

A person is working on a laptop, with a hexagonal pattern overlaying the image. The person is wearing a headset and glasses, and is focused on the screen. The laptop is open, and the person's hands are on the keyboard. The background is a light-colored wall.

Week 1

Create our workspace

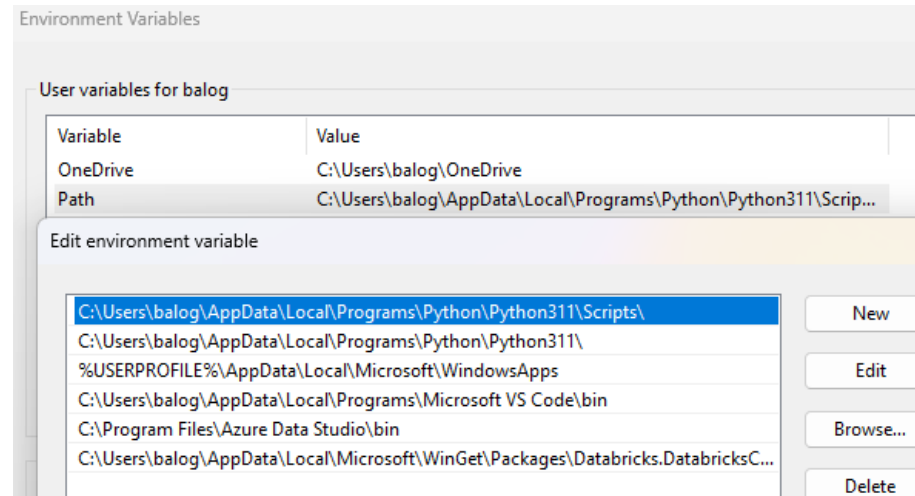
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Install Python

To avoid compatibility issues, install 3.11, download [here](#).
Tick the “Add python.exe to PATH”



After installation is done, check the User Environment Variables for two entries for Python311:



Verify Python install, and add poetry

Open a cmd, type "python --version", to see:

```
C:\Users\balog>python --version
Python 3.11.9
```

Type "**pip list**", too se there is no installed package. Copy and paste the "**To update, run**" code, to update pip, then this won't be prompted again for you.

```
C:\Users\balog>pip list
Package      Version
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pip          24.0
setuptools   65.5.0

[notice] A new release of pip is available: 24.0 -> 24.3.1
[notice] To update, run: python.exe -m pip install --upgrade pip
```

"**pip install poetry**" will install the [poetry](#) package, which we will use for **dependency management**, and **packaging**. It will be installed on the **global** python, so when you create any new projects, poetry will be always be there to use.

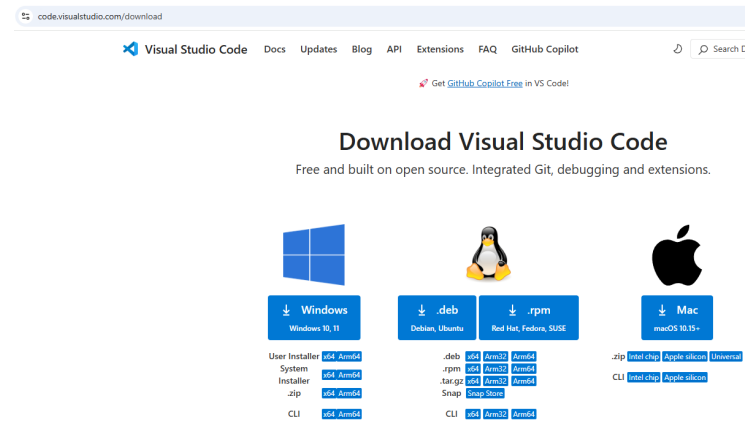
```
C:\Users\balog>pip install poetry
Collecting poetry
  Downloading poetry-1.8.5-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (6.9 kB)
Collecting build<2.0.0,>=1.0.3 (from poetry)
  Downloading build-1.2.2.post1-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (6.5 kB)
```

Poetry virtual environment config + VSCode install

Run "**poetry config virtualenvs.in-project true**", it will place your virtual environment into the project's folder.

