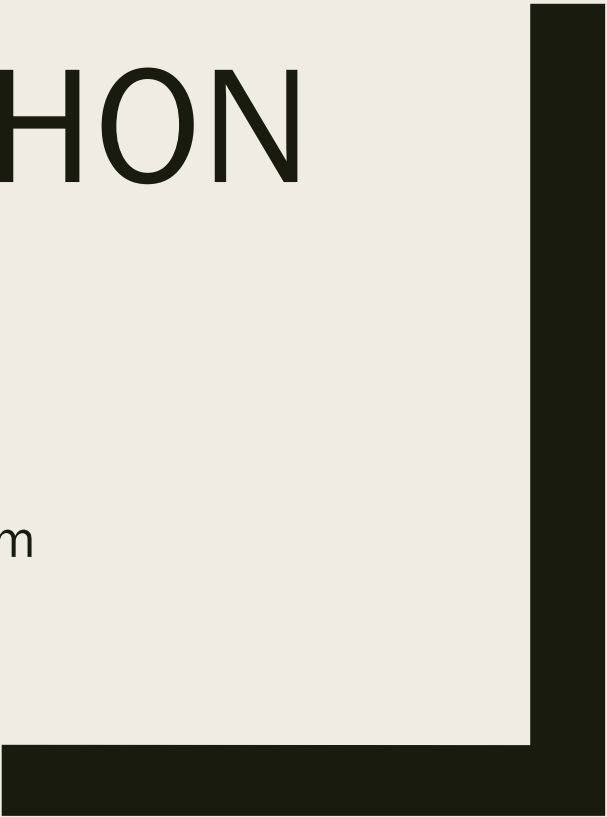




LEARNING PYTHON IN 2019

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My background in data

- PhD in Italian Literature
- Saltire Fellowship and Entrepreneurship
- Librarianship
- Learned to write “Hello World!” in a multitude of languages
- ‘Business analysis’ in Excel

Automating the Boring Stuff

- My first Python programme
- The limits of Excel
- Working with a large text dataset
- Finding a way to communicate

Learning Python in 2019

The Good

- It's everywhere!
- A welcoming community
- YouTube, Udemy, Coursera

The Bad

- It's everywhere!
- Gatekeeping
- Copy & paste syndrome

My recent learning

- Statistics and Computing at the Open University
- Mathematics
- Algorithmic thinking
- Transferrable skills and overcoming impostor syndrome
- Using code creatively



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