

PYTHON PLAYGROUND

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https://github.com/epfl-exts/PythonPlaygroundMorning

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HANDS-ON DATA WORKSHOPS PYTHON PLAYGROUND

Beginner skill level workshop 26 + 27 May 2018

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Welcome

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- The key thing is to have a go!
- Work together, talk to each other and help each other
- Have fun!

Our aim today is to run some computer programs in Python, understanding what the program is doing This morning we will learn some of the language associated with computer programming and apply this to some graphics activities

This afternoon we will create some plots and analyse some data sets

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"You don't have to be an expert in coding ..., but having the ability to think the way these experts do will help you tremendously." Bill Gates



Timetable for today

Morning session

09:00	Introduction to computer programming, Python and file management
	Drawing with graphics package
	Editing files with Atom
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	Image manipulation
	Quick review
12:30	Lunch break

Afternoon session

13:30	Data analysis Introduction
	Walk through data analysis, create some plots
	Data sets to investigate
15:00	Coffee Break
15:30.	Data analysis and maps
16: 30	Review
17: 00	End of day



Inspiration from origami

- Following the same instructions produces the same result
- Instructions need to be clear, concise and easy to understand
- The language is relevant to the activity
- There is a clear end point



Make your own origami crane!

Begin with a square piece of paper - ideally one side coloured and the other plain. Place the coloured side face up on the table. In all diagrams, the shaded part represents the coloured side.

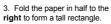
1. Fold diagonally to form a triangle. Be sure the points line up. Use your thumbnai to make all creases very

Now unfold the paper

2. Now fold the paper diagonally in the opposite direction, forming a new



Unfold the paper and turn it over so the white side is up. The dotted lines in the diagram are creases you have already made





Unfold the paper.

4. Fold the paper in half. bringing the bottom up to the top and form a wide rectangle.

Unfold the rectangle, but

don't flatten it out. Your

dotted lines in the figure

paper will have the creases shown by the

on the right.



5. Bring all four corners of the paper together

one at a time. This will fold the paper into the flat square shown on the right. This square all four corners of the also has two flaps on the right and two flaps on the left.

6. Lift the upper right flap, and fold in the

7. Lift the upper left flap and fold in the direction of the arrow Crease along the line

8. Lift the paper at point d (in the upper right diagram) and fold down into the triangle



Crease along the line b-



Undo the three folds you just made (steps 6, 7, and 8), and your paper will have the crease lines shown on the right



Think of this as opening a crane's beak. Open it up and back to line b-c where the beak would hinge. Crease the line bc inside the "beak"

Press on points b and c to reverse the folds along trick is to get the paper to lie flat in the long on the right. At first it will seem impossible but

10. - 13. Turn the paper over. Repeat Steps 6 to 9 on this side. When you have finished, your paper will look like

two "legs" at the bottom

14. - 15. Taper the diamond at its legs by folding the top layer of each side in the direction of the arrows along lines a-f and a-e so that they meet at the center line.

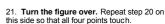
16. - 17. Flip the paper over. Repeat steps 14 and 15 on this side to complete the tapering of the two legs.

18. The figure on the Lift the right upper flap in the direction of the arrow - as if turning the page of a book. This is called a "book fold."

Flip the entire piece over

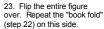
19. Repeat this "book fold" (step 18) on this side. Be sure to fold over only the upper flap

20. Now imagine this image is what you would see if you were looking straight down, at the top of a crane's head The two points at the top of the picture are the back of the crane's head, and its pointy beak is at the bottom Open the upper layer of the beak at point a, and crease tip of the beak touches the



22. Your paper should look like this image on the right. Next another "book

fold." Lift the top layer on the right (at point f), and fold it in the direction of the arrow to the middle. Be sure to crease the fold.



24. - 25. There are two points, a and b, below the upper flap. Pull out each arrows, as far as the dotted lines. Press down along the base (at points x and y) to make them stay in place.



26. Take the end of one of the points, and bend it down to make the head of the crane. Using your thumbnail, reverse and pinch it to form the beak. The other point becomes the tail

Open the body by blowing into the hole crane, and then gently pulling out the wings.

Why not use a black and red cravon or marker and give your origami crane the features of a Whooping Crane?









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Computers and modern life

Algorithms are sets of instructions

Much like instructions how to fold a piece of paper to make an origami bird or a recipe to make a cake

Algorithms control our modern lives eg:

- Instagram, Facebook News Feed
- Netflix recommendation system
- Amazon product ranking
- TripAdvisor Popularity Ranking algorithm
- Mortgage calculators



Computer programming

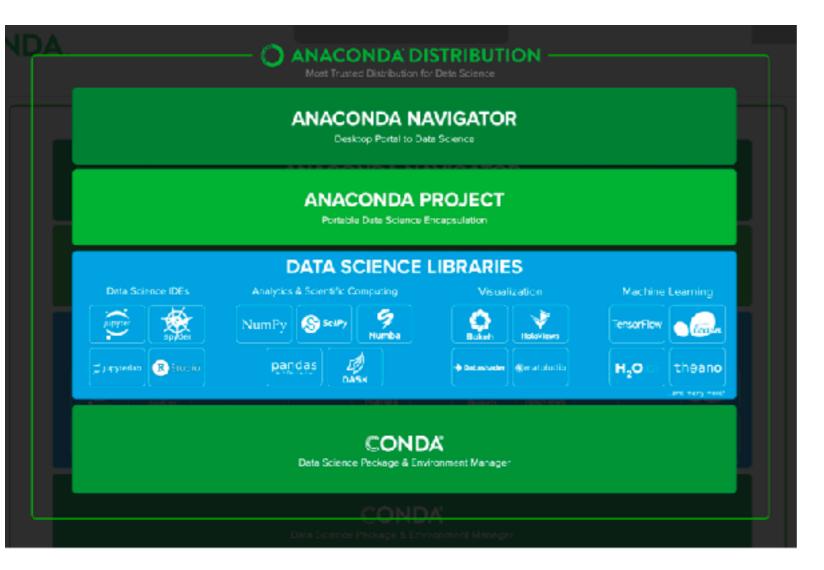
Computer programming is essentially problem solving and involves a number of steps

- Understanding the problem
- Thinking creatively about a solution
- Expressing the solution clearly by writing an algorithm

Python is one of many computer languages in which you can write your algorithm It is fairly easy to read, quick to learn, and is a good choice for many tasks



Anaconda



https://www.anaconda.com/what-is-anaconda/

Anaconda Navigator is a desktop graphical user interface that allows us to launch applications and easily manage packages

We will be using a number of data science libraries including Pandas and Matplotlib. Libraries contain code, which is not application specific, that you can use and reuse to save time and effort carrying out common tasks

Jupyter notebooks is an integrated development environment (IDE), perfect for developing code in Python.

