

PROGRAMMING IN PYTHON I

Editor and Debugger



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EDITOR AND DEBUGGER



Editor

- Comfort in programming has come a long way
- You don't have to program in a plain text editor anymore
- Modern editors allow for:
 - ☐ Syntax highlighting
 - ☐ Auto-completion of variable names and small syntax
 - ☐ Automatic check for errors and warnings in your code
 - ☐ Automatic reformatting of your code to specific coding standards
- Many editors for Python also include a **debugger**

```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5
3 b = 4
4 c = a + b
5 print(c)
```

Syntax highlighting in PyCharm Editor

Debugger

- Unintended errors/behaviors in a program are referred to as **bugs**
- Searching for and removing these bugs is referred to as **debugging**
- **Debuggers** allow you to analyze your program while it is executed
- Modern debuggers allow for:
 - ☐ Exploring variables during run time
 - ☐ Executing your code line by line and pausing the program at will
 - ☐ Interacting with/Modifying the code during a pause
 - ☐ Handling multiple parallel processes correctly

PYCHARM



PyCharm

■ We recommend using **PyCharm**

- ☐ Modern editor and debugger for Python (with support for LaTeX, shell scripts, ...)
- ☐ Free to use even without student licence
- ☐ Integration of **version control** tools such as **git** (relevant for next semester)
- ☐ We will only touch upon a small subset of its functions



[Image: PyCharm Logo, JetBrains]

Task 0: Install the PyCharm Editor

■ Install **Pycharm Community Edition**

(<https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/download/>)

- ☐ Installation is straight-forward
- ☐ Community edition is free and sufficient for this lecture
- ☐ Ubuntu:

```
sudo snap install pycharm-community --classic
```

■ The next slides will show you how to use the **Editor** and **Debugger**

- ☐ There might be small differences depending on OS and version

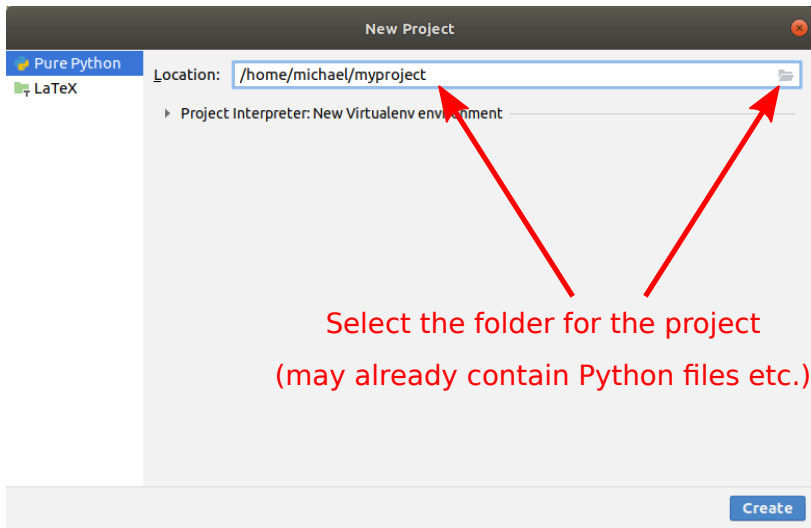
PYCHARM – EDITOR



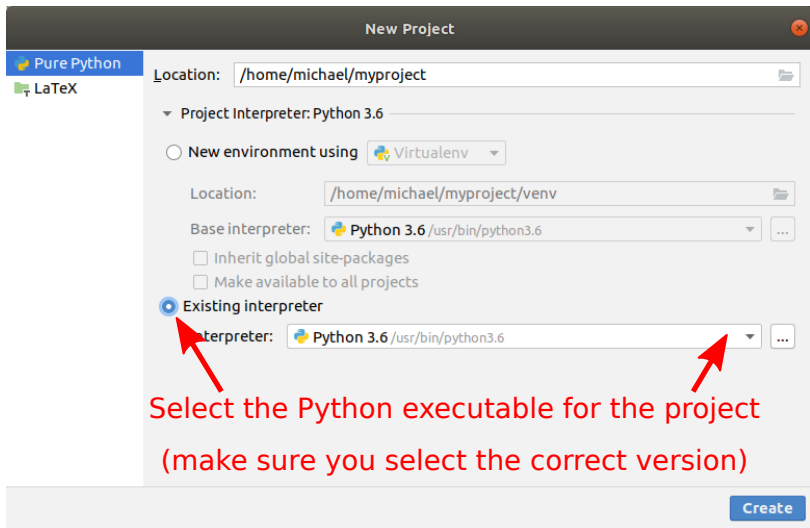
Task 1: Create a New PyCharm Project (1)

- We will start by creating a new PyCharm **project**
 - A **project** is a folder managed by PyCharm with configurations for Python interpreter, git, etc.
- Follow these steps for the creation of the project (see following slides for help):
 1. Select `File -> New Project...` in the menu or click `Create New Project` at the first start of PyCharm
 2. Select the project folder (does not need to be empty) to create the project in
 3. Select the Python interpreter
 4. Click `Create` to create the project

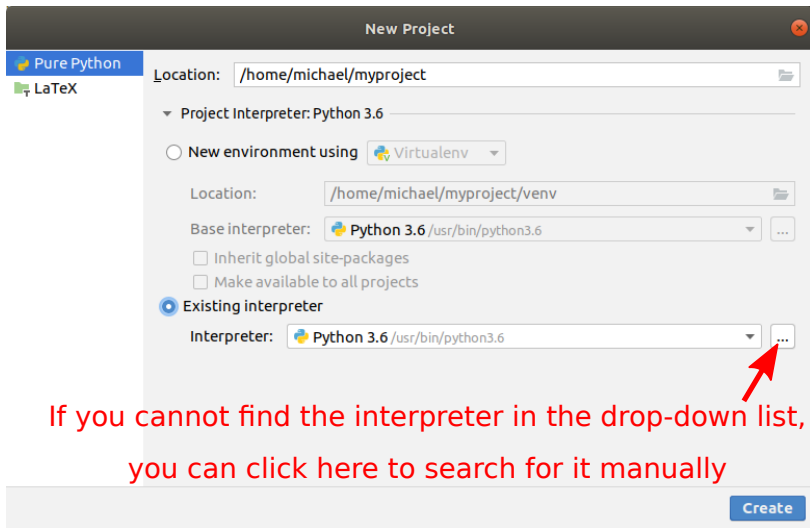
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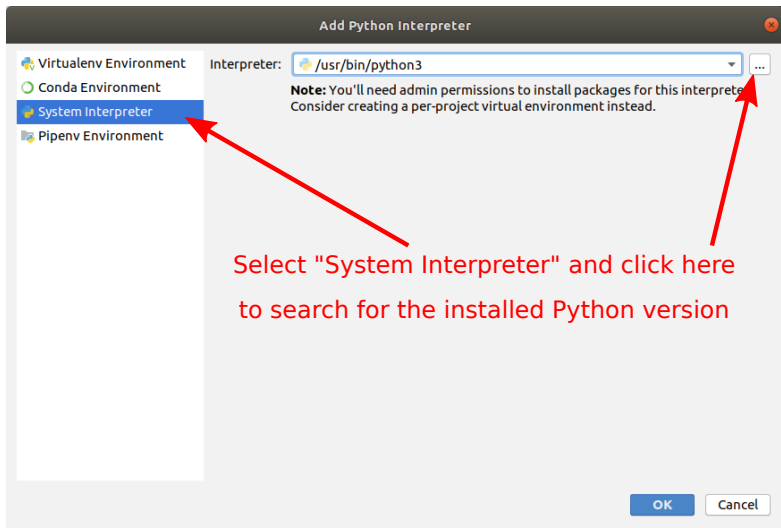
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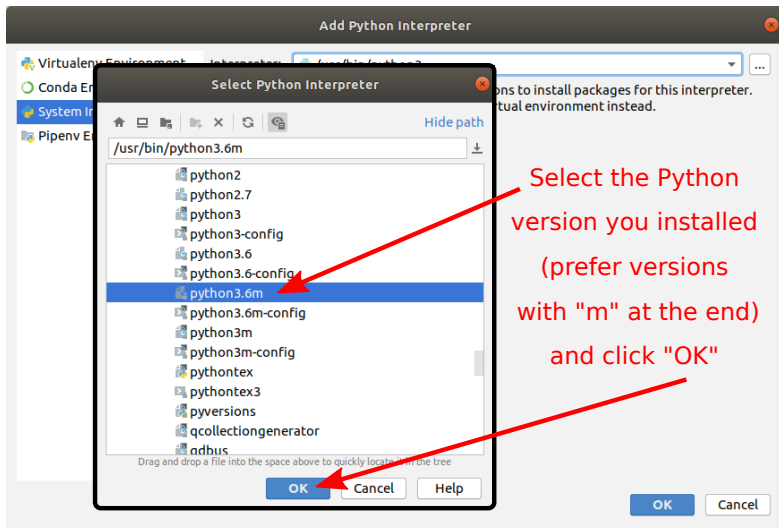
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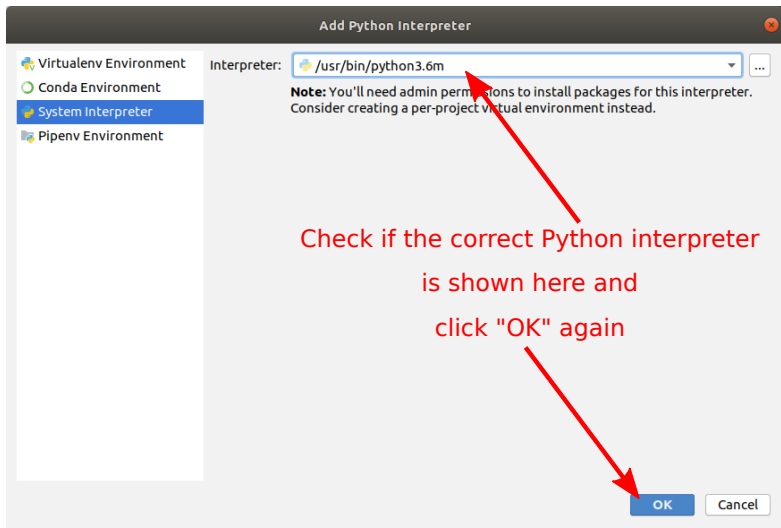
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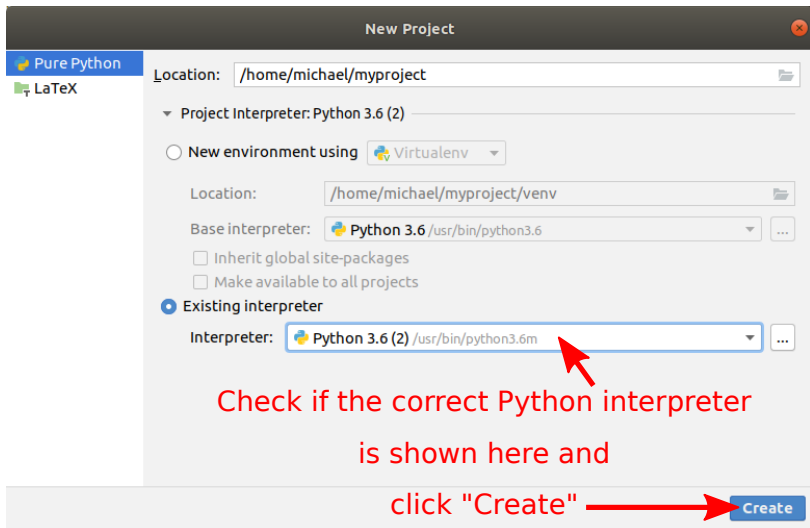
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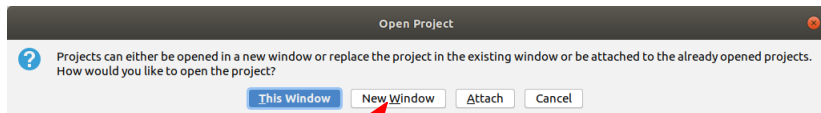
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Task 1: Create a New PyCharm Project (9)



