Welcome to Programming for Data Science

Welcome to the course manual for CSC310 at URI with Professor Brown.

This class meets MWF 3-3:50pm in Chafee Social Sci Center 235.

This website will contain the syllabus, class notes and other reference material for the class.

Course Calendar on BrightSpace



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Basic Facts

About this course

Data science exists at the intersection of computer science, statistics, and machine learning. That means writing programs to access and manipulate data so that it becomes available for analysis using statistical and machine learning techniques is at the core of data science. Data scientists use their data and analytical ability to find and interpret rich data sources; manage large amounts of data despite hardware, software, and bandwidth constraints; merge data sources; ensure consistency of datasets; create visualizations to aid in understanding data; build mathematical models using the data; and present and communicate the data insights/findings.

This course provides a survey of data science. Topics include data driven programming in Python; data sets, file formats and meta-data; descriptive statistics, data visualization, and foundations of predictive data modeling and machine learning; accessing web data and databases; distributed data management. You will work on weekly substantial programming problems such as accessing data in database and visualize it or build machine learning models of a given data set.

Basic programming skills (CSC201 or CSC211) are a prerequisite to this course. This course is a prerequisite course to machine learning, where you learn how machine learning algorithms work. In this course, we will start with a very fast review of basic programming ideas, since you've already done that before. We will learn how to use machine learning algorithms to do data science, but not how to build machine learning algorithms, we'll use packages that implement the algorithms for us.

About this syllabus

This syllabus is a living document and accessible from BrightSpace, as a pdf for download directly online at rhodyprog4ds.github.io/BrownFall21/syllabus. If you choose to download a copy of it, note that it is only a copy. You can get notification of changes from GitHub by "watching" the You can view the date of changes and exactly what changes were made on the Github commit history page.

Creating an issue is also a good way to ask questions about anything in the course it will prompt additions and expand the FAQ section.

About your instructor

Name: Dr. Sarah M Brown Office hours: TBA via zoom, link on BrightSpace

Dr. Sarah M Brown is a second year Assistant Professor of Computer Science, who does research on how social context changes machine learning. Dr. Brown earned a PhD in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University, completed a postdoctoral fellowship at University of California Berkeley, and worked as a postdoctoral research associate at Brown University before joining URI. At Brown University, Dr. Brown taught the Data and Society course for the Master's in Data Science Program. You can learn more about me at my website or my research on my lab site.

You can call me Professor Brown or Dr. Brown, I use she/her pronouns.

The best way to contact me is e-mail or an issue on an assignment repo. For more details, see the <u>Communication</u> Section

Tools and Resources

We will use a variety of tools to conduct class and to facilitate your programming. You will need a computer with Linux, MacOS, or Windows. It is unlikely that a tablet will be able to do all of the things required in this course. A Chromebook may work, especially with developer tools turned on. Ask Dr. Brown if you need help getting access to an adequate computer.

All of the tools and resources below are either:

- · paid for by URI OR
- · freely available online.

BrightSpace

This will be the central location from which you can access all other materials. Any links that are for private discussion among those enrolled in the course will be available only from our course <u>Brightspace site</u>.

This is also where your grades will appear and how I will post announcements.

For announcements, you can <u>customize</u> how you receive them.

Prismia chat

Our class link for <u>Prismia chat</u> is available on Brightspace. We will use this for chatting and in-class understanding checks.

On Prismia, all students see the instructor's messages, but only the Instructor and TA see student responses.

Course Manual

The course manual will have content including the class policies, scheduling, class notes, assignment information, and additional resources. This will be linked from Brightspace and available publicly online at rhodyprog4ds.github.io/BrownFall21/. Links to the course reference text and code documentation will also be included here in the assignments and class notes.

GitHub Classroom

You will need a <u>GitHub</u> Account. If you do not already have one, please <u>create one</u> by the first day of class. If you have one, but have not used it recently, you may need to update your password and login credentials as the <u>Authentication rules</u> changed over the summer. In order to use the command line with https, you will need to <u>create a Personal Access Token</u> for each device you use. In order to use the command line with SSH, set up your public key.

Programming Environment

This a programming course, so you will need a programming environment. In order to complete assignments you need the items listed in the requirements list. The easiest way to meet these requirements is to follow the recommendations below. I will provide instruction assuming that you have followed the recommendations.

Requirements:

- Python with scientific computing packages (numpy, scipy, jupyter, pandas, seaborn, sklearn)
- <u>Gi</u>
- A web browser compatible with Jupyter Notebooks



TL;DR [1]

- · check Brightspace
- · Log in to Prismia Chat
- · Make a GitHub Account
- · Install Python
- Install Git



Seeing the BrightSpace site requires loging in with your URI SSO and being enrolled in the course



Everything in this class will be tested with the up to date (or otherwise specified) version of Jupyter Notebooks. Google Colab is similar, but not the same, and some things may not work there. It is an okay backup, but should not be your primary work environment.

Recommendation:

- Install python via Anaconda
- if you use Windows, install Git with GitBash (video instructions).
- if you use MacOS, install Git with the Xcode Command Line Tools. On Mavericks (10.9) or above you can do this by trying to run git from the Terminal the very first time.git --version

Optional:

· Text Editor: you may want a text editor outside of the Jupyter environment. Jupyter can edit markdown files (that you'll need for your portfolio), in browser, but it is more common to use a text editor like Atom or Sublime for this purpose.

Video install instructions for Anaconda:

- Windows
- Mac
- . I don't have a video for linux, but it's a little more straight forward.

Textbook

The text for this class is a reference book and will not be a source of assignments. It will be a helpful reference and you may be directed there for answers to questions or alternate explanations ot topics.

Python for Data Science is available free online:

Zoom (backup only, Fall 2021 is in person)

This is where we will meet if for any reason we cannot be in person. You will find the link to class zoom sessions on Brightspace.

URI provides all faculty, staff, and students with a paid Zoom account. It can run in your browser or on a mobile device, but you will be able to participate in class best if you download the **Zoom client** on your computer. Please log in and configure your account. Please add a photo of yourself to your account so that we can still see your likeness in some form when your camera is off. You may also wish to use a virtual background and you are welcome to do so.

Class will be interactive, so if you cannot be in a quiet place at class time, headphones with a built in microphone are strongly recommended.

For help, you can access the instructions provided by IT.

Too long; didn't read. [1]

Data Science Achievements

In this course there are 5 learning outcomes that I expect you to achieve by the end of the semester. To get there, you'll focus on 15 smaller achievements that will be the basis of your grade. This section will describe how the topics covered, the learning outcomes, and the achievements are covered over time. In the next section, you'll see how these achievements turn into grades.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester



Note

all Git instructions will be given as instructions for the command line interface and GitHub specific instructions via the web interface. You may choose to use GitHub desktop or built in IDE tools, but the instructional team may not be able to help.

A tip from Dr. Brown

I use atom, but I decided to use it by downloading both Atom and Sublime and trying different things in each for a week. I liked Atom better after that and I've stuck with it since. I used Atom to write all of the content in this syllabus. VScode will also work, if needed

- 1. (process) Describe the process of data science, define each phase, and identify standard tools
- 2. (data) Access and combine data in multiple formats for analysis
- 3. (exploratory) Perform exploratory data analyses including descriptive statistics and visualization
- 4. (modeling) Select models for data by applying and evaluating mutiple models to a single dataset
- 5. (communicate) Communicate solutions to problems with data in common industry formats

We will build your skill in the process and communicate outcomes over the whole semester. The middle three skills will correspond roughly to the content taught for each of the first three portfolio checks.

