Introduction - Python

Python is a popular programming language. It was created by Guido van Rossum, and released in 1991.

It is used for:

- web development (server-side),
- software development,
- mathematics,
- system scripting.



Applications for Python

Web and Internet Development:

Python offers many choices for web development:

- Frameworks such as Django and Pyramid.
- Micro-frameworks such as Flask and Bottle.
- Advanced content management systems such as Plone and django CMS.
- Python's standard library supports many Internet protocols:
 HTML and XML
 JSON
 E-mail processing.
 - Support for FTP, IMAP, and other Internet protocols.

Twisted Python, a framework for asynchronous network programming.

Applications for Python

Scientific and Numeric

Python is widely used in scientific and numeric computing:

- SciPy and NumPy are a collection of packages for mathematics, science, and engineering.
- Pandas is a data analysis and modeling library.
- IPython is a powerful interactive shell that features easy editing and recording of a work session, and supports visualizations and parallel computing.

Education

Python is a superb language for teaching programming, both at the introductory level and in more advanced courses.

Desktop GUIs

- The Tk GUI library is included with most binary distributions of Python.
- Some toolkits that are usable on several platforms are available separately:

wxWidgets

Kivy, for writing multitouch applications.

Qt via pyqt or pyside

Platform-specific toolkits are also available:

GTK+

Microsoft Foundation Classes through the win32 extensions

Software Development

Python is often used as a support language for software developers, for build control and management, testing, and in many other ways.

- SCons for build control.
- Buildbot and Apache Gump for automated continuous compilation and testing.
- Roundup or Trac for bug tracking and project management.

Business Applications

Python is also used to build ERP and e-commerce systems:

- Odoo is an all-in-one management software that offers a range of business applications that form a complete suite of enterprise management applications.
- **Tryton** is a three-tier high-level general purpose application platform.

Knowledge Sources

https://docs.python.org/3.8/tutorial/

https://www.w3schools.com/python/default.asp

https://www.learnpython.org/

https://realpython.com/numpy-scipy-pandas-correlation-python/

https://benalexkeen.com/correlation-in-python/

Basic concepts of Python - the What's and the Why's

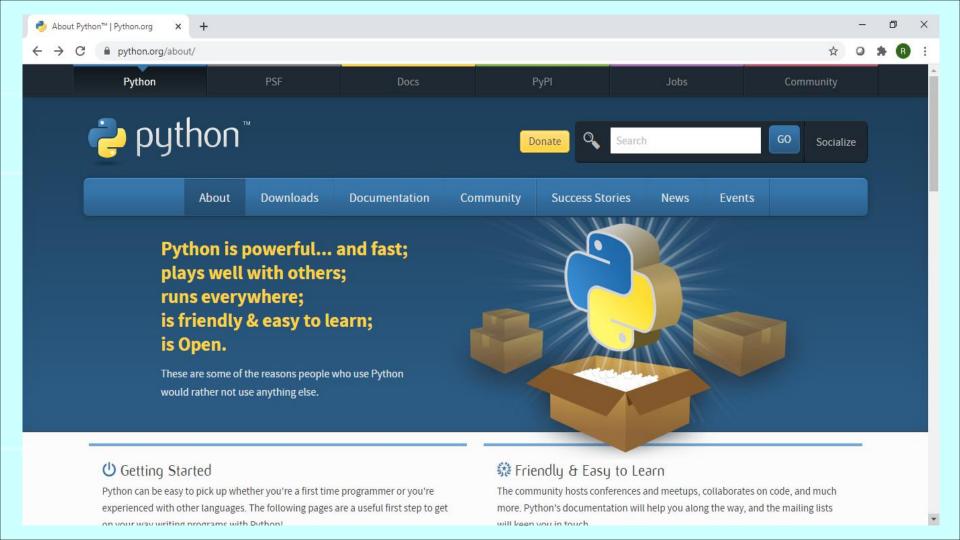
What can Python do?

