

An Introduction to Python

Data Science 2 / Data & AI 3

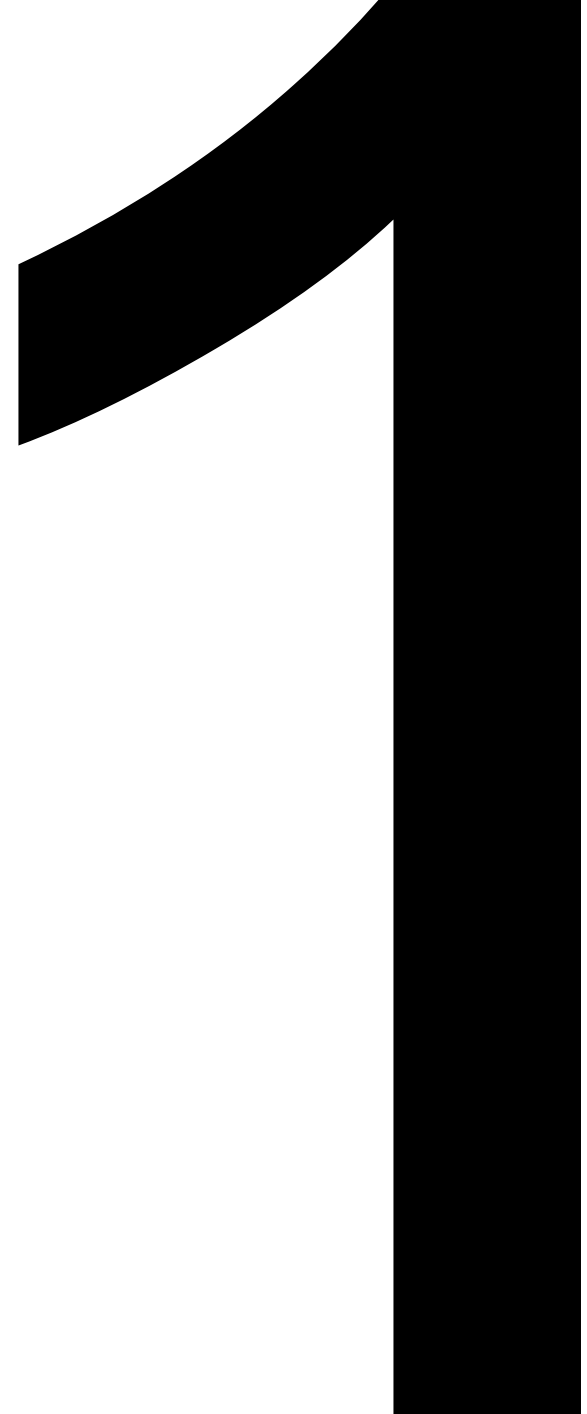
Agenda



1. Introduction
 - Who uses Python, what & Why
2. Variables and data types
3. Program flow, functions, objects and modules
4. Notebook time!



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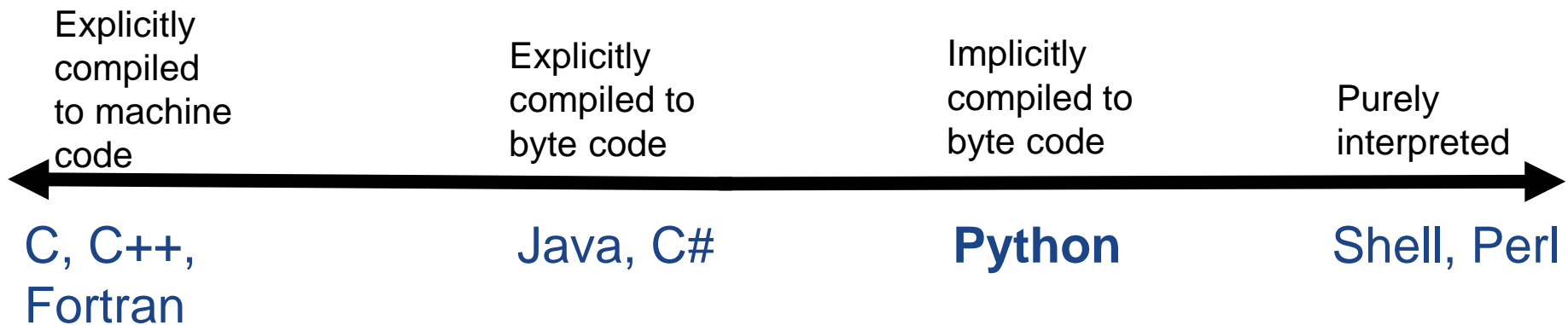


Introduction

Python is popular



Python is implicitly compiled



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What is Python used for?



