

Python introductions

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BEFORE WE START (1)

We cannot teach you Python in a day or two...
...but hopefully we can show you that it is:

- Human-readable (relatively)
- Useful (even if you only know a bit)
- Flexible (you can use it in many places/ways)

BEFORE WE START (2)

Teaching materials courtesy of:

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Overview

- Introduction – why we recommend Python
- Basics and control flow
- Lists, tuples and slicing
- Input/output
- Strings and text processing
- Functions, libraries and scripts
- Error handling and logging
- Sets, dictionaries and OOP

What is Python?

- A simple interpreted language
- Very human-readable with clean syntax
- Making it a very good "learn to programme" language

Why do we recommend Python?

- It is **open source** and **free**
- It is **cross-platform** (including Windows)
- It can be used for simple scripting through to writing full-blown complex applications
- Many libraries/tools to tackle all kinds of problems
- In the environmental science community it continues to grow in popularity...so **we can share code!**

Python version?

Python has multiple personalities!

- **Python 3** – new; standard;

***Most people updating old code to standard.
Used in this course!***

- **Python 2.6+** – old; established;
Nearing end of life.



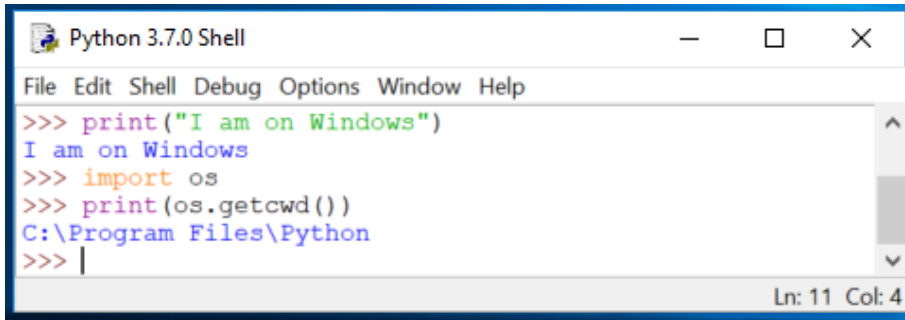
But what changed?

E.g. **print** changed from a statement to a function...

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>>> print "hello" # in Python 2.*  
to...
```

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>>> print ("hello") # in Python  
3.*
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What can you do with python?

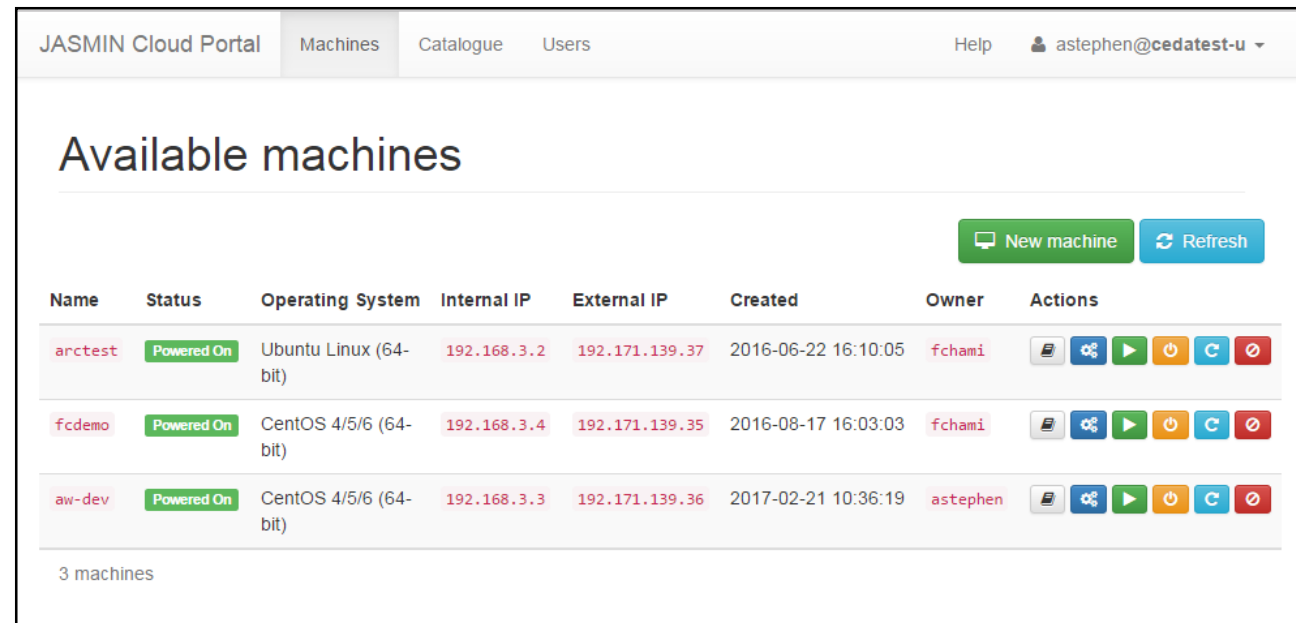


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Python 3.7.0 Shell
File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help
>>> print("I am on Windows")
I am on Windows
>>> import os
>>> print(os.getcwd())
C:\Program Files\Python
>>> |
```

