 0
for i in range(101):
    sum += i
print(sum)
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\python
5050

Process finished with exit code 0
```

Exercises

- **Some exercises for you are in “exercises”**

Indentation

- **It matters in Python, unlike other programming languages**

- **Usually, indent after some statement with ":"**
  - `If (condition): / while (condition): / for i in (iterable):`

- **Inappropriate indentation can cause an error**

```
1   sum = 0
2
3   for i in range(101):
4   sum += i
5
6   print(sum)
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\python.exe D:
  File "D:/temp/pythonProject/main.py", line 4
    sum += i
      ^
IndentationError: expected an indented block

Process finished with exit code 1
```

Comment [1]

- **You can add some comment(memo) in your code**
  - In program, it does nothing

- **Why we use comment?**
  - To explain to co-worker my code
  - Also, to explain to **myself in tomorrow**

  - Sometimes we use it to disable some code temporarily

from https://monkeyuser.com

Comment [2]

- **Two ways:**
  - using # for a line
  - using ''' ''' for multiple lines

```
print("hello")  # This is for printing hello
'''
The following function
prints "hello" !
'''
print("hello")
# print("hello")
```

Functions, Classes

Functions in Programming

- **Functions in programming is slightly different with that in math**
  - Function in math just give some value
    - For example, in f(x) = 2x, f(10) gives 20.
    - Just calculation, no side-effects
  - Function in programming is a code sequence that does some work
    - We can give some value like the function in math
      - The value is called "return value"
    - We can make some side-effects, other than just calculation
      - Print out some message
      - Change some variable
      - Cause an error

Why Do We Use Function?

- We can avoid repetitive task and code
- It makes maintenance easier
- Reusability
- So on…

```python
sum_1 = 0
sum_2 = 0
sum_3 = 0
for i in range(100):
    sum_1 += i
for j in range(1000):
    sum_2 += j
for k in range(10000):
    sum_3 += k
```

Defining Function [1]

- We use def keyword

```
def function_name(parameter):
    (body)
```

```
def print_helloworld():
    print("Hello, World!")
```

```
def sum_from_1_to(n):
    sum = 0
    for i in range(n+1):
        sum += i
    return sum
```

Defining Function [2]

- **Some function may not have parameter**

```
def print_helloworld():
    print("Hello, World!")
```

- **Some function may have two or more parameters**

```
def print_number(a, b):
    print(a, b)
```

Defining Function [3]

- **We can set a default argument**
  - we omit the argument, then default value is used

```
def print_number(n=100):
    print(n)
```

- **Note that non-default one must precede default one!**
  - This causes an error

```
def print_number(a=100, b):
    print(a, b)
```

Defining Function [4]

- **return keyword determines a return value of the function**
  - When we return, the function is terminated, immediately

```
def sum_from_1_to(n):
    sum = 0
    for i in range(n+1):
        sum += i
    return sum
```

- **Some function may not have a return value**

Using Function [1]

- **We can call some function with `(FunctionName)(parameters)`**

```
def adder(a, b):
    return a + b


print(adder(5, 3))
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\py
8

Process finished with exit code 0
```

Using Function [2]

- **We can indicate the parameter explicitly (if needed)**

```
def adder(a, b):
    return a + b


print(adder(a=5, b=3))
```

More about Function [1]

- A function can call another function

```python
def add_and_square(a, b):
    return adder(a, b) ** 2


def adder(a, b):
    return a + b


print(add_and_square(5, 3))
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\pytho
64

Process finished with exit code 0
```

More about Function [2]

- **Even it can call itself! (called “recursion”)**

```python
def factorial(n):
    if n <= 1:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n-1)


print(factorial(5))
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\python.exe
120

Process finished with exit code 0
```

Exercises

- **Some exercises for you are in “exercises”**

Class: Motivation

- **How can we store / deal with each student's information?**
  - It includes name, ID, grade, GPA, etc.
  - …like this? What if there are 3~4000 students?