Schedule

The course will meet MWF 3-3:50pm in Chafee Social Sci Center 235. Every class will include participatory live coding (instructor types code while explaining, students follow along)) instruction and small exercises for you to progress toward level 1 achievements of the new skills introduced in class that day.

Programming assignments that will be due each week Tuesday by 11:59pm.

	topics	skills
week		
1	[admin, python review]	process
2	Loading data, Python review	[access, prepare, summarize]
3	Exploratory Data Analysis	[summarize, visualize]
4	Data Cleaning	[prepare, summarize, visualize]
5	Databases, Merging DataFrames	[access, construct, summarize]
6	Modeling, Naive Bayes, classification performance metrics	[classification, evaluate]
7	decision trees, cross validation	[classification, evaluate]
8	Regression	[regression, evaluate]
9	Clustering	[clustering, evaluate]
10	SVM, parameter tuning	[optimize, tools]
11	KNN, Model comparison	[compare, tools]
12	Text Analysis	[unstructured]
13	Images Analysis	[unstructured, tools]
14	Deep Learning	[tools, compare]

Achievement Definitions

The table below describes how your participation, assignments, and portfolios will be assessed to earn each achievement. The keyword for each skill is a short name that will be used to refer to skills throughout the course materials; the full description of the skill is in this table.



Note

On the <u>Course Calendar on BrightSpace</u> page you can get a feed link to add to the calendar of your choice by clicking on the subscribe (star) button on the top right of the page. Class is for 1 hour there because of Brightspace/zoom integration limitations, but that calendar includes the zoom link.

	skill	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
keyword					
python	pythonic code writing	python code that mostly runs, occasional pep8 adherance	python code that reliably runs, frequent pep8 adherance	reliable, efficient, pythonic code that consistently adheres to pep8	
process	describe data science as a process	Identify basic components of data science	Describe and define each stage of the data science process	Compare different ways that data science can facilitate decision making	
access	access data in multiple formats	load data from at least one format; identify the most common data formats	Load data for processing from the most common formats; Compare and constrast most common formats	access data from both common and uncommon formats and identify best practices for formats in different contexts	
construct	construct datasets from multiple sources	identify what should happen to merge datasets or when they can be merged	apply basic merges	merge data that is not automatically aligned	
summarize	Summarize and describe data	Describe the shape and structure of a dataset in basic terms	compute summary statndard statistics of a whole dataset and grouped data	Compute and interpret various summary statistics of subsets of data	
visualize	Visualize data	identify plot types, generate basic plots from pandas	generate multiple plot types with complete labeling with pandas and seaborn	generate complex plots with pandas and plotting libraries and customize with matplotlib or additional parameters	
prepare	prepare data for analysis	identify if data is or is not ready for analysis, potential problems with data	apply data reshaping, cleaning, and filtering as directed	apply data reshaping, cleaning, and filtering manipulations reliably and correctly by assessing data as received	
classification	Apply classification	identify and describe what classification is, apply pre- fit classification models	fit preselected classification model to a dataset	fit and apply classification models and select appropriate classification models for different contexts	
regression	Apply Regression	identify what data that can be used for regression looks like	can fit linear regression models	can fit and explain regrularized or nonlinear regression	
clustering	Clustering	describe what clustering is	apply basic clustering	apply multiple clustering techniques, and interpret results	
evaluate	Evaluate model performance	Explain basic performance metrics for different data science tasks	Apply basic model evaluation metrics to a held out test set	Evaluate a model with multiple metrics and cross validation	
optimize	Optimize model parameters	Identify when model parameters need to be optimized	Manually optimize basic model parameters such as model order	Select optimal parameters based of mutiple quanttiateve criteria and automate parameter tuning	
compare	compare models	Qualitatively compare model classes	Compare model classes in specific terms and fit models in terms of traditional model performance metrics	Evaluate tradeoffs between different model comparison types	

	skill	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
keyword				
unstructured	model unstructured data	Identify options for representing text data and use them once data is tranformed	Apply at least one representation to transform unstructured data for model fitting or summarizing	apply multiple representations and compare and contrast them for different end results
workflow	use industry standard data science tools and workflows to solve data science problems	Solve well strucutred problems with a single tool pipeline	Solve semi- strucutred, completely specified problems, apply common structure to learn new features of standard tools	Scope, choose an appropriate tool pipeline and solve data science problems, describe strengths and weakensses of common tools

Assignments and Skills

Using the keywords from the table above, this table shows which assignments you will be able to demonstrate which skills and the total number of assignments that assess each skill. This is the number of opportunities you have to earn Level 2 and still preserve 2 chances to earn Level 3 for each skill.

	A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	A6	Α7	A8	А9	A10	A11	A12	A13	Assignment
keyword														
python	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
process	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
access	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
construct	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
summarize	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
visualize	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
prepare	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
classification	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
regression	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
clustering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
evaluate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
optimize	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
compare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
unstructured	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
workflow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	

Portfolios and Skills

The objective of your portfolio submissions is to earn Level 3 achievements. The following table shows what Level 3 looks like for each skill and identifies which portfolio submissions you can earn that Level 3 in that skill.

keyword					
python	reliable, efficient, pythonic code that consistently adheres to pep8	1	1	0	0
process	Compare different ways that data science can facilitate decision making	0	1	1	0
access	access data from both common and uncommon formats and identify best practices for formats in different contexts	1	1	0	0
construct	merge data that is not automatically aligned	1	1	0	0
summarize	Compute and interpret various summary statistics of subsets of data	1	1	0	0
visualize	generate complex plots with pandas and plotting libraries and customize with matplotlib or additional parameters	1	1	0	0
prepare	apply data reshaping, cleaning, and filtering manipulations reliably and correctly by assessing data as received	1	1	0	0
classification	fit and apply classification models and select appropriate classification models for different contexts	0	1	1	0
regression	can fit and explain regrularized or nonlinear regression	0	1	1	0
clustering	apply multiple clustering techniques, and interpret results	0	1	1	0
evaluate	Evaluate a model with multiple metrics and cross validation	0	1	1	0
optimize	Select optimal parameters based of mutiple quanttiateve criteria and automate parameter tuning	0	0	1	1
compare	Evaluate tradeoffs between different model comparison types	0	0	1	1
unstructured	apply multiple representations and compare and contrast them for different end results	0	0	1	1
workflow	Scope, choose an appropriate tool pipeline and solve data science problems, describe strengths and weakensses of common tools	0	0	1	1

Grading

This section of the syllabus describes the principles and mechanics of the grading for the course. This course will be graded on a basis of a set of *skills* (described in detail the next section of the syllabus). This is in contrast to more common grading on a basis of points earned through assignments.

Principles of Grading

Learning happens through practice and feedback. My goal as a teacher is for you to learn. The grading in this course is based on your learning of the material, rather than your completion of the activities that are assigned.

This course is designed to encourage you to work steadily at learning the material and demonstrating your new knowledge. There are no single points of failure, where you lose points that cannot be recovered. Also, you cannot cram anything one time and then forget it. The material will build and you have to demonstrate that you retained things.

