



# Python 101

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# Which version 2.7 or 3.5

Most of the examples are in python 2.7 not that hard to switch over.

[http://sebastianraschka.com/Articles/2014\\_python\\_2\\_3\\_key\\_diff.html](http://sebastianraschka.com/Articles/2014_python_2_3_key_diff.html)

- `print` is a function and needs() in v3.
- `raw_input()` is `input()` in v3.
- `xrange()` is `range()` in v3. there is no `xrange` in v3

Know the version of you're running with `python -V`

# Why Python for Cybersecurity?

Python is widely popular in the field of cybersecurity due to several key reasons.

- Versatility
- Readability
- Extensive Library Support
- Rapid Development and Prototyping
- Cross-Platform Compatibility
- Community Support and Resources

# Versatility

Python is a versatile programming language that can be used for a wide range of cybersecurity tasks. It supports various paradigms, including procedural, object-oriented, and functional programming, allowing flexibility in designing and implementing solutions.

# Readability

Python emphasizes code readability with its clean and concise syntax. Its use of indentation for block structuring promotes code clarity, making it easier for cybersecurity professionals to understand and maintain code, especially when collaborating on projects.

# Extensive Library Support

Python boasts a vast ecosystem of libraries and frameworks specifically designed for cybersecurity. These libraries provide pre-built functions and modules to address common cybersecurity tasks, such as network scanning, web scraping, cryptography, and more. The availability of such libraries allows professionals to leverage existing tools and accelerate their development processes.



# Rapid Development and Prototyping

Python's simplicity and ease of use contribute to rapid development and prototyping in the cybersecurity domain. Its concise syntax and extensive library support enable professionals to quickly build proof-of-concepts, automate tasks, and develop prototypes for security tools and utilities.

# Cross-Platform Compatibility

Python is a cross-platform language, meaning that Python code can run on multiple operating systems, including Windows, macOS, and various Linux distributions. This cross-platform compatibility ensures that cybersecurity solutions built with Python can be deployed across different systems and environments.

# Community Support and Resources

Python has a large and active community of developers, including cybersecurity professionals, who actively contribute to open-source projects, share knowledge, and provide support. The availability of resources, tutorials, forums, and online communities makes it easier for individuals to learn, troubleshoot, and stay updated with the latest advancements in Python and cybersecurity.

# Learning Python for Free

## References:

- Free access Lynda.com (video learning)
  - Miami-Dade Public Library Card
  - Broward NSU e-card
- <https://www.w3schools.com/python>
- <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python>
- <https://www.codecademy.com/learn/learn-python-3>
- <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/python-programming-language>
- <https://edube.org/>
- <https://inventwithpython.com/>
- Coursera & edX
- Meetup like this one. :)

# pyenv - what is this for?

- pyenv help control the python versions in your system.
- This way you can have different versions of python install on the same machine.
- Easy to switch python versions.

```
# install pyenv
$ curl https://pyenv.run | bash
```

```
# list installable python versions
$ pyenv install --list
```

```
> pyenv install 3.10.6
> pyenv global 3.10.6
> pyenv versions
  system
* 3.10.6 (set by /Users/jrespeto/.pyenv/version)
> python -V
Python 3.10.6
```

# Installing pyenv deps – MacOS

```
# Install xcode
$ xcode-select --install
```

```
# Install homebrew https://brew.sh/
$ /bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/HEAD/install.sh)"
```

```
# Install deps from pyenv
$ brew install openssl readline sqlite3 xz zlib
```

# Setting up jupyter lab

Python - pip - virtualenv

Python is install on - Linux and OSX your good

```
sudo python -m ensurepip
```

```
python -m venv python101
```

```
source python101/bin/activate
```

```
pip install jupyter
```

```
mkdir pynotes
```

```
cd pynotes
```

```
jupyter lab
```

Browse should open.

# IDE's take you pick...

Not in any order...

- vscode
- jupyter
- Vim
- ...

```
.vimrc
filetype plugin indent on
syntax on
set autoindent
set smartindent
set tabstop=4
set softtabstop=4
set shiftwidth=8
expandtab
set number
set modeline
colorscheme murphy
```

Make sure file has .py extension  
:ggVG= # reindent file  
<https://wiki.python.org/moin/Vim>



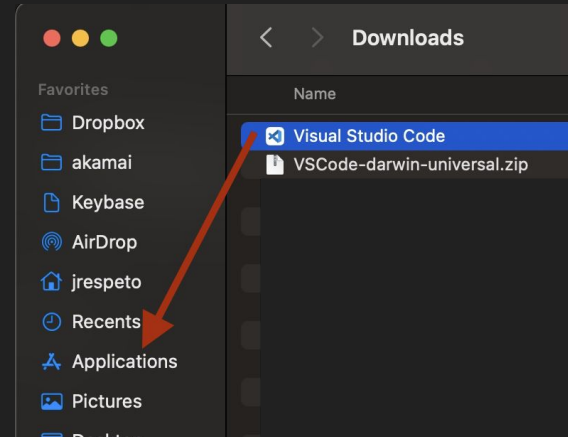
# Visual Studio Code

- All around good IDE and Free
- Supports all OS's
- Syncs settings
- Very extendable
- Cool collaboration features.

