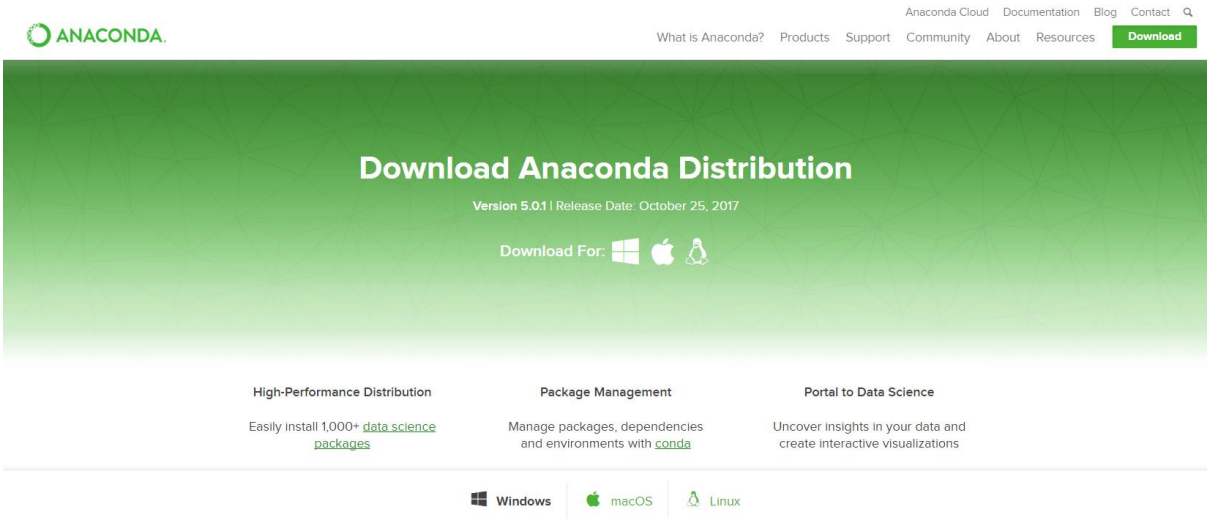
1. **Visit Anaconda.com/downloads**

   Go to the following link: Anaconda.com/downloads

   The Anaconda Downloads Page will look something like this:

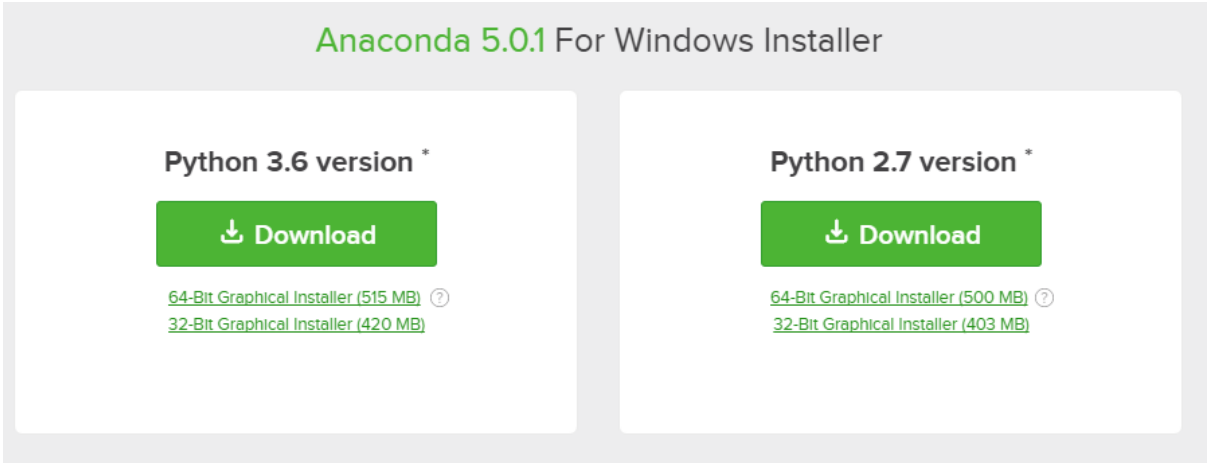


2. **Select Windows**

   Select Windows where the three operating systems are listed.

