

Effective Programming Practices for Economists

Basic Python

Running Python code via pytask

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Preparation

- We assume you have installed anaconda and created the course environment
- Open a shell in the root directory of your project
 - On Windows, use the anaconda prompt or the powershell
 - If conda is not recognized in the powershell, check out this [stackoverflow post](#)
- Activate the environment using `conda activate epp`
- Confirm the activation worked using `conda info`

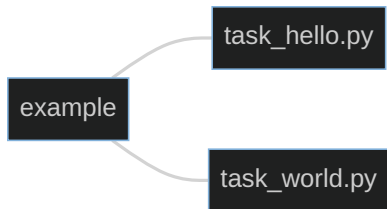
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How does pytask execute code?

- Executing .py files: Run the entire file
- Executing notebooks: Run individual cells
- Pytask: Run individual functions in multiple .py files

Very useful for automating research pipelines

Example Project Structure



- Our shell is in the `example` directory
- We want to run all functions that start with `task_` in both `.py` files
- Command is `pytask`

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