Install Python

## MATLAB Compatibility

See. For a list of compatible versions of python for matlab: [Versions of Python Compatible with MATLAB Products by Release - MATLAB & Simulink (mathworks.com)](https://www.mathworks.com/support/requirements/python-compatibility.html?s_tid=srchtitle_site_search_1_python%20compatibility)

## Windows (RECOMENDED)

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

(follow exe prompts using default installation suggestions, no need to extend path limit).

# Installing FOOOF

## Windows

I’m using python version 3.7 and MATLAB version 2020b for this example. If you use any other version, check the compatibility of python for your version of MATLAB (<https://www.mathworks.com/support/requirements/python-compatibility.html>). Make sure to keep your python version in mind while going through this tutorial. I will be using MATLAB 2021b and python3.7 .

### Downloads

GitHub for the MATLAB wrapper for FOOOF: <https://github.com/fooof-tools/fooof_mat>

### Helpful Links

If you are running into bugs: <https://irenevigueguix.wordpress.com/2020/03/25/loading-python-into-matlab/>

### Tips

If you are having trouble getting your command prompt to point to the python version you want to work with, you may also configure your PATH variable to change how python3 command operates. HOW TO: in the windows search bar type: “edit the system Environment variables”. Click on the first search option of the same name. In the bottom right there will be a button “Environment Variables…”. Under the “System Variables” section click the “New…” button. For the variable name put “PYTHONPATH” and for the variable value put the path to your desired python version. Alternavtively you can just cd to the path of your python install and call the local python.exe and pip.exe.

## Installation guide

In windows command prompt:

1. Check current version

Type “ python”, and in the python interpreter type:

>>> import os

>>> import sys

>>> os.path.dirname(sys.executable)

You should get a path output like: “ 'C:\\Users\\jsalminen\\AppData\\Local\\Microsoft\\WindowsApps\\PythonSoftwareFoundation.Python.3.11\_qbz5n2kfra8p0' ”

1. Make sure to cd to your python installation, then pip install these packages (These may or may not be required for your desired python installation, but trying to install them shouldn’t cause issues, key word being “shouldn’t”)

“python –m pip install cpython”

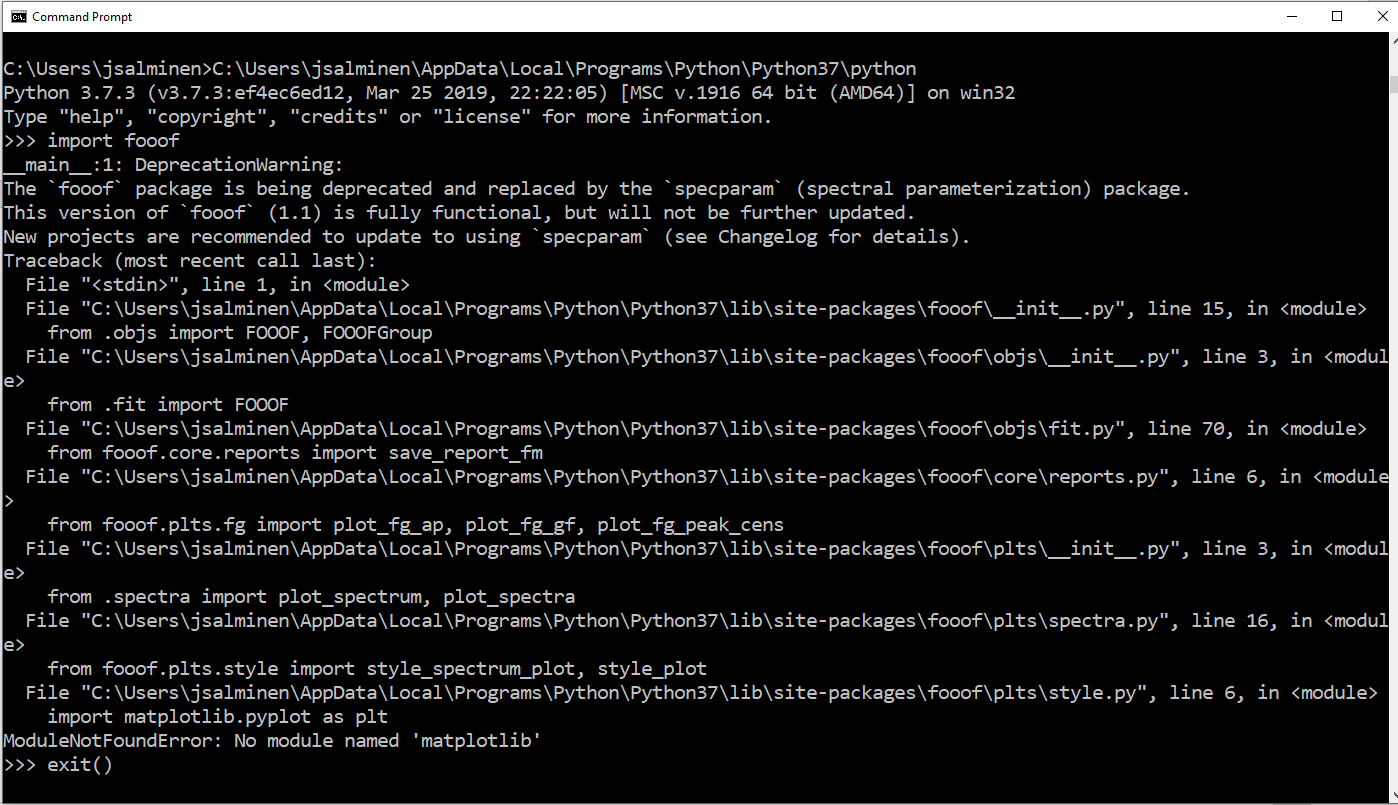
“python –m pip install numpy”