Click "New Window" and wait for the project to be created
(might take a few seconds)

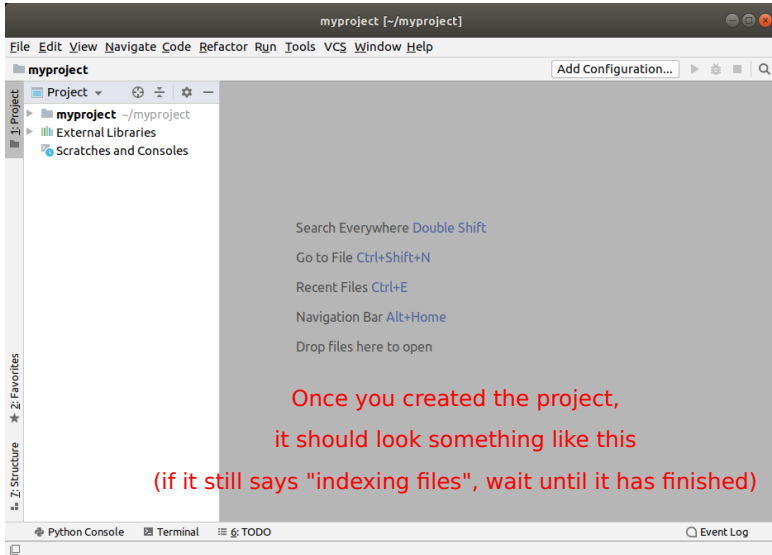
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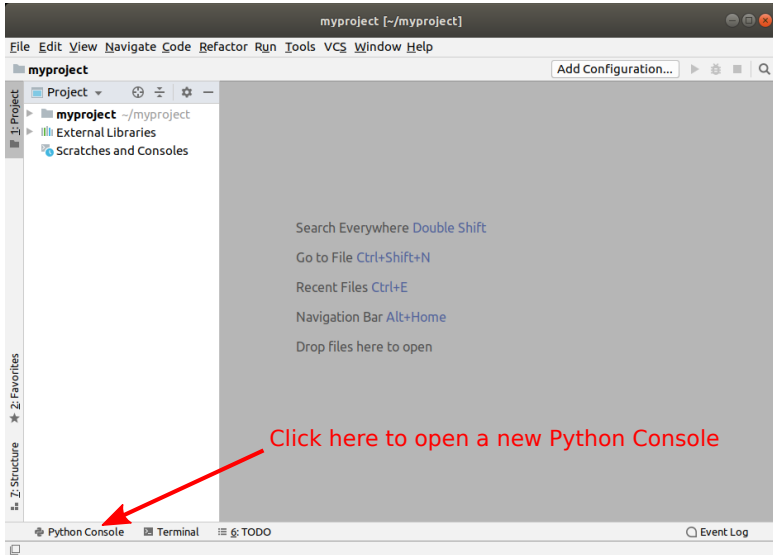
Task 2: Use the Project Python Console (1)

- We will now use a **Python console** in the PyCharm project in these steps (see following slides for help):
 1. Open a PyCharm project or create a new one
 2. Click on Python Console at the lower left corner of the PyCharm window
 3. Type `print("Hello world")` into the console, press Enter, and check the output
 4. Type `a=5` into the console, press Enter, and check the variable explorer on the right side
 5. Close the console by closing the Python Console tab

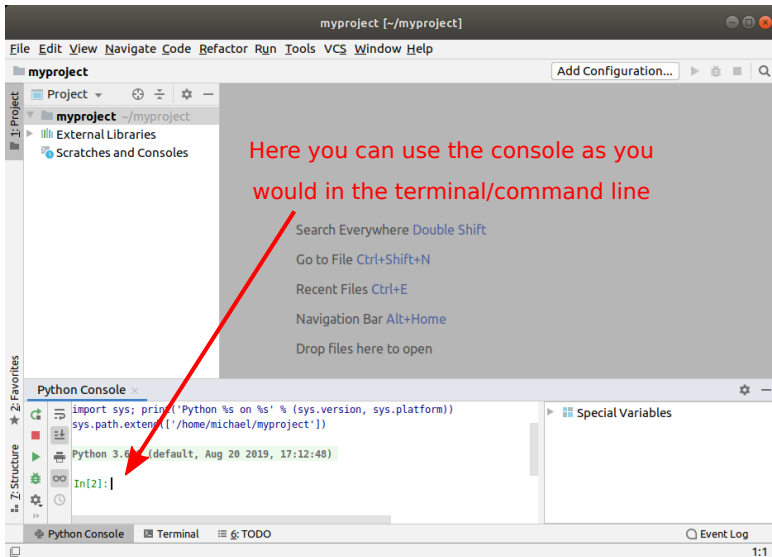
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Task 2: Use the Project Python Console (3)



Task 2: Use the Project Python Console (4)



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```
import sys; print('Python %s on %s' % (sys.version, sys.platform))
sys.path.append(['~/home/michael/myproject'])
```

 Below the code, the output is displayed:

