



# Code Like a Snake Charmer

## Introduction to Python!

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Please silence  
cell phones



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# Agenda

- Introduction to Python
- Anaconda / IDEs
- Comments, Numbers and Strings
- Lists, Tuples and Dictionaries
- Pandas
- Control Flows
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Source: <https://www.python.org/community/logos/>

# Introduction to Python

## Why Python?

- Expansive Open Source Library of Data Science Tools (Giant Ecosystem)
- Easy language for new programmers
- Microsoft Support in tools like Azure Machine Learning, SQL Server 2017, Microsoft Machine Learning Server
- You can code on a Raspberry Pi (Who doesn't like Pi!)
- One of the most popular program languages (IEEE/GitHub ranked Python #3 in 2016)
- Interpreted language, saves you time, no compilation and linking is necessary



# Anaconda



Source: <http://www.anaconda.com>

Anaconda

<https://www.anaconda.com/download/>

Download the 64-bit Python 3.7 version (still can setup Python 2.7 environments)

## Python 3.7 version

Download

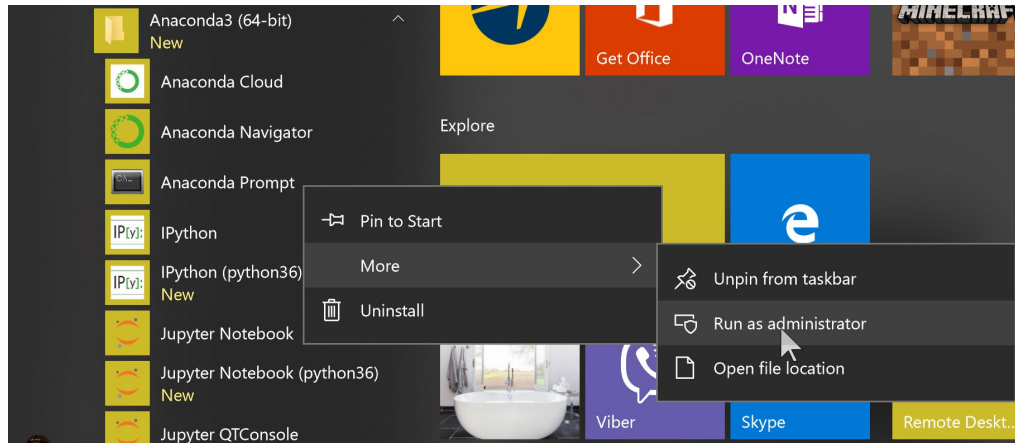
64-Bit Graphical Installer (614.3 MB)

32-Bit Graphical Installer (509.7 MB )

# Anaconda

## Conda

Open Source Package Management System and Environment Management System  
Launch the “Anaconda Prompt” as Administrator to Manage Anaconda Environment





# Anaconda

## Conda Commands

- Upgrade All Packages
  - `conda update --all`
- Setup New Environment (e.g. Python 3.6)
  1. `conda create --name python36 python=3.6`
  2. `activate python36`
  3. Install Packages (few examples below)
    1. `conda install seaborn`
    2. `conda install spyder`
    3. `conda install jupyter`
- Setup a Python 2.7 Environment: Use above steps and change 36 to 27 and 3.6 to 2.7

# Anaconda

## Conda Commands

- List Environments
  - `conda env list`
  - \* indicates active environment
- List Packages in Environment
  - `conda list`
- Remove an Environment
  - `conda env remove --name deleteme`
- Update Package
  - `conda update PACKAGENAME`

<https://conda.io/docs/downloads/conda-cheatsheet.pdf>

# Conda

Demo



# Python IDE

PyCharm

<https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/>

Spyder

Included in Anaconda Distribution

Visual Studio Code

<https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/languages/python>



# PyCharm



## PyCharm Shortcuts

<https://www.jetbrains.com/help/pycharm/2016.1/keyboard-shortcuts-you-cannot-miss.html>

<https://www.jetbrains.com/help/pycharm/keyboard-shortcuts-by-category.html>

- Run – **Alt+Shift+F10**
- Run Selection / Current Line – **Alt+Shift+E**
- Comment / Uncomment Code – **Ctrl+Slash** / **Ctl+Shift+Slash**
- Invoke Code Completion – **Ctl+Space**
- Indent / Un-indent (selection of code) – **Tab** / **Ctl+Tab**

