

PROGRAMMING WITH PYTHON



BUILD YOUR SKILLS
WORKSHOP SERIES

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Today's Plan

~2 hours: Basic Concepts	1 hour Brain Break	~2 hours Data with Pandas
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About today...

- Ask questions!
- If you're stuck:
 - Ask us
 - Help each other out!
- If something is confusing in the workshop, it probably needs improvement; let us know.
- Stay as long as you like

Objectives

- Gain familiarity with one environment for using Python (Google Colab), and awareness of others
- Learn Python language basics
- Load in a data set as a Pandas DataFrame
- Explore and transform ("wrangle") the DataFrame
- Create data visualizations
- Learn how to look things up, how to interpret errors
- Gain confidence to try things we didn't learn today!

Why Python?



- Free
- General purpose
- Easy to learn
- Readable*
- Community-developed / Open Source
- Widely used and documented
- Good built-in and contributed libraries

Different ways to use Python

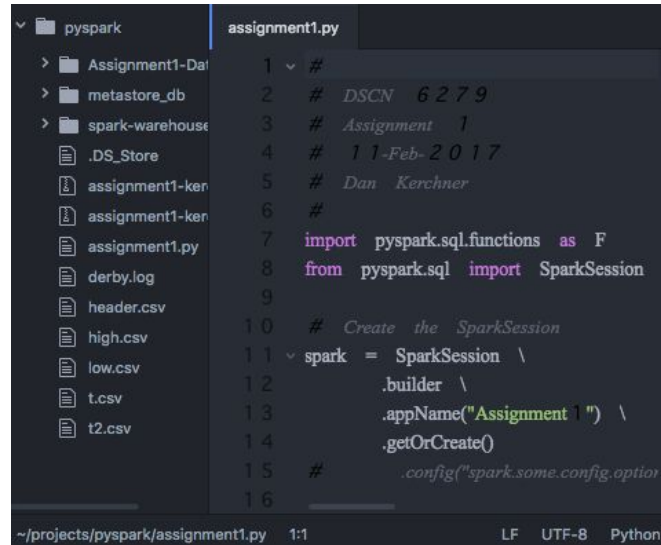
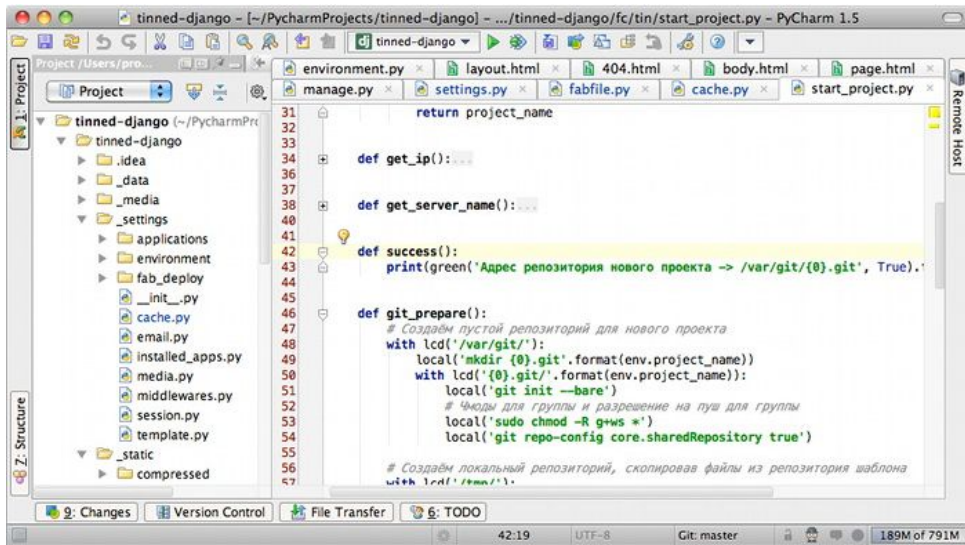


- Command line/REPL

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Last login: Mon Mar 20 22:09:33 on ttys001
[GLSS-M17LFFT:~ kerchner$ python
Python 2.7.10 (default, Oct 23 2015, 19:19:21)
[GCC 4.2.1 Compatible Apple LLVM 7.0.0 (clang-700.0.59.5)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
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[>>> opinion = "This workshop is awful!"
[>>> opinion == True
False
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Different ways to use Python

- Integrated Development Environment (IDE) – Spyder, pyCharm, pyDev, Sublime, ...
- File editor (e.g. Atom, vim) + command line tools (pip, virtualenv, ...)



