Introduction

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Programming for Scientists

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Who am I

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This course

- Meets: Today + Next two mondays (9h00 to 18h00)
- Office Hours: luis@luispedro.org
- Course Website: http://luispedro.org/projects/pfs-09-2012

Homework



- There will be a homework assignment between the two sessions
- You can do it on your own, in pairs, in groups, or not at all
- If you do turn it in, I will give you feedback
- Similarly, if you have questions during the week, I will take the time to address them in class

Course Overview



What this course is

- No prior knowledge is assumed
- Introduction to programming using Python
- Topics of interest to scientific programming

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What this course is not

- A very advanced programming course
- A bioinformatics course
- Applied to specific topics (e.g., NGS analysis)

Things I Left Off



- Version control & collaboration
- Unix: shell, processes, getting command line arguments
- Software engineering or even most of software carpentry
- Network programming/database interaction
- A lot of detail on the things I did leave in

If there is interest, we can organise a follow-up course in early 2013.

Schedule



Subject to changes

	Day I	Day II
9h00-10h20	·	HW Review/In-class Quiz
10h30-11h30	Numpy. matplotlib	Open Source Software
11h40-12h25	Guided exercises	Unit tests
Break		
14h00-15h20	Python III	Python IV
15h30-16h30	File parsing	Guided exercises
16h40-18h00	Numeric issues	Review. Learn more

Software



Python

- On Windows: Python(x,y)
- On Mac OS X: EPD or homebrew/macports
- On Linux: Just use your package manager

Class starts here.