```
Python 3.6.4 (default, Aug 20 2019, 17:12:48)
```

 The prompt "In[2]:|" is visible. To the right of the console, there is a "Special Variables" panel. The bottom status bar shows "Python Console", "Terminal", "TODO", and "Event Log".

Here you can use the console as you would in the terminal/command line

- Search Everywhere Double Shift
- Go to File Ctrl+Shift+N
- Recent Files Ctrl+E
- Navigation Bar Alt+Home
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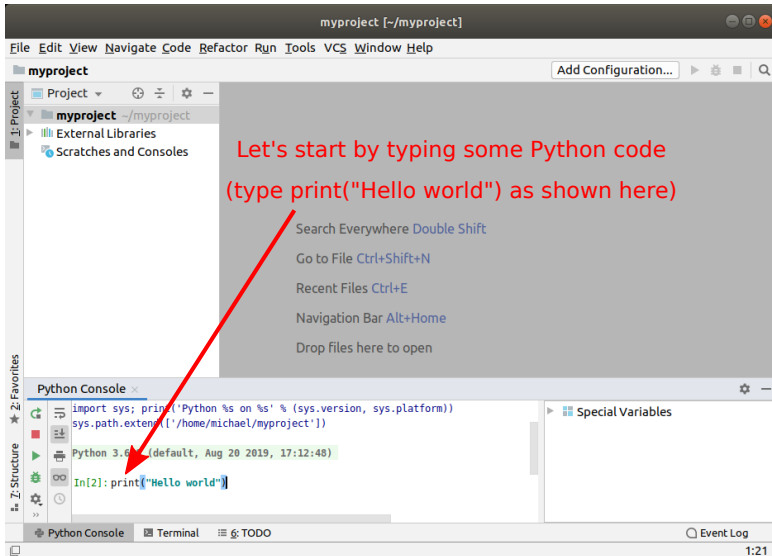
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Special Variables

Python Console Terminal TODO Event Log

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myproject [~/myproject]

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myproject

Add Configuration...

1: Project

myproject ~/myproject

External Libraries

Scratches and Consoles

Let's start by typing some Python code
(type print("Hello world") as shown here)

Search Everywhere Double Shift

Go to File Ctrl+Shift+N

Recent Files Ctrl+E

Navigation Bar Alt+Home

Drop files here to open

Python Console

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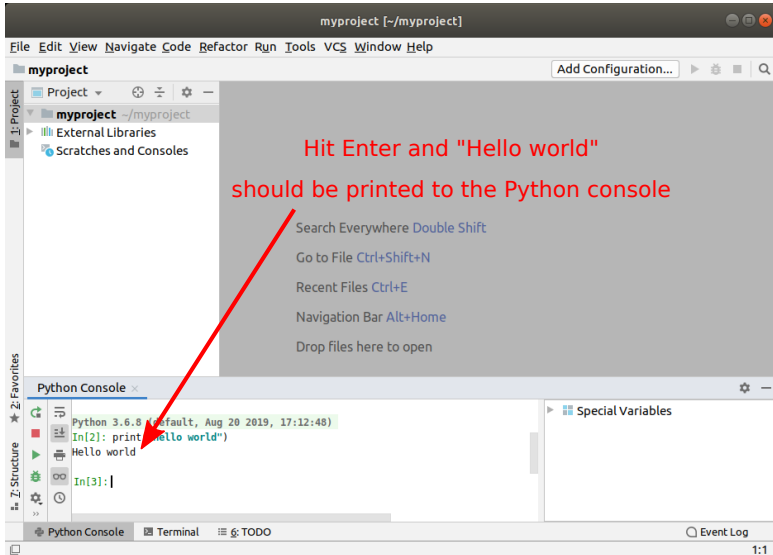
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Special Variables

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Task 2: Use the Project Python Console (6)



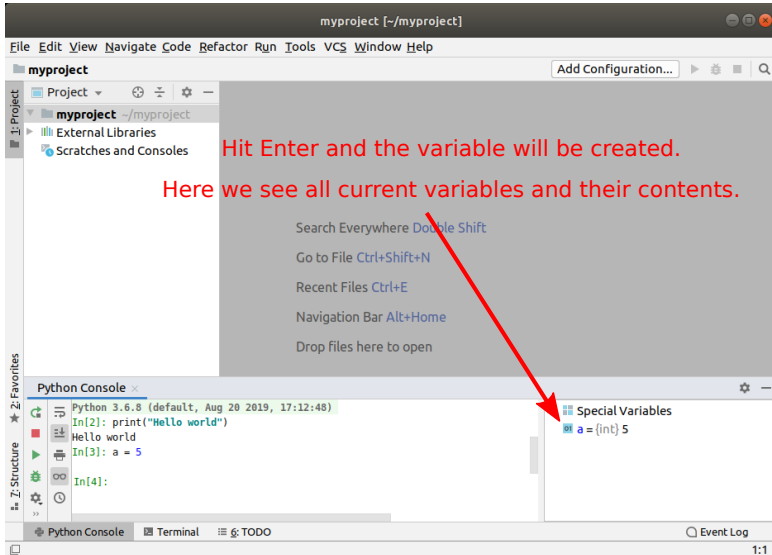
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```
Python 3.6.8 (default, Aug 20 2019, 17:12:48)  
In[2]: print("Hello world")  
Hello world  
In[3]: a = 5
```

A red arrow points from the red text overlay to the input line "In[3]: a = 5". The console also shows a "Special Variables" panel on the right and a status bar at the bottom with "Python Console", "Terminal", "TODO", and "Event Log" tabs.

Task 2: Use the Project Python Console (8)



The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "myproject [~/myproject]". The left sidebar contains a "Project" view showing the project structure, including "External Libraries" and "Scratches and Consoles". The main editor area displays a list of shortcuts: "Search Everywhere Double Shift", "Go to File Ctrl+Shift+N", "Recent Files Ctrl+E", "Navigation Bar Alt+Home", and "Drop files here to open". The bottom panel is split into two sections: "Python Console" and "Special Variables". The "Python Console" section shows the following code:

```
Python 3.6.8 (default, Aug 20 2019, 17:12:48)  
In[2]: print("Hello world")  
Hello world  
In[3]: a = 5  
In[4]:
```

The "Special Variables" section shows the variable `a` with its value `{int} 5`. A red arrow points from the text "Hit Enter and the variable will be created." to the "Special Variables" section. Another red arrow points from the text "Here we see all current variables and their contents." to the "Special Variables" section.

Hit Enter and the variable will be created.

Here we see all current variables and their contents.

Search Everywhere Double Shift

Go to File Ctrl+Shift+N

Recent Files Ctrl+E

Navigation Bar Alt+Home

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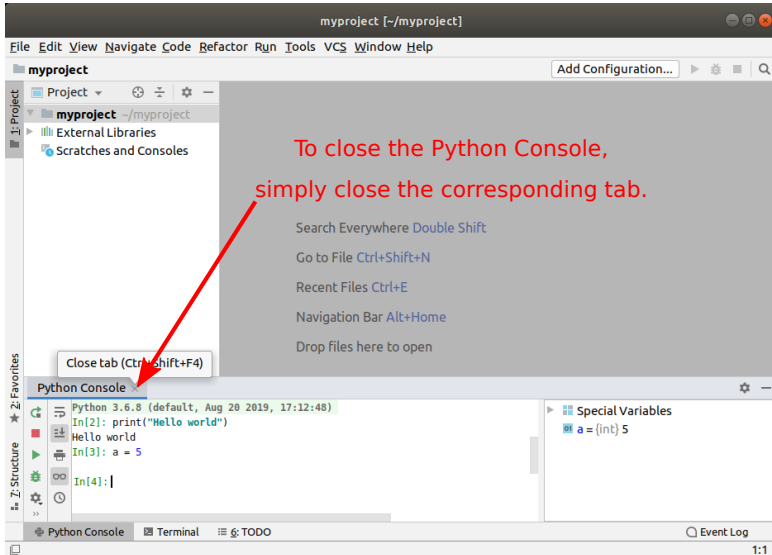
Python Console

Special Variables

`a = {int} 5`

Python Console Terminal TODO Event Log 1:1

Task 2: Use the Project Python Console (9)



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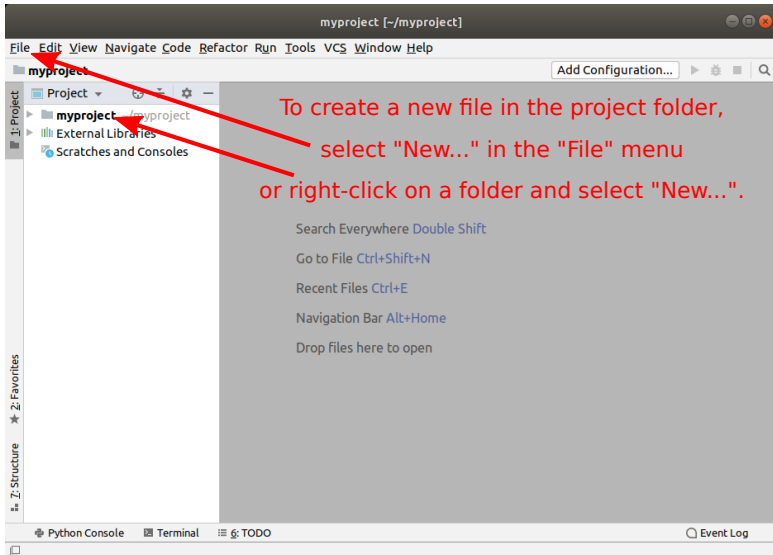