```python
name_kevin = "kevin"
id_kevin = 20191154
grade_kevin = 2
GPA_kevin = 4.1

name_john = "john"
id_john = 20152243
grade_john = 4
GPA_john = 3.74
```

- **Is there any wiser way?**

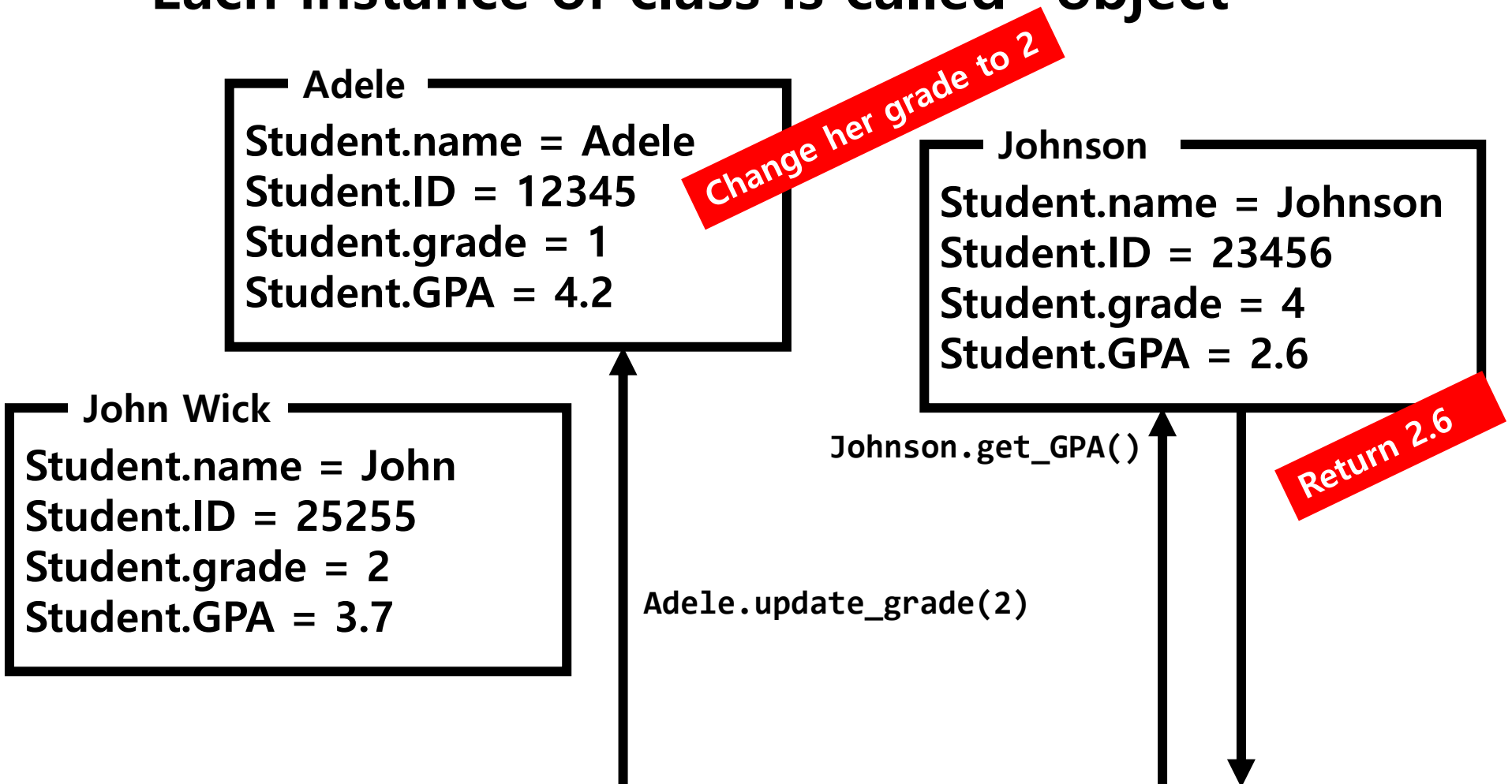
Class [1]

- **Class is a frame that contains:**
  - Several variables (member variable)
  - Several functions to deal with the data (method)

- **For example of student…**
  - Member variable: name, ID, grade, GPA, …
  - Methods: changing GPA, getting information, increasing grade, …

Class [2]

- Each instance of class is called “object”



Defining Class [1]

- We can define a class with `class` keyword

methods