“python -m pip install matplotlib”

“python –m pip install fooof”

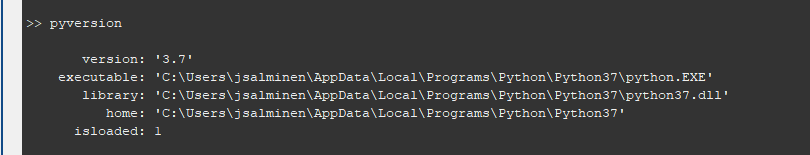
1. Double check your installation is valid. To do this, you may try opening your python interpreter in command prompt and type: “import fooof”.

Output:



If there is an error try to resolve it then move on to using the install in MATLAB. In the example above I’m missing the matplotlib library even though the fooof setup.py says I don’t need it… I will pip install matplotlib and the package should import as desired.

# Linking python to MATLAB

Type: “pyversion” 

If anything other than your desired python is loaded you will need to find where the exectuable is located and added it using the MATLAB command window and type:

“pyversion(‘path/to/my/python.exe’);”

You may need to restart matlab before and after doing this.

# HiperGator Setup of Python

## Create Virtual Environment & Install

1. Open Terminal (MobaXTerm is ideal)
2. >>> module load Python3.10
   1. I use Python3.10 as this version is compatible with Matlab2023b (My currently preferred MATLAB version, 02/09/2025), but other versions of Python may work.
3. >>> python -m venv ./venv
   1. This creates a virtual environment in a folder named “venv” within the current directory (CD). Use >>> cd /preferred/installation/directory to move your current CD
4. >>> source ./venv/bin/activate
5. >>> pip install fooof (see. <https://fooof-tools.github.io/fooof/> )
6. >>> pip install numpy==1.24
   1. This fixes a bug with parallel processing in MATLAB (see. <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/77939544/python-h5py-warning-getlimits-py511-userwarning-signature-class-numpy-float> ). You may need to uninstall numpy first >>> pip uninstall numpy
7. >>> pip install matplotlib (may or may not be needed)
8. >>> pip install scipy (may or may not be needed)
9. >>> pip install tqdm (may or may not be needed)
10. >>> pip install pandas (may or may not be needed)

## Add Version to Matlab

Here’s a code snippet, modify it using your directory of your virtual environment.

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In this case “fooof\_venv” is “venv” in this tutorial.

HAVE FUN!