Task 3: Running a Python Program (1)

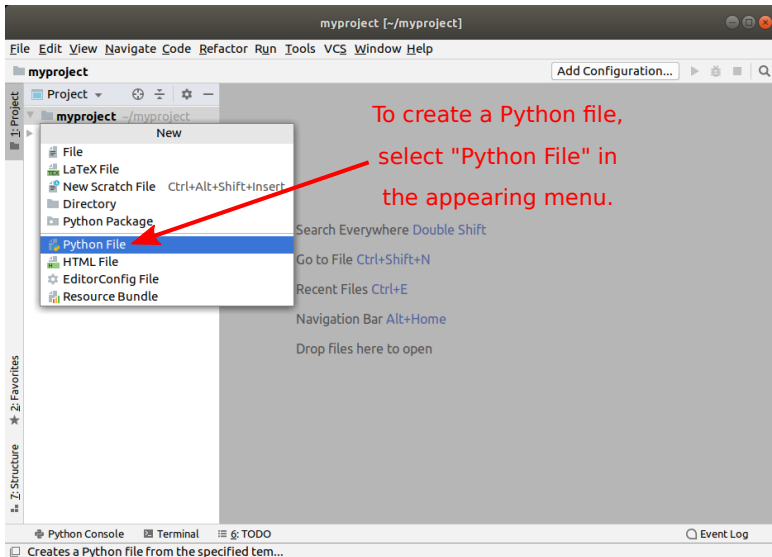
- We will now execute (=run) a Python program in PyCharm in these steps (see following slides for help):
 1. Create a new Python file `test.py` with content

```
print("Hello World!")
```
 2. Create a run configuration for this file
 3. Run the file by clicking on the “Run” button (green triangle)
 4. Check the Console tab output (bottom of the screen); it should write "Hello World!"

