

To run first Python program on a **Sipeed Maixduino M1 AI module** you will need to install the appropriate IDE and follow some steps to write and upload your program. Below is a clear guide for installing the IDE, setting up the module, and running a sample program.

1. Install the IDE: MaixPy IDE

The Maixduino board supports **MicroPython**, and Sipeed has developed a lightweight IDE called **MaixPy IDE**.

Steps to Install MaixPy IDE:

1. **Download the MaixPy IDE:**

- Go to the official MaixPy IDE GitHub page or download it from the Sipeed website:
 - Download MaixPy IDE
(<https://dl.sipeed.com/shareURL/MAIX/MaixPy/ide/v0.2.5> --> choose -> maixpy-ide-windows-0.2.5.exe)

2. Install Drivers for the Maixduino

- Plug your Maixduino board into your computer using a USB cable.
- If the serial port is not recognized, install USB-to-Serial drivers:
 - **For Windows:** Download and install CH340 drivers (commonly used with the Maixduino).
 - CH340 Driver Download

(http://www.wch-ic.com/downloads/CH341SER_EXE.html)

3. Flash the MicroPython Firmware

To program the Maixduino using Python, you need to load the **MaixPy (MicroPython)** firmware onto the board.

Steps to Flash Firmware:

1. **Download the Latest MaixPy Firmware:**

- Get the firmware from the Sipeed MaixPy release page:
 - Firmware Releases
- Download the appropriate .bin file for your board.

2. **Install KFlash:**

- KFlash is the official tool for flashing firmware to Kendryte K210-based boards.
- Download KFlash from:

https://github.com/sipeed/kflash_gui/releases

Choose windows version

Then download bin file from

https://dl.sipeed.com/shareURL/MAIX/MaixPy/release/master/maixpy_v0.6.3_2_gd8901fd22

--open k flash and upload bin file with flash and the detected port.

- [Or](#) Install it via Python (if not pre-installed):

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bash
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pip install kflash
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4. Connect MaixPy IDE to the Maixduino

1. Open the MaixPy IDE.
2. Select the correct board and **serial port**:

Go to **Tools selectBoard** then choose **sipeed maixduino**

- Go to the **Tools** menu → **Open Serial**.
 - Select your board's COM port (e.g., COM3 or /dev/ttyUSB0).
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