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Project

- 1. Find the details of people who are currently on the International Space Station and mark the current position of the ISS overhead Earth's map.**

Abstract

This project uses APIs and Basemap library to locate the the International Space Station Location and it also displays the names of the astronauts in ISS.

Introduction

This project uses Basemap, urllib3, urllib, json, requests and pyplot libraries of python.

In this project we get fetch the list of astronauts using this API - '<http://api.open-notify.org/iss-now.json>' and this api - '<http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json>' is used to get the current location of the ISS.

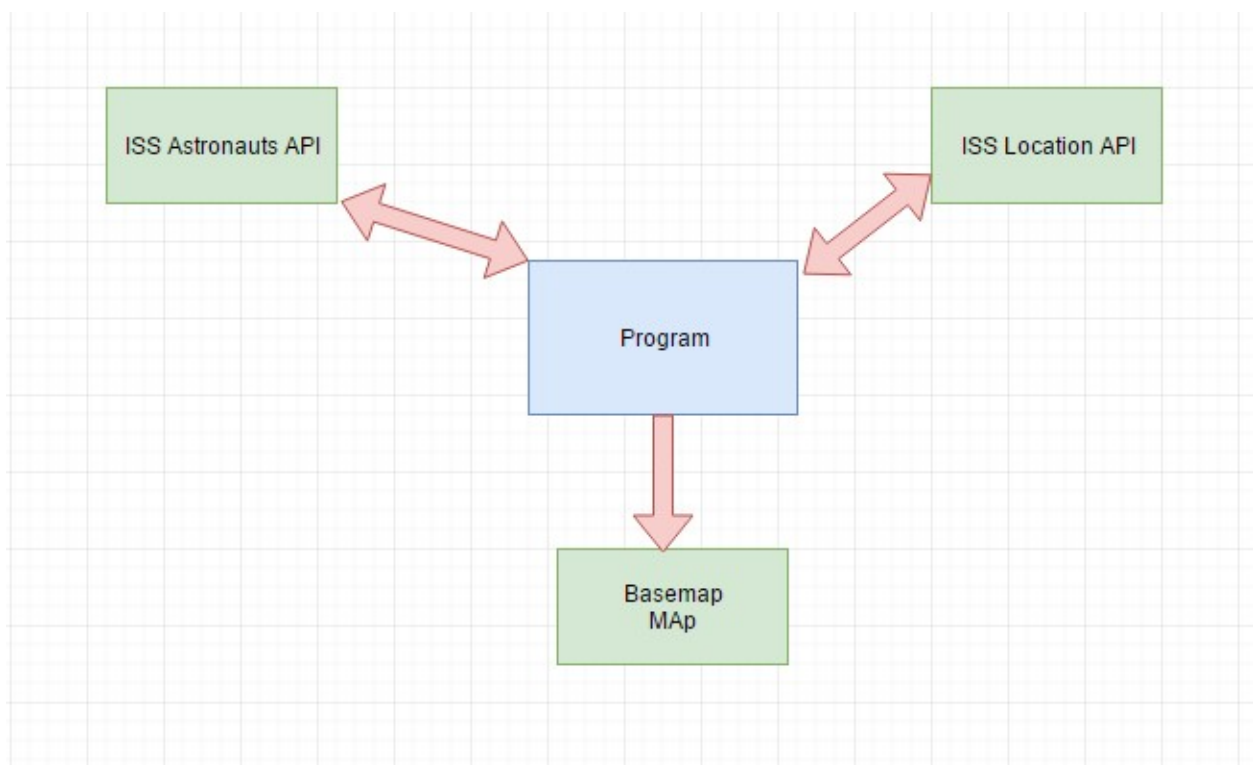
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Methodology,

Api's are used the information which to be plotted on the map. Basemap is used to draw the map of the earth . Basemap is a python library which provide a number of features for drawing the map.