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Why Python for Data Engineering?

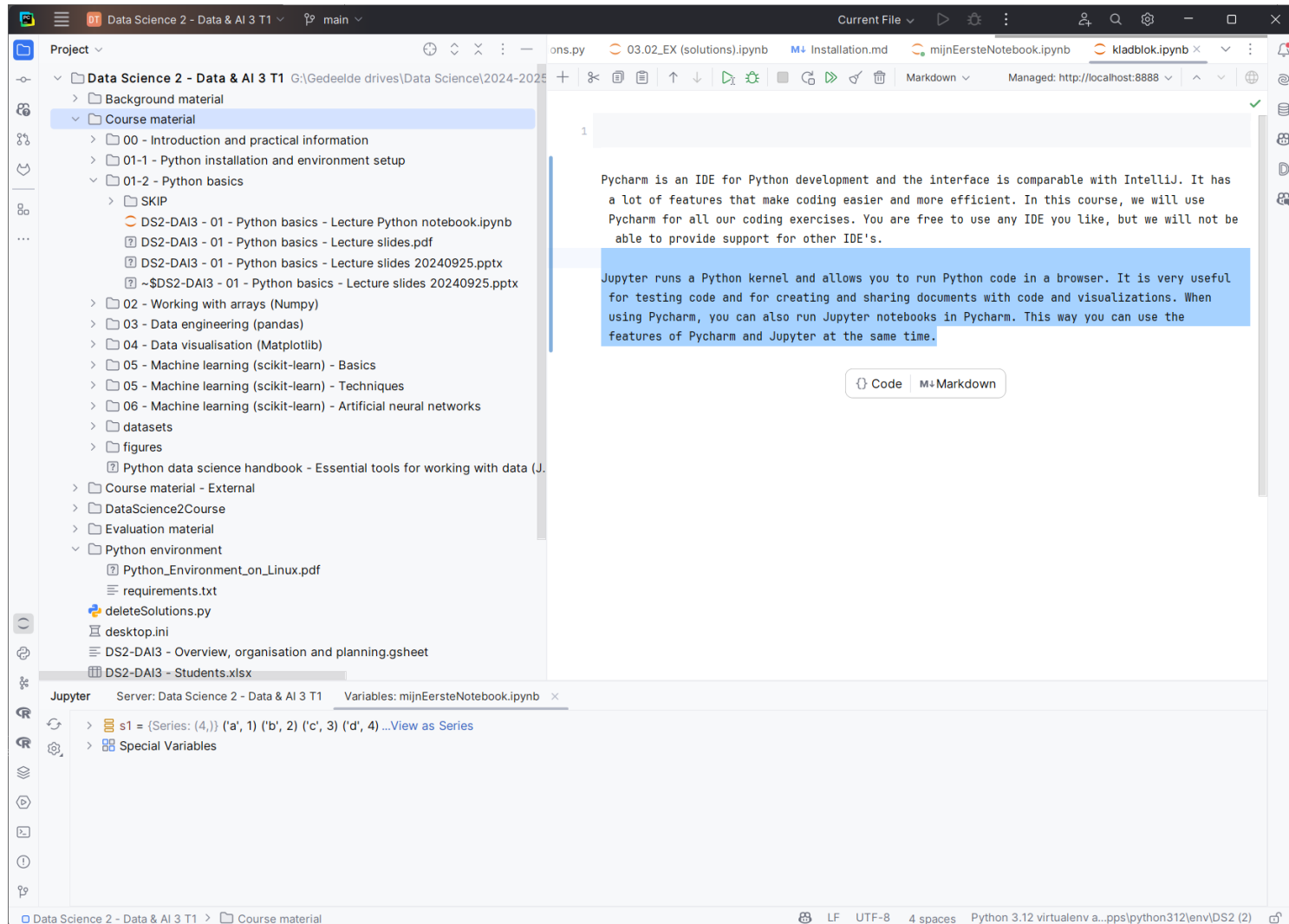
Extensive Data Engineering Libraries

- **NumPy** homogeneous array-based data manipulation
- **Pandas** heterogeneous and labeled data manipulation
- **SciPy** scientific computing tasks
- **Matplotlib** publication-quality visualizations
- **Jupyter** interactive notebooks and sharing of code
- **Scikit-Learn and Tensorflow**: machine learning

Beginner friendly programming language

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PyCharm



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Jupyter notebook

Markdown cell

Learning the Python Basics

The book "Python Data Science handbook" expects basic knowledge of Python. This notebook introduces all the important Python basics needed for this Data Science course.