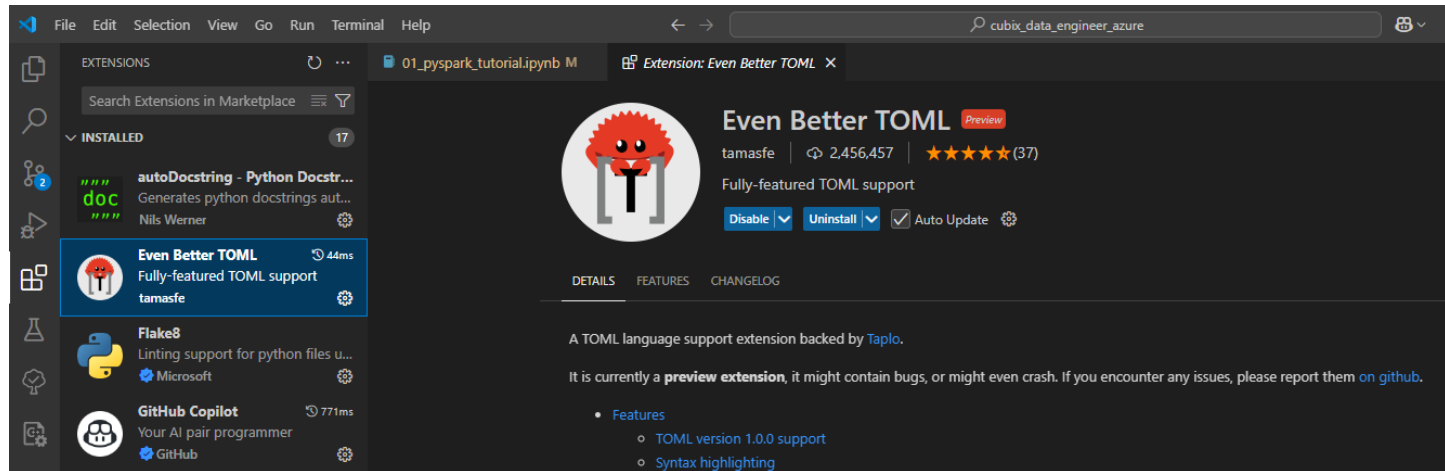
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C:\Users\balog>poetry config virtualenvs.in-project true  
C:\Users\balog>
```

[Download](#) and install VSCode.



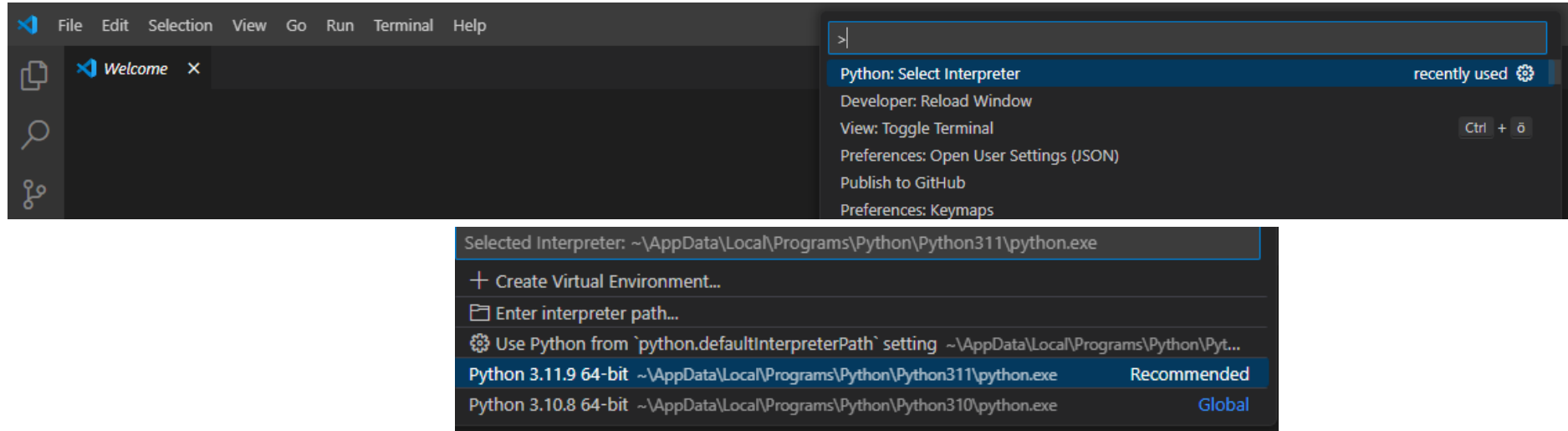
VSCode extensions

Open VSCode, install **extensions**: Python, Jupyter, SQLite Viewer, Auto Docstring, Even Better TOML, Flake8, Pylance. A description will tell the details of each.



Select interpreter

CTRL + SHIFT + P, type "select interpreter", and choose Python 3.11.



Open a Terminal, and type "**python --version**", should get back 3.11.



Select interpreter

If you get back different version than the one you selected (3.11 in this case), but from cmd the “python –version” gives back 3.11 (if cmd gives back other version, check your environment variables, they should point to a different version):

- If you have multiple VSCode open, close all of them, open this one, and try again.
- CTRL+SHIFT+P, type "**preferences, open workspace settings**"
Add this line. By default it may be an empty file (use your path to python.exe):

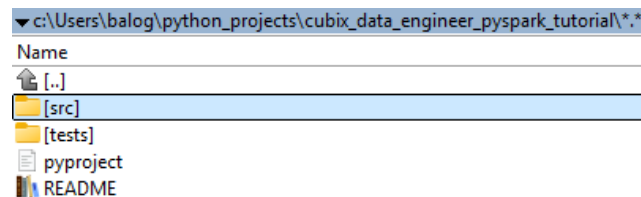
```
{  
  "python.defaultInterpreterPath": "C:\\Users\\<your_user_name>\\AppData\\Local\\Programs\\Python\\Python311\\python.exe"  
}
```

Restart VSCode and try again “python –version”.

Now that we have **Python** installed, **VSCode** configured and extensions installed, **poetry** added, let's create the new project.

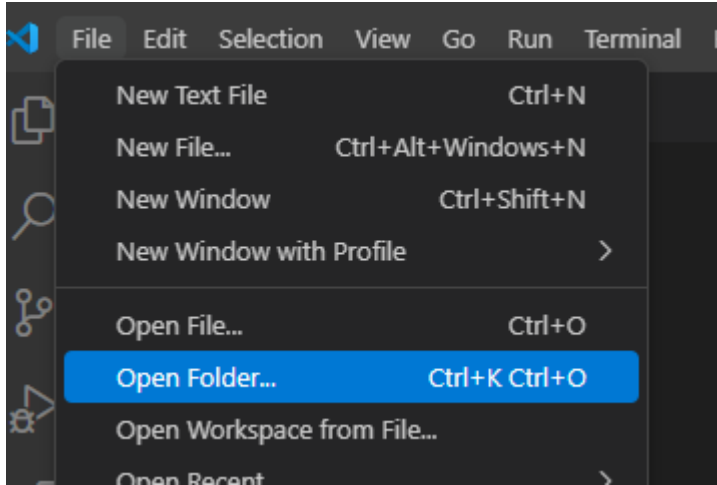
"cd" into the folder where you want to create the poetry project, and type "**poetry new <project_name>**". It will create a basic folder structure, and you can rename the <project_name> folder to "**src**" which is a best practice in software development.