- Earning a C in this class means you have a general understanding of Data Science and could participate in a basic conversation about all of the topics we cover. I expect everyone to reach this level.
- Earning a B means that you could solve simple data science problems on your own and complete parts of more complex problems as instructed by, for example, a supervisor in an internship or entry level job. This is a very accessible goal, it does not require you to get anything on the first try or to explore topics on your own. I expect most students to reach this level.
- Earning an A means that you could solve moderately complex problems independently and discus the quality of
 others' data science solutions. This class will be challenging, it requires you to explore topics a little deeper than we
 cover them in class, but unlike typical grading it does not require all of your assignments to be near perfect.

Grading this way also is more amenable to the fact that there are correct and incorrect ways to do things, but there is not always a single correct answer to a realistic data science problem. Your work will be assessed on whether or not it demonstrates your learning of the targeted skills. You will also receive feedback on how to improve.

There are 15 skills that you will be graded on in this course. While learning these skills, you will work through a progression of learning. Your grade will be based on earning 45 achievements that are organized into 15 skill groups with 3 levels for each.

These map onto letter grades roughly as follows:

- If you achieve level 1 in all of the skills, you will earn at least a C in the course.
- To earn a B, you must earn all of the level 1 and level 2 achievements.
- To earn an A, you must earn all of the achievements.

You will have at least three opportunities to earn every level 2 achievement. You will have at least two opportunities to earn every level 3 achievement. You will have three *types* of opportunities to demonstrate your current skill level: participation, assignments, and a portfolio.

Each level of achievement corresponds to a phase in your learning of the skill:

- To earn level 1 achievements, you will need to demonstrate basic awareness of the required concepts and know
 approximately what to do, but you may need specific instructions of which things to do or to look up examples to
 modify every step of the way. You can earn level 1 achievements in class, assignments, or portfolio submissions.
- To earn level 2 achievements you will need to demonstrate understanding of the concepts and the ability to apply
 them with instruction after earning the level 1 achievement for that skill. You can earn level 2 achievements in
 assignments or portfolio submissions.
- To earn level 3 achievements you will be required to consistently execute each skill and demonstrate deep understanding of the course material, after achieving level 2 in that skill. You can earn level 3 achievements only through your portfolio submissions.

For each skill these are defined in the Achievement Definition Table

Participation

While attending synchronous class sessions, there will be understanding checks and in class exercises. Completing in class exercises and correctly answering questions in class can earn level 1 achievements. In class questions will be administered through the classroom chat platform Prismia.chat; these records will be used to update your skill progression. You can also earn level 1 achievements from adding annotation to a section of the class notes.

Assignments

For your learning to progress and earn level 2 achievements, you must practice with the skills outside of class time.

Assignments will each evaluate certain skills. After your assignment is reviewed, you will get qualitative feedback on your work, and an assessment of your demonstration of the targeted skills.

Portfolio Checks

To earn level 3 achievements, you will build a portfolio consisting of reflections, challenge problems, and longer analyses over the course of the semester. You will submit your portfolio for review 4 times. The first two will cover the skills taught up until 1 week before the submission deadline.

The third and fourth portfolio checks will cover all of the skills. The fourth will be due during finals. This means that, if you have achieved mastery of all of the skills by the 3rd portfolio check, you do not need to submit the fourth one.

Portfolio prompts will be given throughout the class, some will be strucutred questions, others may be questions that arise in class. for which there is not time to answer.

TLDR

You *could* earn a C through in class participation alone, if you make nearly zero mistakes. To earn a B, you must complete assignments and participate in class. To earn an A you must participate, complete assignments, and build a portfolio.

Detailed mechanics



Warning

If you will skip an assignment, please accept the GitHub assignment and then close the Feedback pull request with a comment. This way we can make sure that you have support you need.

On Brightspace there are 45 Grade items that you will get a 0 or a 1 grade for. These will be revealed, so that you can view them as you have an opportunity to demonstrate each one. The table below shows the minimum number of skills at each level to earn each letter grade.

	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
letter grade			
Α	15	15	15
A-	10	15	15
B+	5	15	15
В	0	15	15
B-	0	10	15
C+	0	5	15
С	0	0	15
C-	0	0	10
D+	0	0	5
D	0	0	3

For example, if you achieve level 2 on all of the skills and level 3 on 7 skills, that will be a B+.

If you achieve level 3 on 14 of the skills, but only level 1 on one of the skills, that will be a B-, because the minimum number of level 2 achievements for a B is 15. In this scenario the total number of achievements is 14 at level 3, 14 at level 2 and 15 at level 3, because you have to earn achievements within a skill in sequence.

The letter grade can be computed as follows

```
def compute_grade(num_level1,num_level2,num_level3):
   Computes a grade for CSC/DSP310 from numbers of achievements at each level
   Parameters:
   num_level1 : int
     number of level 1 achievements earned
   num_level2 : int
     number of level 2 achievements earned
   num_level3 : int
     number of level 3 achievements earned
   Returns:
    letter_grade : string
     letter grade with modifier (+/-)
   if num_level1 == 15:
        if num_level2 == 15:
           if num level3 == 15:
                grade = 'A'
            elif num_level3 >= 10:
               grade = 'A-'
            elif num_level3 >=5:
               grade = 'B+
            else:
                grade = 'B'
        elif num_level2 >=10:
            grade = 'B-'
        elif num level2 >=5:
           grade = 'C+'
        else:
           grade = 'C'
   elif num_level1 >= 10:
        grade = 'C-'
    elif num_level1 >= 5:
        grade = 'D+'
    elif num_level1 >=3:
       grade = 'D'
   else:
        grade = 'F'
   return grade
```



Note

In this example, you will have also achieved level 1 on all of the skills, because it is a prerequisite to level 2.

For example you can run the code like this in a cell to see the output

```
compute_grade(15,15,15)

'A'

compute_grade(14,14,14)

'C-'
```

Or use assert to test it formally

```
assert compute_grade(14,14,14) == 'C-'
assert compute_grade(15,15,15) == 'A'
assert compute_grade(15,15,11) == 'A-'
```

Late work

Late assignments will not be graded. Every skill will be assessed through more than one assignment, so missing assignments occasionally not necessarily hurt your grade. If you do not submit any assignments that cover a given skill, you may earn the level 2 achievement in that skill through a portfolio check, but you will not be able to earn the level 3 achievement in that skill. If you submit work that is not complete, however, it will be assessed and receive feedback. Submitting pseudocode or code with errors and comments about what you have tried could earn a level 1 achievement. Additionally, most assignments cover multiple skills, so partially completing the assignment may earn level 2 for one, but not all. Submitting *something* even if it is not perfect is important to keeping conversation open and getting feedback and help continuously.

Building your Data Science Portfolio should be an ongoing process, where you commit work to your portfolio frequently. If something comes up and you cannot finish all that you would like assessed by the deadline, open an Extension Request issue on your repository.

In this issue, include:

- 1. A new deadline proposal
- 2. What additional work you plan to add
- 3. Why the extension is important to your learning
- 4. Why the extension will not hinder your ability to complete the next assignment on time.

This request should be no more than 7 sentences.

Portfolio due dates will be announced well in advance and prompts for it will be released weekly. You should spend some time working on it each week, applying what you've learned so far, from the feedback on previous assignments.

Examples

If you always attend and get everything correct, you will earn and A and you won't need to submit the 4th portfolio check or assignment 13.