Exercise 1 - Basic Python

Executable code cell

Print *Hello World* with the `print()` -function.

```
1 print('Hello World')  
[2]  
Hello World
```

Now, create a variable `naam` with your own name and print *Hello your_name*. Use a formatted string (`f'blaba {variable} blaba'`) to create it, like `String.format()` in Java does.

Here is an example of using an `f` string.

```
aantal = 3  
string_een = 'format'  
string_twee = 'specifiers'  
print(f'Dit is een string met {aantal} {string_een} {string_twee} erin')
```

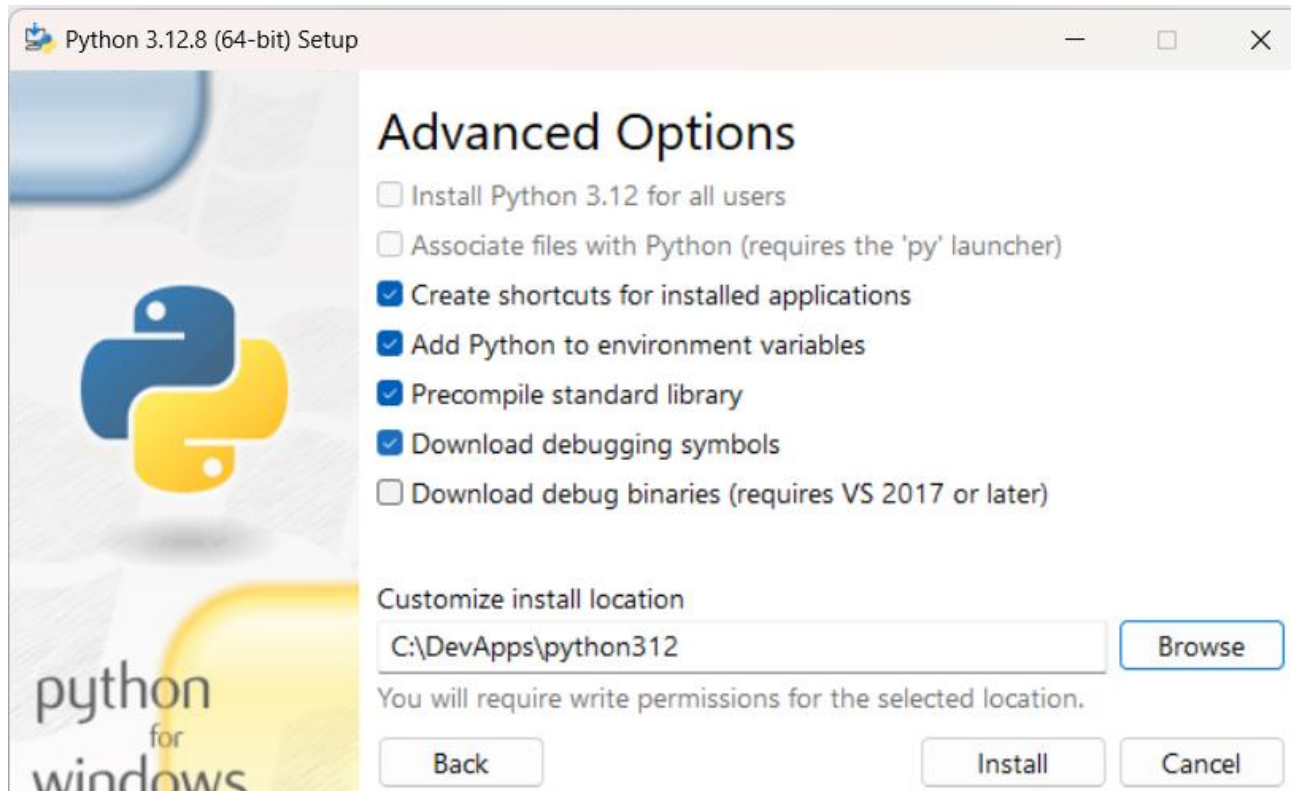
```
1 naam = 'Wouter'  
2 print(f'Hello {naam}!')  
[3]  
Hello Wouter
```

In Python, you work with modules. A module is similar to a package in Java. To use a module, you perform an import