```
C:\Users\balog>cd python_projects  
  
C:\Users\balog\python_projects>poetry new cubix_data_engineer_pyspark_tutorial  
Created package cubix_data_engineer_pyspark_tutorial in cubix_data_engineer_pyspark_tutorial  
  
C:\Users\balog\python_projects>
```



Setting up poetry

Open this new folder in VSCode.



Open a Terminal and type “**poetry shell**”. This will create our virtual environment in our project’s folder (that’s why we needed earlier the **poetry config virtualenvs.in-project true** command)

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  DEBUG CONSOLE  TERMINAL  PORTS  JUPYTER  COMMENTS
PS C:\Users\balog\python_projects\cubix_data_engineer_pyspark_tutorial> poetry shell
Creating virtualenv cubix-data-engineer-pyspark-tutorial in C:\Users\balog\python_projects\cubix_data_engineer_pyspark_tutorial\.venv
Spawning shell within C:\Users\balog\python_projects\cubix_data_engineer_pyspark_tutorial\.venv
Windows PowerShell
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```

Why we need virtual environments? These will isolate dependencies, and ensure that no conflicts will arise between packages used in different projects. One project = one virtual environment. It can happen, that in one project, you will use python 3.10 with pandas 2.1, and another project will use python 3.11 with pandas 2.2.

A new **".venv"** folder has created. Every package we install will be placed inside this folder, and not polluting the Global python environment.

(Use “**pip list**” in cmd to compare a “**poetry show**” in your venv, there will be different packages. What’s in your venv, won’t be in the global environment, unless you install it.)

"poetry shell" used first time will create the venv, and opens it in your terminal. Once you created it, next time you will open the project in VSCode, run “poetry shell” again, and it will activate the venv.

Setting up pyspark

“**poetry add pyspark**” in the Terminal will install pyspark. This is the same as “**pip install pyspark**”.