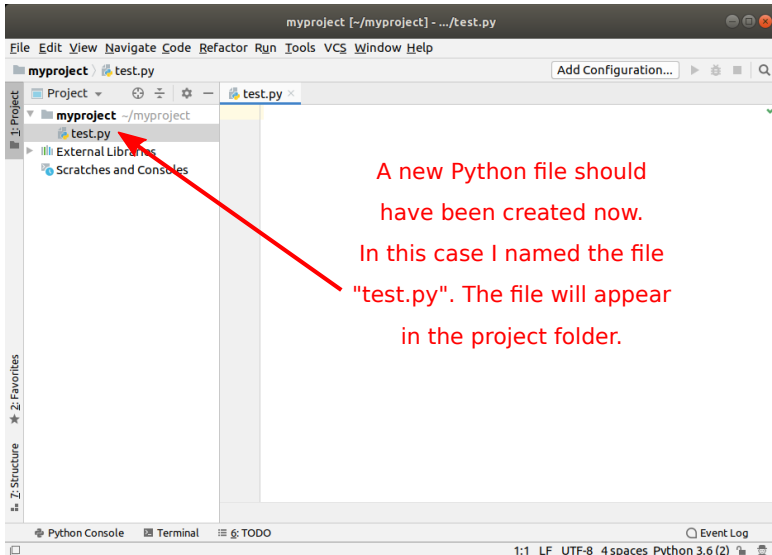
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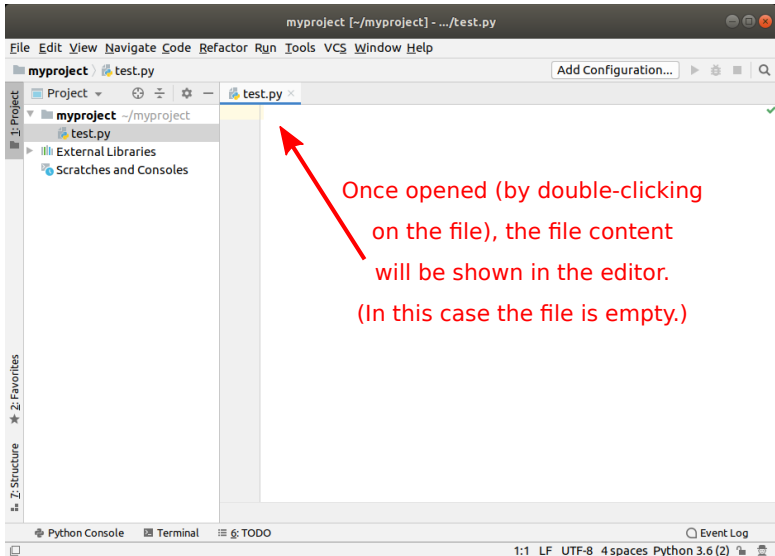
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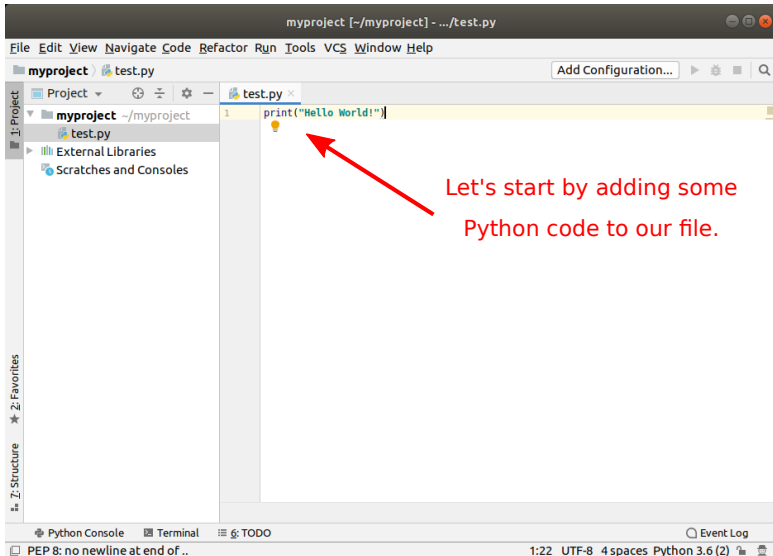
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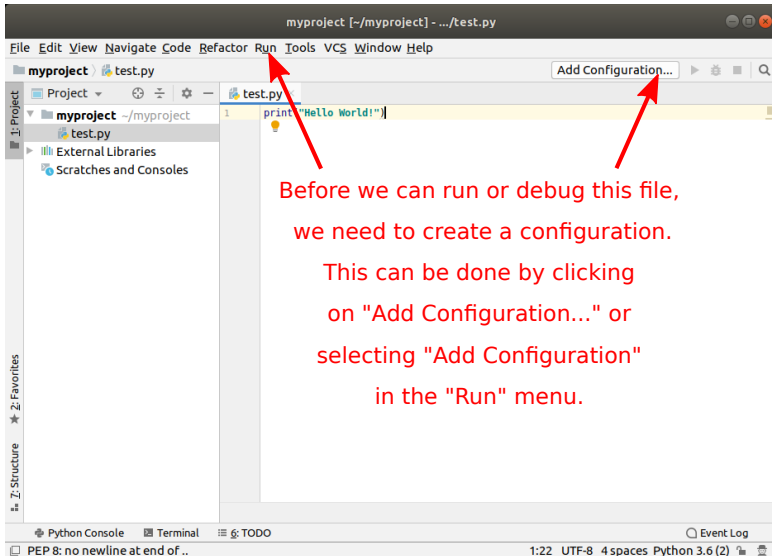
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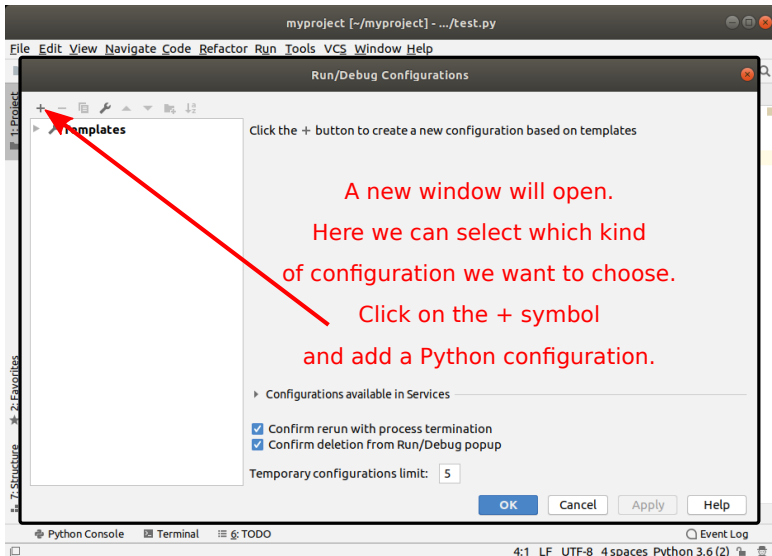
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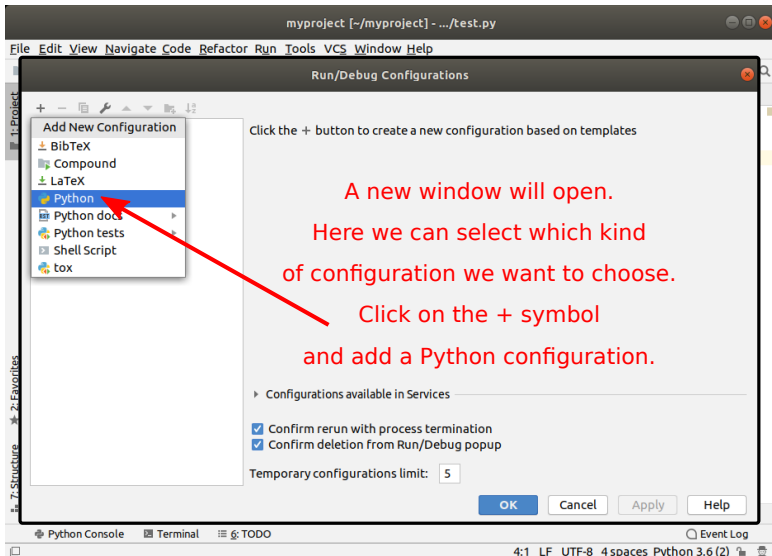
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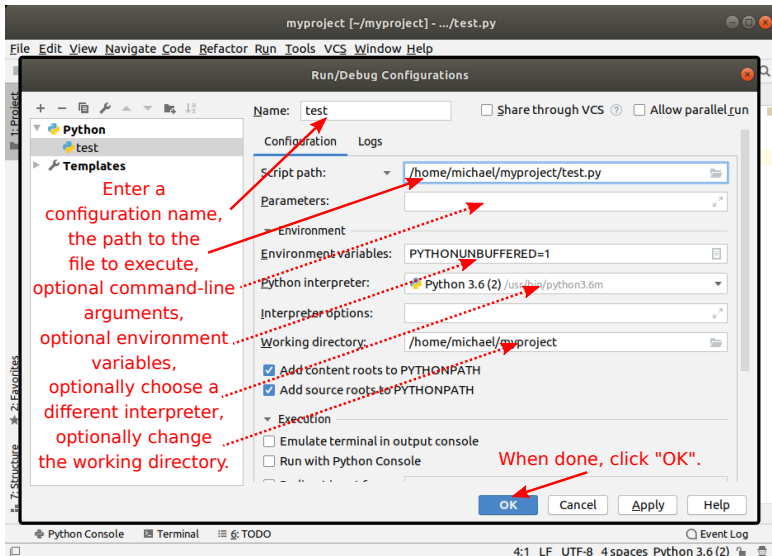
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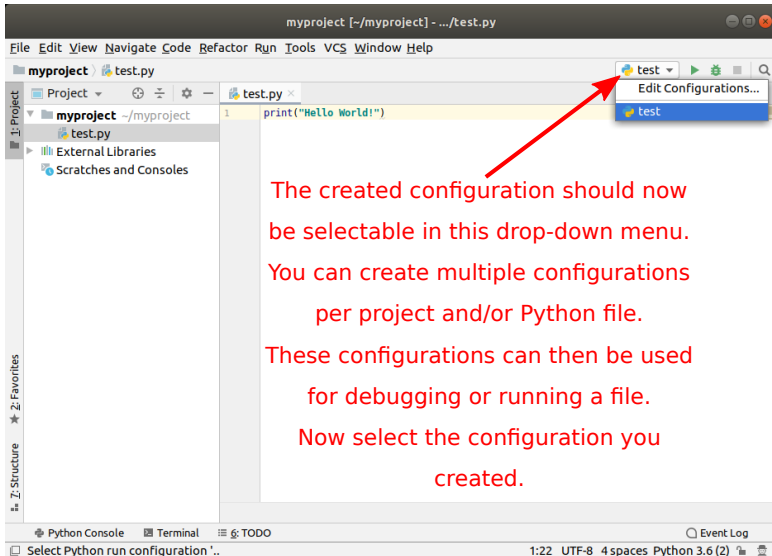
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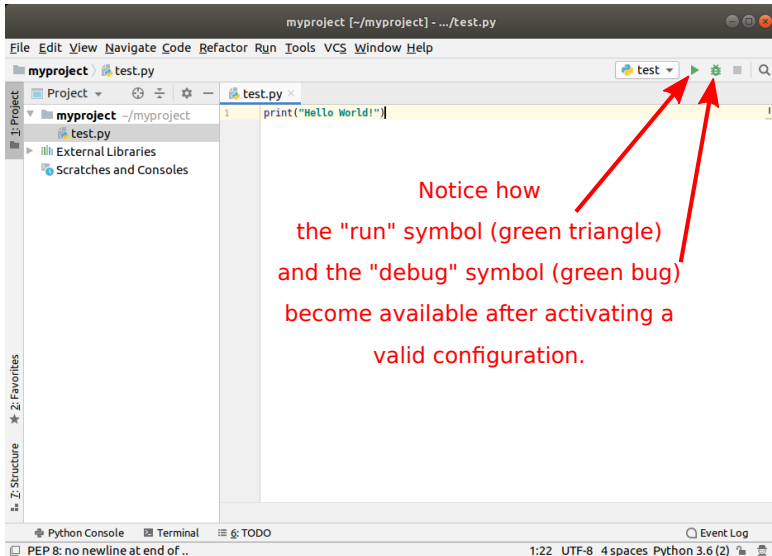
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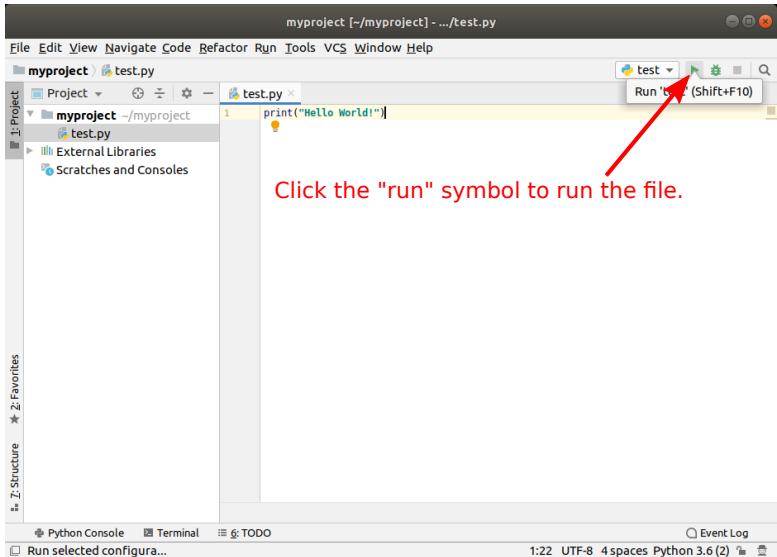
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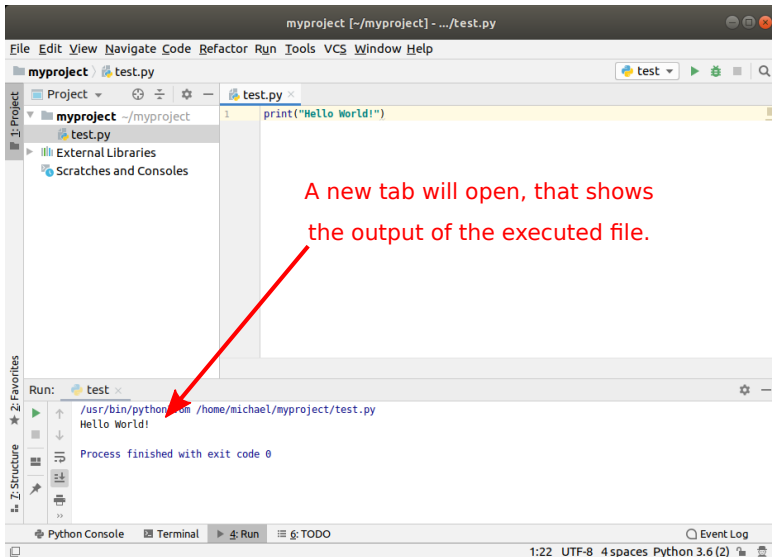
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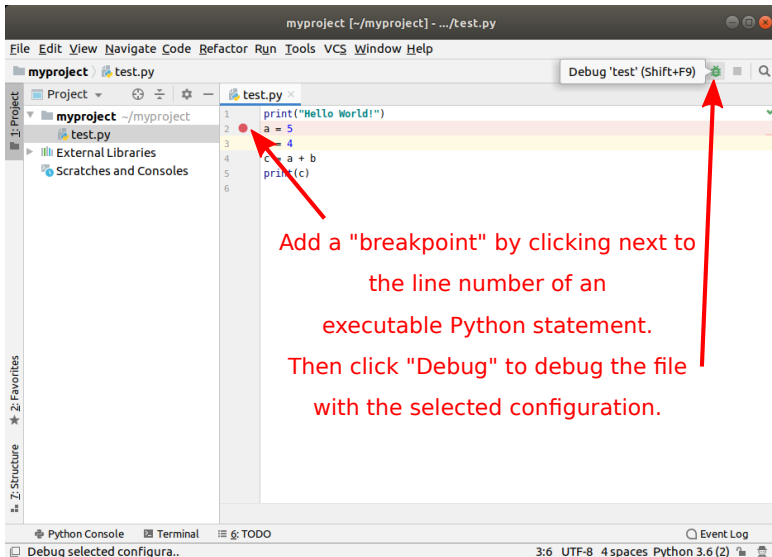
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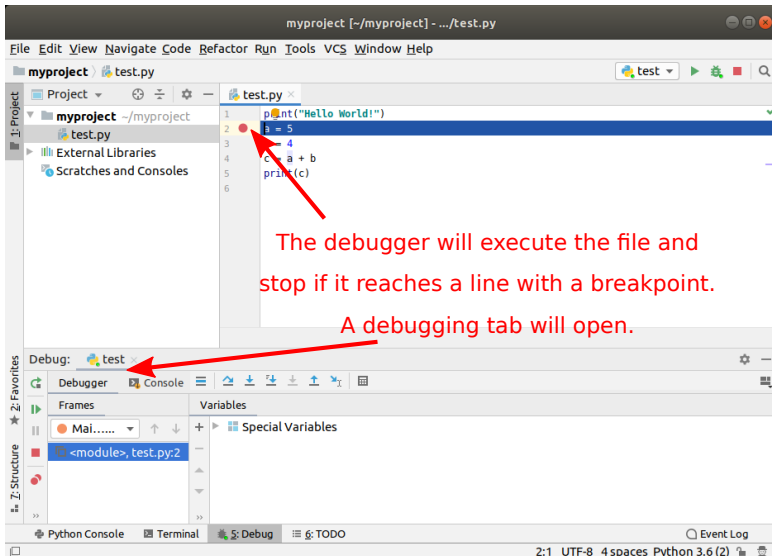
Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (1)

