

# Advanced Python for Economists, Part II

*A short course for the US-ITC*

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It's great to be back!

# What'd we cover in October?

- Numerical optimization – theory and application in Python
- Solving dynamic programming problems
- Just in time compilation
- Computation on the GPU
- Parallel processing
- Handling big data (file I/O, efficient data types, parallellizing compute)
- Parameter processing and validation

# What's left?

- Best practices for sparse matrices
- Version control systems
- Workflow: text editors, using the command line, code formatting
- Unit testing
- Continuous integration
- Using virtual environments
- Documenting software

Where can you find materials

All course materials are in the GitHub repository for  
the course:

<https://github.com/OpenRG/US-ITC>

# Daily Schedule

- Thursday, January 16
  - 9:00am-noon: Best practices with sparse matrices
  - noon-1:30pm: Lunch
  - 1:30-3:30pm: Applying sparse data methods
  - 3:30-4:30pm: Version control
  - 4:30-5:30pm: Office hour
- Friday, January 17
  - 9:00-10:30am: Workflow basics
  - 10:30-noon: Unit testing, CI, virtual environments
  - noon-1:30pm: Lunch
  - 1:30-2:30: Documentation

ALSO: Office hours next week, 1-3pm on Thursday, Jan 23.