Getting A Without Perfection



Note

You may visit office hours to discuss assignments that you did not complete on time to get feedback and check your own understanding, but they will not count toward skill demonstration.

Map to an A

How Achievements were earned

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
python	A1	А3	P1
process	A1	P1	P2
access	2	A2	P1
construct	5	A5	P1
summarize	wook wook	A3	P1
visualize	3	A3	P2
prepare	4	A5	P2
classification	A10	P2	P3
regression	8	A11	P2
clustering	9	A9	P3
evaluate	7	A11	P3
optimize	week 10	A11	P4
compare	11	A13	P3
unstructured	12	A13	P4
tools	11	A13	P3



Attended, but all level 1 complete

Attended, but all level 1 complete

In this example the student made several mistakes, but still earned an A. This is the advantage to this grading scheme. For the python, process, and classification skills, the level 1 achievements were earned on assignments, not in class. For the process and classification skills, the level 2 achievements were not earned on assignments, only on portfolio checks, but they were earned on the first portfolio of those skills, so the level 3 achievements were earned on the second portfolio check for that skill. This student's fourth portfolio only demonstrated two skills: optimize and unstructured. It included only 1 analysis, a text analysis with optimizing the parameters of the model. Assignments 4 and 7 were both submitted, but didn't earn any achievements, the student got feedback though, that they were able to apply in later assignments to earn the achievements. The student missed class week 6 and chose to not submit assignment 6 and use week 7 to catch up. The student had too much work in another class and chose to skip assignment 8. The student tried assignment 12, but didn't finish it on time, so it was not graded, but the student visited office hours to understand and be sure to earn the level 2 unstructured achievement on assignment 13.

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Getting a B with minimal work

Map to a B easily







In this example, the student earned all level 1 achievements in class and all level 2 on assignments. This student was content with getting a B and chose to not submit a portfolio.

Getting a B while having trouble

Map to a B, having trouble





In this example, the student struggled to understand in class and on assignments. Assignments were submitted that showed some understanding, but all had some serious mistakes, so only level 1 achievements were earned from assignments. The student wanted to get a B and worked hard to get the level 2 achievements on the portfolio checks.

Ram Tokens

Ram Tokens in this course will be used as a currency for extra effort. You can earn Ram Tokens by doing work that supports your learning or class activities, but do not directly demonstrate achievements. You can spend Ram Tokens to get extra grading. This will be mostly applicable to Portfolio Checks. In Checks 3 & 4, some achievements will not be eligible for grading as per the <u>table</u>. However, you can exchange Ram Tokens to make more achievements eligible for assessment. This system rewards you for putting in consistent effort, even if it takes you many tries to understand a concept.

To accumulate Ram Tokens, you submit a 'Deposit' to the <u>Ram Token Bank: http://drsmb.co/ramtoken</u> with a link to what you did to earn a token. To apply Ram tokens for extra grading, submit the same form, with a link to the assignment and add the

Support

Academic Enhancement Center

Academic Enhancement Center (for undergraduate courses): Located in Roosevelt Hall, the AEC offers free face-to-face and web-based services to undergraduate students seeking academic support. Peer tutoring is available for STEM-related courses by appointment online and in-person. The Writing Center offers peer tutoring focused on supporting undergraduate writers at any stage of a writing assignment. The UCS160 course and academic skills consultations offer students strategies and activities aimed at improving their studying and test-taking skills. Complete details about each of these programs, up-to-date schedules, contact information and self-service study resources are all available on the AEC website.

- STEM Tutoring helps students navigate 100 and 200 level math, chemistry, physics, biology, and other select STEM courses. The STEM Tutoring program offers free online and limited in-person peer-tutoring this fall. Undergraduates in introductory STEM courses have a variety of small group times to choose from and can select occasional or weekly appointments. Appointments and locations will be visible in the TutorTrac system on September 14th, 2020. The TutorTrac application is available through URI Microsoft 365 single sign-on and by visiting aec.uri.edu. More detailed information and instructions can be found on the AEC tutoring page.
- Academic Skills Development resources helps students plan work, manage time, and study more effectively. In
 Fall 2020, all Academic Skills and Strategies programming are offered both online and in-person. UCS160:
 Success in Higher Education is a one-credit course on developing a more effective approach to studying. Academic
 Consultations are 30-minute, 1 to 1 appointments that students can schedule on Starfish with Dr. David Hayes to
 address individual academic issues. Study Your Way to Success is a self-guided web portal connecting students to
 tips and strategies on studying and time management related topics. For more information on these programs, visit
 the Academic Skills Page or contact Dr. Hayes directly at davidhayes@uri.edu.
- The Undergraduate Writing Center provides free writing support to students in any class, at any stage of the writing process: from understanding an assignment and brainstorming ideas, to developing, organizing, and revising a draft. Fall 2020 services are offered through two online options: 1) real-time synchronous appointments with a peer consultant (25- and 50-minute slots, available Sunday Friday), and 2) written asynchronous consultations with a 24-hour turn-around response time (available Monday Friday). Synchronous appointments are video-based, with audio, chat, document-sharing, and live captioning capabilities, to meet a range of accessibility needs. View the synchronous and asynchronous schedules and book online, visit uri.mywconline.com.

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- · Claiming disproportionate credit for work not done independently
- Unauthorized possession or access to exams
- Unauthorized communication during exams
- · Unauthorized use of another's work or preparing work for another student
- · Taking an exam for another student
- · Altering or attempting to alter grades
- The use of notes or electronic devices to gain an unauthorized advantage during exams
- · Fabricating or falsifying facts, data or references
- · Facilitating or aiding another's academic dishonesty
- · Submitting the same paper for more than one course without prior approval from the instructors

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- <u>Universal indoor masking</u> is required by all community members, on all campuses, regardless of vaccination status.
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- Students who are experiencing symptoms of illness should not come to class. Please stay in your home/room and notify URI Health Services via phone at 401-874-2246.
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If you are unable to attend class, please notify me at brownsarahm@uri.edu. We will work together to ensure that course instruction and work is completed for the semester.

Course Communications

We have several different ways to communicate in this course. This section summarizes them

To reach out, By usage

usage	platform	area	note
in class	prismia	chat	outside of class time this is not monitored closely
any time	prismia	message board	for discussion with peers
any time	prismia	download transcript	use after class to get preliminary notes eg if you miss a class
private questions to your assignment	github	issue on assignment repo	eg bugs in your code"
for general questions that can help others	github	issue on course website	eg what the instructions of an assignment mean or questions about the syllabus
to share resources	github	pull request on website	remember to request ram tokens if applicable
matters that don't fit into another category	e-mail	to brownsarahm@uri.edu	remember to include `[CSC310]` or `[DSP310]` (note `verbatim` no space)



Note

e-mail is last because it's not collaborative; other platforms allow us (Proessor + TA) to collaborate on who responds to things more easily.

By Platform

Use e-mail for

note	area	usage
remember to include `[CSC310]` or `[DSP310]` (note `verbatim` no space)	to brownsarahm@uri.edu	matters that don't fit into another category

Use github for

note	area	usage
eg bugs in your code"	issue on assignment repo	private questions to your assignment
eg what the instructions of an assignment mean or questions about the syllabus	issue on course website	for general questions that can help others
remember to request ram tokens if applicable	pull request on website	to share resources

Use prismia for

note	area	usage
outside of class time this is not monitored closely	chat	in class
for discussion with peers	message board	any time
use after class to get preliminary notes eg if you miss a class	download transcript	any time

Tips

For assignment help

• send in advance, leave time for a response I check e-mail/github a small number of times per day, during work hours, almost exclusively. You might see me post to this site, post to BrightSpace, or comment on your assignments outside of my normal working hours, but I will not reliably see emails that arrive during those hours. This means that it is important to start assignments early.

