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# **SWC PyStarters - Introduction to scientific programming in Python.**

November 25-26, 10am-4pm Brasserie Seminar Room, SWC



## Schedule

- Monday AM Installing Python (Adam)
- Monday PM Introduction to Python (Steve)
- Tuesday AM Software carpentry (Maxime)
- Tuesday PM Advanced Python (Joaquin)

#### Popularity

- Most popular language for data science a
- Fastest-growing major language

#### Free and open source

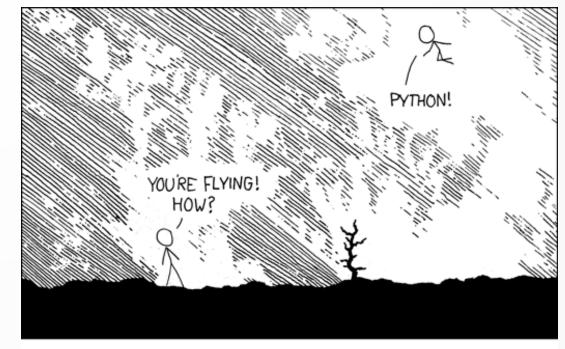
- Unlike MATLAB, IGOR etc
- Saves your lab money
- More importantly, anyone can use your code (4.3M² open Python repositories on GitHub)

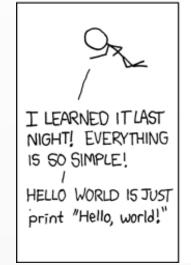
#### Versatility

- Not just data analysis / machine learning
  - Visualisation
  - Data acqusition
  - Web development
  - Etc etc ...

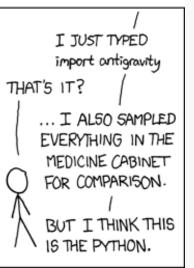
# Packages for everything

- Numpy numerical computing
- Scipy scientific computing
- Scikit-image image analysis
- TensorFlow deep learning
- Matplotlib plotting
- Etc etc ...









## Downsides

#### Installation

- Not a single program to download
- Potentially complicated ecosystem (if used to e.g. MATLAB)
  - Python versions
  - Installing packages
  - Virtual environments

# Installing Python

- Download miniconda installer (link on website)
- Install miniconda (varies with OS)

#### Windows

- Double click on installer
- Accept all defaults, BUT
- Check "Add Anaconda to my PATH environment variable."

#### MacOS

- Double click on installer
- Accept all default options

#### Linux

- cd Downloads
- bash Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86 64.sh
- Accept defaults
- Press enter to prepend miniconda to PATH (will be your default Python)

## Conda environments

- Separate from each other (and system python)
- Allow for incompatible dependencies
- Reproducible workflows, share with:
  - Collaborators
  - Readers of your paper
  - Yourself (HPC etc.)

## Creating an environment

- Open a terminal (anaconda prompt on Windows)
- conda create –name pystarters python=3.7
- Accept "y" for yes
- conda activate pystarters

You can make as many different environments as you like, but remember to "activate"

# Installing packages

pip install numpy

Arrays & maths etc

pip install matplotlib

Plotting

# Editing files

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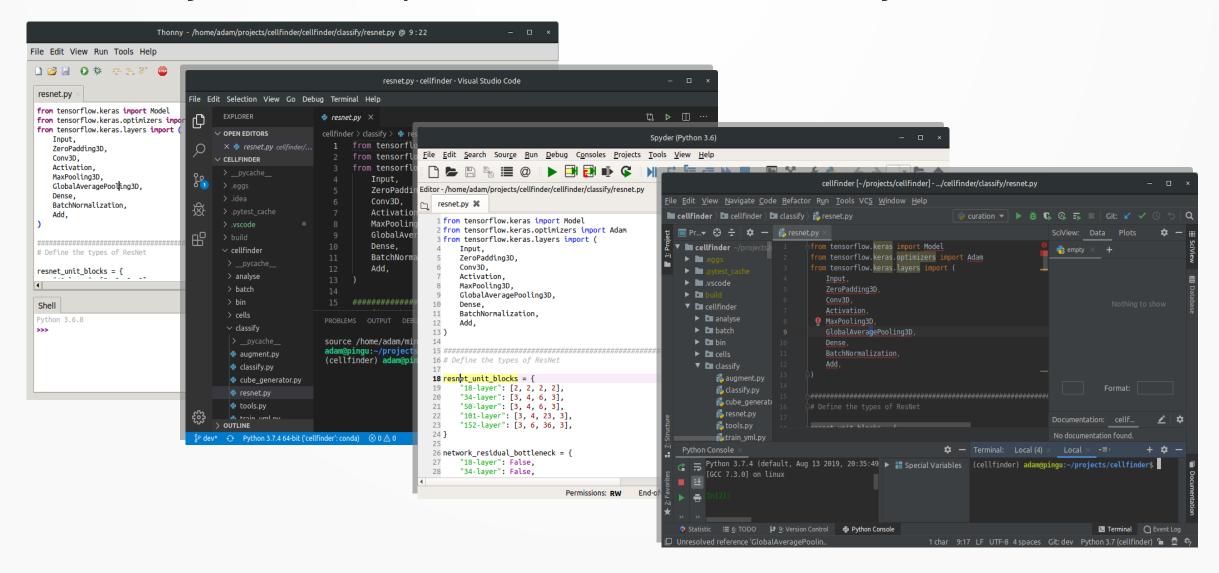
#### DES (Integrated Development Environments)

