Starting Python on Mac OS

To start Python on Mac OS use the following instructions:
1. Start a terminal. See the previous section for instructions.
2. Type the command 'pythonversion' followed by the Enter key to see the currently installed version of Python.
3. If this shows you that you have Python 3 (for instance 3.8, 3.9 or 3.10), you have Python installed and it is the correct version. Congratulations.
4. If this shows Python 2 (for instance 2.7), you have an older version of Python installed. Try it again, but use the command 'python3version'. If this works, you do have Python 3 installed. Just use 'python3' to start Python and to run scripts.
If you cannot start Python or only have Python 2 installed, follow the instructions in the section 'Installing Python on Mac OS', below.
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