```
class Student:
    def __init__(self, name_input, id_input, grade_input, gpa_input):
        self.name = name_input
        self.id = id_input
        self.grade = grade_input
        self.gpa = gpa_input
        print("New student is created!")

    def get_id(self):
        return self.id

    def update_gpa(self, new_gpa):
        self.gpa = new_gpa
```

Defining Class [2]

- We can define a class with `class` keyword

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    def update_gpa(self, new_gpa):
        self.gpa = new_gpa
```

First parameter of method is (usually) `self`

Defining Class [3]

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```

It is a special method (initializer)

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        self.gpa = new_gpa
```

Declaring member variable

Using Object [1]

- **We can make an object with `(ClassName)(some arguments)`**
  - Use the parameter of `__init()__`

```
class Student:
    def __init__(self, name_input, id_input, grade_input, gpa_input):
        self.name = name_input
        self.id = id_input
        self.grade = grade_input
        self.gpa = gpa_input
        print("New student is created!")
```

```
Patrick = Student('a', 12345, 4, 3.27)
```

Using Object [2]

- Call method with `(ObjectName).(MethodName)(param)`
- Note that (including `__init()__`) we omit the argument for `self`

```python
class Student:
    def __init__(self, name_input, id_input, grade_input, gpa_input):
        self.name = name_input
        self.id = id_input
        self.grade = grade_input
        self.gpa = gpa_input
        print("New student is created!")

    def get_id(self):
        return self.id

    def update_gpa(self, new_gpa):
        self.gpa = new_gpa
```

```python
Patrick = Student('a', 12345, 4, 3.27)
Patrick.update_gpa(4.30)
```

Using Object [3]

- **We can directly access to member variables**
  - With `(ObjectName).(VarName)`

```
Patrick = Student('a', 12345, 4, 3.27)
print(Patrick.name)
Patrick.grade = 3
print(Patrick.grade)
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\python.exe D:/
New student is created!
a
3
```

  - Of course, if this is public…

Exercises

- **Some exercises for you are in “exercises”**

Libraries

- **To put it simply, library is a collection of data, function, and classes.**

- **There are many of libraries for many purposes**
  - For math
  - For statistics
  - For image processing
  - For AI, ML
  - For game
  - …There’s almost everything we want

Libraries: Motivation [1]

- **Why we need libraries?**

Libraries: Motivation [2]

- **Why we need libraries?**

- **Because our time is precious!!**
  - We don’t need to implement everything
  - Just use functions made by professional developers!

Using Library: math [1]

- **Use `import` keyword to bring it**
  - If we did not use the library, the font becomes gray

```
1   import math
```

  - Else…

```
1   import math
```

Using Library: math [2]

- Then use with (LibName).(Name)

- Let's use π(pi)

```python
import math

print(math.pi)
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\pyt
3.141592653589793

Process finished with exit code 0
```

- How about function?