3. **Download the .exe installer**

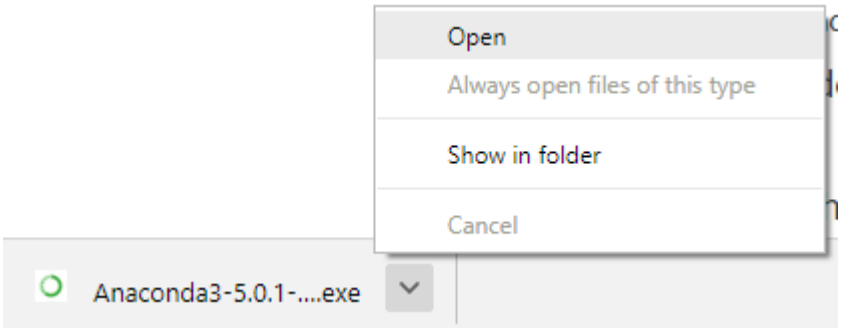
   Download the most recent Python 3 release. At the time of writing, the most recent release was the Python 3.6 Version. Python 2.7 is legacy Python. For problem solvers, select the Python 3.6 version. If you are unsure if your computer is running a 64-bit or 32-bit version of Windows, select 64-bit as 64-bit Windows is most common.



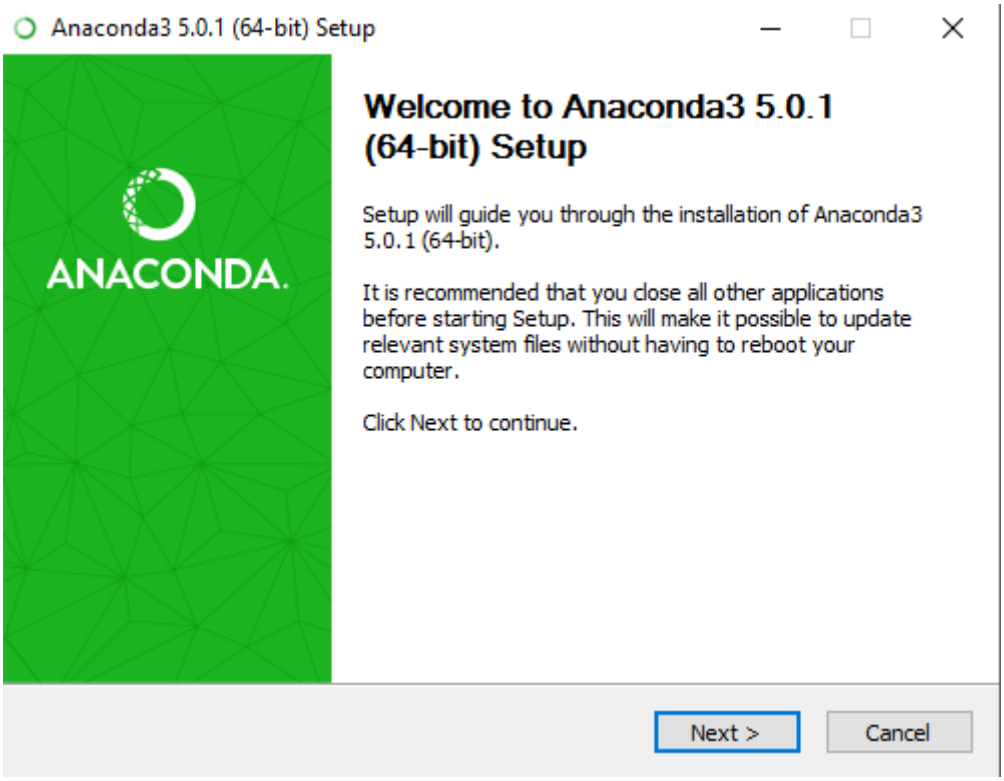
You may be prompted to enter your email. You can still download Anaconda if you click [No Thanks] and don't enter your Work Email address.