Download here:

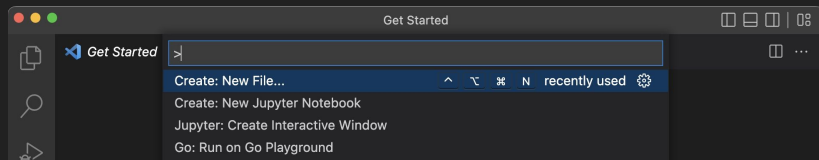
<https://code.visualstudio.com/>

OSx Install: Unzip it, drag to  
Application

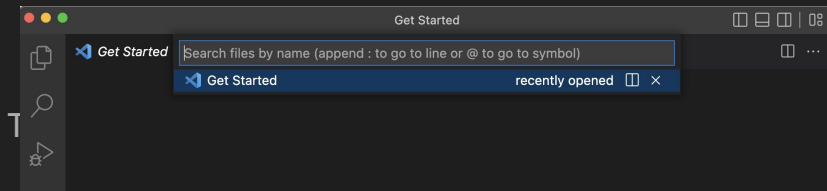


# Shortcuts - you need to know

Command + shift + p



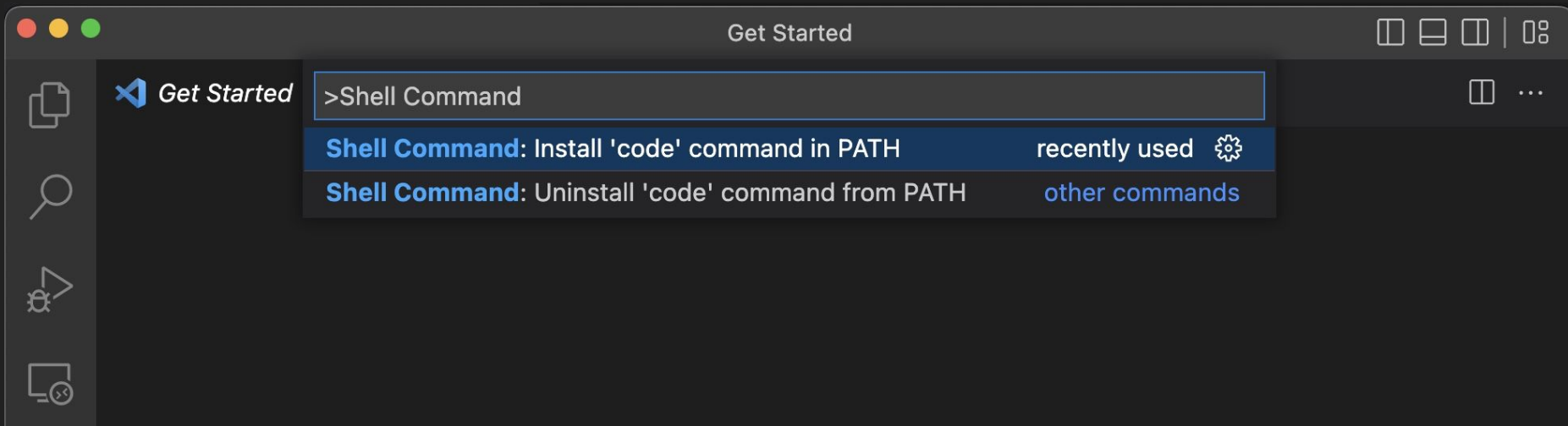