```
(cubix-data-engineer-pyspark-tutorial-py3.11) PS C:\Users\balog\python_projects\cubix_data_engineer_pyspark_tutorial> poetry add pyspark
Using version ^3.5.4 for pyspark

Updating dependencies
Resolving dependencies... (0.1s)

Package operations: 2 installs, 0 updates, 0 removals

  - Installing py4j (0.10.9.7)
  - Installing pyspark (3.5.4)

Writing lock file
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Test it with a “**pyspark**” command in terminal. Type “**exit()**” and it quits.

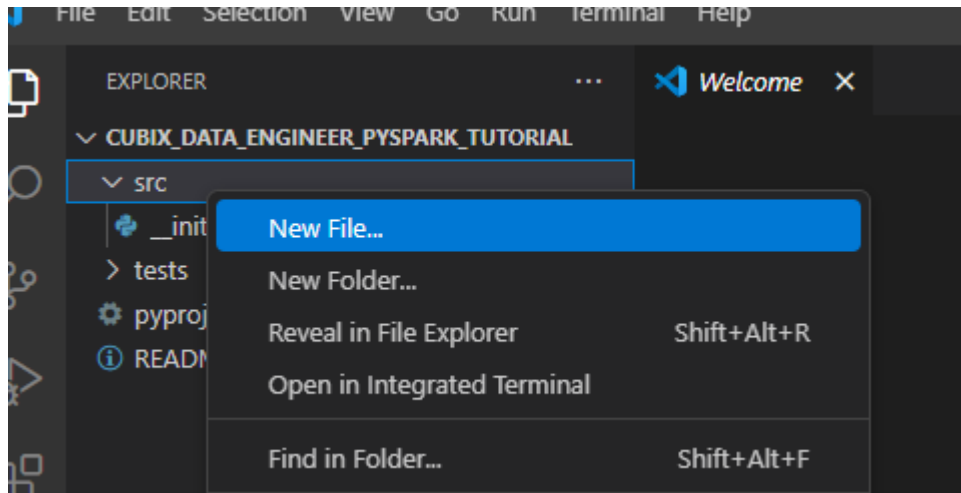
```
(cubix-data-engineer-pyspark-tutorial-py3.11) PS C:\Users\balog\python_projects\cubix_data_engineer_pyspark_tutorial> pyspark
Python 3.11.9 (tags/v3.11.9:de54cf5, Apr  2 2024, 10:12:12) [MSC v.1938 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
Setting default log level to "WARN".
To adjust logging level use sc.setLogLevel(newLevel). For SparkR, use setLogLevel(newLevel).
25/01/01 13:46:46 WARN NativeCodeLoader: Unable to load native-hadoop library for your platform... using builtin-java classes where applicable
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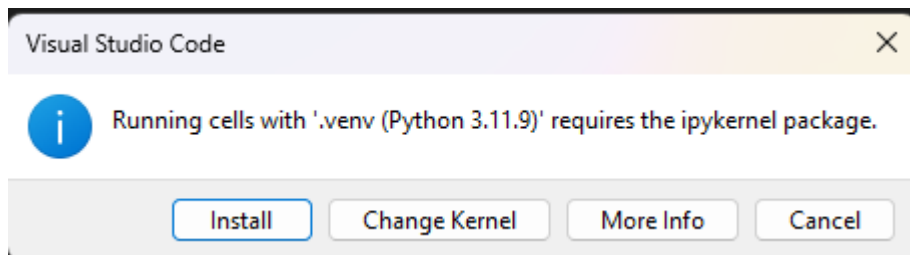
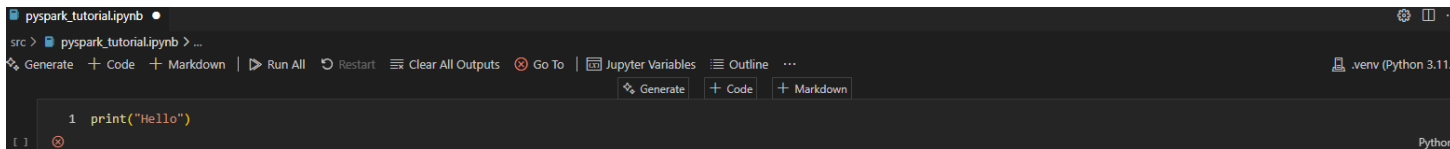
 version 3.5.2
```