 Friendly to beginners, and used by most developers a

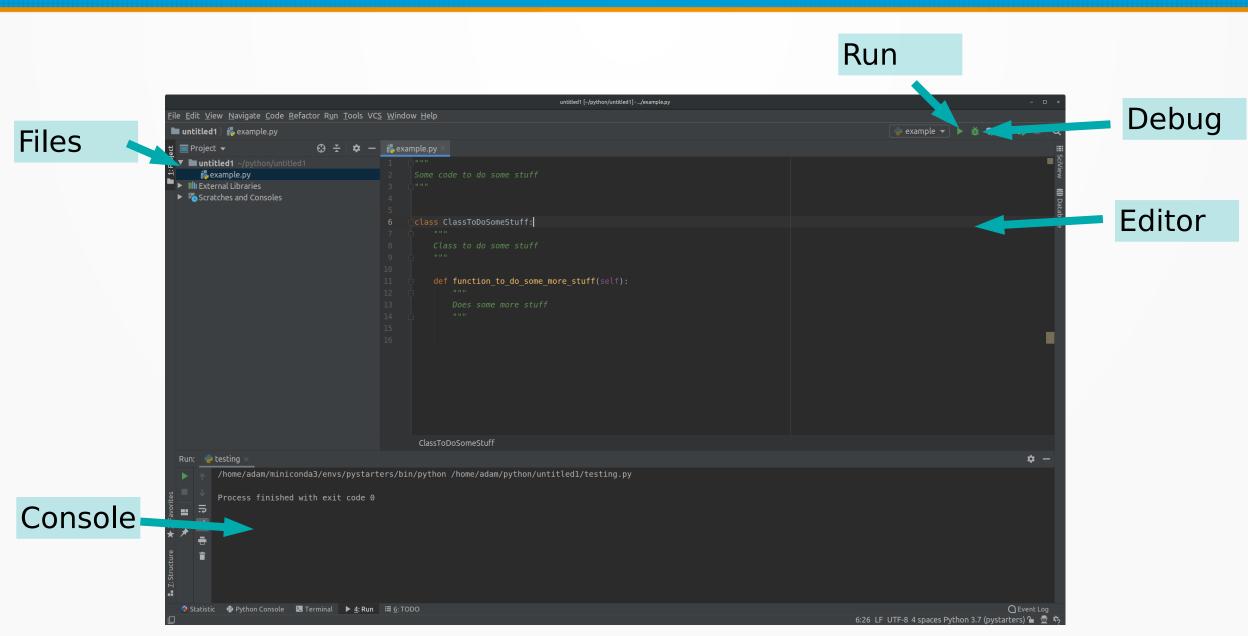
- Edit, organise and run your code in one program
- Configure once for each project.
- But ... can be unecessarily complicated

## IDES

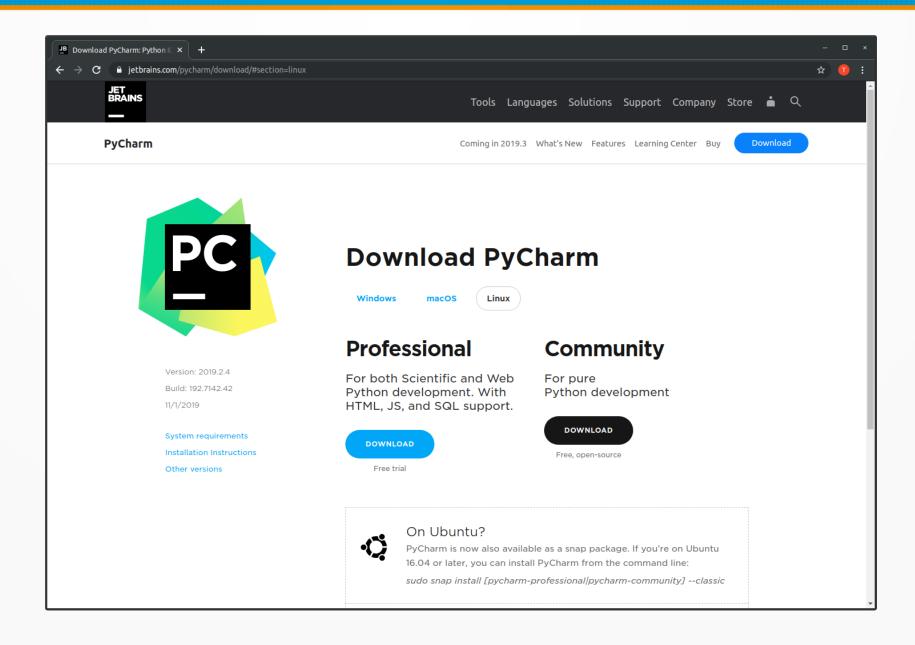
#### Everyone has a preference (but essentially all the same).