Using issues

- use issues for content directly related to assignments. If you push your code to the repository and then open an issue, I can see your code and your question at the same time and download it to run it if I need to debug it
- use issues for questions about this syllabus or class notes. At the top right there's a GitHub logo ? that allows you to open a issue (for a question) or suggest an edit (eg if you think there's a typo or you find an additional helpful resource related to something)

For E-email

- use e-mail for general inquiries or notifications
- Please include [CSC310] or [DSP310] in the subject line of your email along with the topic of your message. This is
 important, because your messages are important, but I also get a lot of e-mail. Consider these a cheat code to my
 inbox: I have setup a filter that will flag your e-mail if you use one of those in the subject to ensure that I see it.

Note

Whether you use CSC or DSP does not matter.

1. Welcome to Programming to Data Science

Today's goals:

- 1. Operate tools for in-class participation
- 2. Understand what Data Science is, in broad terms
- 3. Understand the syllabus (grading, topics covered, schedule, etc)
- 4. Understand how to learn in this course

1.1. Prismia Chat

We will use these to monitor your participation in class and to gather information. Features:

- instructor only
- · reply to you directly
- share responses for all

1.2. What is Data Science



statistics is the type of math we use to make sense of data. Formally, a statistic is just a function of data.

computer science is so that we can manipulate visualize and automate the inferences we make.

domain expertise helps us have the intuition to know if what we did worked right. A statistic must be interpreted in context; the relevant context determines what they mean and which are valid. The context will say whether automating something is safe or not, it can help us tell whether our code actually worked right or not.

For this class



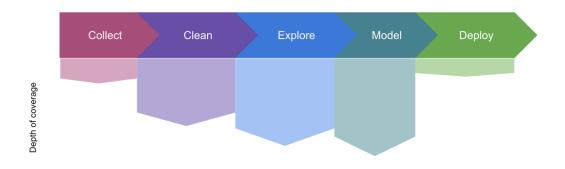
We'll focus on the programming as our main means of studying data science, but we will use bits of the other parts. In particular, you're encouraged to choose datasets that you have domain expertise about, or that you want to learn about.

But there are many definitions. We'll use this one, but you may come across others.

1.2.1. How does data science happen?



1.2.2. how we'll cover it, in depth



- collect: Discuss only a little; Minimal programming involved
- · clean: Cover the main programming techniques; Some requires domain knowledge beyond scope of course
- explore: Cover the main programming techniques; Some requires domain knowledge beyond scope of course
- · model: Cover the main programming, basic idea of models; How to use models, not how learning algorithms work
- deploy: A little bit at the end, but a lot of preparation for decision making around deployment

1.2.2.1. how we'll cover it in, time



We'll cover exploratory data analysis before cleaning because those tools will help us check how we've cleaneed the data.

1.3. How this class will work

- today is an exception
- in general we'll be live coding

Let's look at the syllabus

Read carefully to make sure you understand the grading; it's not typical points and an average.

Class is designed to avoid this:



1.5. Learning Cycle



Read more about how I'm designing this course to help you learn on the how to learn page.

1.6. Check your understaning of the syllabus

It's easy when reading something long to lose track of it. Your eyes can go over each word, without actually retaining the information, but it's important to understand the syllabus for the course.

You can find the answers to the following questions on the syllabus. If you've already read it, try answering them to check your understanding. If you haven't read it yet, use these to guide you to get familiar with finding key facts about the course on the syllabus.

- 1. What do you need to bring to class each day?
- 2. What is the basis of grading for this course?
- 3. How do you reference the course text?
- 4. What is the penalty for missing an assignment?

More information about the course is available throughout the site, the next few questions will help you self-check that you've found the important things. Remember, the goal is not necessarily to memorize all of this, but to be able to find it.

- 1. When & what are you expected to read for this class?
- [] read the text book before class
- [] review notes & documentation after class
- [] preview the notes & documentation before class
- [] read documentation and text book after class
- 1. Your assignment says to find a dataset that has variables of a specific type, which website can you use?
- 2. Your assignment says to find a dataset of any type about something you're interested in, which resource would you use?

2. Jupyter Notebook Tour & Python Review

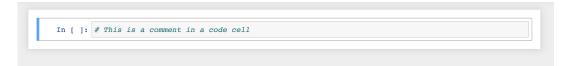
2.1. A jupyter notebook tour

Launch a jupyter notebook:

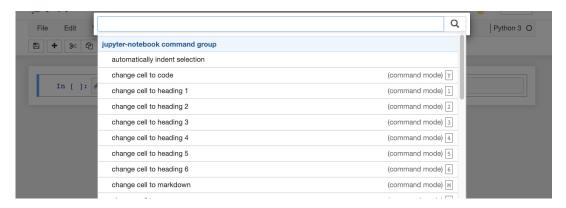
- on Windows, use anaconda terminal
- on Mac/Linux, use terminal

cd path/to/where/you/save/notes
jupyter notebook

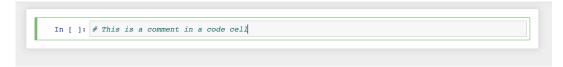
A Jupyter notebook has two modes. When you first open, it is in command mode. The border is blue in command mode.



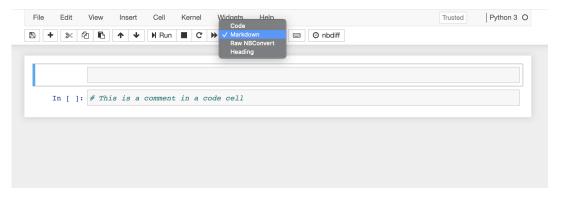
When you press a key in command mode it works like a shortcut. For example p shows the command search menu.



If you press enter (or return) or click on the highlighted cell, which is the boxes we can type in, it changes to edit mode. The border is green in edit mode



There are two type of cells that we will used: code and markdown. You can change that in command mode with y for code and m for markdown or on the cell type menu at the top of the notebook.



++

This is a markdown cell

- we can make
- · itemized lists of
- bullet points

- 1. and we can make nubmered
- 2. lists, and not have to worry
- 3. about renumbering them
- 4. if we add a step in the middle later

2.1.1. Notebook Reminders

Blue border is command mode, green border is edit mode

use Escape to get to command mode

Common command mode actions:

- · m: switch cell to markdown
- · y: switch cell to code
- a: add a cell above
- b: add a cell below
- · c: copy cell
- v: paste the cell
- 0 + 0: restart kernel
- p: command menu

use enter/return to get to edit mode

In code cells, we can use a python interpreter, for example as a calculator.

```
10
```

It prints out the last line of code that it ran, even though it executes all of them

```
name = 'sarah'
4+5
name *3

'sarahsarahsarah'
```



For a little more python review, see my 2020 CSC310 notes this is just enough for this assignment.

2.2. Just enough Git for Assignment 1

2.2.1. Assignment 1:

Goals for this assignment

- setup your portfolio
- check that you understand the grading
- review Python basics
- practice with git and GitHub

2.2.2. Why Version control

We often want to keep track of the different versions in case we want to go back, but this can be painful:



We typically organize projects in folder





The git application manages that hidden directory, we don't write to it directly, which is why we keep it hidden.