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Interactive "shell": allows quick learning/testing/use.

Web-programming: frameworks make this easy.



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What can you do with python?



Iris v2.1

A powerful, format-agnostic, and community-driven Python library for analysing and visualising Earth science data.

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Iris user guide

How to use the user guide

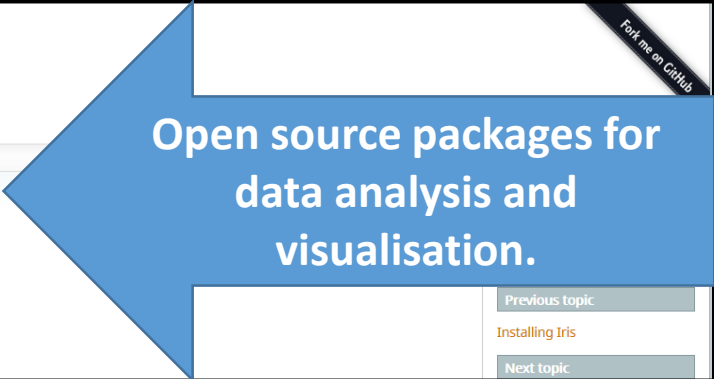
If you are reading this user guide for the first time it is strongly recommended that you read the user guide fully before experimenting with your own data files.

Much of the content has supplementary links to the reference documentation; you will not need to follow these links in order to understand the guide but they may serve as a useful reference for future exploration.

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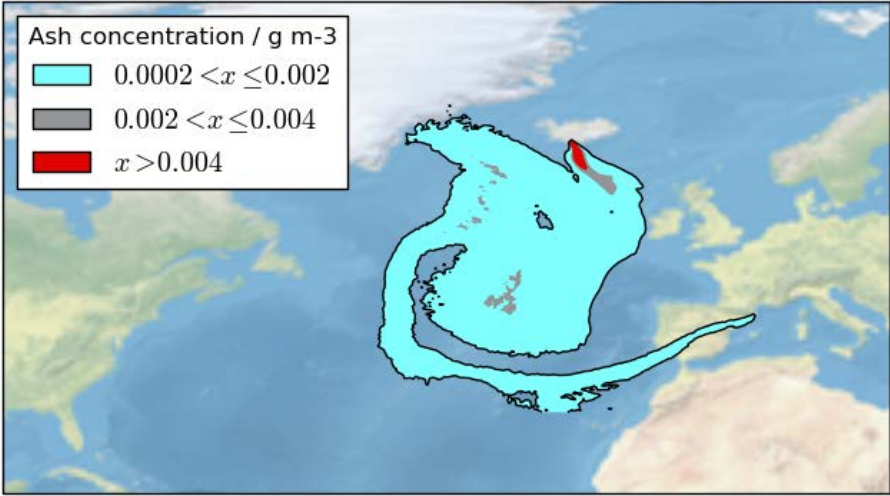


Open source packages for data analysis and visualisation.