# PyCharm



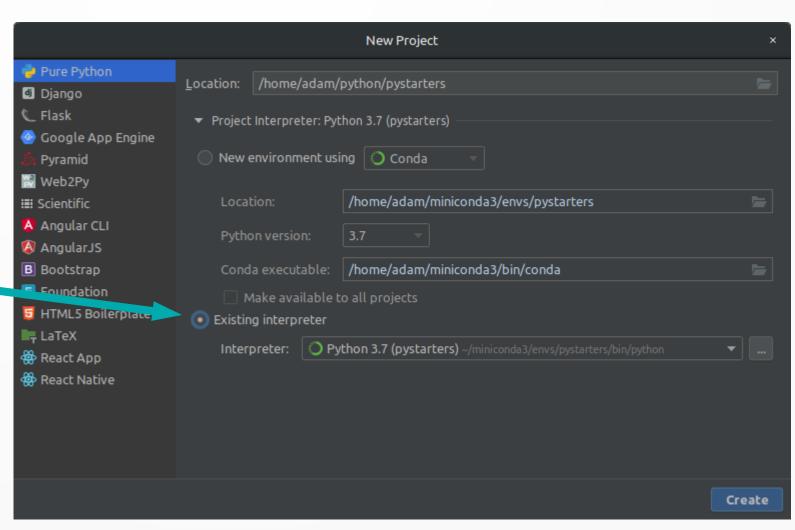
## Download



# New project

#### File → New Project

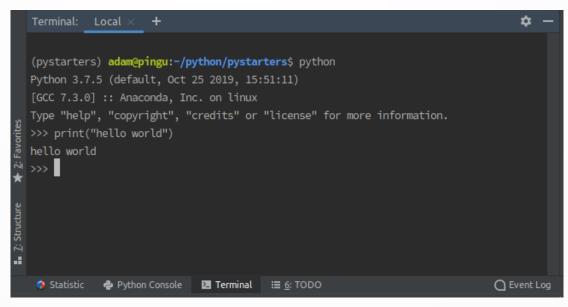
Important to set interpreter

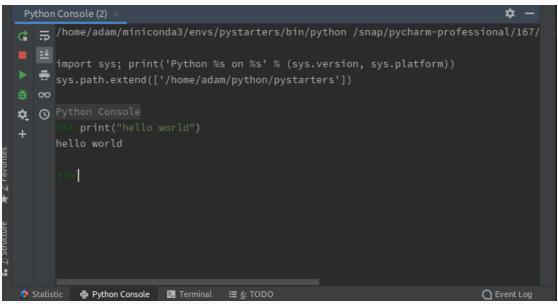


## Hello world

**Terminal** 

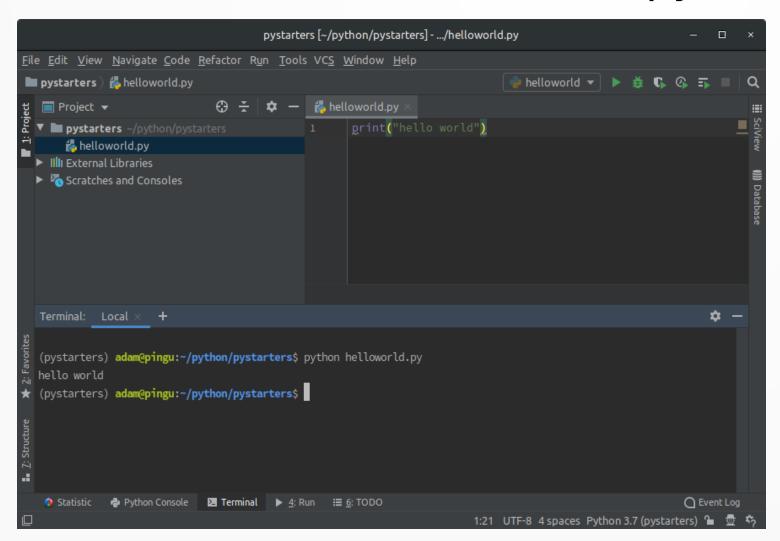
Python console





## Hello world

#### File → New file → "helloworld.py"



Terminal: python helloworld.py

Or: Right click → Run 'helloworld'