4. **Download the .exe installer**

Once the download completes, open and run the ***.exe*** installer



At the beginning of the install, you need to click Next to confirm the installation.



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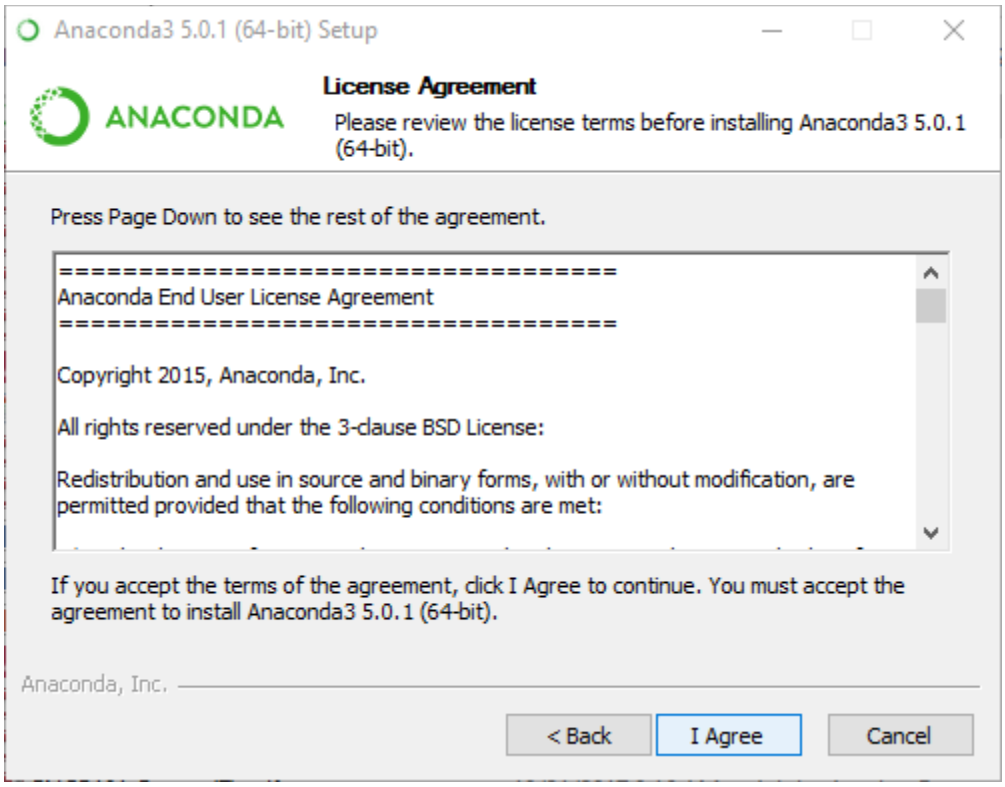
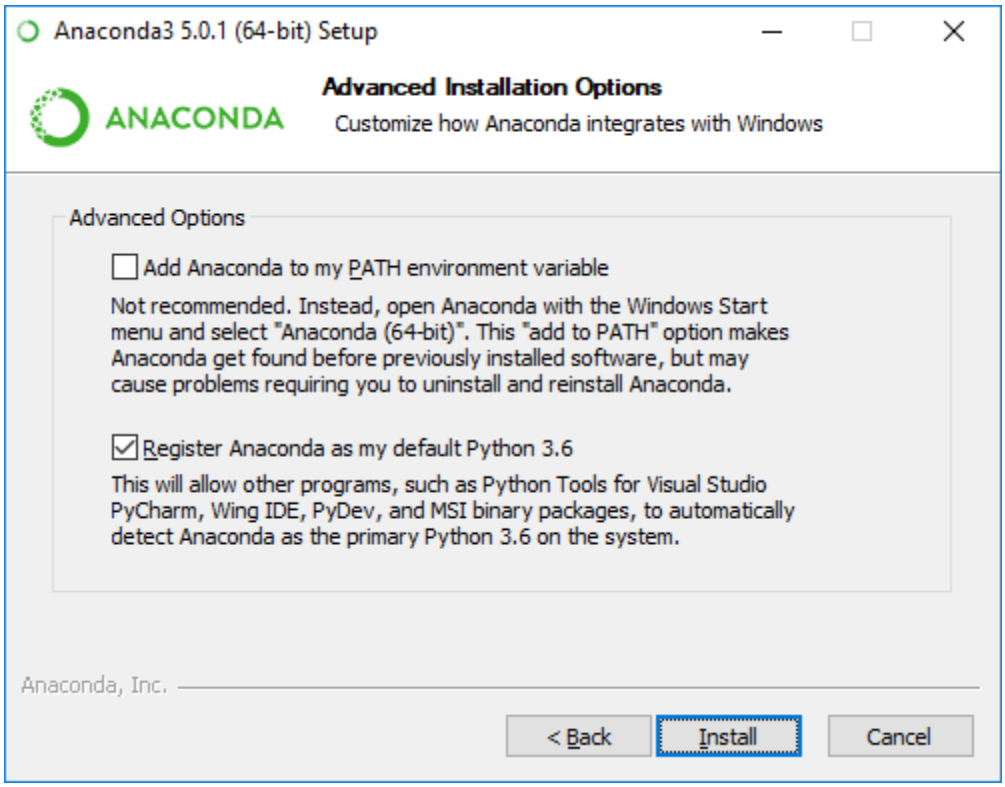
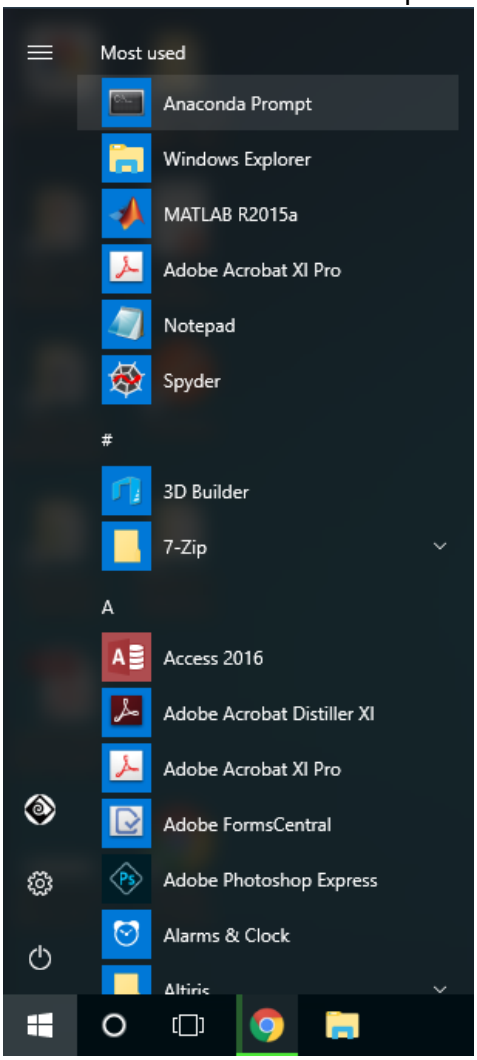