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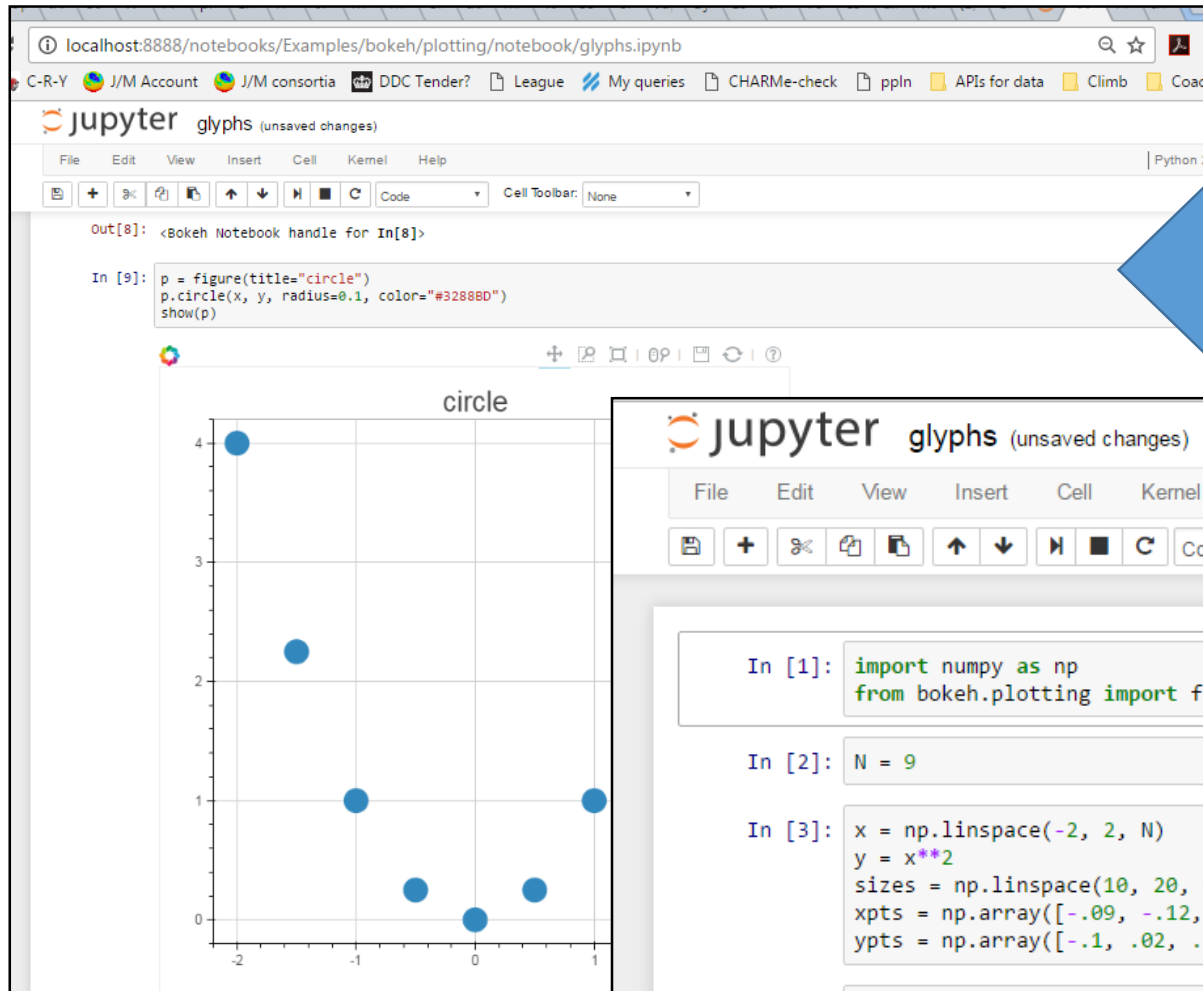
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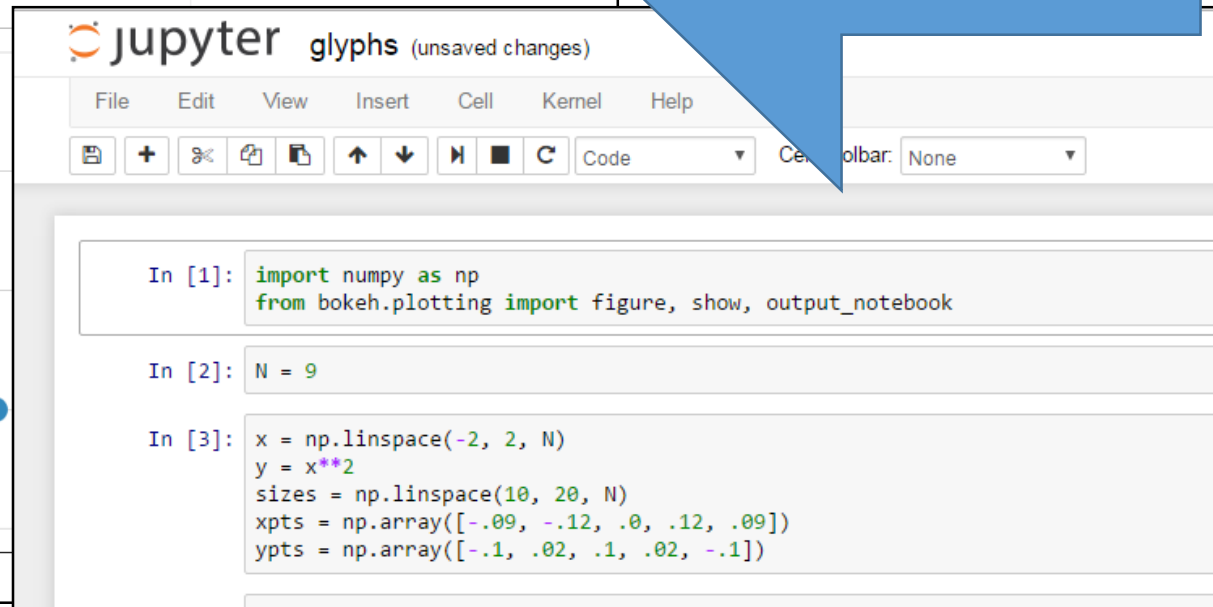
Ash concentration / g m⁻³