Results of cell execution

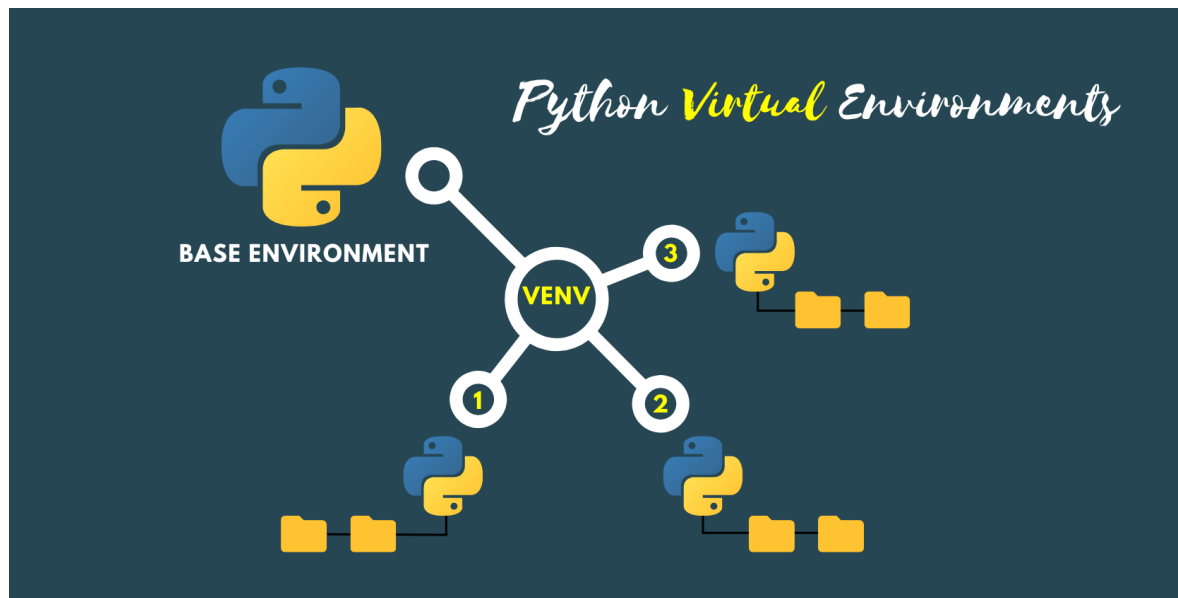
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Step 1: Install Python



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Step 2: Create a virtual environment



Source: [Geekpython.in](https://www.geekpython.in)

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Step 3: Install packages with requirements.txt file



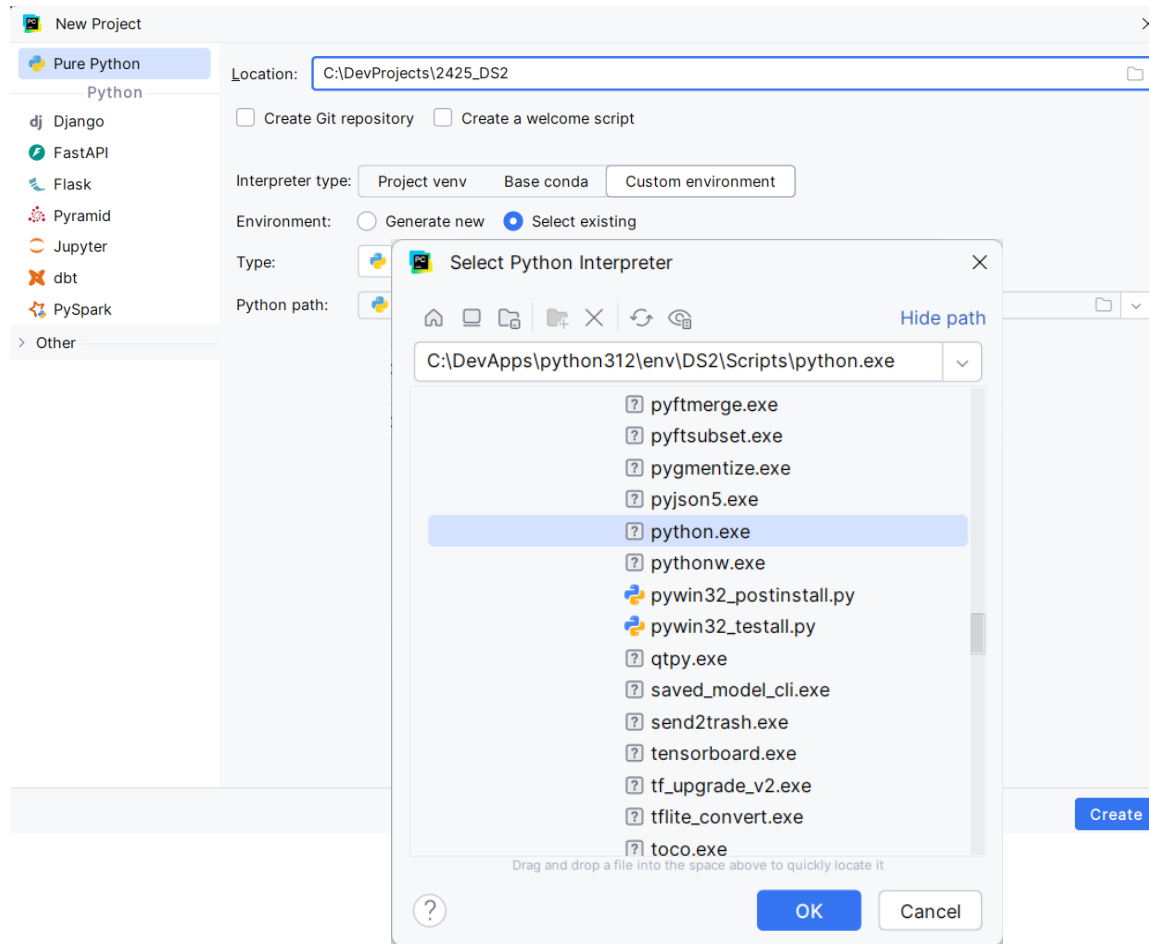
A screenshot of a code editor window. The window has a title bar with a file icon, a line number '4735', and standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). Below the title bar is a menu bar with 'Bestand', 'Bewerken', 'Weergeven', and a settings gear icon. The main text area contains the following text:

```
jupyter==1.0.0  
pandas==2.2.2  
numpy==1.26.4  
matplotlib==3.9.0  
seaborn==0.13.2  
scikit-learn==1.5.1  
tensorflow==2.17
```