```python
import math

print(math.log2(256))
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts\
8.0

Process finished with exit code 0
```

Using Library: Alias

- **We can use “alias” of the library**
  - Using math.(name) every time is annoying
    - There are libraries with long name(e.g. multiprocessing, matplotlib.pyplot)
  - How about using “m” instead of “math”?

- **Use as keyword!**

```
import math as m

print(m.pi)
```

Using Library: `from`

- **Using `from`, we can use several items in the library**
  - Of course, we can use all items by using " * "

```
from math import pi

print(pi)
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scripts
3.141592653589793

Process finished with exit code 0
```

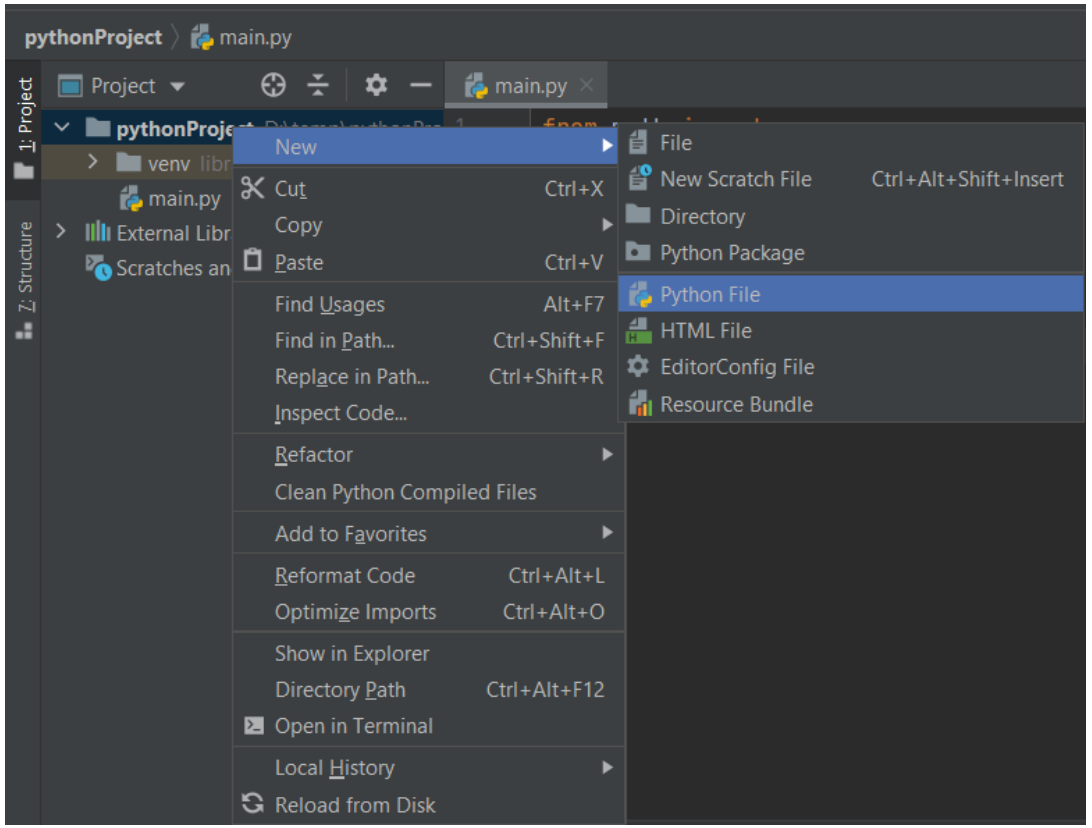
```
from math import *