- 0.0002 < x ≤ 0.002
- 0.002 < x ≤ 0.004
- x > 0.004

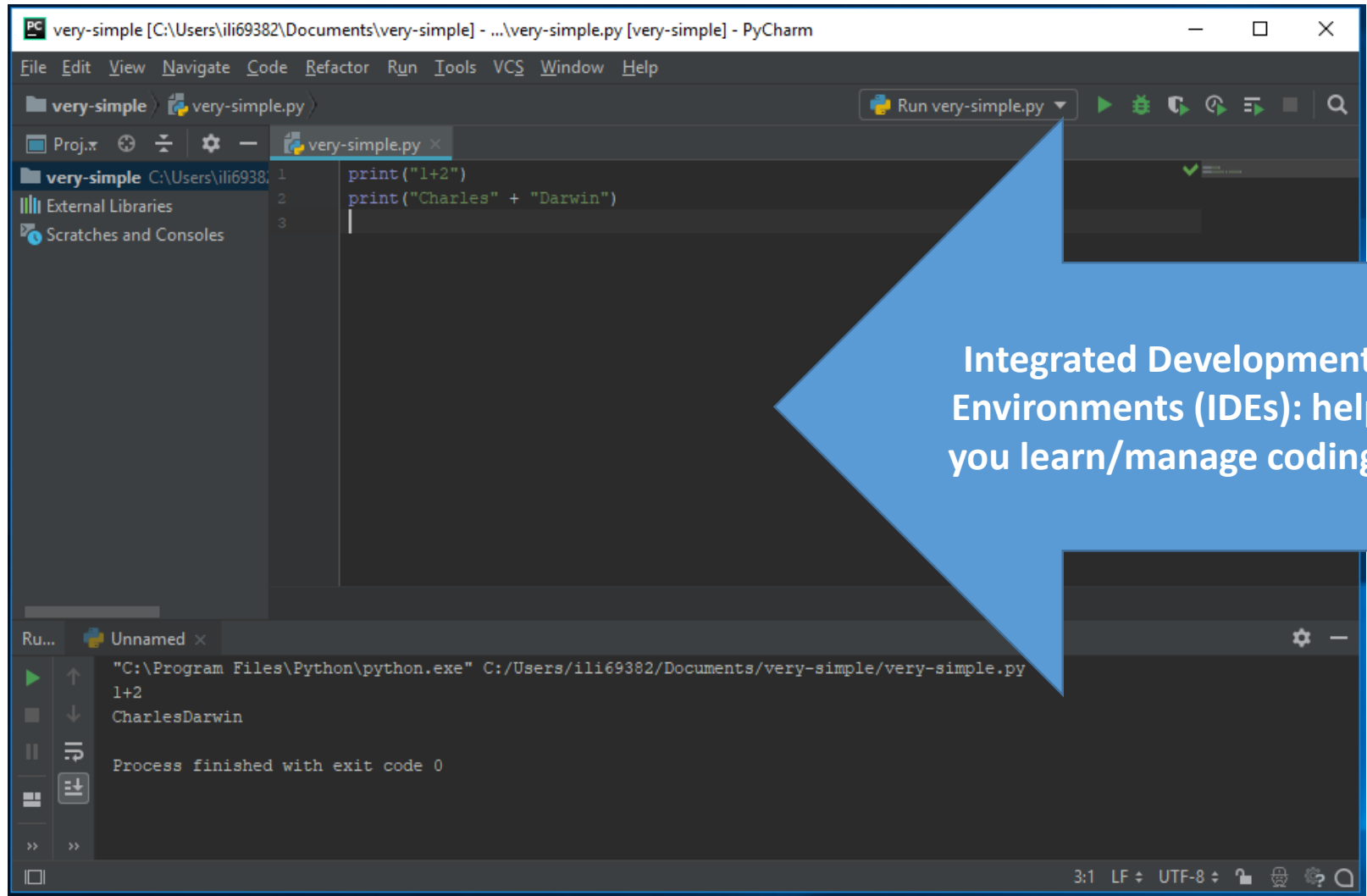
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