Git is a distributed system, you have a local version and a remote version.



Once a repository exists on GitHub, we get a local copy by cloning it after we get its address from the GitHub interface, by clicking on the green code butto that is below the menu area to the right. It's at the top right corner of the list of files in the repository.



For this part, use GitBash on windows or terminal otherwise: If you set up a Personal Access Token you can use the https version

After cd/to/where/you/want/your/repo/locally:



Note

as is.

These notes can be downloaded as an actual notebook, click the \bigcap GitHub

logo at the top of the page and choose .ipynb. The following is not runnabel in the notebook

Then you can change files, for example adding to the intro.

Some common actions in Git, you'll want.

Check on the status of your repository:

```
git status
```

Add files to the staging area:

```
git add filename
```

Add all changes to the staging area:

```
git add .
```

Commit your changes to the repository:

```
git commit -m 'a message that will help your future self know what this part is'
```

Push your changes to GitHub

```
git push
```

Pull changes from GitHub

You can also go through these same basic steps: add, commit, push

2.3. More on git

- GitHub Hello World
- Software Carpentry Git Novice Lesson

Also, in Spring 2022, I'm teaching a section of CSC392: Topics in Computing, Introduction to Computer Systems, that will cover tools of the trade (git, bash, etc) and how they all work in great detail.

2.4. More on Python

Read Pep 8 to see what good style in Python is.

3. Getting help, object inspection, loading data

3.1. Frist, Don't Worry members

Class Response Summary:















3.2. Getting Help in Jupyter

Python has a print function and we can use the help in jupyter to learn about how to use it in different ways.

Given this code excerpt, how could you print out "Sarah_Brown"?

```
first = 'Sarah'
last = 'Brown'
```

We can use jupyter popup help wiht shift +tab or ?

```
print?
```

Or the base python help function

```
help(print)
```

```
Help on built-in function print in module builtins:

print(...)
    print(value, ..., sep=' ', end='\n', file=sys.stdout, flush=False)

Prints the values to a stream, or to sys.stdout by default.

Optional keyword arguments:
    file: a file-like object (stream); defaults to the current sys.stdout.
    sep: string inserted between values, default a space.
    end: string appended after the last value, default a newline.
    flush: whether to forcibly flush the stream.
```

Notice that function can take multiple arguments and has a keyword argument (must be used like argument=value) described as sep=' '. This means that by default it adds a space

```
print(first,last)

Sarah Brown
```

But we can change the separator.

```
Sarah_Brown
```

Note that it also defaults to end to use \n

```
print(first,last)
print('hello')
```

```
Sarah Brown
hello
```

Where does this help information come from?



You can copy code from the notes, try hovering over this

```
def compute_grade(num_level1,num_level2,num_level3):
    Computes a grade for CSC/DSP310 from numbers of achievements at each level
   Parameters:
   num_level1 : int
     number of level 1 achievements earned
   num_level2 : int
     number of level 2 achievements earned
   num_level3 : int
     number of level 3 achievements earned
   Returns:
   letter_grade : string
     letter grade with modifier (+/-)
   if num level1 == 15:
       if num_level2 == 15:
           if num_level3 == 15:
               grade = 'A'
            elif num_level3 >= 10:
               grade = 'A-
            elif num_level3 >=5:
               grade = 'B+'
            else:
               grade = 'B'
        elif num_level2 >=10:
            grade = 'B-'
        elif num_level2 >=5:
           grade = 'C+'
        else:
           grade = 'C'
   elif num_level1 >= 10:
       grade = 'C-'
    elif num level1 >= 5:
       grade = 'D+'
    elif num_level1 >=3:
       grade = 'D'
       grade = 'F'
    return grade
```

We can apply $\operatorname{\ensuremath{\mathsf{help}}}$ on the function we wrote

help(compute_grade)

It gets the docstring

3.3. Everything is an Object in Python

we can use the builtin function type to inspect them, and get attributes with .

letter grade with modifier (+/-)

```
type(compute_grade)
```

```
function
```

```
compute_grade.__name__

'compute_grade'

c = 4.5

type(c)

float

c= 'hello'

type(c)
```

When do we use single vs double quotes?

• You can use either, unless you need to put one inside the string then use the other.

```
my_sentence = "The professor's name is Dr. Brown"

my_sentence = 'The professor's name is Dr. Brown'

File "/tmp/ipykernel_1667/607286316.py", line 1
    my_sentence = 'The professor's name is Dr. Brown'

SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

Yes we can escape special characters:

```
my_sentence = 'The professor\'s name is Dr. Brown'
```

but, it's less readable and not recommended.

3.4. Good Code is always relative

In programming for data science, we are often trying to tell a story.

Try it yourself

How might this goal change your code for this class relative to other code you have written or could imagine writing?

Python is a fully open source project and as such is governed by community standards and conventions.

Try it yourself

Find PEP8 (note that following it is part of earning python achievements)

The documentation for the full language is online too.

Guido van Rossum was the first main developer and wrote $\underline{\text{essays}}$ about python too.

it's <u>pretty popular</u>

3.5. Coffee Data

We're going to use a dataset about coffee quality today.

How was this dataset collected?

- · reviewrs added to DB
- then scraped

Where did it come from?

• offee Quality Institute's trained reviewers.

what format is it provided in?

• csv (Comma Separated Values)

what other information is in this repository?

• the code to scrape

Get raw url for the dataset click on the raw button on the <u>csv page</u>, then copy the url. a screenshot from github of the data file page with the raw button circled in pink

We'll save that url as a variable to work with it.

```
data_url = 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jldbc/coffee-quality-
database/master/data/robusta_data_cleaned.csv'
```

We will use a library called Pandas

```
import pandas as pd
# import library and give it an alias (nickname) pd
```

```
pd.read_csv(data_url)
```

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12	13	Robusta	andrew hetzel	India	sethuraman estates	NaN	
13	14	Robusta	kasozi coffee farmers association	Uganda	kasozi coffee farmers	NaN	
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19	20	Robusta	mannya coffee project	Uganda	mannya coffee project	NaN	ma c pr
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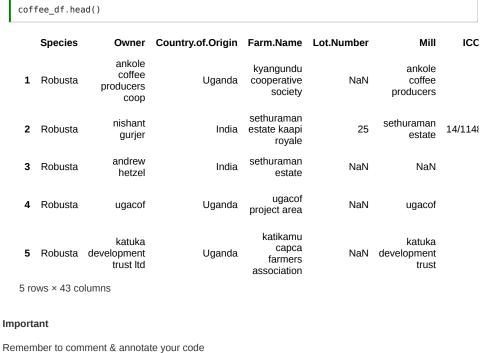
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27	28	Robusta	cafe politico	Vietnam	NaN	NaN	

28 rows × 44 columns

Try it yourself

Read the data in again, but with the index correct and save it to a variable.

Once we read it in, we van view the first 5 rows with the head method.



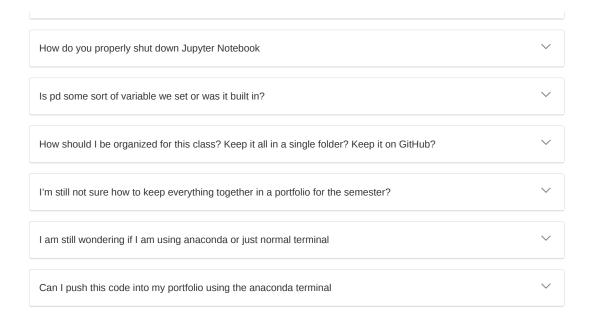
Important

3.6. Follow Up questions

3.6.1. General Questions



3.6.2. Clarifying



3.6.3. Grading Questions

How do we keep track of which achievements we've earned?	~
I don't really have many questions from today, but I was wondering if office hours were posted.	~
Will we always submit homework through the portfolio folder in github?	~
I'm just confused as how to view my feedback from the assignment	~

3.6.4. Questions we'll answer later this week

- does each column have a number assigned to it in data frames?
- Can other data types be imported into a notebook and edited the same way as .csv files?

3.7. Try it yourself

- How could you check if pd is built in or if we defined it?
- If we wanted to see more than 5 rows when printing the head of the dataset how would we do so?

1. Portfolio Setup, Data Science, and Python

Due: 2020-09-12

1.1. Objective & Evaluation

This assignment is an opportunity to earn level 2 achievements for the process and python and confirm that you have all of your tools setup, including your portfolio.

1.2. To Do



If you have trouble, check the GitHub FAQ on the left before e-mailing