Conda is a data science package and environment manager, allowing us to easily install the packages we want to use.



Text Editing

A text editor is used to write and edit plain text when developing computer code

There are important differences between plain text(created and edited by text editors) and rich text (such as those created by word processors or desktop publishing software)

- Plain text exclusively consists of character representation
- Rich text, on the other hand, may contain character formatting data that you cannot see, but may cause problems if you try to run the text as a python program

Atom is a free and open-source text and source code editor for macOS, Linux, and Microsoft Windows. We recommend using Atom today.



https://atom.io/



Github

Github is a website and service It allows people to easily share as well as work collaboratively on code

A repository is a location where all the files for a particular project are stored Each project has its own repository, and you can access it with a unique web address (URL)

Git is an open-source version control system, which means that whilst developers are making changes to their code the version control system keeps the revisions in order, making it easy to collaborate on a project

Today we will use Github just to share files, so that you can download everything you need for the various activities



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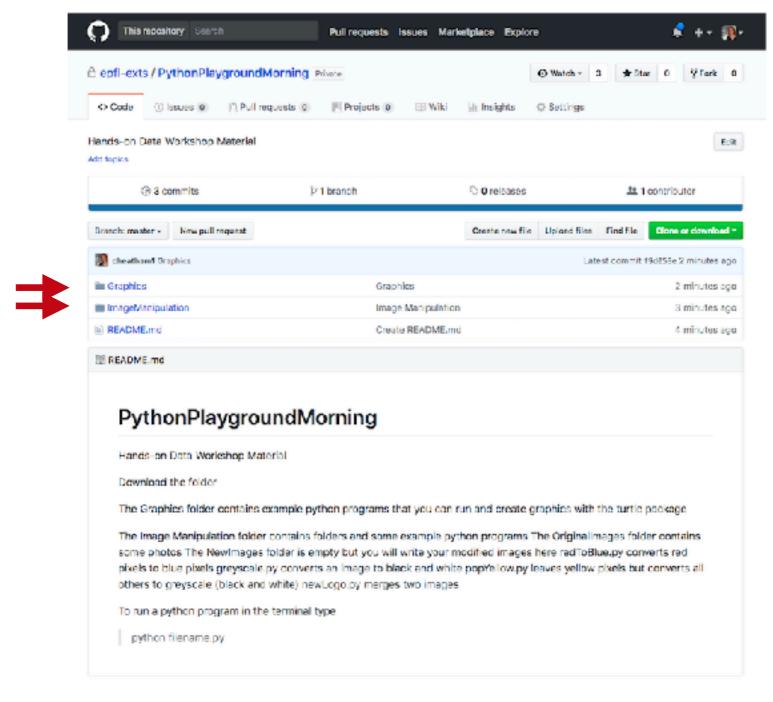


Download files



Files in Github

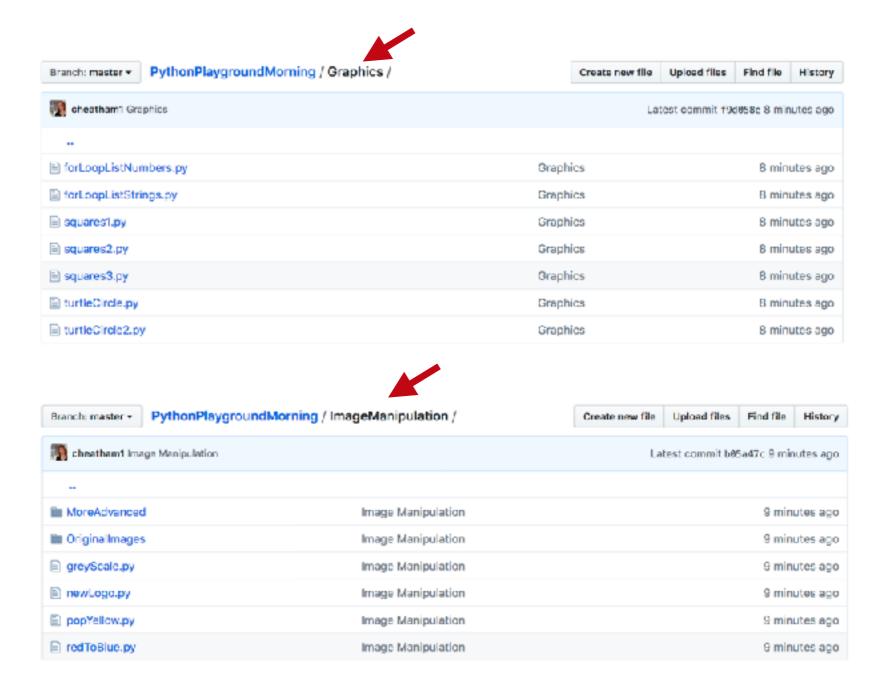
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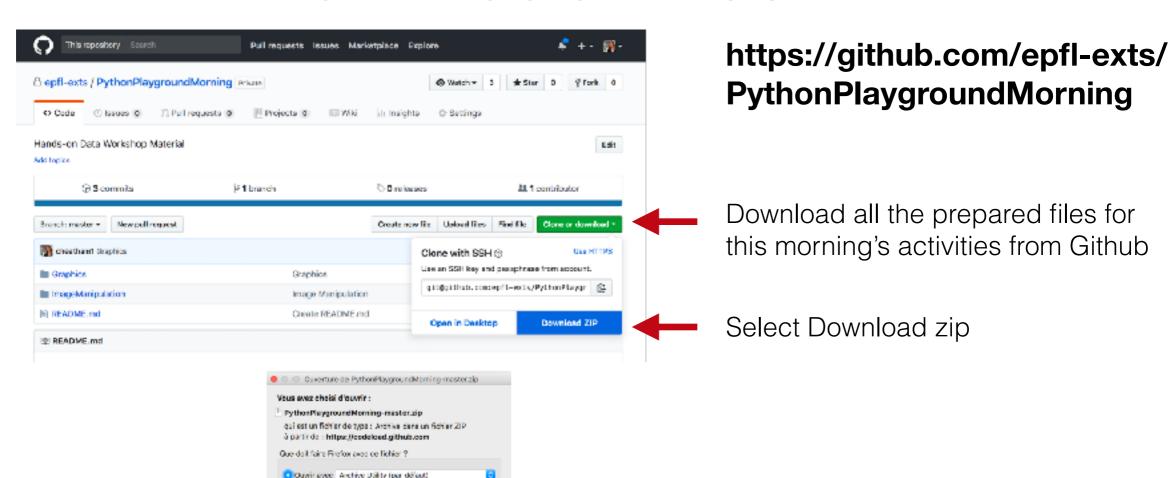
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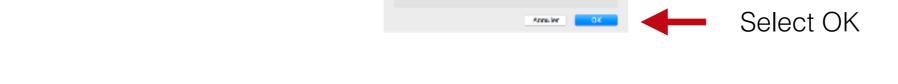