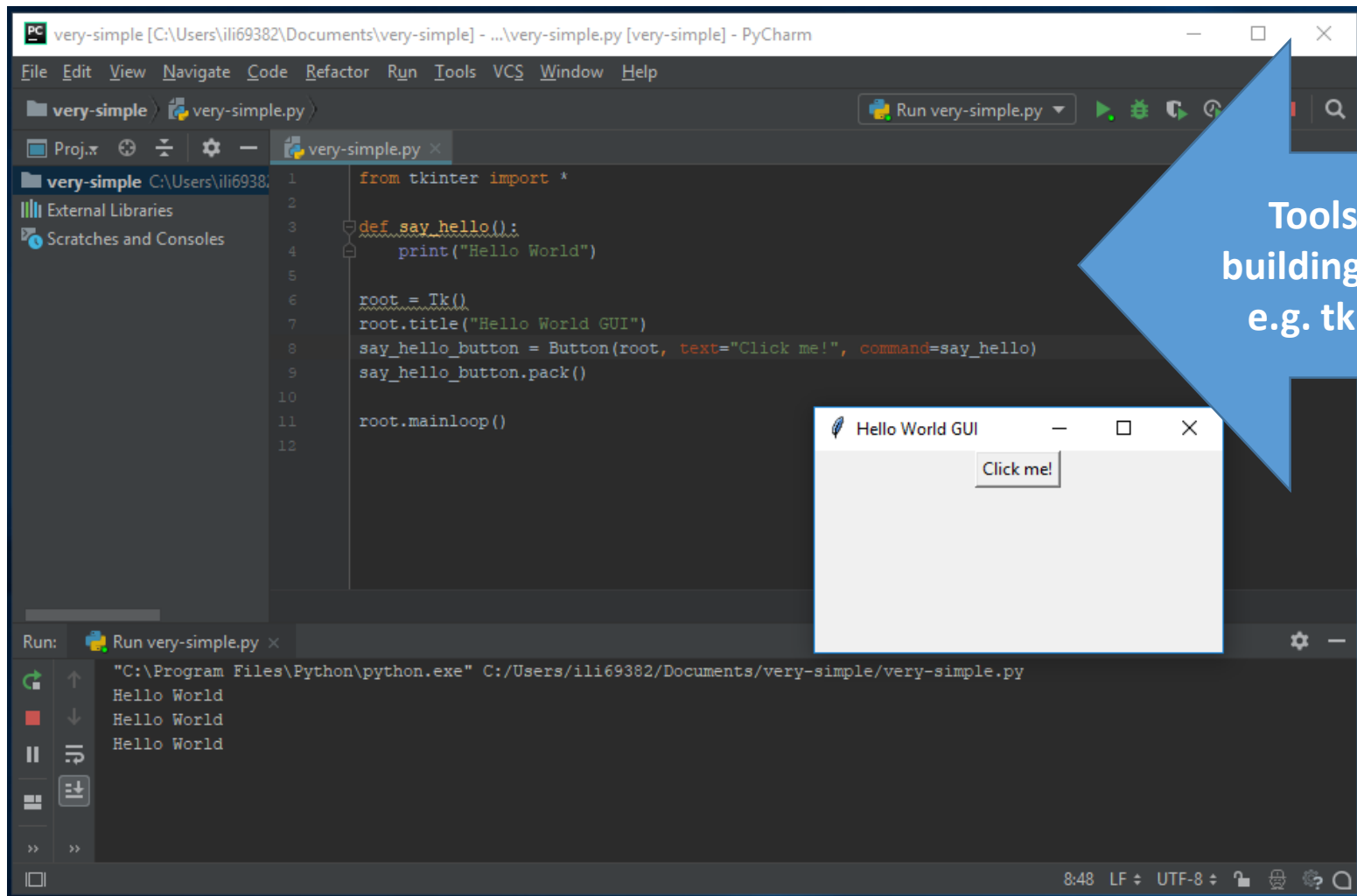
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Tools for
building GUIs:
e.g. tkinter



Let's get to work...