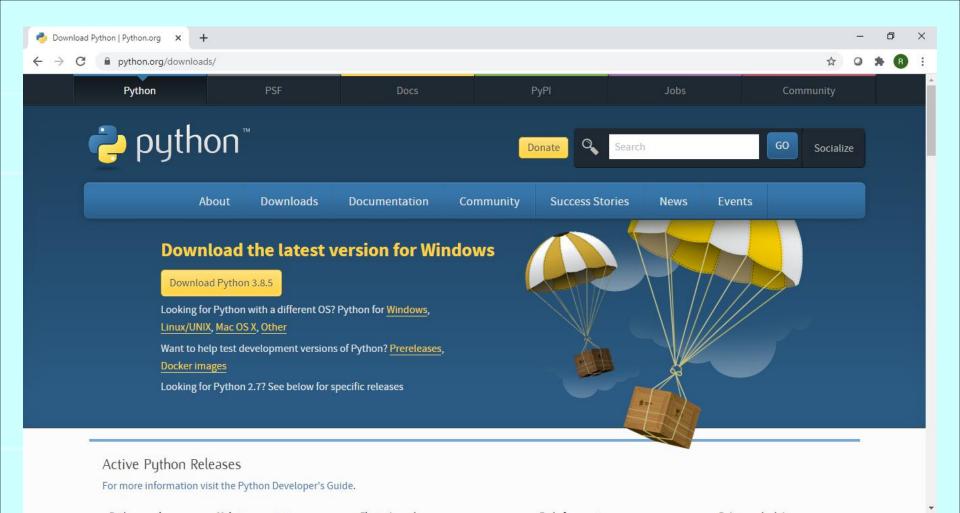
- Python can be used on a server to create web applications.
- Python can be used alongside software to create workflows.
- Python can connect to database systems. It can also read and modify files.
- Python can be used to handle big data and perform complex mathematics.
- Python can be used for rapid prototyping, or for production-ready software development.

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Why Python?

- Python works on different platforms (Windows, Mac, Linux, Raspberry Pi, etc).
- Python has a simple syntax similar to the English language.
- Python has syntax that allows developers to write programs with fewer lines than some other programming languages.
- Python runs on an interpreter system, meaning that code can be executed as soon as it is written. This means that prototyping can be very quick.
- Python can be treated in a procedural way, an object-orientated way or a functional way.





Python and Statistics/Scientific & Numeric Computing

Numerical Computing defines an area of computer science and mathematics dealing with algorithms for numerical approximations of problems from mathematical or numerical analysis,

In other words: Algorithms solving problems involving continuous variables.

Numerical analysis is used to solve science and engineering problems.

Tools: Libraries and Software

In addition to standart tools like editors, compilers, or debuggers, there is a lot of (commercial or public domain) support available:

Modelling:

Computer algebra programs like Mathematica, Maple, Axiom, or Reduce support derivations and proofs of theorems via symbolic means.

Numerics:

Mathematica, Maple, or MATLAB support the development, testing, and analysis of (numerical) algorithms and allow an efficient prototyping.

Implementation:

A zoo of (numerical) libraries provide up-to-date modules for standard tasks (numerical linear algebra etc.), tailored to specific target architectures.

Visualization:

Packages like IDL, IRIS Explorer, or AVS/Express offer (nearly) all you want.