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Step 2



Emegistrer le fichier

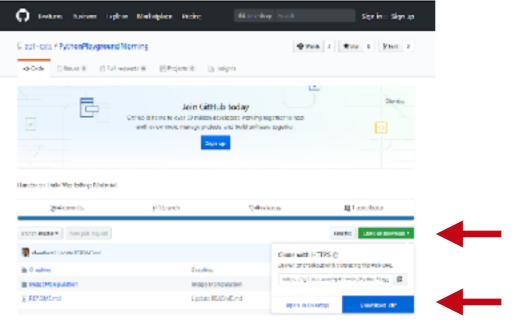
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Step 3 Drag your PythonPlaygroudMorning folder from Downloads onto your Desktop



Download Files

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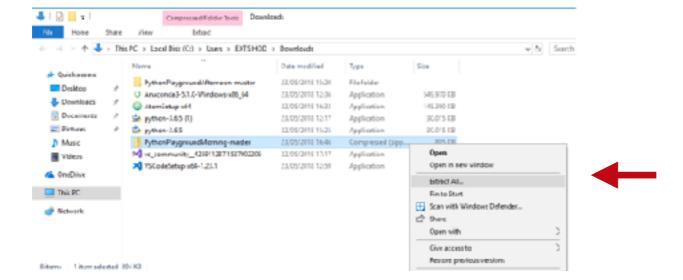


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Download all the prepared files for this morning's activities from Github

Select Download ZIP
Then Save and Open folder

Step 2



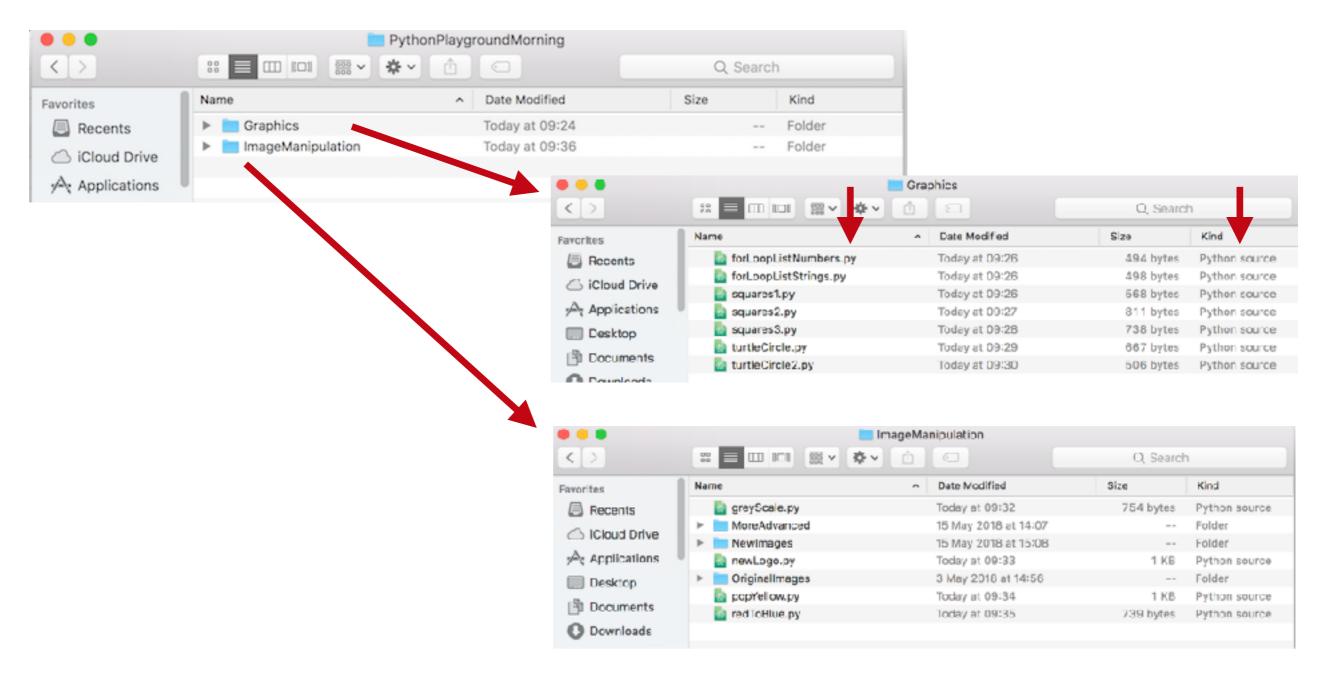
The downloaded folder will be called PythonPlaygroundMorning-master This is compressed(zipped) Right click on file and 'Extract All' then Extract

