Effective Programming Practices for Economists

Basic Python
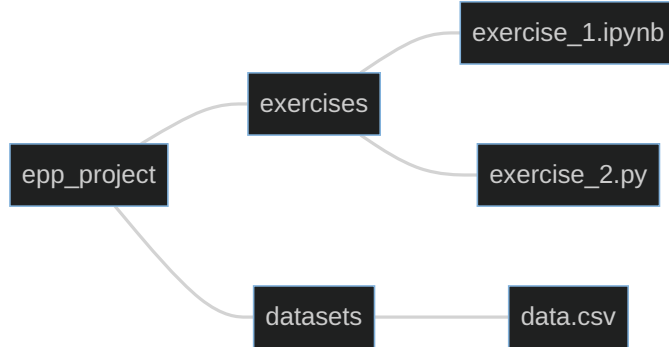
Executing ".py"-files from VS Code

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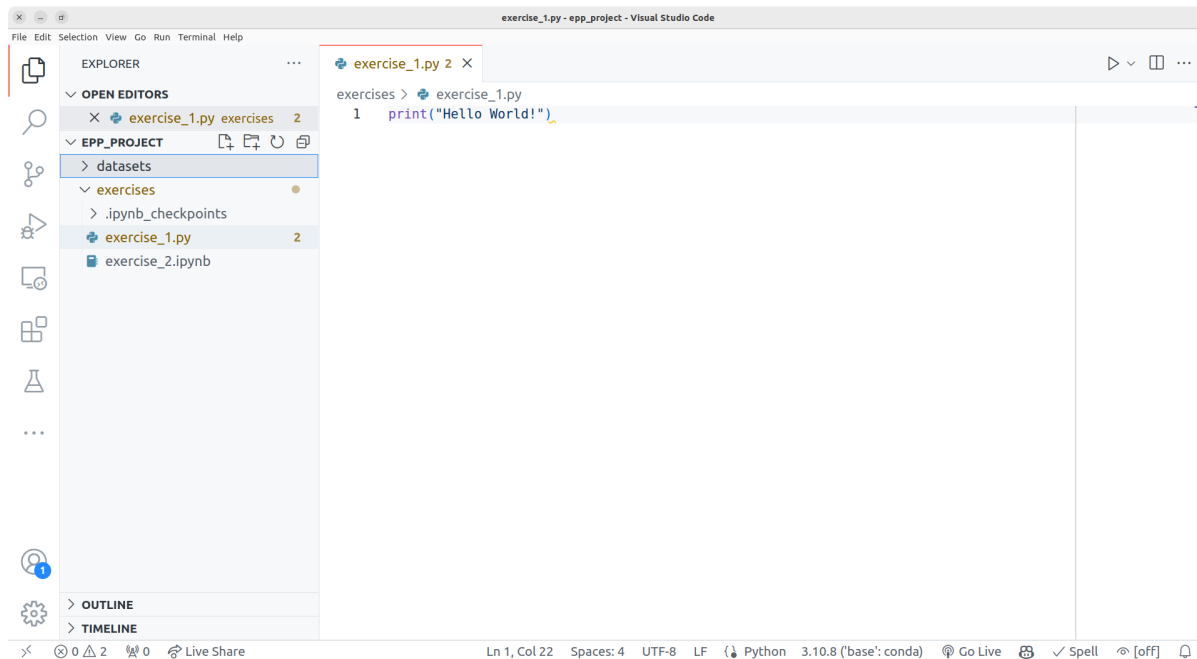# Preparation

We assume you have:

- Installed anaconda and created the course environment
- Installed VS Code with all relevant Python extensions
- Opened the root directory of your project in VS Code
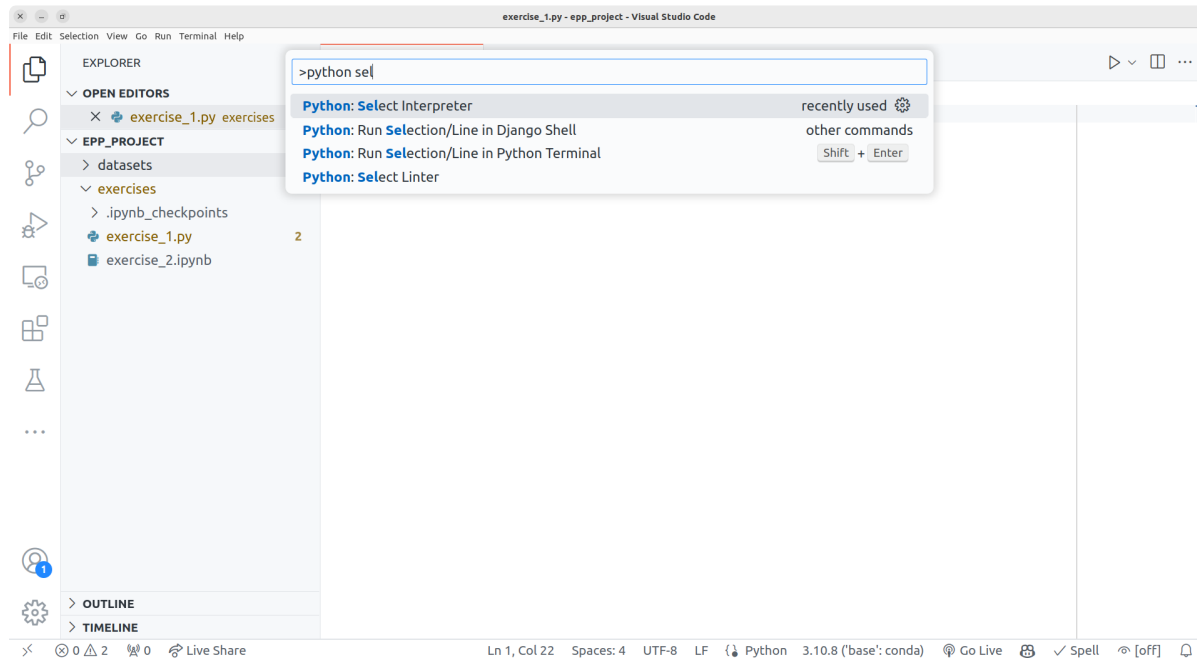
Example project structure

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                                    ┌──────────────────┐
                          ┌─────────│ exercise_1.ipynb │
              ┌───────────┐         └──────────────────┘
         ┌────│ exercises │
         │    └───────────┘         ┌──────────────────┐
┌─────────────┐         └──────────│ exercise_2.py    │
│ epp_project │                     └──────────────────┘
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         └────│ datasets  │─────────│ data.csv         │
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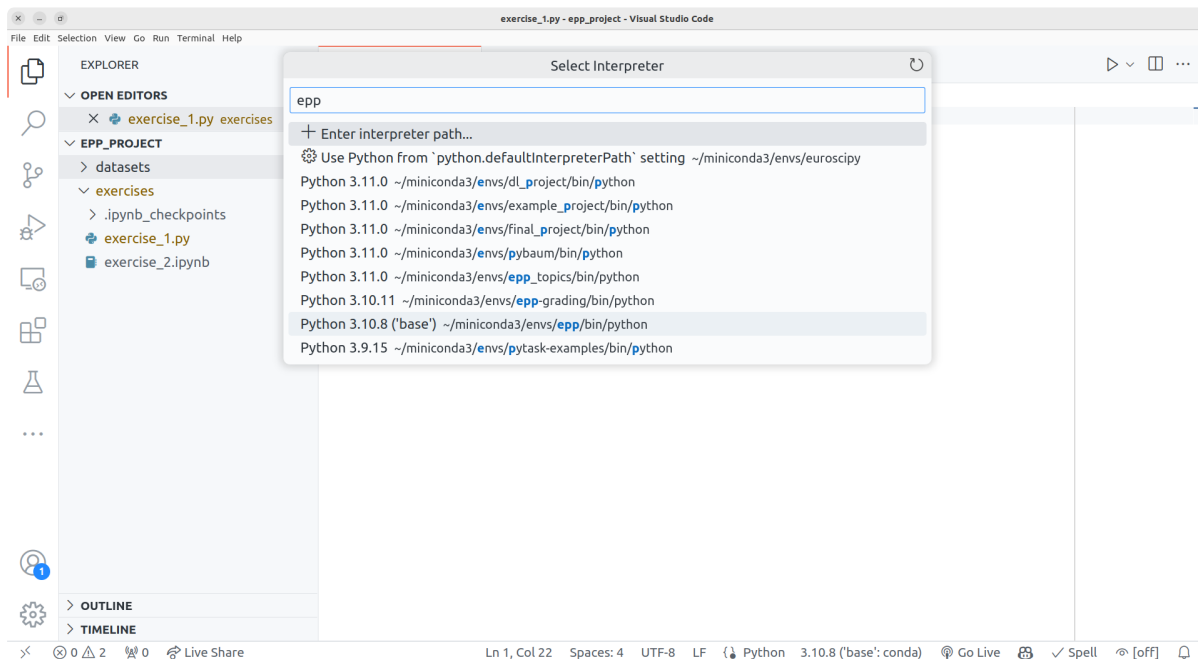- We want to run `exercise_1.py` in VS Code

1. Open the file

2. Command palette (ctrl + shift + p)

3. Select the epp environment

4. Run the file