- We will now **debug** a Python program in PyCharm in these steps (see following slides for help):
 1. Select a valid run configuration
 2. Left-click next to the line number in the editor to create a **breakpoint**
 3. Click the Debug symbol (small green bug)
 4. The program should be executed until the breakpoint or the end of the program is reached
 5. Use the Debugger tab to inspect or change variables
 6. Use the Console tab to inspect the program output
 7. Enter Python code by clicking the Show Python Prompt symbol
 8. Execute a single line of the program by clicking on Step Over or continue execution via Resume Program

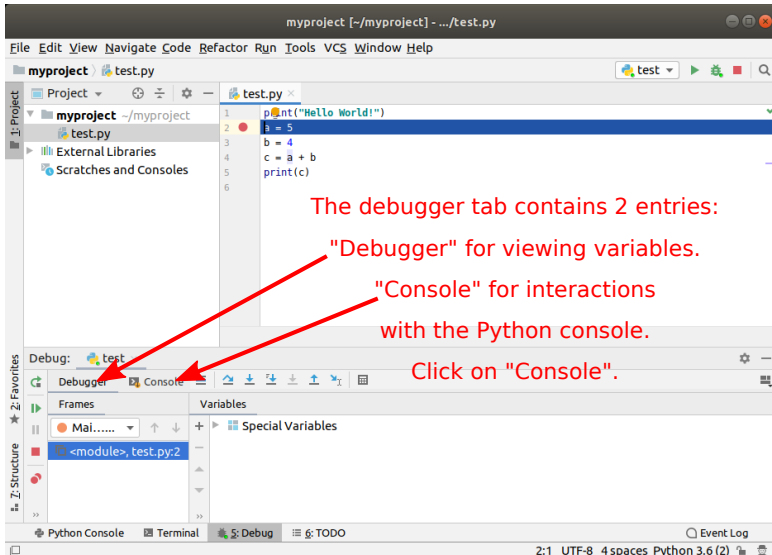
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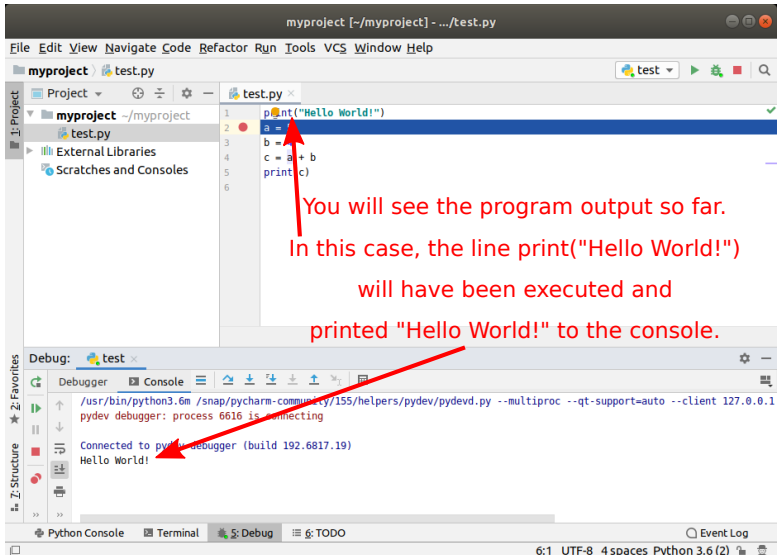
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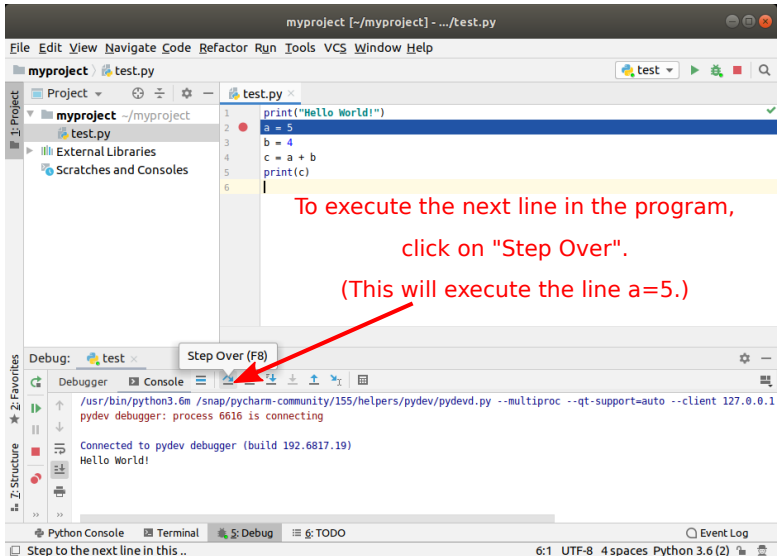
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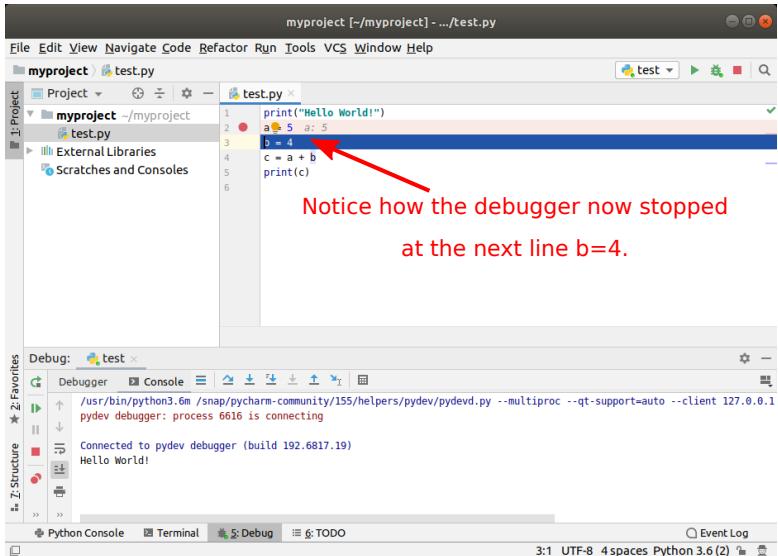
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myproject [~/myproject] - .../test.py

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myproject test.py

Project test.py

```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5
3 b = 4
4 c = a + b
5 print(c)
6
```

The executed line `a=5` does not produce any output in the console but we can see that a variable "a" with content "5" was created. To get more information about the current variables, click on "Debugger".