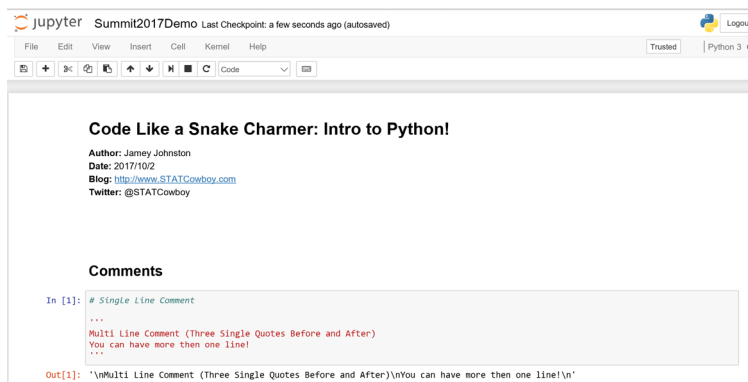
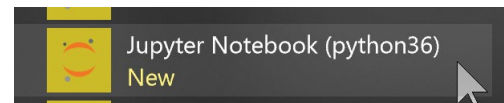
# Jupyter Notebooks



## Computer Code and Rich Text

<http://jupyter-notebook.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

- Activate desired environment first
- Then to Start a Notebook – `jupyter notebook`



# IDE / Tools

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# Comments

## Single Line Comment

# - Pound Sign/Hash is used for single line comments

```
# Single Line Comment
```

## Multi-Line Comment

''' - Three single-quotes before and after the comments

```
'''
```

```
Multi Line Comment (Three Single Quotes Before and After)
```

```
You can have more than one line!
```

```
'''
```



# Numbers

Operators "+, -, \* and /" as you would expect!

```
taxRate = 8.25 / 100
price = 100
tax = price * taxRate
finalPrice = price + tax
print('Tax: ${:,.2f}'.format(tax))
print('Final Price: ${:,.2f}'.format(finalPrice))
```

Tax: \$8.25

Final Price: \$108.25

# Strings

single quotes ('...') or double quotes ("...")

```
simpleString = 'This is a simple string!'
print(simpleString)
simpleStringDouble = "This is a simple string!"
print(simpleStringDouble)
This is a simple string!
This is a simple string!
```

# Strings

Escape with “\”

```
print('Isn\'t Pass Summit Awesome')  
Isn't Pass Summit Awesome
```

# Strings

## Span String Literals Multiple Lines

```
print("""\
Usage: magicSummitPass [OPTIONS]
    -h                        Display this usage message
    -S year                   Magically get me into Summit that year for free!
""")
```

# Strings

Repeat Strings with "\*" and Concatenate with "+"

```
espn = 3*'duh '+' (we still wish MJ was playing!) '+3*'duh '  
print(espn)
```

duh duh duh (we still wish MJ was playing!) duh duh duh

# Strings

## Slicing/Indices on Strings

Positive indexes start at 0 and Negative start with -1

```
passSummit = 'PASS Summit 2017'
```

+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+										
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# Strings

## Important Notes

Strings are Immutable (i.e. you can't change them)

`len()` – will return the length of the string

# Basics

Demo





# Lists

## Compound Data Type

Used to group values together.

Comma-separated values/items enclosed by square brackets.

List can contain different types of data but usually they contain the same types.

```
myList = [1,2,3,4]
```

# Lists

## Slice and Index List

```
myList[0]
```

```
myList[-3:] # slicing returns a new list
```

## Concatenate Lists

```
myNewList = myList + [5,6,7,9]
```

# Lists

List are mutable (you can change them!)

```
myNewList[7] = 8
```

Append to a List

```
myNewList.append(9)
```

# Lists

Replace a slice (even with a different size)

```
myNewList[2:4] = [1,1]
```

Length of list

```
len(myNewList)
```

# Tuples

## Number of Values Separated by Commas

```
t = 'PASS', 'Summit', '2017'
```

## Tuples may be Nested

```
nt = t, ('is', 'awesome', '!')
```

# Tuples

## Tuples are Immutable

```
t[2] = '2018' # Will throw an error!
```

# Dictionaries

## Unordered key/value pairs

```
yearBirth = {'jamey': 1974, 'melanie': 1975, 'jeanna': 1989, 'robyn': 1979}
```

## Delete item in Dictionary

```
del yearBirth['robyn']
```

# Dictionaries

## List Keys (unordered)

```
list(yearBirth.keys())
```

## List Keys (sorted/ordered)

```
sorted(yearBirth.keys())
```



# Pandas

## Series and DataFrame

Labeled Array Data Structures

Input/output Tools (CSV, Excel, ODBC)



<http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/10min.html>

# Pandas

## DataFrame

Import Pandas and Read CSV

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
baseball = pd.read_csv('baseball.csv', sep=',', encoding='UTF-8')
```

Print header of pandas DataFrame