Command + p



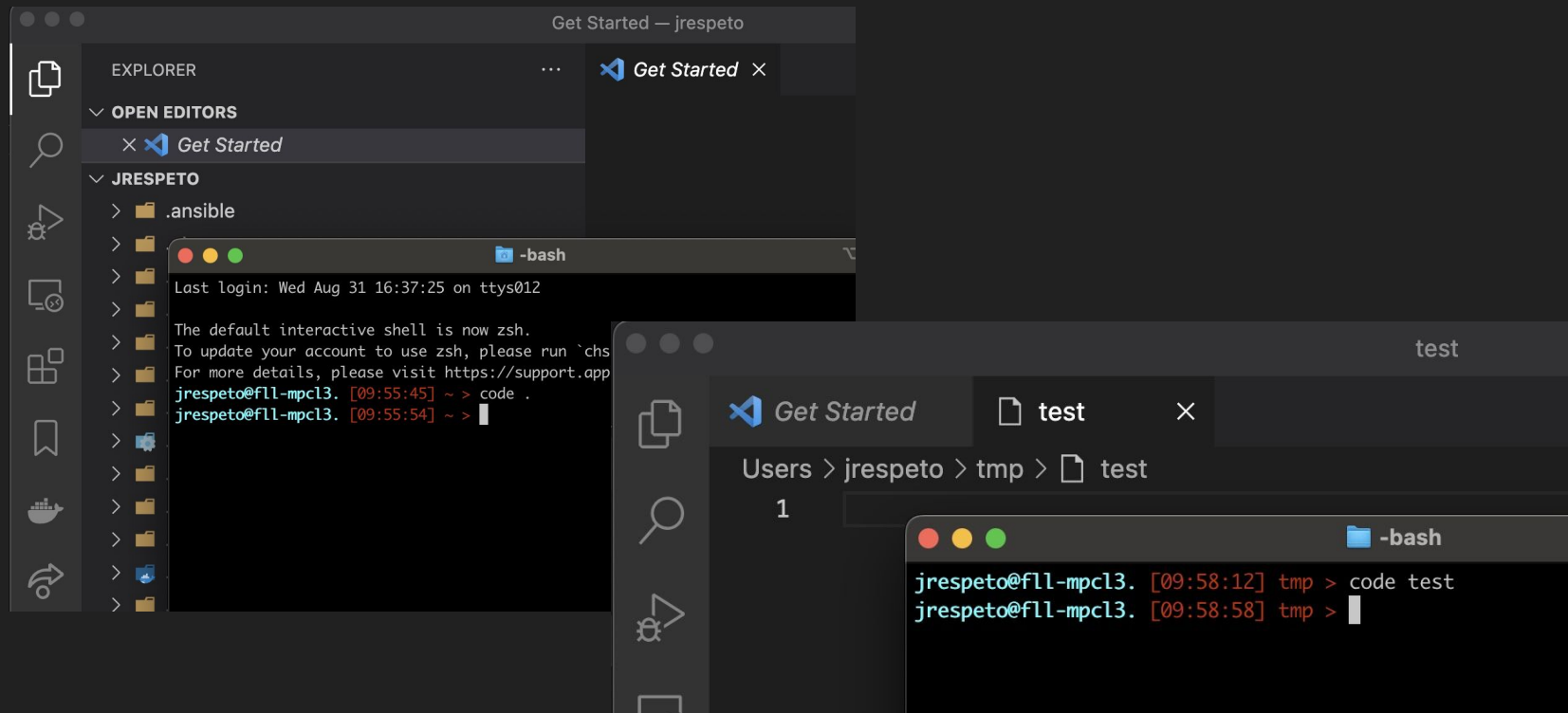
If you open the wrong one just add or remove the > in the front 😊

# Adding code to your path

This lets you open files or dir in code from the command line.  
Also lets you install extensions from the command line.