Step 3 Drag your PythonPlaygroudMorning-master folder from Downloads onto your Desktop and rename it PythonPlaygroudMorning



Folders and Files

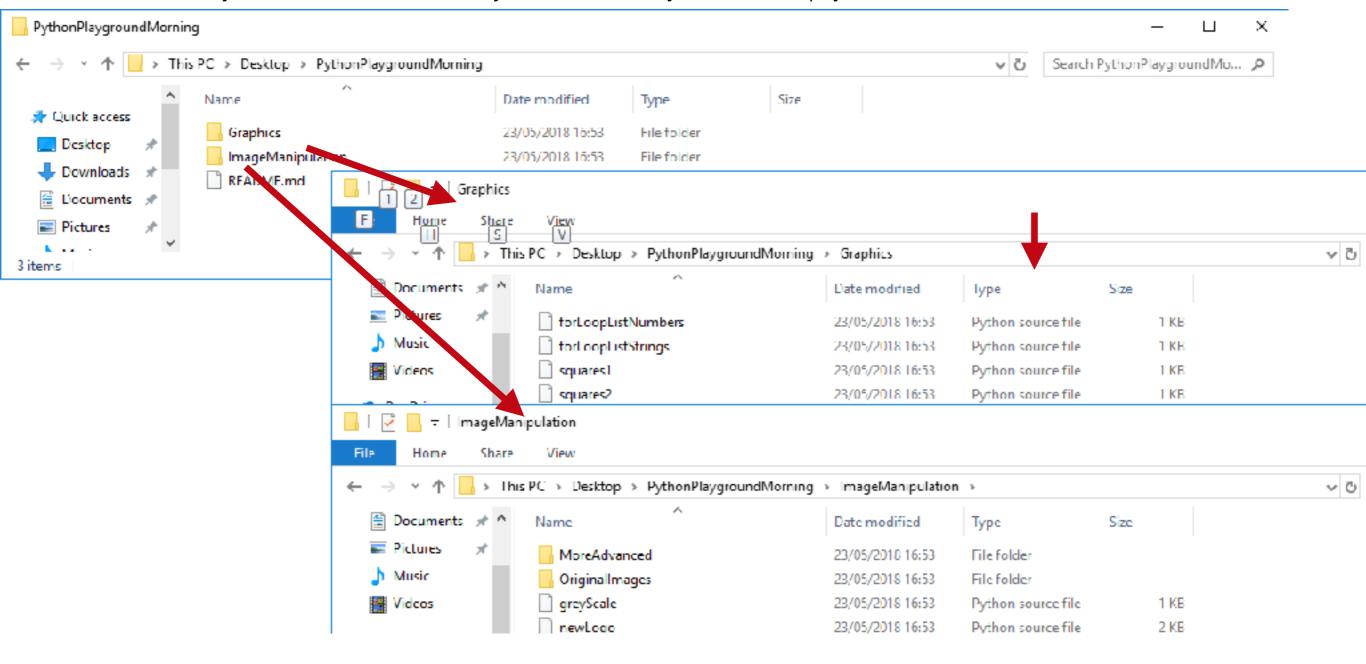
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Running Python



There are a number of ways you can run Python We will start this morning using the **Terminal**, also known as a **shell**

Click on the **search icon** at top right of your screen





Type **Terminal** and select (double click) to open a terminal window



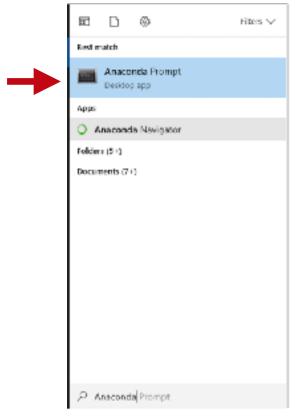




Click on the **search icon** at bottom left of your screen



Type Anaconda Prompt (not Anaconda Navigator). Select to open the Anaconda Command Prompt



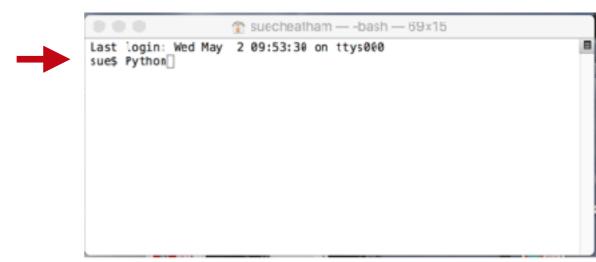




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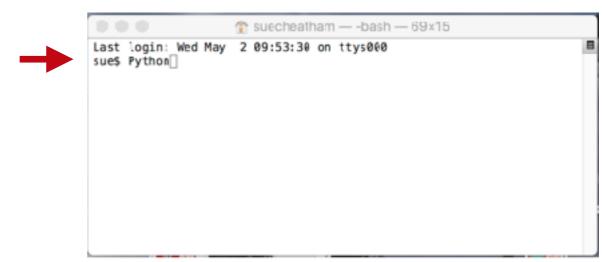
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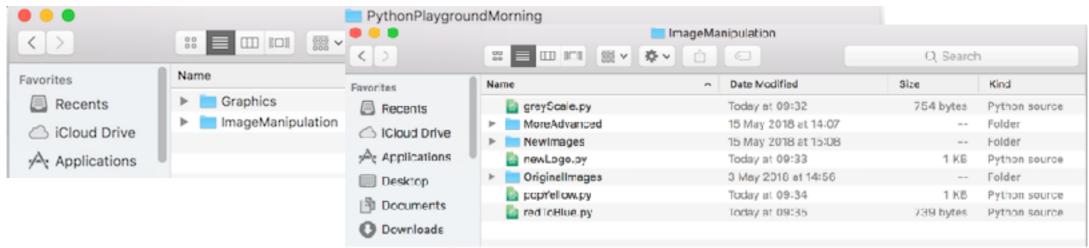
```
>>> print('hello')
hello
>>> print(1+1)
2
```

To stop running, or exit, Python:

MAC: type 'exit()' or press the control button and 'd' (at the same time)
WINDOWS: type 'exit()' or press the control button and 'z' then press return



Moving around folders



A directory is a logical section of a file system used to hold files. Directories may also contain other directories. The cd command can be used to change into a subdirectory, move back into the parent directory, move all the way back to the root directory or move to any given directory.