Debug: test

Debugger Console

```
/usr/bin/python3.6m /snap/pycharm-community/155/helpers/pydev/pydevd.py --multiproc --qt-support=auto --client 127.0.0.1
pydev debugger: process 6616 is connecting
```

Connected to pydev debugger (build 192.6817.19)

Hello World!

Python Console Terminal Debug TODO

3:1 UTF-8 4 spaces Python 3.6 (2)

Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (10)

The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "myproject [~/myproject] - .../test.py". The editor displays the following code:

```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5 a: 5
3 b = 4
4 c = a + b
5 print(c)
6
```

The code is running, and the debugger is active. The "Debug" panel shows the current state of the program. The "Frames" pane shows the current frame as "<module>, test.py:3". The "Variables" pane shows the current state of the program, with a red arrow pointing to the variable "a".

We can see that a variable with name "a" exists now. It has type "int" and content "5".

The "Variables" pane shows:

- Special variables
- a = {int} 5

The "Python Console" and "Terminal" panes are also visible at the bottom.

Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (11)

myproject [~/myproject] - .../test.py

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myproject test.py

Project myproject test.py

External Libraries

Scratches and Consoles

```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5 a: 5
3 b = 4
4 c = a + b
5 print(c)
6
```

Let's assume we want to execute the next lines without having to step over each line manually. We can set another breakpoint at the line we want to stop at.

Debug: test

Debugger Console

Frames

Variables

Special Variables

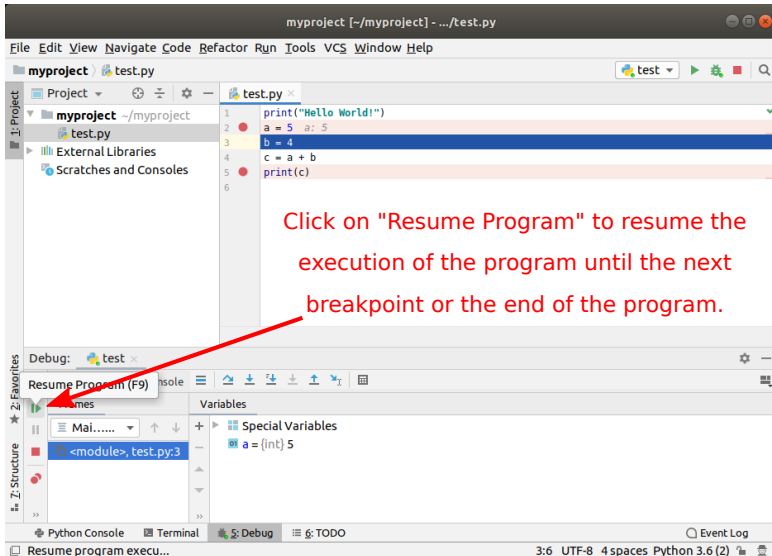
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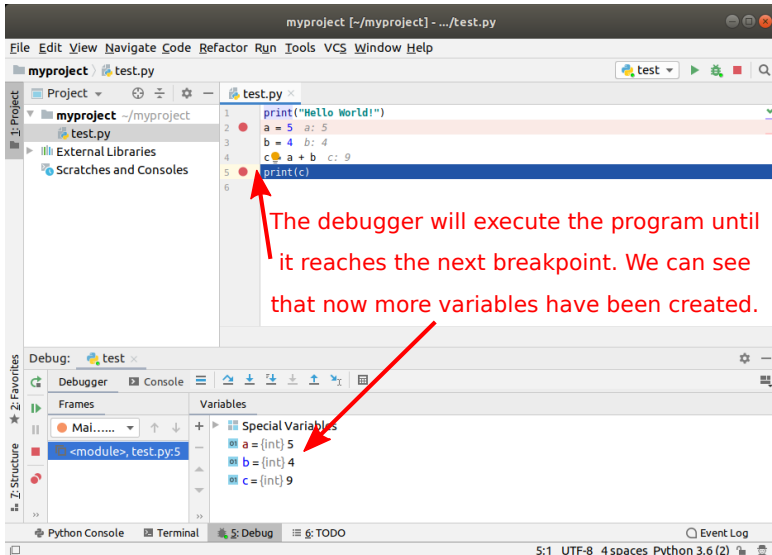
Event Log

3:6 UTF-8 4 spaces Python 3.6 (2)

Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (12)



Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (13)



The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "myproject [~/myproject] - .../test.py". The editor displays the following code:

```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5 a: 5
3 b = 4 b: 4
4 c = a + b c: 9
5 print(c)
6
```

A red arrow points to the breakpoint at line 5. A text box with a red border contains the following text:

The debugger will execute the program until it reaches the next breakpoint. We can see that now more variables have been created.

The bottom panel shows the "Debug" view with the "Variables" tab selected. The "Frames" list shows the current frame as "<module>, test.py:5". The "Variables" list shows the following variables:

- Special Variables
- a = {int} 5
- b = {int} 4
- c = {int} 9

Red arrows point from the text box to the breakpoint and the variables list.

Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (14)

myproject [~/myproject] - .../test.py

File Edit View Navigate Code Refactor Run Tools VCS Window Help

myproject test.py

Project myproject test.py

test.py

```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5
3 b = 4
4 c = a + b
5 print(c)
6
```

If we continue the execution again,
the debugger will continue until the end
of the program, since no more breakpoints
were set. After execution,
no variables are shown.

Debug: test

Debugger Console

Frames Variables

Frames are not available

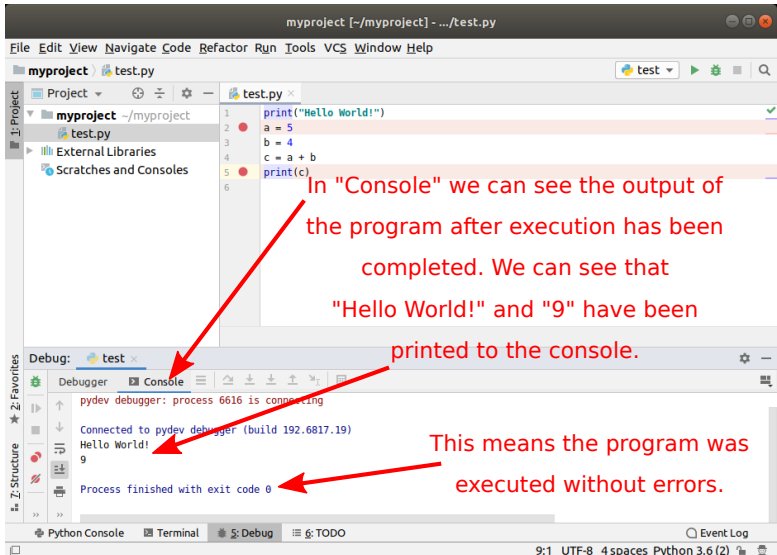
Variables are not available

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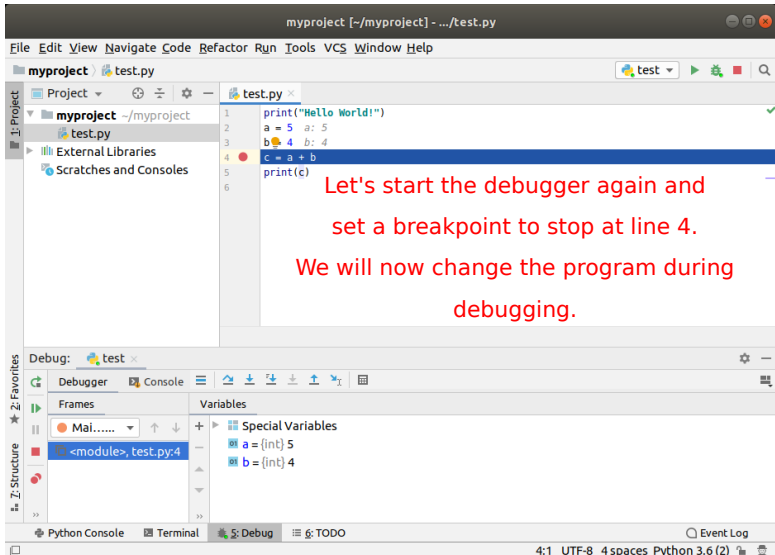
Event Log

5:1 UTF-8 4 spaces Python 3.6 (2)

Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (15)



Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (16)



myproject [~/myproject] - .../test.py

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myproject test.py

Project myproject test.py

External Libraries

Scratches and Consoles

```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5 a: 5
3 b = 4 b: 4
4 c = a + b
5 print(c)
6
```

Let's start the debugger again and set a breakpoint to stop at line 4. We will now change the program during debugging.