At the Advanced Installation Options screen, I recommend that you do not check "Add Anaconda to my PATH environment variable"



5. Open the Anaconda Prompt and run some Python code

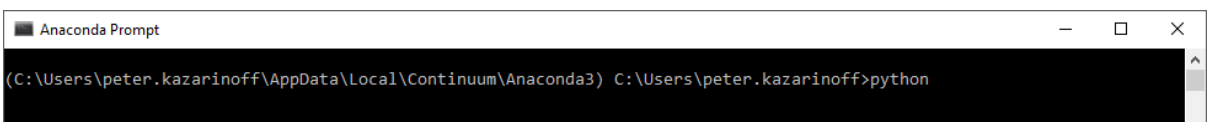
After the installation of Anaconda is complete, you can go to the Windows start menu and select the Anaconda Prompt.



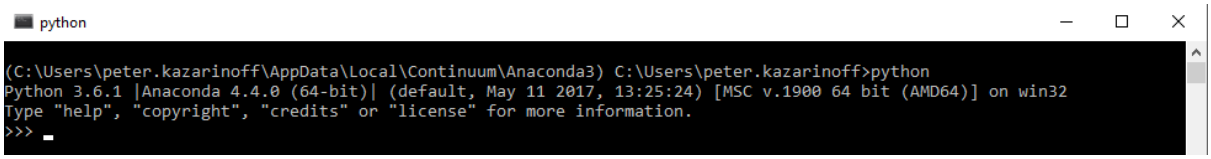
This opens the Anaconda Prompt. Anaconda is the Python distribution and the Anaconda Prompt is a command line shell (a program where you type in commands instead of using a mouse). The black screen and text that makes up the Anaconda Prompt doesn't look like much, but it is really helpful for problem solvers using Python.

At the Anaconda prompt, type python and hit [Enter]. The python command starts the Python interpreter, also called the Python REPL (for Read Evaluate Print Loop).

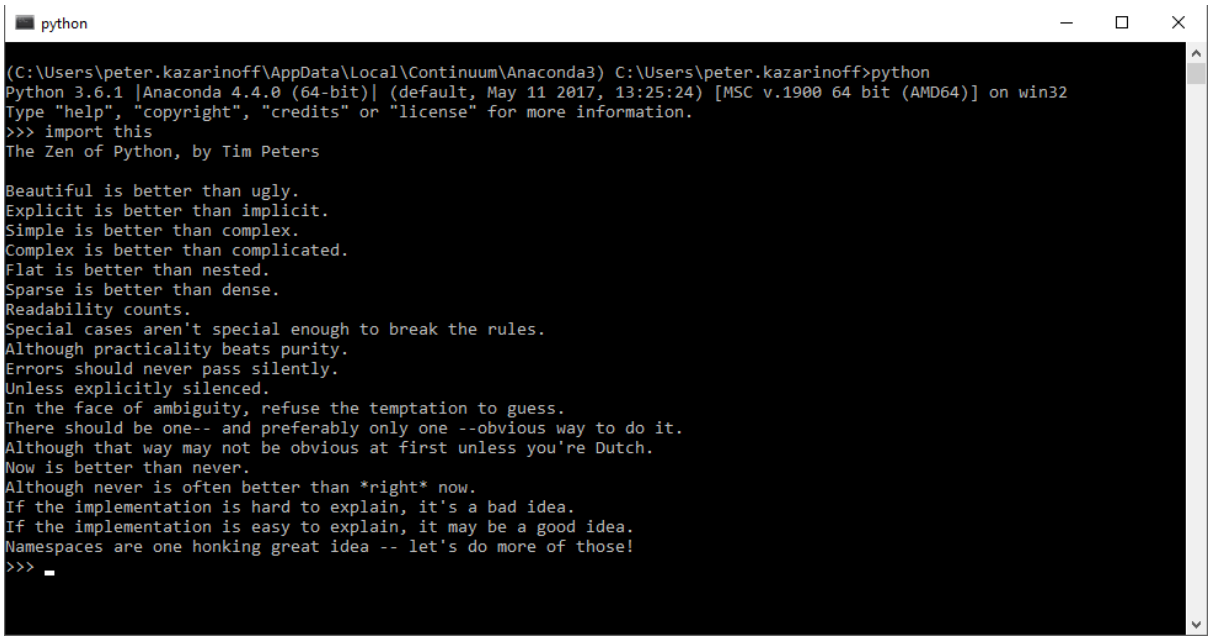
> python



Note the Python version. You should see something like `Python 3.6.1`. With the interpreter running, you will see a set of greater-than symbols `>>>` before the cursor.



Now you can type Python commands. Try typing import this. You should see the Zen of Python by Tim Peters



To close the Python interpreter, type exit() at the prompt >>>. Note the double parenthesis at the end of the exit() command. The () is needed to stop the Python interpreter and get back out to the Anaconda Prompt.