```
baseball.head()
```

Print tail of pandas DataFrame

```
baseball.tail(3)
```



# Pandas

## DataFrame

Describe DataFrame

```
baseball.describe()
```

Sort by Column

```
baseball.sort_values(by='Attendance')
```

Select one Column

```
baseball[['Team']]
```



# Pandas

## DataFrame

Group By

```
baseballMean = baseball.groupby('Team').mean()  
print(baseballMean.sort_values(by='Attendance')[['Attendance']])
```

	Attendance
Team	
Royals	17597.812500
Phillies	20484.825000
Reds	23108.587500
Cubs	34575.037037



# Data Structure

Demo



# Control Flows

## Indentation

Indentation is used to indicate the scope of a block of code (like { ... } in other languages)

Blank lines do not affect indentation, Same as Comments on a line by themselves

Word of CAUTION: Turn OFF Tabs!!!

If you copy and paste from the internet you indentations will more than likely be Tabs!

Python cares a great deal about indentation! You will get "indentation errors" if not right.

# Control Flows

## Conditionals / Comparisons

PYTHON CODE	RESULT
==	Equal To
!=	Not Equal To
<	Less Than
<=	Less Than or Equal To
>	Greater Than or Equal To
>=	Not Equal To

# Control Flows

## if ... elif ... else

```
n = 5
m = 10
if n < 10 and m < 10:
    print('n and m are single digit numbers!')
elif n >= 10 and m < 10:
    print('n is a big number and m is a single digit number!')
elif n < 10 and m >= 10:
    print('n is a single digit number and m is a big number!')
else:
    print('n and m are big number!')
```



# Control Flows

## IN Operator on List

```
if 2 in [1, 2, 3, 4]:  
    print('Found it!')  
else:  
    print('Keep looking!')
```

# Control Flows

## for Loops

```
for i in [1, 2, 3, 4]:  
    print(i)
```

```
wordList = ['Jamey', 'Melanie', 'Stefanie', 'Robyn']  
for word in wordList:  
    print('Family member name:', word)
```

# Control Flows

## Range Function

```
r = range(5)
print(r)
for num in r:
    print(r[num])
```

# Control Flows

## Loop over two or more lists

```
questions = ['name', 'birth year', 'occupation']  
answers = ['Jamey Johnston', '1974', 'Data Scientist']  
for q, a in zip(questions, answers):  
    print('What is your {0}?  It is {1}.'.format(q, a))
```

# Control Flows

## Retrieve Key/Value of List in Loop, Sorted by Key

```
yearBirth = {'jamey': 1974, 'melanie': 1975, 'jeanna': 1989}  
for k, v in sorted(yearBirth.items()):  
    print(k, 'was born in the year ', v)
```

# Control Flows

## break, continue and else

```
for n in range(2, 10):  
    for x in range(2, n):  
        if n % x == 0:  
            print(n, 'equals', x, '*', n//x)  
            break  
        else:  
            # loop fell through without finding a factor  
            print(n, 'is a prime number')
```

<https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/controlflow.html#break-and-continue-statements-and-else-clauses-on-loops>

# Control Flows

## break and continue ... try and except

```
while True:
    txt = input('Enter number (integers only!):')
    try:
        integer = int(txt)
    except:
        print('Please enter integer only!')
        continue
    print('You entered the integer,', integer)
    break
print('Done!')
```

# Control Flows

## while Loops

```
num = 0
while num < 10:
    print(num)
    num = num+1
```



# Functions

## Simple Function

**# NOTE: non-default parameters must be first!**

```
def greetSummit(year, name=None):  
    if name is not None:  
        print('Welcome to PASS Summit ', year, ', ', name, '!', sep='')  
    else:  
        print('Welcome to PASS Summit ', year, '!', sep='')
```

```
greetSummit(2017)  
greetSummit(2017, 'Jamey')
```

# Control Flows

Demo



# Packages

## pip

PyPA recommended tool for installing Python packages

Some packages are not in the conda repository (e.g. latest tensorflow packages)

```
pip install --ignore-installed --upgrade tensorflow-gpu
```

## conda

Anaconda Distribution package manager (Use conda if using Anaconda)

```
conda install pyodbc
```

# Packages

## Import Module from Package

Import sys and show Python version/distribution

```
import sys  
sys.version
```

PYODBC/Pandas Example

```
import pyodbc  
import pandas.io.sql as psql
```

# Packages

## Popular Packages

PACKAGE	DETAILS
pandas	High performance, easy use data structures and analysis (DataFrames)
pyodbc	Open Source Python Module for ODBC data sources
matplotlib	2D Plotting library
scikit-learn	Simple tool for data mining and data analysis / statistics
numpy	N-dimensional arrays, linear algebra, random numbers
SciPy	Math, Stats, Science and Engineering package

# Packages

## Demo



# Python and Microsoft SQL Server 2017

## sp\_execute\_external\_script

Executes Python via T-SQL in MSSQL 2017

Install Machine Learning Services (In-Database)

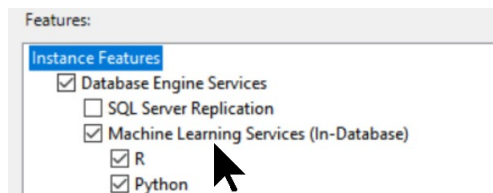
Anaconda Distribution installed with MLS

New [revoscalepy](#) library – scale and performance

Executes outside the SQL Server process

Data returned as a pandas data frame

Also, supports R