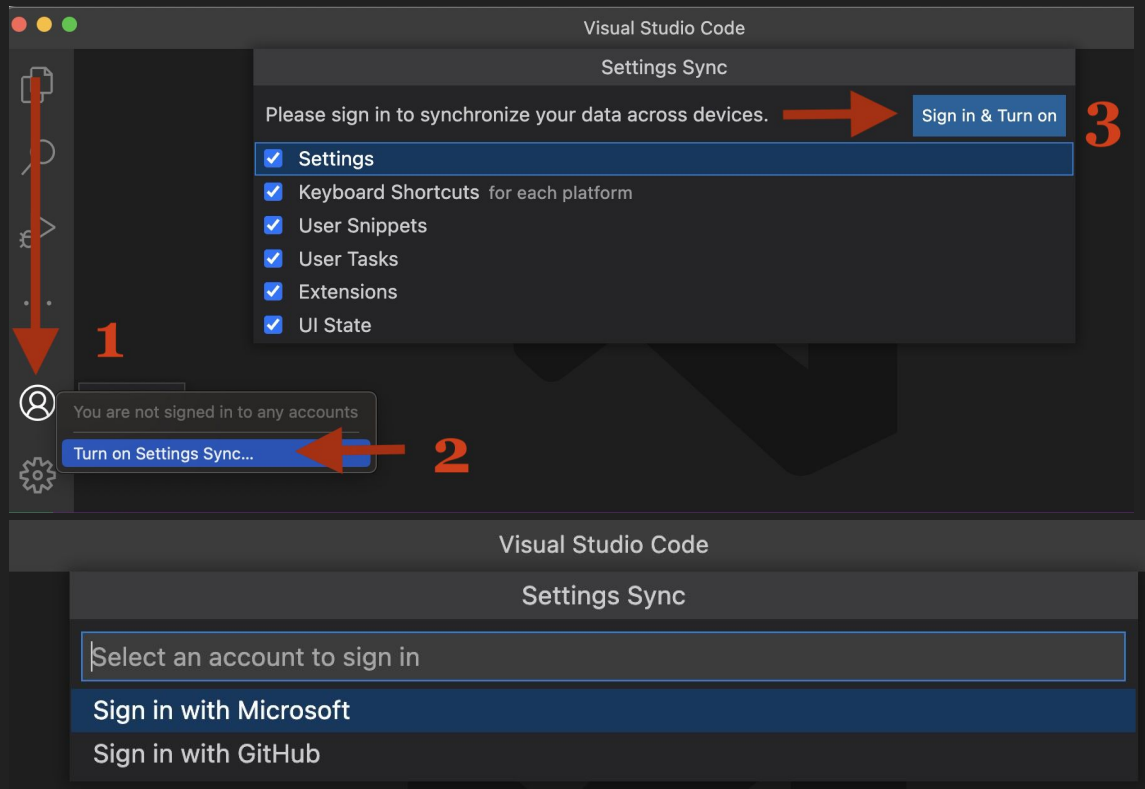


# Opening file/dir from the cli



# Settings Sync

Convenient if you use  
multiple systems.  
Quick to setup.  
Browser opens to login  
into Microsoft or  
GitHub.  
Done



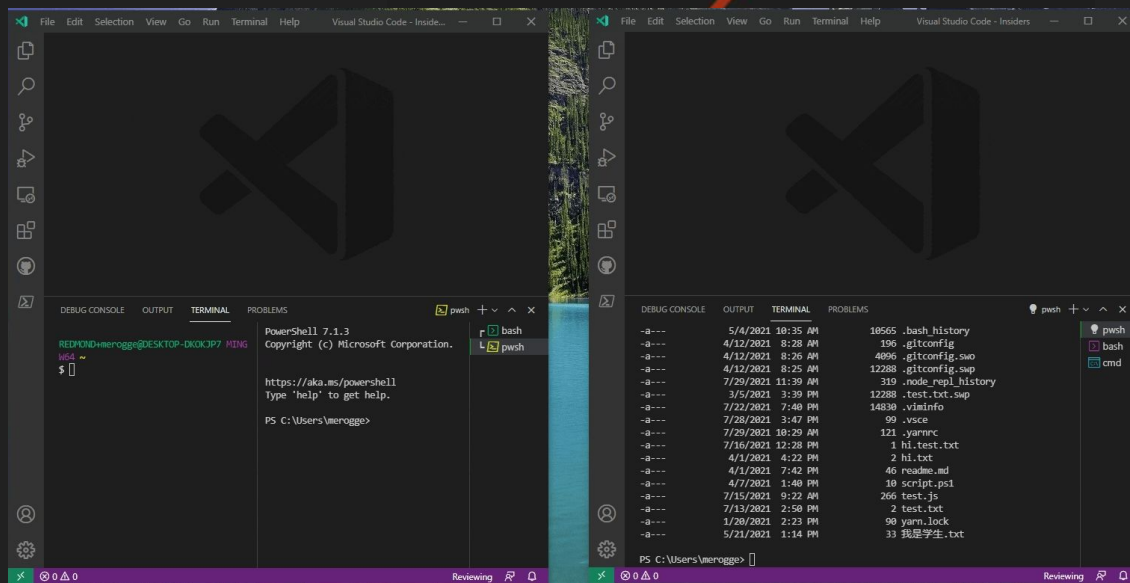
# Terminal

Quick access to the terminal.

Command + j opens the bottom panel.

Window can be move around.