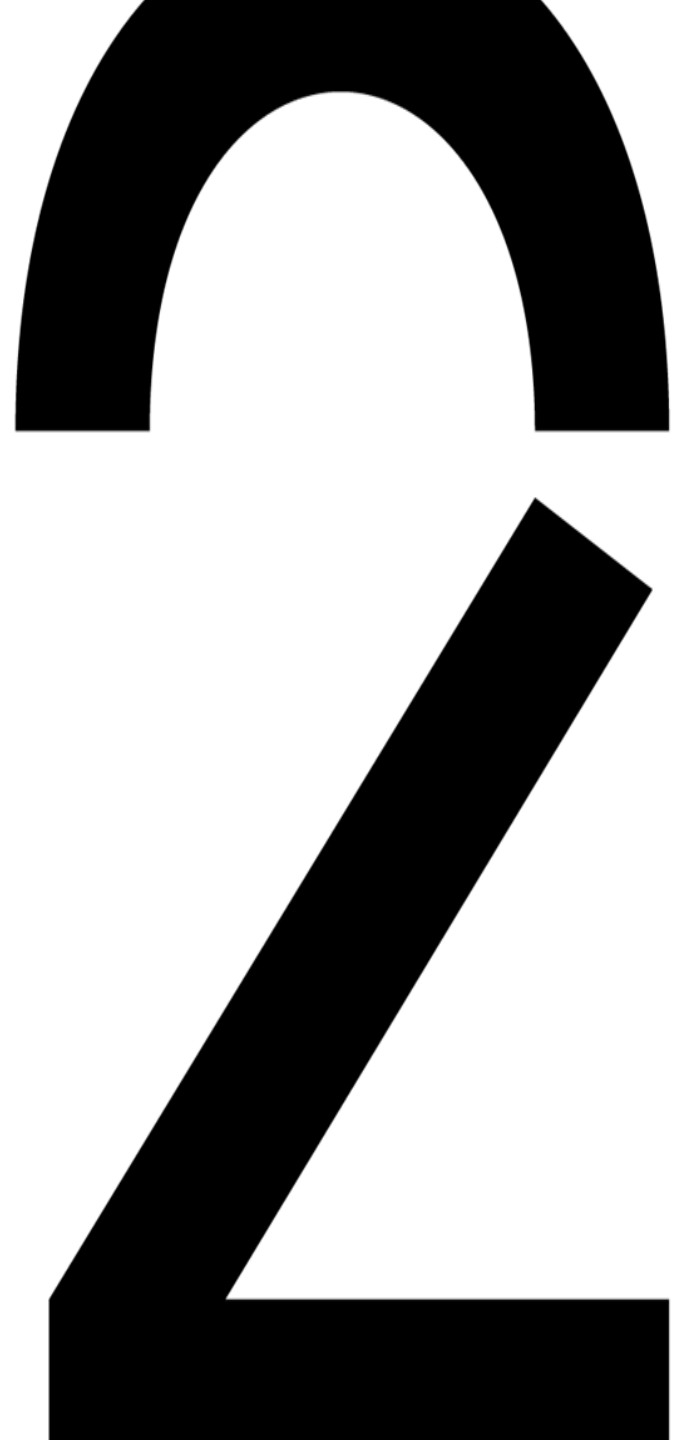
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Step 4: Project setup PyCharm



Learning the Python Basics



Introduction / Syntax

- This notebook introduces all the important Python basics
 - Data Science course.