```
sp_execute_external_script
    @language = N'language' ,
    @script = N'script',

    @input_data_1 = ] 'input_data_1'
    [ , @input_data_1_name = ] N'input_data_1_name' ]
    [ , @output_data_1_name = 'output_data_1_name' ]
    [ , @parallel = 0 | 1 ]
    [ , @params = ] N'@parameter_name data_type [ OUT | OUTPUT ] [ ,...n ]'
    [ , @parameter1 = ] 'value1' [ OUT | OUTPUT ] [ ,...n ]
    [ WITH <execute_option> ]

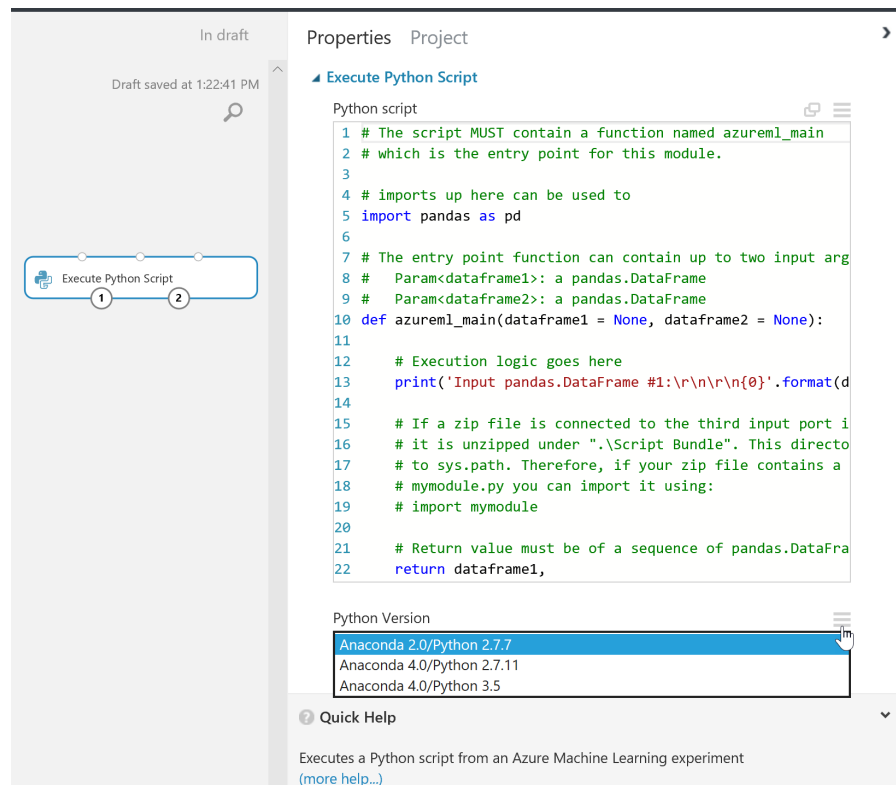
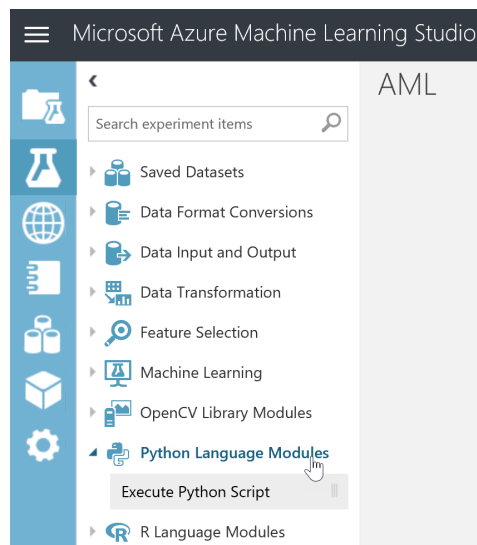
[;]

<execute_option>::=
{
    { RESULT SETS UNDEFINED }
    | { RESULT SETS NONE }
    | { RESULT SETS ( <result_sets_definition> ) }
}

<result_sets_definition> ::=
{
    (
        { column_name
          data_type
          [ COLLATE collation_name ]
          [ NULL | NOT NULL ] }
        [ ,...n ]
    )
    | AS OBJECT
      [ db_name . [ schema_name ] . | schema_name . ]
      {table_name | view_name | table_valued_function_name }
    | AS TYPE [ schema_name.]table_type_name
}
```

# Python and Azure Machine Learning

## Execute Python Script





# MS & Python

Demo



# Data Science

Demo



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<https://docs.python.org/3/reference/introduction.html>

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