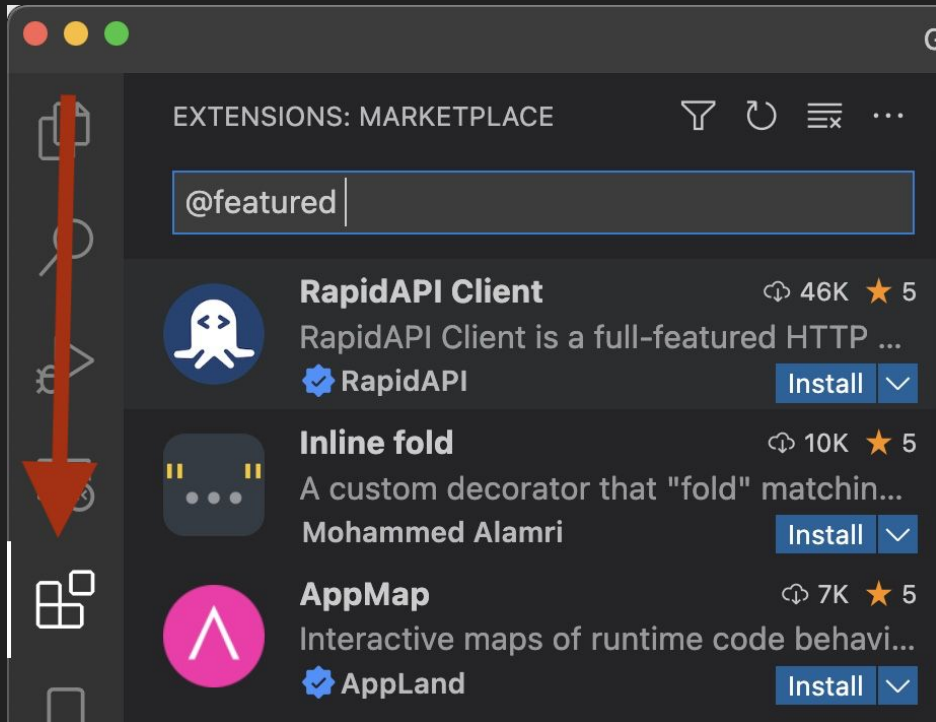
Ctrl+` also opens the terminal



<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/59665958/vscode-open-terminals-in-a-separate-window>

# Installing extensions

You can search and add extension by clicking on the icon.



# Installing extension from the command line.

Here is a list of 37 extension I use.  
Most are for code highlighting.

Short list of things covered.

```
code --install-extension aaron-bond.better-comments
code --install-extension alefragnani.Bookmarks
code --install-extension DavidAnson.vscode-markdownlint
code --install-extension eamodio.gitlens
code --install-extension esbenp.prettier-vscode
code --install-extension KevinRose.vsc-python-indent
```

```
code --install-extension ms-azuretools.vscode-docker
code --install-extension ms-python.python
code --install-extension ms-python.vscode-pylance
code --install-extension ms-toolsai.jupyter
code --install-extension ms-toolsai.jupyter-keymap
code --install-extension ms-toolsai.jupyter-renderers
code --install-extension ms-vscode-remote.remote-containers
code --install-extension ms-vscode-remote.remote-ssh
code --install-extension ms-vsliveshare.vsliveshare
code --install-extension quicktype.quicktype
```

```
code --install-extension shd101wyy.markdown-preview-enhanced
code --install-extension vscode-icons-team.vscode-icons
code --install-extension wk-j.vscode-httpie
```

```
code --install-extension vscodevim.vim # if you dont use vim dont install
```