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Block – Diagram



Code

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%matplotlib inline
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.basemap import Basemap

import urllib3
import urllib
import json
import requests
url = 'http://api.open-notify.org/iss-now.json'
params = {'limit': 16, 'country': 'us', 'apikey': 'API-KEY'}
urln = 'http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json'
response = urllib.request.urlopen(urln)
result = json.loads(response.read())

print('People in Space: ', result['number'])
#print(response.json()['iss_position']['longitude'])
people = result['people']
s=""
for p in people:
    print(p['name'], ' in ', p['craft'])
    s=s+p['name']+' in '+p['craft']+'\n'

fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(16, 16))
#ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15,15))
m = Basemap(projection='cyl', resolution=None,
            llcrnrlat=-90, urcnrlat=90,
            llcrnrlon=-180, urcnrlon=180)
m.etopo(scale=0.5, alpha=0.5)

response = requests.get(url, params=params)
z=float(response.json()['iss_position']['longitude'])
z1=float(response.json()['iss_position']['latitude'])
x, y = m(z, z1)
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#x, y = m(-122.3, 47.6)
#ab = AnnotationBbox(im, (x[-1],y[-1]), xycoords='data', frameon=False)

# Get the axes object from the basemap and add the AnnotationBbox artist
#m._check_ax().add_artist(ab)

plt.plot(x, y, 'ok', markersize=5)
plt.text(x, y, 'ISS', fontsize=12);
plt.text(-175, -68, s, fontsize=12, fontweight='bold',
         ha='left', va='center', color='k',
         bbox=dict(facecolor='b', alpha=0.2))
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Step By Step Execution

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People in Space: 6
Oleg Kononenko in ISS
David Saint-Jacques in ISS
Anne McClain in ISS
Alexey Ovchinin in ISS
Nick Hague in ISS
Christina Koch in ISS

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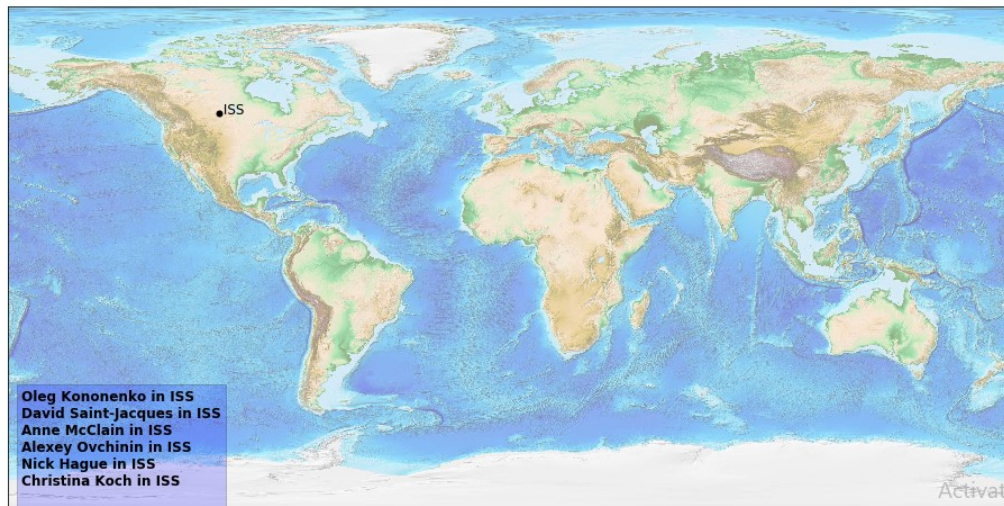
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Out[30]: Text(-175, -68, 'Oleg Kononenko in ISS\nDavid Saint-Jacques in ISS\nAnne McClain in ISS\nAlexey Ovchinin in ISS\nNick Hague in ISS\nChristina Koch in ISS\n')

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API's USED

'<http://api.open-notify.org/iss-now.json>' - For fetching names of astronauts

'<http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json>' – For fetching ISS location

Result

After the execution we get a map on which the location and names of the astronauts are plotted.

Difficulties faced –

1. Installation of the libraries. Even I had to reinstall the Anaconda.
2. Selecting the appropriate map.
3. I was using co-ordinates fetched from the api in string format to plot the map without converting to the float , it took some minutes to figure out.
4. Plotting the names of the astronauts at a location so that they don't overshadow the location of the ISS on the map.

Conclusion

This project plots the location of the ISS and names of the astronauts on the map.

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