Setting up poetry

Now that we have pyspark installed, create a new file under “src”, call it “**pyspark_tutorial.ipynb**”, so we will save it as a Jupyter Notebook.



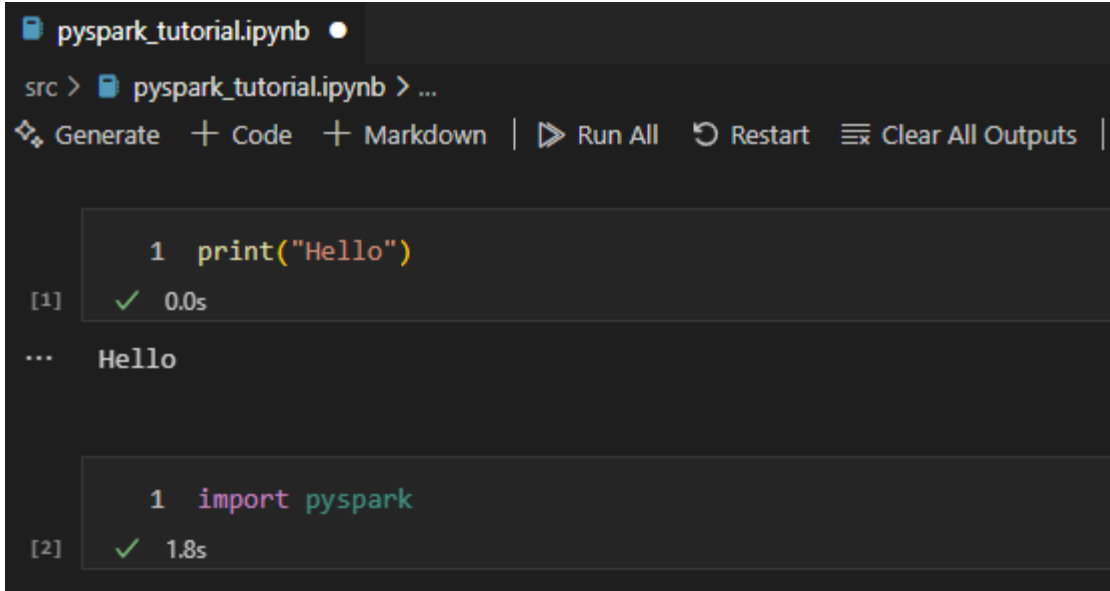
Try to run a **print(“Hello”)**, and notice the upper right part, “venv (Python 3.11.9)”, that means that the notebook will operate under your .venv.



On the first run, you will be asked to install the ipykernel package, install it.

Checking the installation

You might need to restart the kernel after the ipykernel install, do it, and run the print, and try an “import pyspark”. If both works, **congratulations**, you’ve successfully created your poetry project with pyspark in a virtual environment.



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook titled "pyspark_tutorial.ipynb". The interface includes a toolbar with buttons for "Generate", "Code", "Markdown", "Run All", "Restart", and "Clear All Outputs". The notebook contains two code cells. The first cell, labeled "[1]", contains the code `1 print("Hello")` and has a green checkmark and "0.0s" next to it. Below the code cell, the output "Hello" is displayed. The second cell, labeled "[2]", contains the code `1 import pyspark` and has a green checkmark and "1.8s" next to it.

```
pyspark_tutorial.ipynb •
src > pyspark_tutorial.ipynb > ...
Generate + Code + Markdown | ▶ Run All ↺ Restart ≡ Clear All Outputs |

1 print("Hello")
[1] ✓ 0.0s
... Hello

1 import pyspark
[2] ✓ 1.8s
```