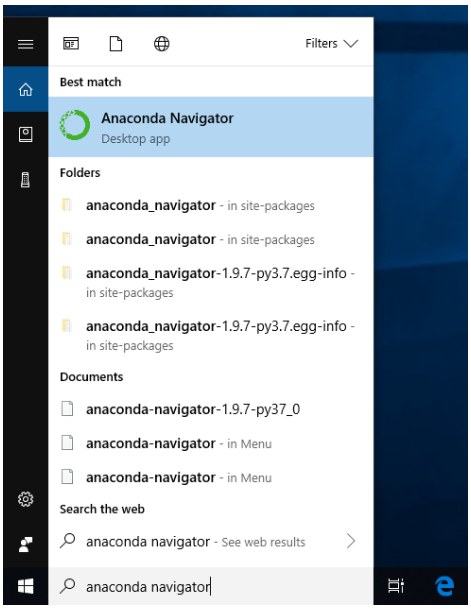
To close the Anaconda Prompt, you can either close the window with the mouse, or type exit, no parenthesis necessary.

When you want to use the Python interpreter again, just click the Windows Start button and select the Anaconda Prompt and type python.

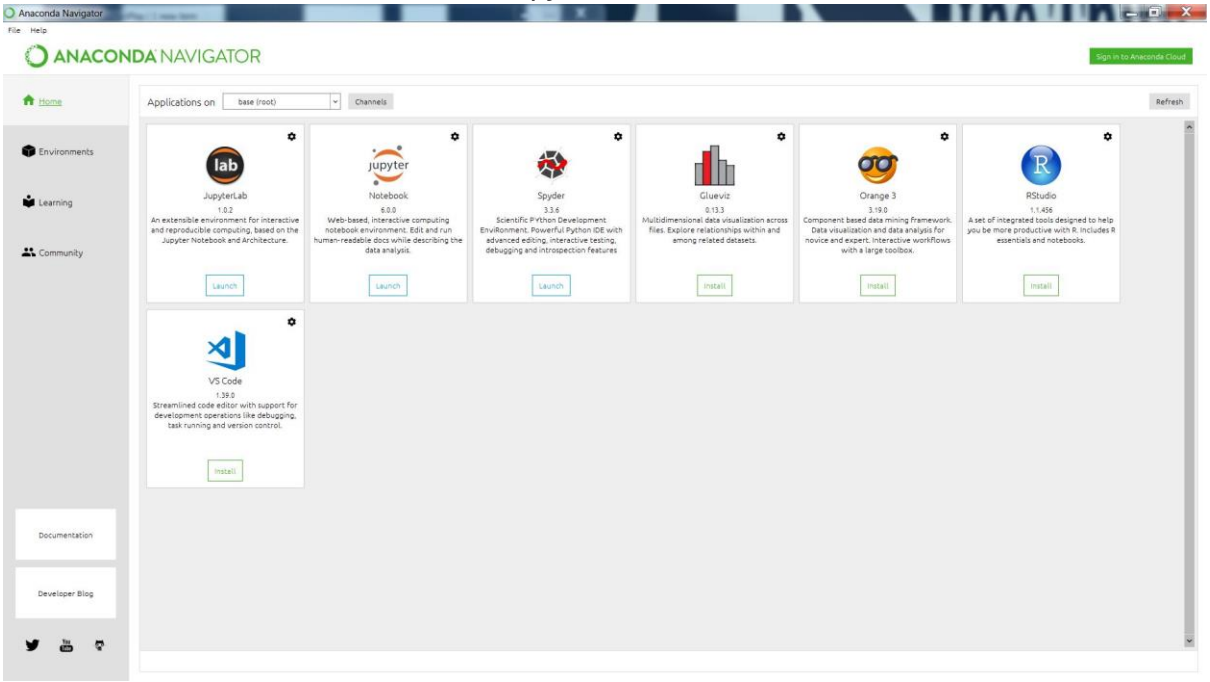
Launching Spyder

1. Open navigator

   From the Start menu, click the Anaconda Navigator desktop app.



2. On Navigator's Home tab, in the Applications pane on the right, scroll to the Spyder tile and click the Install button to install Spyder.



   If you already have Spyder installed, you can jump right to the Launch step.

3. Launch Spyder by clicking Spyder's Launch button.