print(sin(pi / 2))
```

```
D:\temp\pythonProject\venv\Scr
1.0

Process finished with exit coc
```

- **Note that we do not use "`math.`" !!**

Making Library [1]

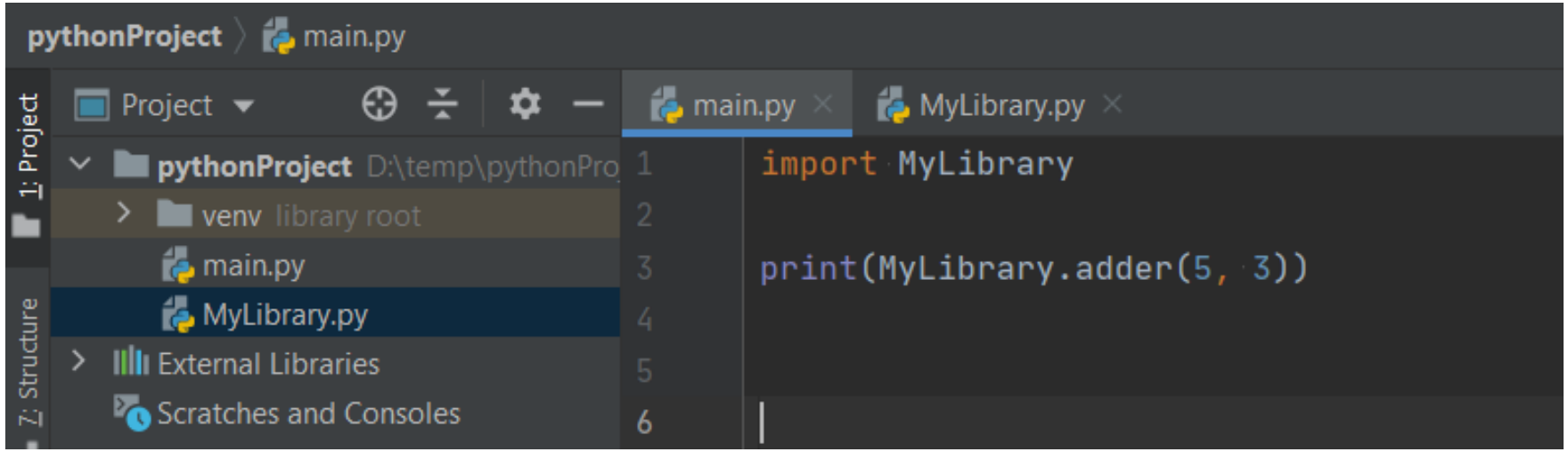
- **We can make our own library**
  - Just define some functions / classes / variables in a file!

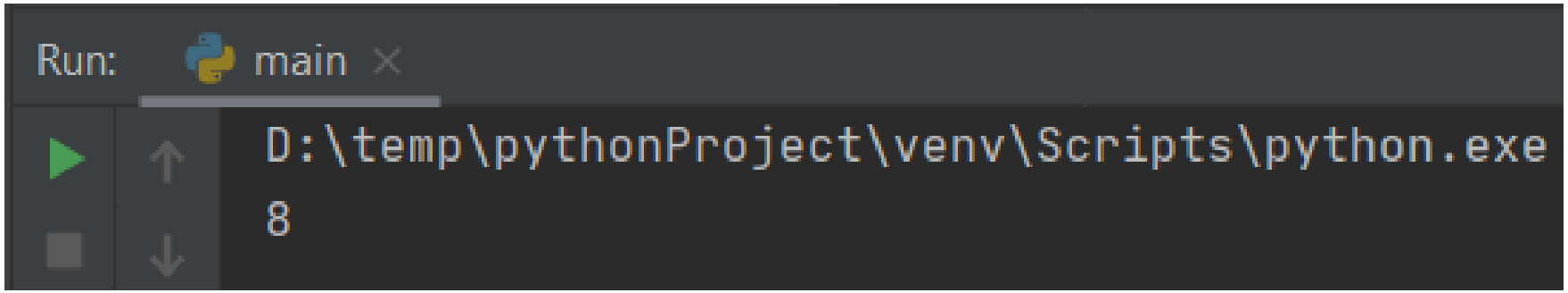



```python
my_awesome_number = 42

def adder(a, b):
    return a + b

class Human:
    def __init__(self, my_name):
        self.name = my_name
    def print_name(self):
        print(self.name)
```

Making Library [2]

- **Then, how can we use it?**
  - Just import! (If it is in same directory)





Exercises

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In the Real-time Class…

- **We will have a lab session (mini project)**
  - We will upload the material as soon as possible

- **Before that, please review what we covered**
  - Supplement and exercises were uploaded
  - Feel free to ask us! Via…
    - Comment in the page (recommended!)
    - WhatsApp
    - E-mail

Thank you