Different ways to use Python (continued)

- "Notebooks":
 - Jupyter notebooks
 - Google Colab (available in your Google Drive!)
 - Kaggle notebooks
 - others?

Even more ways to use Python

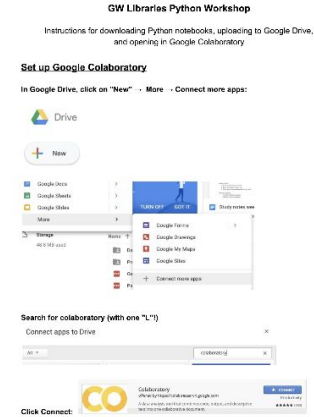
Anaconda = Python (and R) plus:

- **Jupyter notebooks**
- lots of libraries
 - data processing
 - analytics
 - scientific computing
 - including: **Pandas**



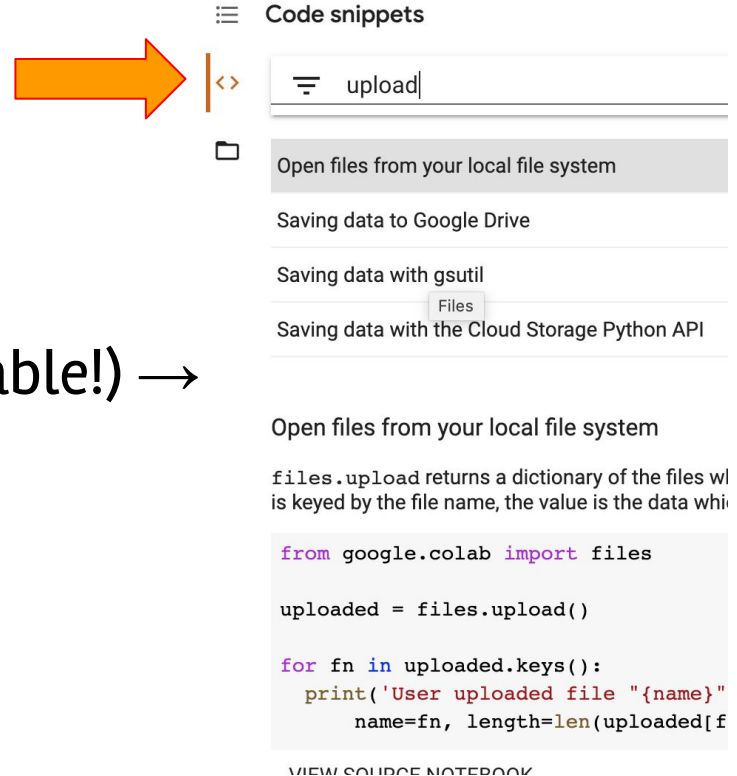
Setup

- Google Colaboratory
<https://colab.research.google.com>
- Backup plan: <https://jupyter.lai.gwu.edu>




Uploading Data (and doing other things) in Google Colab

Use "Code Snippets" (searchable!) →



Some recommendations

- Write assuming your code will be read (incl. by Future You)
- Version your code  **GitHub**
- Learn to be "Pythonic" in your style
- Isolate your projects from each other (try: virtualenv)
- Stuck? Try an Internet search
- Find good code examples and make them work
- Keep learning!

Some Python libraries/frameworks

Building web applications	Django Flask
Scientific/numerical	Numpy Scipy Pandas
Machine Learning	scikit-learn
Data Visualization	matplotlib bokeh ggplot (like ggplot2 in R) plotly (<- interactive) seaborn

To Learn More

- Kaggle: kaggle.com/learn
- learnpython.org
- [Software Carpentry](https://software-carpentry.org), [Data Carpentry](https://datacarpentry.org) (not just Python)
- docs.python.org/3/tutorial (and docs.python.org/)
- [GW Online: Get data off the ground with Python](https://gwonline.org)
- LinkedIn learning it.gwu.edu/linkedin-learning courses
 - 84 Python, 4 Pandas
- More on Pandas:
 - <http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/10min.html>
 - <http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/tutorials.html>
 - <http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/cookbook.html>
 - <http://www.datacarpentry.org/python-ecology-lesson/>

Contact us:

Coding Consultations (with Dan & colleagues):

go.gwu.edu/coding

Stats Appointments (with Stats grad students):

calendly.com/statistical-consulting-gw

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