



# Communities / Contacts

# The Astropy Community

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Astropy is not an institution, or based out of any individual location: We are a distributed community



*You are now part of that community!*



So how can you continue to engage with the rest of the Astropy community?

# mailing lists

**<https://www.astropy.org/help>**

Descriptions of various forums and signup instructions.

**astropy users: [astropy@python.org](mailto:astropy@python.org)**

For asking questions, announcements, general discussion

# discourse

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**<http://community.openastronomy.org>**

open setting, includes an Astropy section and  
other allied projects like Sunpy

# Astropy's Slack Team

[joinslack.astropy.org](https://joinslack.astropy.org)

The screenshot shows the Slack interface for the 'astropy' workspace. The left sidebar shows various channels like Threads, Huddles, Drafts & sent, Directories, Starred, and several project-specific channels such as affiliated-general, community-help (which is currently selected), coordinates, finance-committee, general, infrastructure, learn, nddata, project, and random. The main area displays the '#community-help' channel. The channel header shows 294 members, a message count of 60, and a file count of 1. There are tabs for Messages, Add canvas, Files, and a plus sign. A message from Carter Rhea at 2:20 PM on Friday, December 12th, asks about issues connecting to the GAIA DR3 using astroquery. Mitchell Revalski responds at 2:48 PM, noting that some notebooks started failing ~2 weeks ago. Carter Rhea replies at 3:09 PM, stating he reached out to the help desk and they are actively working on it. Toon De Prins joins the channel at 7:22 PM on Monday, December 15th, along with Nishant Tekwani and 5 others. The message input field at the bottom is ready for a new message.

A threaded, topic-oriented team chat. Can be either “I need help” or in-depth developer discussions.

# Self-directed Learning Materials

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## Learn Astropy: [learn.astropy.org](https://learn.astropy.org)

Contains tutorials comparable to the material in this workshop. May use a mix of astropy and affiliated packages to demonstrate a science workflow, task, or package.

## Astropy documentation: [docs.astropy.org](https://docs.astropy.org)

Developed as part of the code. Includes authoritative reference materials, but also a lot of background and examples.

# **Wider ecosystem**

## **"Python Users in Astronomy" Facebook group**

A valuable “ask questions” and discussion group.

- occasional announcements (e.g. job openings).
- Moderated and requires approval (anyone in this room is eligible, but if you haven’t been approved ping one of the moderators)

# Wider ecosystem

“Allied” Conferences and organizations:

- dotAstronomy
- Astro Hack Week
- Python in Astronomy Conference Series
- Open Astronomy