Assuming you are in the home directory, you can move to the PythonPlaygroundMorning folder on the Desktop \$cd Desktop/PythonPlaygroundMorning

List the files to see the Graphics and ImageManipulation folders **\$1s**

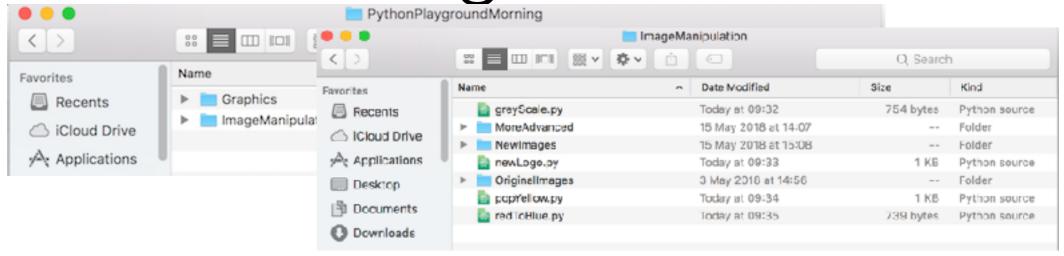
Then move to the ImageManipulation folders Again list the contents to see files eg redToBlue.py and other folders eg OriginalImages

To move back up to the PythonPlaygroundMorning type **\$cd ../**

To find out what folder you are in, your present working directory, type **\$pwd**



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How to run a Python program

You need to run a file from the same folder, or directory, that your file is in

Step 1:

Move to your PythonPlaygroundMorning folder (cd = change directory)

MAC \$cd Desktop/PythonPlaygroundMorning/Graphics WINDOWS >cd Desktop\PythonPlaygroundMorning\Graphics

NB direction slashes!!

Step 2:

Check your files are in the directory as expected (Is = list, dir = directory)
MAC \$ ls

WINDOWS > dir

Step 3:

At the prompt type

Python myFirstPython.py



How to edit a Python program

You can use a text editor eg Atom

Search for and Launch Atom



Select Project
Desktop
PythonPlaygroundMorning
Graphics

Select File myFirstPython.py

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        myFirstPython.py~
        aquares1.py
        squares2.py
         squares3.py
                                               number icecreams = 2
                                               grecting = 'hello'
         turtleCircle2.py
         turtleGraphics.py
         □ turtleGraphics.py~
```

The **file extension** (.py) indicates that it is a python file

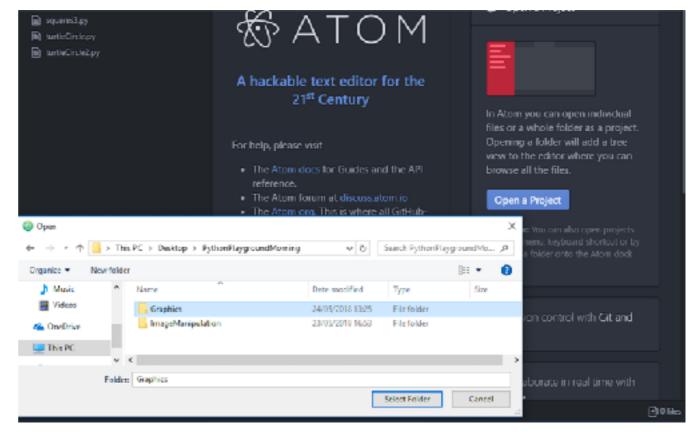
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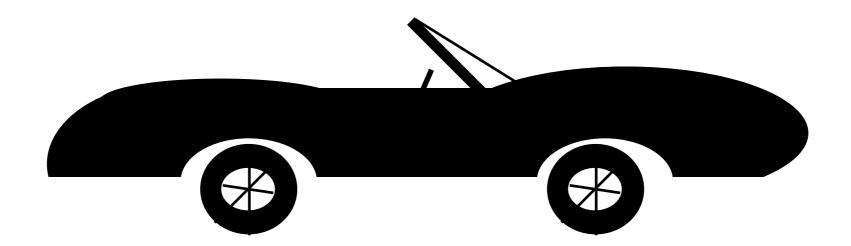
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Quick status check

We know how to run Python - either at the prompt or in a program And how to edit and save a file using the Atom text editor

Let's now learn a bit more about Python





Simple Python concepts

Let's start with just considering two types of data: numbers and strings

```
x = 2
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z = 'hello'
```

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At the prompt in your terminal/ Anaconda prompt window, type

Now three more things to type in but...

Before you hit return, think. What do you expect the answer to be??

```
>>>X+y
>>>X+Z
>>>X
```



Variable names

You don't have to use single letters as variable names, more meaningful names are often better

```
>>>number_icecreams = 2
>>>greeting = 'hello'
>>>print(greeting, 'I would like ', number_icecreams, 'icecreams')
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hello I would like 2 icecreams
What happens if I write
>>>print(Greeting, ' I would like ', numberIcecreams, 'icecreams')
0r
>>>print(greeting_"I would like ", number_icecreams, "icecreams")
ie
The case is different
                                     What do you expect the answer to be??
Spelling is different
Single/ double quotes
```



Let's eat grandma.

There are some rules to be followed when writing Python. Careful of spellings and punctuation, same as any language!

We already know quite some syntax...



Let's eat, grandma.

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What do we already know?

- Two types of data are strings and numbers, which can be assigned to a variable using an equal sign
- Python is case sensitive
- Print statements use brackets to enclose the output
- Print statements use single or double quotes for strings
- Commas separate variables in print statements



Turtle Graphics

Turtle is a graphics package. It can get us started using the few things we have learned. You give instructions to a turtle, that moves around, drawing lines.

import turtle
myScreen = turtle.Screen()
myTurtle = turtle.Turtle()
myTurtle.forward(100)
myTurtle.right(90)
myTurtle.forward(100)

- Copy and paste instructions to the terminal window prompt, or run turtleGraphics.py
- Complete the instructions for myTurtle, so she draws a square.
- Change the square sides from 100 units to 200
- Make the turtle draw a triangle
- Now make the turtle draw a hexagon
- Can you draw a circle?



Circle

A circle is essentially lots of straight lines at different angles all joined together. So we could write