Debug: test

Debugger Console

Frames Variables

Special Variables

a = {int} 5

b = {int} 4

Python Console Terminal Debug TODO

Event Log

4:1 UTF-8 4 spaces Python 3.6 (2)

Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (17)

myproject [~/myproject] - .../test.py

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myproject test.py

Project test.py

```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5 a: 5
3 b = 4 b: 4
4 c = a + b
5 print(c)
6
```

Click here to enter Python code that should be executed. This is like pretending that the entered code is written at the current position of the original code.

Debug: test

Evaluate Expression (Alt+Shift+8)

Debugger Console

Frames Variables

Special Variables

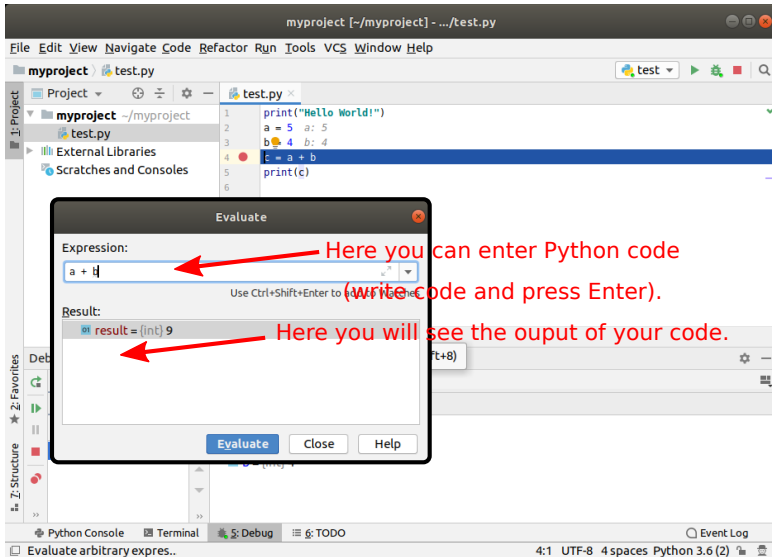
- a = {int} 5
- b = {int} 4

Python Console Terminal Debug TODO

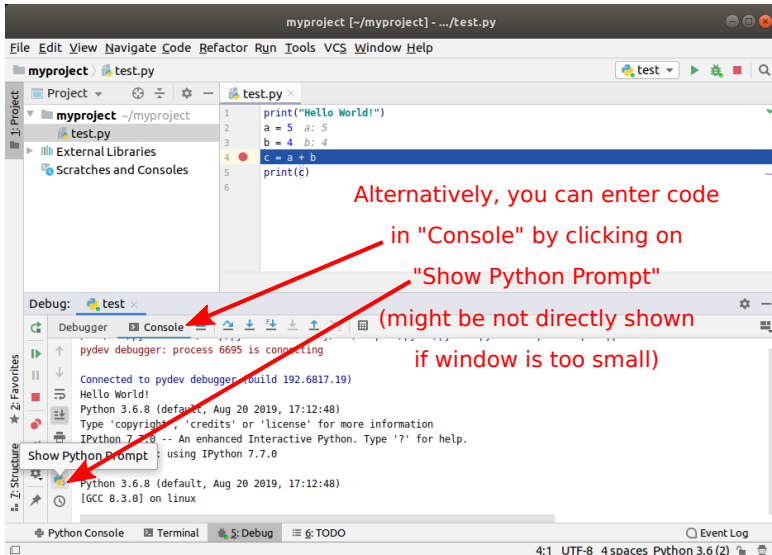
Evaluate arbitrary expres..

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Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (18)



Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (19)



Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (20)

The screenshot shows the PyCharm IDE with a project named 'myproject' and a file 'test.py'. The code in 'test.py' is as follows:

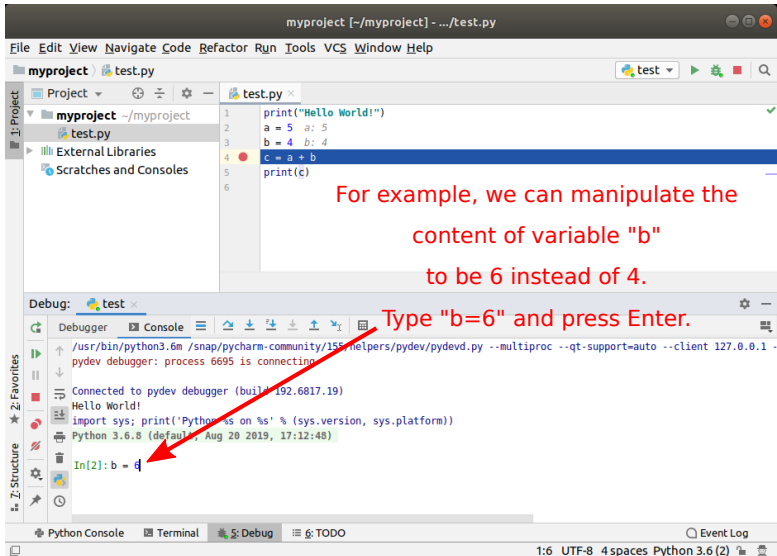
```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5 a: 5
3 b = 4 b: 4
4 c = a + b
5 print(c)
6
```

The 'Debug' window is open, showing the 'Console' tab. The output of the program is 'Hello World!'. The 'Python Console' tab is also open, showing the prompt 'In[2]:'. A red arrow points to the 'Python Console' tab, indicating where to enter new code during debugging.

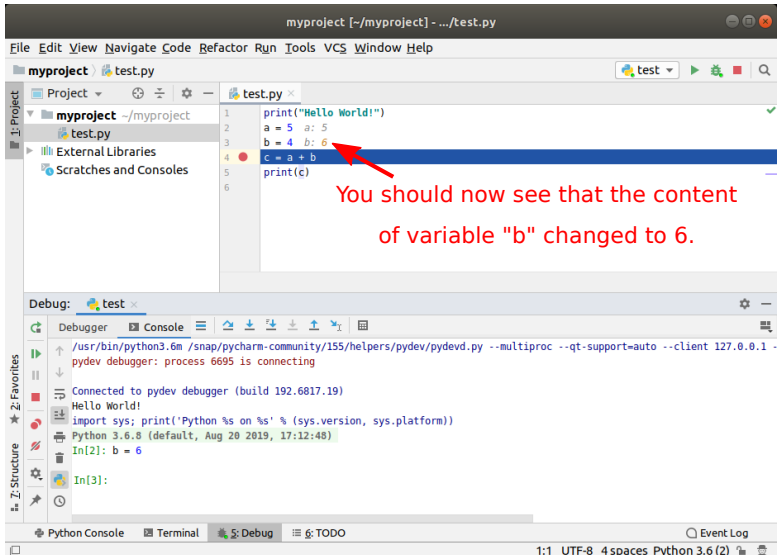
"Show Python Prompt" will open a Python console interface for you, which will behave like any other Python console. Here you can enter and execute new code during debugging.

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Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (21)



Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (22)



Task 4: Debugging a Python Program (23)

The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "myproject [~/myproject] - .../test.py". The editor displays the following code in `test.py`:

```
1 print("Hello World!")
2 a = 5
3 b = 4
4 c = a + b
5 print(c)
6
```

Red text overlaid on the image states: "If we let the debugger continue, we can see that the program output is '11' instead of '9' because we added code during debugging and changed 'b' from 4 to 6." A red arrow points from this text to the value "11" in the console output.

The "Debug: test" panel shows the following output:

```
Hello World!
Python 3.6.8 (default, Aug 20 2019, 17:12:48)
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information
IPython 7.7.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.
PyDev console: using IPython 7.7.0

Python 3.6.8 (default, Aug 20 2019, 17:12:48)
[GCC 5.0] on linux
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Process finished with exit code 0
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates "4:1 UTF-8 4 spaces Python 3.6 (2)".

Now you are set up and ready to code!