

01_01_Ipython

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1 01. IPython

1.1 01.01 What is IPython?

According to the IPython Website: <https://ipython.org> IPython provides a rich architecture for interactive computing with:

- A powerful interactive shell. *(I confirm)*
- A kernel for Jupyter. *(I confirm)*
- Support for interactive data visualization and use of GUI toolkits. *(I confirm)*
- Flexible, embeddable interpreters to load into your own projects. *(I have no experience)*
- Easy to use, high performance tools for parallel computing. *(I have no experience)*

According to REF1 : IPython (short for Interactive Python) was started in 2001 by Fernando Perez as an enhanced Python interpreter, and has since grown into a project aiming to provide, in Perez's words, "Tools for the entire lifecycle of research computing." **If Python is the engine of our data science task, you might think of IPython as the interactive control panel.**

Run IPython:

1.2 01.02 Useful IPython tips&tricks

1.2.1 01.02.01 Quick access with ? and ??

This is a small thing but it is amazing!

To see documentation

print?

To see source code (better check on 3rd party packages, not Built-in Functions)

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.subplots??
```

1.2.2 01.02.02 IPython Magic Commands

Run the named file inside IPython as a program:

```
[1]: %run meet_us.py
```

```
Hello J|o|h|n!  
Hello M|i|k|e!  
Hello E|m|i|l|y!
```

Measure time with %timeit

```
[2]: %timeit full_sum=sum([k for k in range(10_000)])
```

350 μ s \pm 2.34 μ s per loop (mean \pm std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)

Double percent sign eg. %%timeit means: Apply for the whole cell instead of a single line

```
[3]: %%timeit  
k = 0  
full_sum = 0  
while full_sum < 10e5:  
    full_sum += k  
    k += 1
```

166 μ s \pm 19.5 μ s per loop (mean \pm std. dev. of 7 runs, 10000 loops each)

Arguments can be passed to Magic Commands via:

```
[4]: %%timeit -n 5 -r 2  
k = 0  
full_sum = 0  
while full_sum < 10e5:  
    full_sum += k  
    k += 1
```

190 μ s \pm 1.41 μ s per loop (mean \pm std. dev. of 2 runs, 5 loops each)

1.2.3 01.02.03 Input and output history

In and Out variables are set automatically and stores all input and output values related with cells

```
[5]: print(In)
```

```
['', "get_ipython().run_line_magic('run', 'meet_us.py')",  
"get_ipython().run_line_magic('timeit', 'full_sum=sum([k for k in  
range(10_000)])')", "get_ipython().run_cell_magic('timeit', '', 'k =  
0\\nfull_sum = 0\\nwhile full_sum < 10e5:\\n    full_sum += k\\n    k += 1')",  
"get_ipython().run_cell_magic('timeit', '-n 5 -r 2', 'k = 0\\nfull_sum =  
0\\nwhile full_sum < 10e5:\\n    full_sum += k\\n    k += 1')", 'print(In)']
```

```
[6]: x = 100
```

```
[7]: x += 1  
x
```

```
[7]: 101
```

```
[8]: x += 1
x
```

[8]: 102

```
[9]: x += 1
x
```

[9]: 103

```
[10]: x += 1
x
```

[10]: 104

```
[11]: print(Out)
```

{7: 101, 8: 102, 9: 103, 10: 104}

```
[12]: print(Out[9])
```

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Pure python allows us to explore returning history with with one underscore `_`. In IPython we have up to 3 underscores available

```
[20]: print(_)
```

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```
[21]: print(__)
```

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```
[22]: print(____)
```

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To surpass output add ; at the end of code line

```
[27]: sum([100, x, x**2])
```

[27]: 11020

```
[28]: sum([100, x, x**2]);
```

1.2.4 01.02.04 Shell commands

To run shell command start the line with exclamation mark

```
[30]: !echo $PATH
```

```
/home/lcs123/venvs/dstip_venv/bin:/home/lcs123/anaconda3/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games:/snap/bin
```

You can easy combine IPython and shell functionality

```
[33]: directory_content = !ls
      print(type(directory_content))
      print(directory_content)
```

```
<class 'IPython.utils.text.SList'>
['01_01_IPython.ipynb', 'img', 'meet_us.py']
```

```
[34]: current_working_dir = !pwd
      print(type(current_working_dir))
      print(current_working_dir)
```

```
<class 'IPython.utils.text.SList'>
['/home/lcs123/DS/dstip/01_IPython']
```

```
[35]: text_to_print = "Welcome stranger!"
```

```
[36]: !echo $text_to_print
```

```
Welcome stranger!
```

```
[38]: !echo {text_to_print}
```

```
Welcome stranger!
```

```
[39]: !echo text_to_print
```

```
text_to_print
```

Other IPython functionalities like: - profiling - debugging - and many more
you can find in [REF1](#)

1.2.5 01.02.04 When to use IPython?

```
[8]: from dstip_utils.utils import yes_no_table
     yes_no_dict = {'yes': ["Interactive computing", "Exploring, prototyping, ↵
     ↪learning"],
     'no': ['Software Development']}
     yes_no_table(yes_no_dict)
```

```
<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
```