```
myTurtle.forward(10)
myTurtle.right(36)
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This is known as a for loop

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turtleCircle.py



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Is the same as

```
for x in range (0,10):
    myTurtle.forward(20)
    myTurtle.right(36)
```

For loops are used when you have a block of code which you want to repeat a fixed number of times. The Python for statement iterates over the members of a sequence in order, executing the block each time.

You don't have to start from zero, but the default is zero.

NOTE: The line / block of code to be repeated needs to be indented by 4 spaces



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These for loops iterate 10 times, from **0 to 9**Use a print statement to check what is going on

```
for x in range (0,10):
    print(x)
```



We don't have to loop over range of numbers We can loop over a list of numbers or strings

```
# List of numbers
penwidths = [5,10,15,20]

# Loop over list of numbers
for penwidth in penwidths:
    mockTurtle.pensize(penwidth)
    mockTurtle.forward(100)
    mockTurtle.left(90)
```

```
# list of strings
colors = ['blue', 'green', 'hotpink']

# Loop over list of strings
for color in colors:
    mockTurtle.pencolor(color)
    mockTurtle.forward(100)
    mockTurtle.left(120)
```

What do you expect the two pieces of code to do??

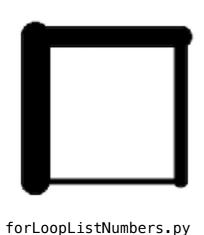
Type in the code and run



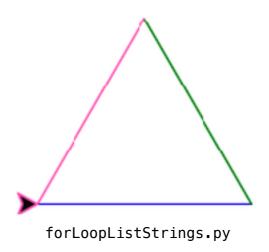
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Bugs

Your programs are likely to have errors from time to time Maybe just a misspelling, or perhaps a hick-up in the logic

Debugging is the process of finding the issue and correcting it

Don't worry, it's normal
But it can be frustrating
Just learn from the process and try not to make the same mistake too many times

Read the error message With time you will understand what the error message is trying to tell you It's not always obvious at the start Copy and paste the error message into your favourite search engine if necessary!

Use your favourite browser to search for ideas on how to solve your problem Stackoverflow is a large online community for developers to learn and share their programming issues and knowledge. You are likely to find that someone has already suffered the same problem as you and you will be able to find a solution to your issue, or at least some ideas on what to try

https://stackoverflow.com/



Hands-on Graphics

In the Graphics folder there are a number of files MAC> ls WINDOWS> dir

Read them. See if you can work out what they will draw Then run them python filename.py

Now write your own code - or modify an existing file

It is a good idea for the last line of your code to be myScreen.exitonclick()

The graphics window then stays open until you click on it. Otherwise the window disappears when program has completed and gives you no time to admire your work!

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Documentation What can turtle do?

The turtle has three attributes: a location, an orientation (or direction), and a pen The pen, too, has attributes: color, width, and on/off state

The turtle moves with commands that are relative to its own position

Try out these commands and work out what they do

forward() fillcolor() backward() heading() right() position() left() goto(x,y)begin_fill() penup() pendown() end_fill() dot() up() down() stamp() color() shape()

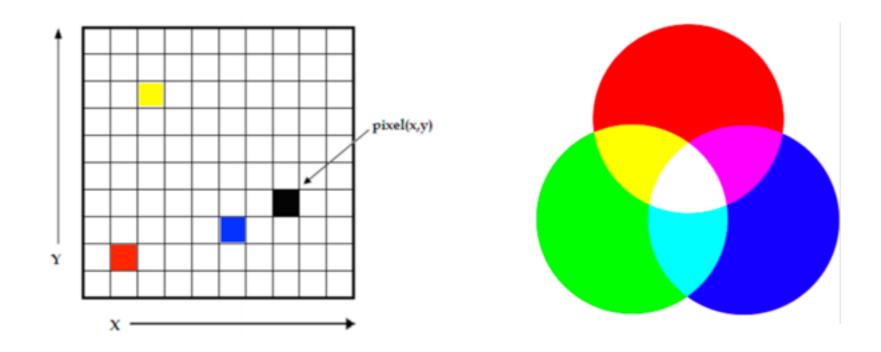
https://docs.python.org/3.3/library/turtle.html



After coffee break



A digital image is a two-dimensional array of pixels. Each pixel is characterised by its (x, y) coordinates



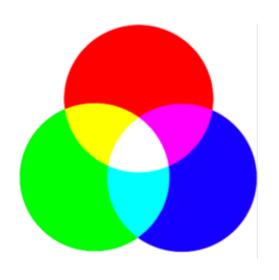
Digital color images contain information regards the color for each pixel Red, Green, Blue (RGB) is normally used The relative mix of RGB determines the color we see



RGB colors

The information for each color is stored in 1 Byte = 8 bits The maximum number 11111111 (binary) = 255 (decimal)

Color	Red	Green	Blue	
White	255	255	255	
Black	0	0	0	
Red	255	0	0	
Green	0	255	0	
Blue	0	0	255	
Magenta	255	0	255	
Yellow	255	255	0	

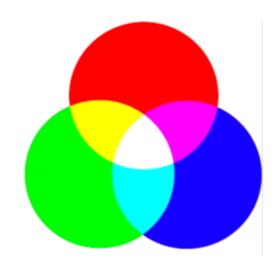




RGB colors

We have a scale of 0-255 to describe each colour, so we have quite a range of colors! We can change the values and get different shades

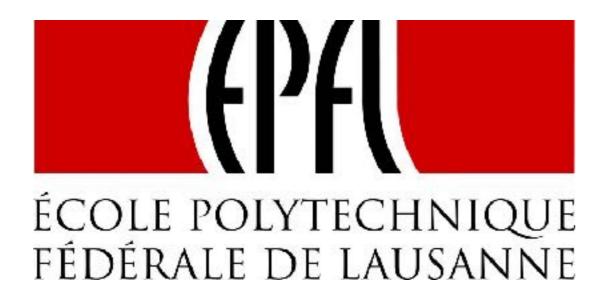
Color	Red	Green	Blue	
Green	0	255	0	
Green	0	200	0	
Green	100	200	50	
Green	150	200	180	
Red	240	200	180	
Red	240	100	180	



The color with the highest value essentially defines the color (palette) of the pixel



I want to convert the EPFL logo from red to blue What do I do?