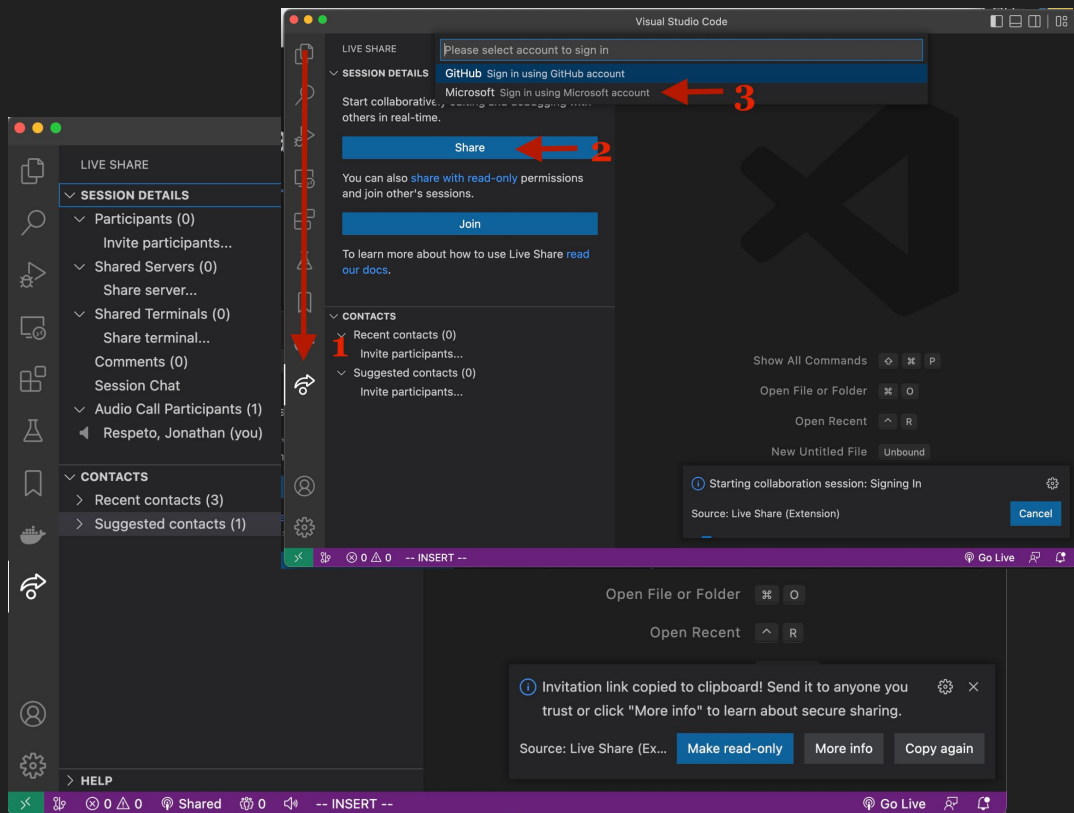
# Live Share

Share the link.

Keep in mind  
participants can see  
anything in the open  
workspace.

Participants can only  
see saved files. Not  
new files.

```
code --install-extension ms-vsliveshare.vsliveshare
```



# Setting up a python environment

<https://www.python.org/downloads/macos>

Run the python installer package

In a Terminal window:

```
python -m venv ~/pyenv
```

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In vscode -> settings -> search for “Default Interpreter Path”

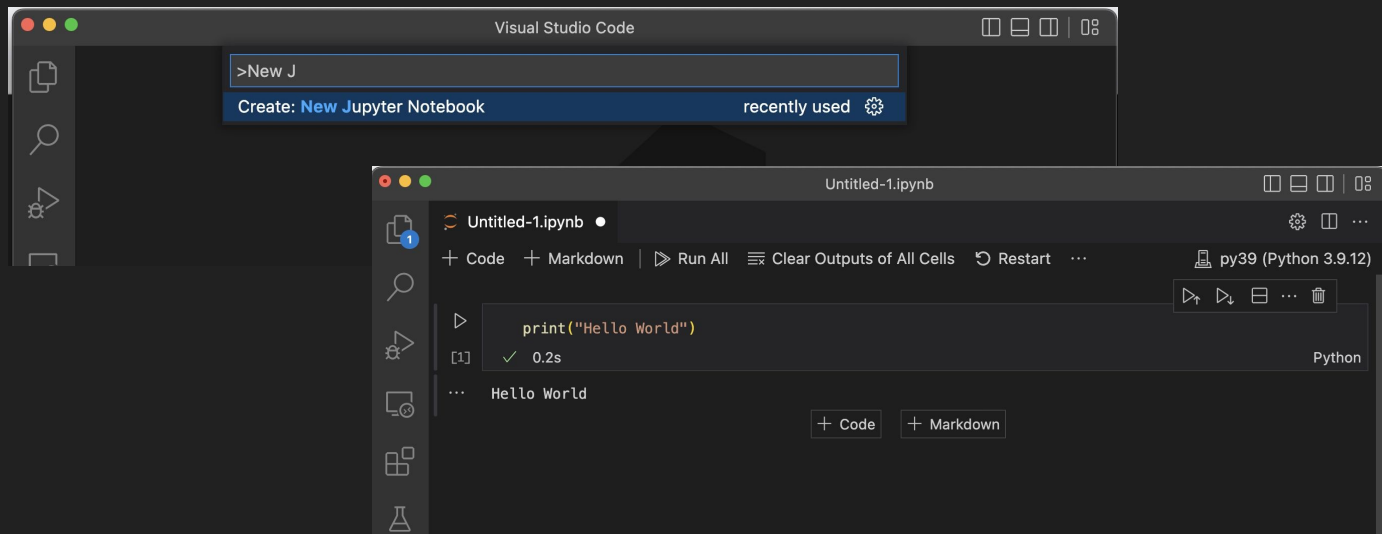
```
~/pyenv/bin/python
```

# Python - Jupyter

After you install the extensions.

Going to ask which python to run.

```
code --install-extension KevinRose.vsc-python-indent
code --install-extension ms-python.python
code --install-extension ms-python.vscode-pylance
code --install-extension ms-toolsai.jupyter
code --install-extension ms-toolsai.jupyter-keymap
code --install-extension ms-toolsai.jupyter-renderers
```



# python and whitespace

no ;  
no {}  
no problems

Indentation indicate a block of code in python

Code blocks for, loops / try / def and class have ':' colon at the end of the first line.

Then are tab indented.