```
```{warning}
If you have trouble with the (*)d steps, don't worry, we can help work around these later. To help us out, document the errors as bugs on your repository.
```
```

Your task is to:

- 1. Install required software from the Tools & Resource page
- 2. Create your portfolio, by accepting the assignment
- 3. Learn about your portfolio from the README file on your repository.
- 4. edit _config.yml to set your name as author and change the logo if you wish
- Fill in about/index.md with information about yourself(not evaluated, but useful) and your own definition of data science (graded for level 1 process)
- 6. (*) Install some additional python packages with: pip install pip install -r requirements.txt (this is a python operation, so use anaconda prompt on Windows, if the pip version doesn't work, try it with conda: conda install --file requirements.txt) form inside the portfolio folder
- 7. (*) Configure precommit to help keep your repo clean with pre-commit install. If this step doesn't work, see the portfolio README under "Using your Jupyter Book Portfolio"
- 8. Add a Jupyter notebook called grading.ipynb to the about folder and write a function that computes a grade for this course, with the following docstring. Include:
 - o a Markdown cell with a heading
 - your function called compute grade
 - three calls to your function that verify it returns the correct value for different number of badges that produce at three different letter grades.
 - a basic function that uses conditionals in python will earn level 1 python
 - to earn level 2 python use pythonic code to write a loop that tests your function's correctness, by iterating
 over a list or dictionary. Remember you will have many chances to earn level 2 achievement in python
- 9. Add the line file: about/grading in your _toc.yml file.

1 Important

remember to add, commit, and push your changes so we can see them

```
Computes a grade for CSC/DSP310 from numbers of achievements at each level

Parameters:
........

num_level1: int
    number of level 1 achievements earned
num_level2: int
    number of level 2 achievements earned
num_level3: int
    number of level 3 achievements earned

Returns:
......
letter_grade: string
    letter grade with possible modifier (+/-)
'''
```

Here are some sample tests you could run to confirm that your function works correctly:

```
assert compute_grade(15,15,15) == 'A'
assert compute_grade(15,15,13) == 'A-'
assert compute_grade(15,14,14) == 'B-'
assert compute_grade(14,14,14) == 'C-'
assert compute_grade(4,3,1) == 'D'
assert compute_grade(15,15,6) == 'B+'
```

1.3. Submission Instructions

Create a Jupyter Notebook with your function in your portfolio folder commit and push the changes.

Note

If you get stuck on any of this after accepting the assignment and creating a repository, you can create an issue on your repository, describing what you're stuck on and tag us:

@rhodypro4dg/fall21instructors

To do this click Issues at the top, the green "New Issue" button and then type away.

4

🛕 Warning

your function can have a different name than compute_grade, but make sure it's your function name, with those parameter values in your tests.

Note

when the value of the expression after assert is True, it will look like nothing happened. assert is used for testing In your browser, view the gh-pages branch to see your compiled submission, as portfolio.pdf or by viewing your website.

There will be a pull request on your repository that is made by GitHub classroom, <u>request a review</u> from @rhodypro4dg/fall21instructors.

Portfolio Dates and Key Facts

```
NameError Traceback (most recent call last)

/tmp/ipykernel_1712/311973014.py in <module>
5
6 rubric_df = pd.concat([rubric_df,
---> 7 assignment_dummies,
8 portfolio_dummies],axis=1)

9

NameError: name 'assignment_dummies' is not defined
```

This section of the site has a set of portfolio prompts and this page has instructions for portfolio submissions.

Starting in week 3 it is recommended that you spend some time each week working on items for your portfolio, that way when it's time to submit you only have a little bit to add before submission. The portfolio is your only chance to earn Level 3 achievements, however, if you have not earned a level 2 for any of the skills in a given check, you could earn level 2 then instead. The prompts provide a starting point, but remember that to earn achievements, you'll be evaluated by the rubric. You can see the full rubric for all portfolios in the syllabus. Your portfolio is also an opportunity to be creative, explore things, and answer your own questions that we haven't answered in class to dig deeper on the topics we're covering. Use the feedback you get on assignments to inspire your portfolio.

Each submission should include an introduction and a number of 'chapters'. The grade will be based on both that you demonstrate skills through your chapters that are inspired by the prompts and that your summary demonstrates that you *know* you learned the skills. See the <u>formatting tips</u> for advice on how to structure files.

On each chapter(for a file) of your portfolio, you should identify which skills by their keyword, you are applying.

You can view a (fake) example in this repository as a pdf or as a rendered website

Current

Check 1

The first portfolio check will be due October 15

```
NameError Traceback (most recent call last)
/tmp/ipykernel_1712/2819809228.py in <module>
----> 1 portfolio_df[portfolio_df['P1']==1]
NameError: name 'portfolio_df' is not defined
```

Upcoming Checks

Check 2: November 12 Check 3: December 5 Check 4: December 20

Formatting Tips



This is all based on you having accepted the portfolio assignment on github and having a cloned copy of the template. If you are not enrolled or the initial assignment has not been issued, you can view the template on GitHub

Your portfolio is a jupyter book. This means a few things:

- it uses myst markdown
- · it will run and compile Jupyter notebooks

This page will cover a few basic tips.

Organization

The summary of for the part or whole submission, should match the skills to the chapters. Which prompt you're addressing is not important, the prompts are a *starting point* not the end goal of your portfolio.

Data Files

Also note that for your portfolio to build, you will have to:

- · include the data files in the repository and use a relative path OR
- · load via url

using a full local path(eg that starts with ///file:) will not work and will render your portfolio unreadable.

Structure of plain markdown

Use a heading like this:

```
# Heading of page
## Heading 2
### Heading 3
```

in the file and it will appear in the sidebar.

You can also make text *italic* or **bold** with either *asterics* or __underscores__ with _one for italic_ or **two for bold** in either case

File Naming

It is best practice to name files without spaces. Each chapter or file should have a descriptive file name (with_no_spaces) and descriptive title for it.

Syncing markdown and ipynb files

If you have the precommit hook working, git will call a script and convert your notebook files from the ipynb format (which is json like) to Myst Markdown, which is more plain text with some header information. The markdown format works better with version control, largely because it doesn't contain the outputs.

If you don't get the precommit hook working, but you do get jupytext installed, you can set each file to sync.

Adding annotations with formatting or margin notes

You can either install jupytext and convert locally or upload /push a notebook to your repository and let GitHub convert. Then edit the .md file with a <u>text editor</u> of your choice. You can run by uploading if you don't have jupytext installed, or locally if you have installed jupytext or jupyterbook.

In your .md file use backticks to mark special content blocks

```
'``{note}
Here is a note!
'``
```

```
'``{warning}
Here is a warning!