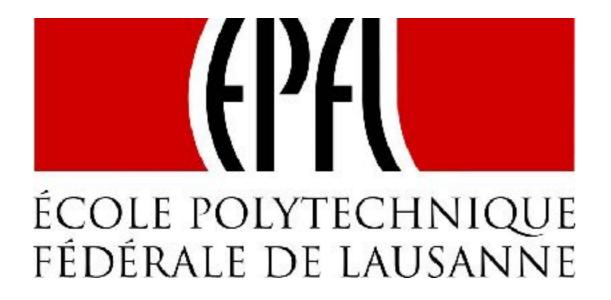




I want to convert the EPFL logo from red to blue

Look at the red, green, blue color values of each pixel

If the pixel is red, change it to blue How do I check if the pixel is red?





I want to convert the EPFL logo from red to blue

Look at the red, green, blue color values of each pixel

If red > blue and red > green Change pixel to blue



redToBlue.py

```
# Open file and load image
image = Image.open('OriginalImages/EPFLlogo.jpg')
pixels = image.load()
# Get width and height of image
width, height = image.size
# Loop over range of numbers: width and height of image
for x in range(width):
    for y in range(height):
        # Get the values of rgb for each pixel
        red, green, blue = image.getpixel((x, y))
        # Check if red dominant
        if (red > blue and red > green):
            # Set pixel color values: Red = 0 Green = 0 Blue = 255
            pixels[x, y] = (0, 0, 255)
# Save new image in NewImages folder
image.save('NewImages/BlueLogo.jpg')
```



Black and White

Notice that when the RGB values are equal to each other, then we have different shades of grey

Color	Red	Green	Blue	
White	200	255	255	
Grey	200	200	200	
Grey	100	100	100	
Grey	50	50	50	
Black	0	0	0	

I want to convert a color photograph to black and white What do I do?



Black and White

I want to convert a color photograph to black and white

Loop over all the pixels Set the RGB values to be equal.

To maintain the differences in light and dark, set the pixel to the average of the RGB value

```
# loop over all pixels
for x in range(width):
    for y in range(height):

    # get the values of rgb for each pixel
    red, green, blue = image.getpixel((x, y))

# calculate the average for each pixel
    avg = (red + blue + green)/3

# set pixel to grey
    pixels[x, y] = (avg, avg, avg)
```



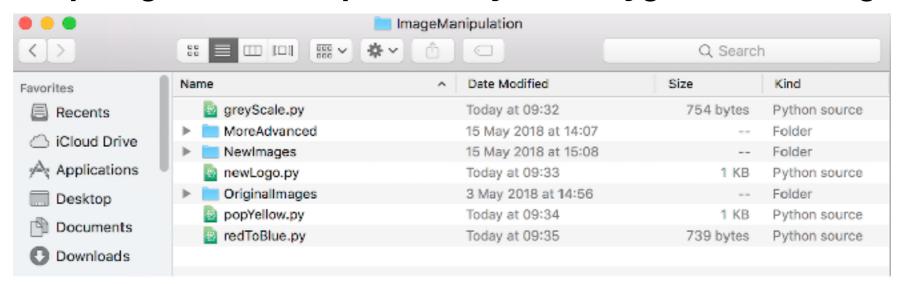


greyScale.py



Image Manipulation Files

https://github.com/epfl-exts/PythonPlaygroundMorning



Our images that we will work with are in the folder OriginalImages Take a look

Our manipulated images will be written to the folder Newlmages So look in this folder after you have run one of the python programs



Python libraries

A Python library is a collection of functions and methods that allows you to perform lots of actions without writing your own code. You need to import the library before you can use it

Turtle is a graphics package and an excellent way to start programming in python We used the turtle package in our code import turtle

Pillow is a friendly version of the Python Imaging Library(PIL). We will use pillow when we are working with images.

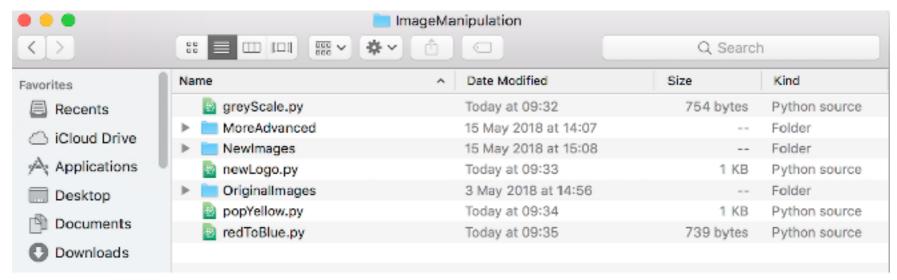
There are a variety of python libraries for data analysis. We will use just a few **Pandas** provides easy-to-use data structures and data analysis tools for Python **Numpy** is very useful for scientific computing **SciPy** is another library of algorithms and mathematical tools **Matplotlib** is a numerical plotting library **Folium** is great for map visualisations

The most popular libraries are already installed in Anaconda. We just have to import them in our code. However, we will use two specialised libraries that we need to install ourselves. We will do this using conda to manage our installations. In a Terminal or Anaconda Prompt window

conda install Pillow conda install folium



Image Manipulation Files



Move to the Graphics folder - change directory MAC \$ cd ../ImageManipulation WINDOWS > cd..\ImageManipulation

NB space or lack of

List the files in that directory MAC \$ ls WINDOWS > dir

If you do not have a folder called NewImages, create one (mkdir = make directory)
> mkdir NewImages

Run one of the downloaded programs > python filename.py



More image manipulation



popYellow.py



newLogo.py

Take a look at the code and try to understand each step Predict what you think will happen Run the code

Make changes to the code Use your own images See what you can do!