Blocks end by un-indenting.

```
for i in range(5):  
    print i  
<- # don't type this!
```

## comments #

# Hash mark (pound sign) indicate the begin of comments to the end of the line.

# there are no multiline comments.

```
print 'hello world' # this is printing hello world.
```

```
'''Docstrings are for documenting and are multiline'''
```

# Hello World

Open a terminal

```
$ python
```

```
>>> print 'hello world!!'
```

# Python builtins methods and getting help.

`dir()` - list methods

`dir(__builtins__)` - print python builtin methods

`help()` - prints help from docstrings in classes and functions.

`type()` - prints data type.

`__doc__`

```
import os
```

```
help(os)
```

```
print os.__doc__
```

```
dir(os)
```

# Troubleshooting your script

Print often!

Embed a `-debug` or `-verbose` switch

Use the `help()` and `dir()`

Be use to reading errors.



# variable name

A variable name must start with a letter or the underscore character

A variable name cannot start with a number

A variable name can only contain alpha-numeric characters and underscores (A-z, 0-9, and \_ )

Variable names are case-sensitive (age, Age and AGE are three different variables)

# Data Types

`bool` - true or false

`strings="Foo"` - just a word

`numbers=1` - int or float or complex 1000 or 1000.99 or 10e29 or 5j

`lists=["foo","bar"]` - array or changeable list - zero indexed

`tuples=("foo","bar")` - unchangeable list - zero indexed

`sets={"foo","bar","foo"}` - list of unique

`dict={"foo":"bar","pet":"dog"}` - key:value pair

# Strings

String literals in python are surrounded by either single quotation marks, or double quotation marks.

```
month='July '  
month="July "
```

string have a list(array) like indexing  
`month[1]` # will print u

like list you can also call substrings  
`month[2:4]` # prints ly

And much more... `dir(month)` to see all you can do.

# String formatting

```
a="hello"
```

```
b="world"
```

```
print "%s" % a
```

```
print "We are doing better than %s %s now" % (a, b)
```

```
%s - string
```

```
%d - number
```

```
%r - raw
```

# String formatting 2

```
a="hello"  
b="world"
```

```
print "We are doing better than {} {}".format(a, b)
```

# Little tricks with LIST

```
foods=["burgers","tacos","pizza"]
```

```
a=foods.copy()
```

```
a=foods[:] # this is also a copy
```

```
b=foods[1:] #
```

```
c=foods[:-2] #
```

```
d=len(foods) #
```

```
n = ['hi']*3 #
```

```
o = n+foods #
```

```
food.pop() # returns and removes last  
            element from the list
```

Question: how do you remove the first  
element?

```
dir(food)  # and much more...
```

# Assignment Operators

=                    x = 5                    x = 5

+=                    x += 3                    x = x + 3

-=                    x -= 3                    x = x - 3

\*=                    x \*= 3                    x = x \* 3

/=                    x /= 3                    x = x / 3

%=                    x %= 3                    x = x % 3

//=                    x //= 3                    x = x // 3

\*\*=                    x \*\*= 3                    x = x \*\* 3

# Arithmetic Operators

+ Addition  $x + y$

- Subtraction  $x - y$

\* Multiplication  $x * y$

/ Division  $x / y$

% Modulus  $x \% y$

\*\* Exponentiation  $x ** y$

// Floor division  $x // y$



# Comparison Operators

`==` Equal `x == y`

`!=` Not equal `x != y`

`>` Greater than `x > y`

`<` Less than `x < y`

`>=` Greater than or equal to `x >= y`

`<=` Less than or equal to `x <= y`

# Logical Operators

and      Returns True  
          if both statements are true  
          `x < 5 and x < 10`

or        Returns True  
          if one of the statements is true  
          `x < 5 or x < 4`

not      Reverse the result, returns False if the result is true  
          `not(x < 5 and x < 10)`

# Identity / Membership Operators

`is` Returns true if both variables are the same object  
`x is y`

`is not` Returns true if both variables are not the same object  
`x is not y`

`in` Returns True if a sequence with the specified value is present in the object  
`x in y`

`not in` Returns True if a sequence with the specified value is not present in the object  
`x not in y`

# If / Elif / Else Statements

```
if b > a: print("b is greater than a")
```

```
if a in b == True:  
    print (a ," is in b")  
elif c is b:  
    print (c+" is in d" )  
else:  
    print ("nothin to see here.")
```

# Modules

Python code files with .py extension.