'``{tip}
Here is a tip!

'``{margin}
Here is a margin note!

...
```

For a complete list of options, see the sphinx-book-theme documentation.

Links

Markdown syntax for links

```
[text to show](path/or/url)
```

Configurations

Things like the menus and links at the top are controlled as <u>settings</u>, in <u>_config.yml</u>. The following are some things that you might change in your configuration file.

Show errors and continue

To show errors and continue running the rest, add the following to your configuration file:

```
# Execution settings
execute:
allow_errors : true
```

Using additional packages

You'll have to add any additional packages you use (beyond pandas and seaborn) to the requirements.txt file in your portfolio.

FAQ

This section will grow as questions are asked and new content is introduced to the site. You can submit questions:

- via e-mail to Dr. Brown (brownsarahm) or Beibhinn (beibhinn)
- · via Prismia.chat during class
- by creating an issue

Syllabus FAQ

How much does assignment x, class participation, or a portfolio check weigh in my grade?

Can I submit this assignment late if ...?

Git and GitHub FAQ



Common Debugging Issues



Glossary

qit

a version control tool; it's a fully open source and always free tool, that can be hosted by anyone or used without a host, locally only.

GitHub

a hosting service for git repositories

interpreter

the translator from human readable python code to something the computer can run. An interpreted language means you can work with python interactively

kerne

in the jupyter environment, $\underline{\text{the kernel}}$ is a language specific computational

pep 8

Python Enhancement Proposal 8, the Style Guide for Python Code

repository

a project folder with tracking information in it in the form of a .git file

TraceBack

an error message in python that traces back from the line of code that had caused the exception back through all of the functions that called other functions to reach that line. This is sometimes call tracing back through the stack

General Tips and Resources

This section is for materials that are not specific to this course, but are likely useful. They are not generally required readings or installs, but are options or advice I provide frequently.

on email

• how to e-mail professors

How to Study in this class

This is a programming intensive course and it's about data science. This course is designed to help you learn how to program for data science and in the process build general skills in programming and using data to understand the world. Learning two things at once is more complex. In this page, I break down how I expect learning to work for this class.



Remember the goal is to avoid this:

Why this way?

Learning to program requires iterative practice. It does not require memorizing all of the specific commands, but instead learning the basic patterns.

Using reference materials frequently is a built in part of programming, most languages have built in help as a part of the language for this reason.

1 Where are your help tools?

In Python and Jupyter notebooks, what help tools do you have?

A new book that might be of interest if you find programming classes hard is the Programmers Brain As of 2020-09-07, it is available for free by clicking on chapters at that linked table of contents section.

Learning in class

Important

My goal is to use class time so that you can be successful with *minimal frustration* while working outside of class time.

Programming requires both practical skills and abstract concepts. During class time, we will cover the practical aspects and introduce the basic concepts. You will get to see the basic practical details and real examples of debugging during class sessions. Learning to debug something you've never encountered before and setting up your programming environment, for example, are *high frustration* activities, when you're learning, because you don't know what you don't know. On the other hand, diving deeper into options and more complex applications of what you have already seen in class, while challenging, is something I'm confident that you can all be successful at with minimal frustration once you've seen basic ideas in class. My goal is that you can repeat the patterns and processes we use in class outside of class to complete assignments, while acknowledging that you will definitely have to look things up and read documentation outside of class.

Each class will open with some time to review what was covered in the last session before adding new material.

To get the most out of class sessions, you should have a laptop with you. During class you should be following along with Dr. Brown, typing and running the same code. You'll answer questions on Prismia chat, when you do so, you should try running necessary code to answer those questions. If you encounter errors, share them via prismia chat so that we can see and help you.

After class

After class, you should practice with the concepts introduced.

This means reviewing the notes: both yours from class and the annotated notes posted to the course website. When you review the notes, you should be adding comments on tricky aspects of the code and narrative text between code blocks in markdown cells. While you review your notes and the annotated course notes, you should also read the documentation for new modules, libraries, or functions introduced that day.

In the annotated notes, there will often be extra questions or ideas on how to extend and practice the concepts. Try these out.

If you find anything hard to understand or unclear, write it down to bring to class the next day.

Assignments

In assignments, you will be asked to practice with specific concepts at an intermediate level. Assignments will apply the concepts from class with minimal extensions. You will probably need to use help funcitons and read documentation to complete assignments, but mostly to look up things you saw in class and make minor variations. Most of what you need for assignments will be in the class notes, which is another reason to read them after class.

Portfolios

In portfolios, your goal is to extend and apply the concepts taught in class and practiced in assignments to solve more realistic problms. You may also reflect on your learning in order to demonstrate deep understanding. These will require significant reading beyond what we cover in class.

Getting Help with Programming

Asking Questions



One of my favorite resources that describes how to ask good questions is this blog post by Julia Evans, a developer who writes comics about the things she learns in the course of her work and publisher of wizard zines.

Describing what you have so far

Stackoverflow is a common place for programmers to post and answer questions. As such, they have written a good guide on creating a minimal, reproducible example.

Creating a minimal reproducible example may even help you debug your own code, but if it does not, it will definitely make it easier for another person to understand what you have, what your goal is, and what's working.

Understanding Errors

Error messages from the compiler are not always straight forward.

The <u>TraceBack</u> can be a really long list of errors that seem like they are not even from your code. It will trace back to all of the places that the error occurred. It is often about how you called the functions from a library, but the compiler cannot tell that.

To understand what the traceback is, how to read one, and common examples, see this post on Real Python.

One thing to try, is <u>friendly traceback</u> a python package that is designed to make that error message text more clear and help you figure out what to do next.

References on Python

Course Text

Cheatsheet

Patterns and examples of how to use common tips in class

Axes

First build a small dataset that's just enough to display

data = [[1,0],[5,4],[1,4]]

df.apply(sum,axis=1)

0 1 1 9 2 5 dtype: int64

```
df = pd.DataFrame(data = data,
    columns = ['A', 'B'])

df

A B

0 1 0

1 5 4

2 1 4

df.sum(axis=0)

A 7

B 8

dtype: int64

df.sum(axis=1)

0 1

1 9

2 5

dtype: int64

df.apply(sum,axis=0)

A 7

B 8

dtype: int64
```

```
df['A'][1]
```

| 5 |
|---------------|
| df.iloc[0][1] |
| Θ |

Data Sources

- UCI Data Repository
- Json Datasets
- <u>Databases</u>
- Google Dataset Search
- <u>Kaggle</u>
- <u>Tidy Tuesday</u> inside the folder for each year there is a README file with list of the datasets. There is an R package to download the data programmatically, but you can also get the the .csv file directly.

If you have others please share by creating a pull request or issue on this repo (from the GitHub logo at the top right, suggest edit).

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