Summary so far

Algorithms are sets of instructions that detail exactly what steps the computer needs to execute

Python is a computer programming language that can be used for a variety of tasks We have used Python for graphics and image manipulation We have created code in Python and run our code in the terminal

Python:

- is case sensitive
- data types include **strings** and **numbers**, which can be assigned to a variable using an equal sign
- print statements use brackets to enclose the output
- print statements use single or double quotes for strings
- Commas are used to separate variables in print statements
- for loops are used when you have a block of code which you want to repeat a fixed number of times
- for loops can iterate over a range of numbers and lists of strings or numbers
- code in for loops is indented
- If statements allow us to test if something is true or false and then act accordingly
- the symbols for basic mathematics are + * / =
- comments are added to make the code more understandable. The '#' sign indicates a comment

Things don't always work first time. Error messages help us fix bugs in our code.

Python cheat sheet



Variables, numbers and strings Assign a number or string to a variable

number = 1000 message = "origami cranes"

Print a number, string and variables

print(2)
print("Hello World")
print(number, message, "bring eternal good luck")

For loop allows code to be repeated. Default starts at zero

for x in range(10): print(x)

Nested for loop

for x in range(width):
 for y in range(height):
 print(x,y)

Lists store a series of items. Use square brackets to define a list, use commas to separate individual items in the list List of numbers or strings

penwidths = [5,10,15,20] colors = ['blue','green','hotpink']

Get an item from the list. Counting starts at zero

first_color = colors[0] third_color = colors[2]

Slicing a list. Use listname[start: end]

first_two = penwidths[:2] middle_two = penwidths[1:4]

Loop through a list

for color in colors: print[color]

If statements are used to test for particular condition

if (red>blue):
 print('red greater than blue')

if (red > blue and red > green):
 print('red dominant')

If-else statements specify different code to run if statement true or false

red_limit = 200
if red > red_limit:
 print('red greater than limit')
else:
 print('red less than limit')

Running python

Python can be run at the prompt.
Three arrows indicate python is running python
>>>print(1+1)

Run a python program at the command line (prompt) python myProgram.py

Basic maths

+-/*=

Comments in the code start with '#'. These do not run but explain what the code is doing

https://wiki.python.org/moin/BeginnersGuide



Jupyter notebooks

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Step1

Launch Anaconda

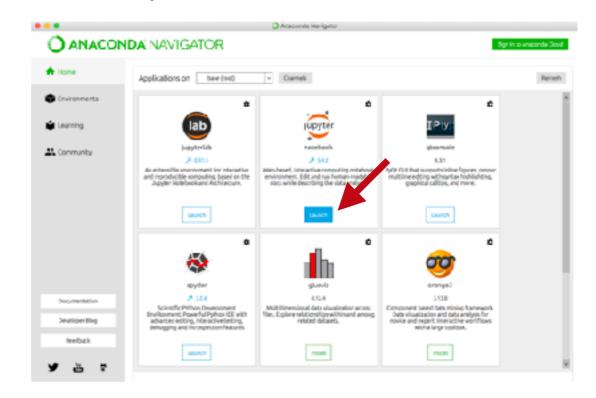
Step 2

Then Launch Jupiter notebook

This opens a window in your browser

Step 3

Select 'new'

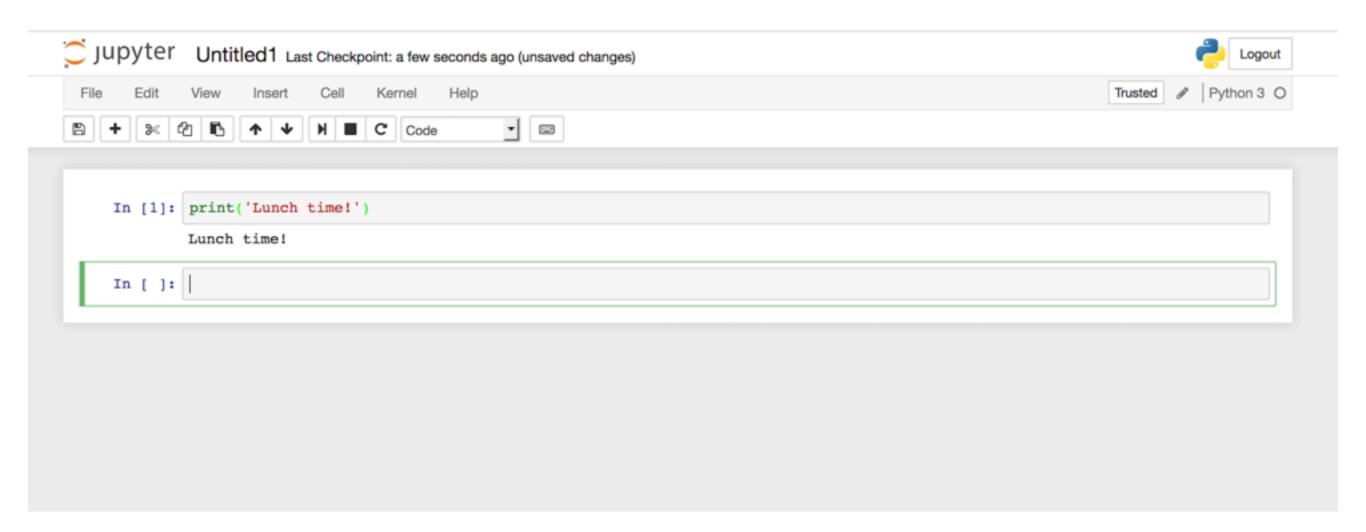






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