Python commands!!

```
>>> print("Hello World!")  
Hello World!  
>>>
```

Introduction / Syntax

Python commands!!

Function's "argument"

Python function

Round brackets —
"parentheses"

```
>>> print("Hello World!")
```

```
Hello World!
```

```
>>>
```

Output

print

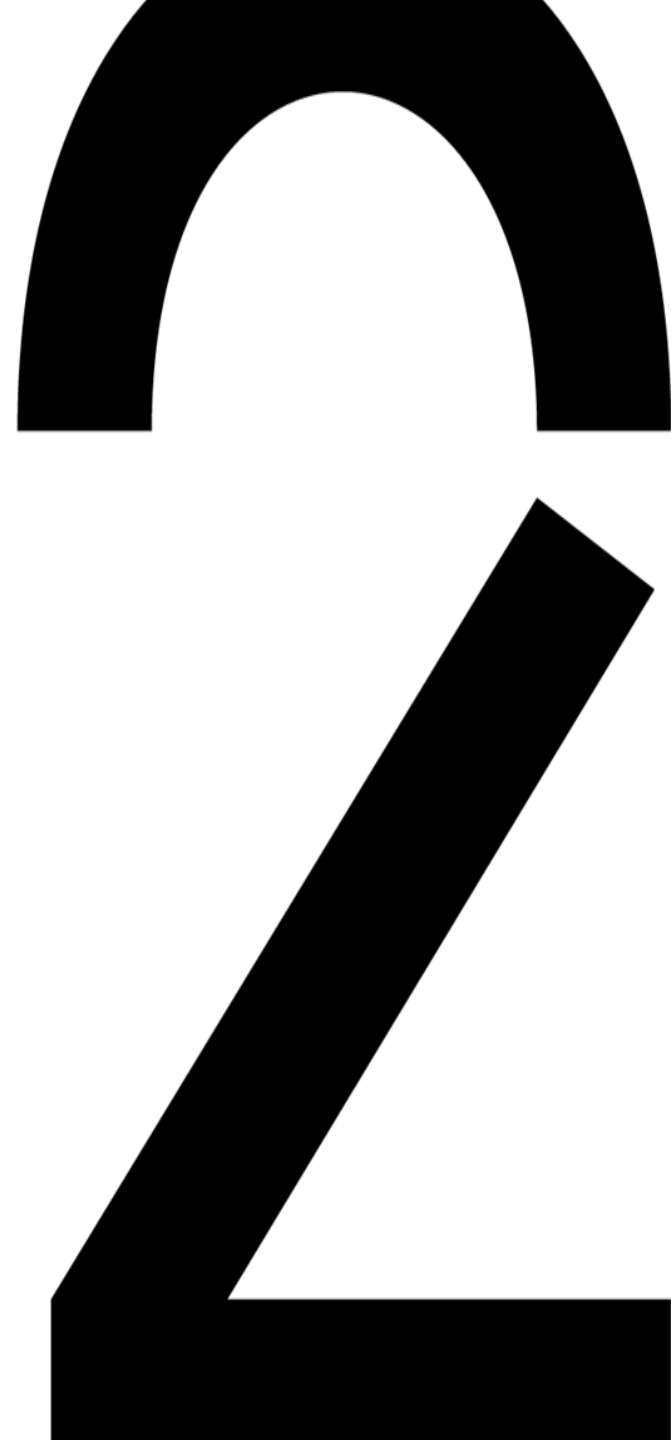
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PRINT

Case sensitive



Variables and data types



Variables and data types

1. List elements: A list in Python is an ordered, mutable collection of elements.

- Lists can contain elements of different types (e.g., integers, strings, ETC).
 - # List of integers
 - `numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]`
 - # List of strings
 - `fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']`
 - # Mixed-type list
 - `mixed_list = [1, 'apple', 3.5, [2, 3]]`
 - # Nested list (list within a list)
 - `nested_list = [[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6]]`
- Lists are created by placing elements inside square brackets [], separated by **commas**.

2. **Slicing** refers to extracting a subset of elements from a list. In Python, you can slice a list using the syntax:

- `list_name[start:stop:step]`

Variables and data types

1. Sets:

- Unordered: The elements are not stored in any particular order, and their position can change.
- Unique: A set cannot contain duplicate elements. If you try to add a duplicate, it will be ignored.
- Mutable: You can add or remove elements from a set.
- Defined using curly braces {} or the set() function.