They can contain functions and all variable types.  
(arrays, dicts, objects, ... )

Modules are loaded into your script with the import keyword.  
import os

To use a module function or class prefix the name of the module.  
print os.path  
path = os.path  
print path

# For and While Loops Examples

```
color = ["red", "white", "blue"]
for x in color:
    print x
```

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "fish"]
for x in pets:
    if x == "cat":
        break # stop running the loop
    print x
```

```
for x in range(5):
    if x < 3:
        continue # go to the next loop
    print x
```

```
i = 1
while i < 6:
    print(i)
    i += 1
```

```
i = 1
while i < 6:
    print(i)
    if i == 3:
        break
    i += 1
```

# Argv and Raw\_input

```
python myscript.py a b c
```

```
import sys
print "script is: ", sys.argv[0]

print "\t",sys.argv[2],"\n"

print "Num of args: ", len(sys.argv)

print "The args are: " , str(sys.argv)
```

```
#python 2.#
name = raw_input("What is your name? ")
print "Hello, %s." % name
```

```
#python 3
name = input("What is your name? ")
print "Hello, %s." % name
```

# Working with files

```
FH = open("demofile.txt", "rt")

print FH.read() # print whole file

print FH.read(10) # print 10 characters

print FH.readline() # read last line

for x in FH: # loop thur lines in a file
    print x

for i in range(2): # print first two lines
    line=FH.next().strip()
    print line
```

```
FH = open('filename.txt',wt)
```

```
text = "this is \n a file \n \t I
made."
```

```
FH.write(text)
FH.close()
```

Modes - t - text(default)| b - binary  
r - read - errors does not exist

a - append - Adds to the end of file

w - write - creates if not exists  
overrides if exists



# Functions

Block of code that runs when called.

```
# Just the basics
def my_function():
    print "Hello from function"
```

```
my_function()
```

```
# Parameters
this_func(my_pram):
    print my_pram
```

```
this_func("foo")
```

```
# Return values
this_func(a,b):
    return a+b
```

```
this_func(5,3)
```

# Documenting

documenting functions with doc type

example: cat re.py

'''

\_\_doc\_\_

r'''

u'''

```
def my_function():  
    '''this is a documentation'''  
    print __doc__
```

```
help(my_function())
```

# Decode this only using python `__builtins__`

1.

```
Iwt Rpthpg rxewtg xh dct du iwt tpgaxthi zcdlc pcs hxbeathi  
rxewtgh.
```

# Decode this only using python `__builtins__`

2.

```
41 64 76 65 72 74 69 73 69 6e 67 20 70 65 6f 70 6c 65 20 77 68 6f
20 69 67 6e 6f 72 65 20 72 65 73 65 61 72 63 68 20 61 72 65 20 61
73 20 64 61 6e 67 65 72 6f 75 73 20 61 73 20 67 65 6e 65 72 61 6c
73 20 77 68 6f 20 69 67 6e 6f 72 65 20 64 65 63 6f 64 65 73 20 6f
66 20 65 6e 65 6d 79 20 73 69 67 6e 61 6c 73 2e
```

# Decode this only using python `__builtins__`

3.

```
65 100 118 101 114 116 105 115 105 110 103 32 112 101 111 112 108
101 32 119 104 111 32 105 103 110 111 114 101 32 114 101 115 101
97 114 99 104 32 97 114 101 32 97 115 32 100 97 110 103 101 114
111 117 115 32 97 115 32 103 101 110 101 114 97 108 115 32 119 104
111 32 105 103 110 111 114 101 32 100 101 99 111 100 101 115 32
111 102 32 101 110 101 109 121 32 115 105 103 110 97 108 115 46
```

# Decode this only using one module and `__builtins__`

4.

NDEgNjQgNzYgNjUgNzIgNzQgNjkgNzMgNjkgNmUgNjc gMjAgNzAgNjUgNmYgNzAgNm  
MgNjUgMjAgNzc gNjggNmYgMjAgNjkgNjc gNmUgNmYgNzIgNjUgMjAgNzIgNjUgNzMg  
NjUgNjEgNzIgNjMgNjggMjAgNjEgNzIgNjUgMjAgNjEgNzMgMjAgNjQgNjEgNmUgNj  
cgNjUgNzIgNmYgNzUgNzMgMjAgNjEgNzMgMjAgNjc gNjUgNmUgNjUgNzIgNjEgNmMg  
NzMgMjAgNzc gNjggNmYgMjAgNjkgNjc gNmUgNmYgNzIgNjUgMjAgNjQgNjUgNjMgNm  
YgNjQgNjUgNzMgMjAgNmYgNjYgMjAgNjUgNmUgNjUgNmQgNzkgMjAgNzMgNjkgNjc g  
NmUgNjEgNmMgNzMgMmUg

[illegible]

# What else is there

- Lambda Functions
- Decorators
- Handling Exceptions
- Classes and Objects
- Generators
- and other stuff.