Libraries and Collections

GAMS - Guide to Available Mathematical Software http://gams.nist.gov/

Matrix Market - http://math.nist.gov/MatrixMarket/

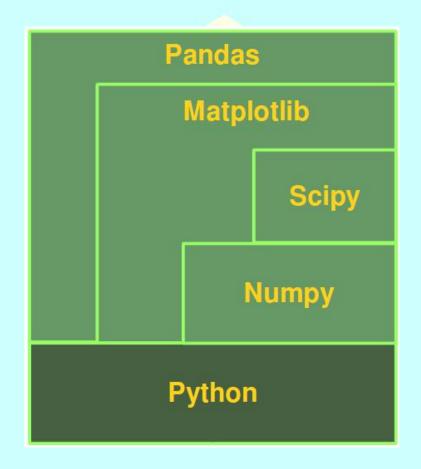
NETLIB - http://www.netlib.org/

Diffpack - http://www.nobjects.com

and many more

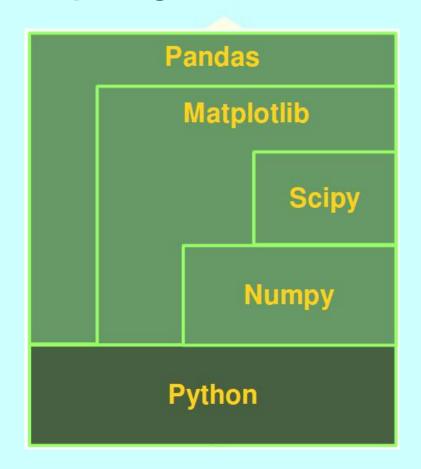
Numpy is a module which provides the basic data structures, implementing Multi-dimensional arrays and matrices.

SciPy is based on top of Numpy, i.e. it uses the data structures provided by NumPy. It extends the capabilities of NumPy with further useful functions for minimization, regression, Fourier-transformation and many others.

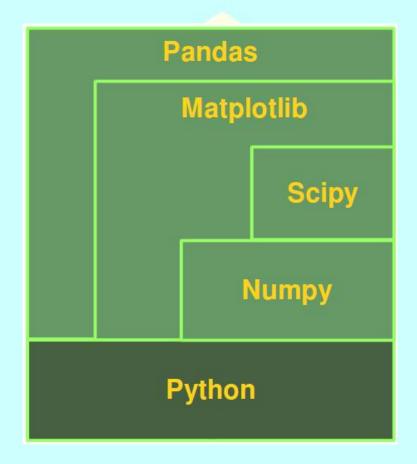


Matplotlib is a plotting library for the Python programming language and the numerically oriented modules like *NumPy* and *SciPy*.

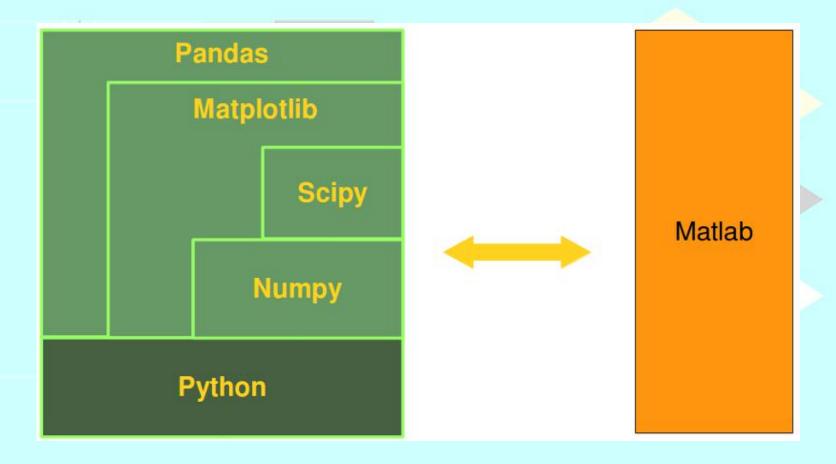
Pandas is using all of the previously mentioned modules. It's build on top of them to provide a module for the Python language, which is also capable of data manipulation and analysis.



The special focus of Pandas consists in offering data structures and operations for manipulating numerical tables and time series. The name is derived from the term "panel data". Pandas is well suited for working with tabular data as it is known from spread sheet programming like Excel.



Python - An Alternative of Matlab



NumPy brings the computational power of languages like C and Fortran to Python, a language much easier to learn and use. With this power comes simplicity: a solution in NumPy is often clear and elegant.