1. Dictionary:

- Key-value pairs: Each key is mapped to a value (similar to a real-world dictionary where each word is associated with a definition).
- Keys are unique: A dictionary cannot have two identical keys.
- Keys must be immutable: Keys can be strings, numbers, or tuples, but not lists or other dictionaries.
- Values can be of any type: Values can be of any data type, including lists, tuples, or even other dictionaries.
- Defined using curly braces {} or the dict() function.

Variables and data types

```
# int
```

```
my_variable = 1
```

```
# str
```

```
my_variable = "Hello world"
```

```
# bool
```

```
my_variable = True
```

```
# float
```

```
my_variable = 18.275
```

```
# print formatted string
```

```
print(f'The temperature is {my_variable:.1f} degrees')
```

```
# type function
```

```
type(1.2)
```

```
type(3>2)
```

Variables and data types

```
# list
```

```
list1 = [0, 1.0, "two"]
```

```
list1[1] = 2.0
```

```
# tuple, is unchangeable
```

```
tuple1 = (0, 1.0, "two")
```

```
tuple1[1] = 2.0 # error
```

```
# set
```

```
set1 = {5, "six"}
```

```
# dict
```

```
dict1 = {"f":1.0, "s":"six"}
```

```
dict1["s"]
```

```
# 2-dimensional list
```

```
a = [[1, 2, 3],
```

```
      [4, 5, 6],
```

```
      [7, 8, 9]]
```

```
a[0][1] = 10 # 2 replaced by 10, first index = row, second = column
```

```
print(a[1]) # [4, 5, 6]
```

Operators

- Assignment

`=, +=`

- Numerical

`+, -, *, /, % (modulo) , ** (power of)`

- Comparison

`<, >, ==, <=, >=, !=`

- Boolean

`not, and, or`

- Conversion

`int(3.2), float(2), str(3)`

- String

`.count('x'), .find('x'), .lower(), .upper(),
.replace('a', 'b'), .strip()`

- Lists

`.append(item), .pop(index), .insert(index, item),
.sort()`

`len(list1), item in list1`

List comprehension

```
[i for i in range(5)]
```

```
# [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
[x**2 for x in range(1,3)]
```

```
# [1, 4]
```

```
[ [x,x**2] for x in range(0,3,2)]
```

```
# [[0, 0], [2, 4]] (step 2)
```

```
[ w[0] for w in ["the", "world"] ]
```

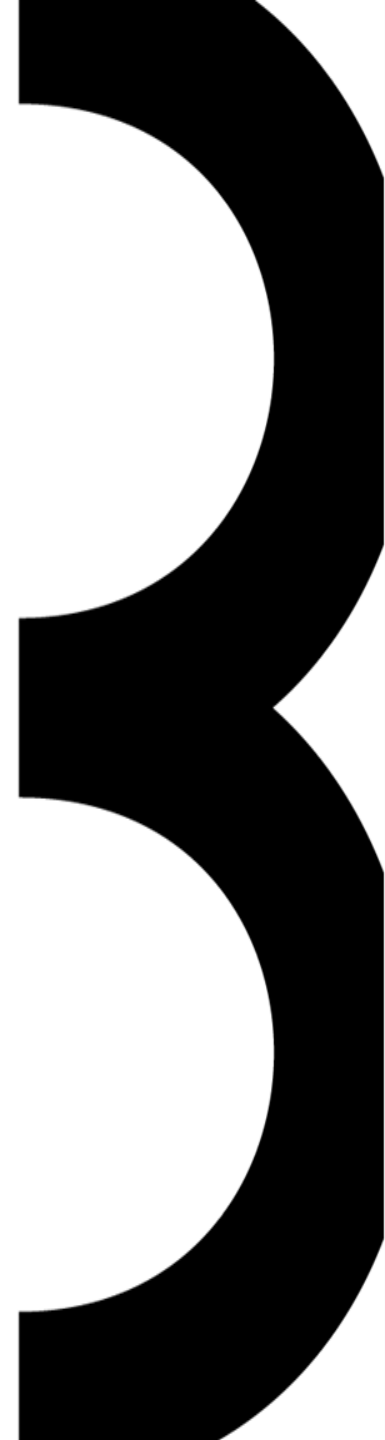
```
# ['t', 'w']
```

```
[x+y for x in [10,30,50] for y in [2,4]]
```

```
# [12, 14, 32, 34, 52, 54]
```



**Program flow,
functions, objects and
modules**



Program flow

```
while True:
    print("Looping")          # indentation

for i in range(4,12,2): # 4 -> 12 (not including), step 2
    print(i**2)

if i <0:
    print("negative")
elif i == 0:
    print("zero")
else:
    print("positive")
```


Functions

```
def fac(n):  
    if n <= 1:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n * fac(n-1)
```

```
def power(base, exponent=2):  
    return base ** exponent
```

optional parameters last

```
power(2)
```

```
power(exponent=1, base=5)
```

Classes and Objects

```
class Person():  
    def __init__(self, name):  
        self.name = name  
  
class Student(Person):  
    def __init__(self, name, studentid):  
        super().__init__(name)  
        self.studentid = studentid  
  
    def welcome(self):  
        print(f"Welcome {self.name}, your id is {self.studentid}")  
  
pers1 = Person("Elise")  
pers1.name  
stud1 = Student("Nick", 202401)  
stud1.name  
stud1.welcome()
```

constructor
self: reference to instance
inheritance
method
Elise
Nick
Welcome Nick, your id is 202401

Modules

```
# helloworld.py
```

```
def hello():  
    print("Hello World")
```

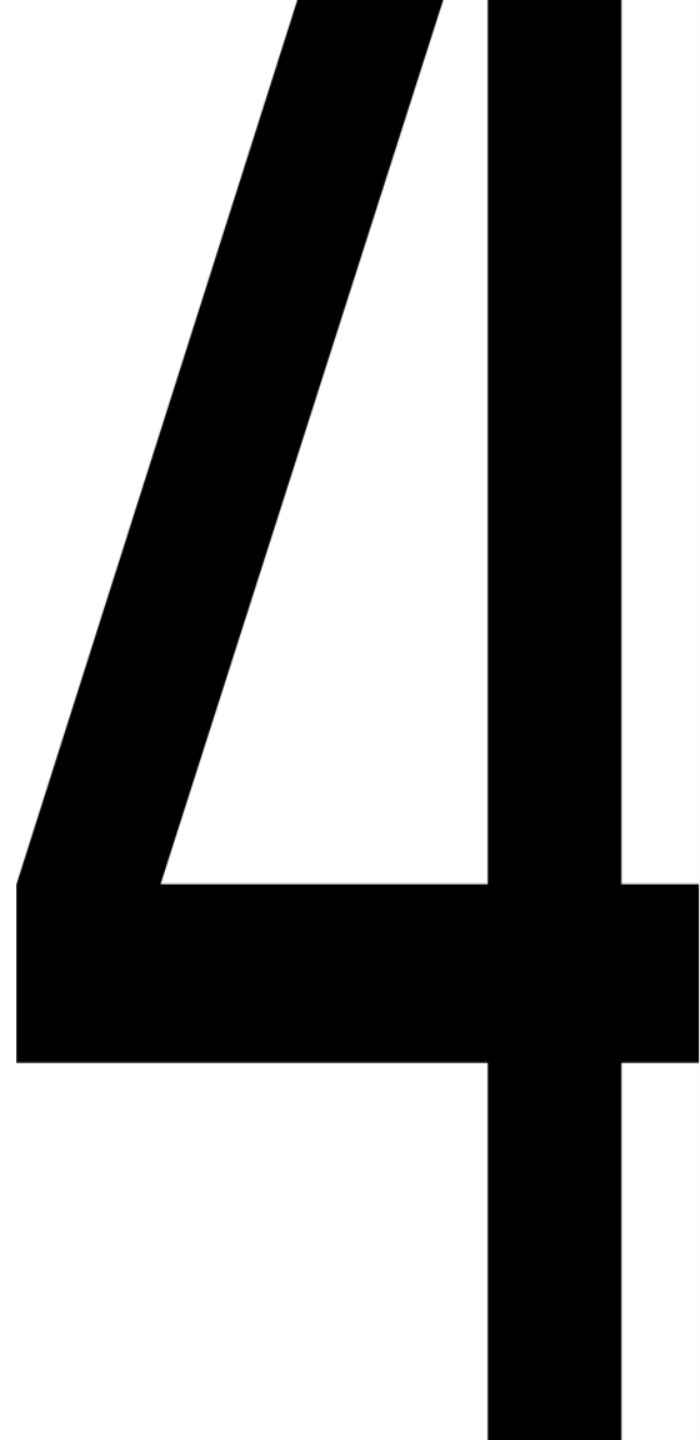
```
import helloworld  
helloworld.hello()
```

```
from helloworld import hello  
hello()
```

```
from helloworld import *  
hello()
```



Python code guidelines



Python code guidelines

- Indentation:
 - 4 spaces
- Methods/Functions:
 - lowercase_with_underscores
- Variables:
 - lowercase_with_underscores
- Constants:
 - UPPERCASE
- Private attributes or methods:
 - `_single_leading_underscore` or `__double_leading_underscore`
- Class:
 - CapWords
- Modules:
 - lowercase



Notebook time!

