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# Data Science and AI

Module 1  
Part 2:

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Python for Data Science

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## Agenda: Module 1 Part 2

- Python Fundamentals
- Advanced Python Programming
- Software Engineering Best Practices
- Using Git & GitHub for Version Control
- Deploying Python Applications



# Python Fundamentals

- Version clash: 2.7 vs 3.x
- Installing packages with pip
- Environments
- Installing and using Anaconda
- IPython, Spyder
- Jupyter notebooks
- Data structures in Python
- Writing functions in Python
- Iterating in Python
- numpy, pandas, scikit-learn

# Version Clash: 2.7 vs 3.x

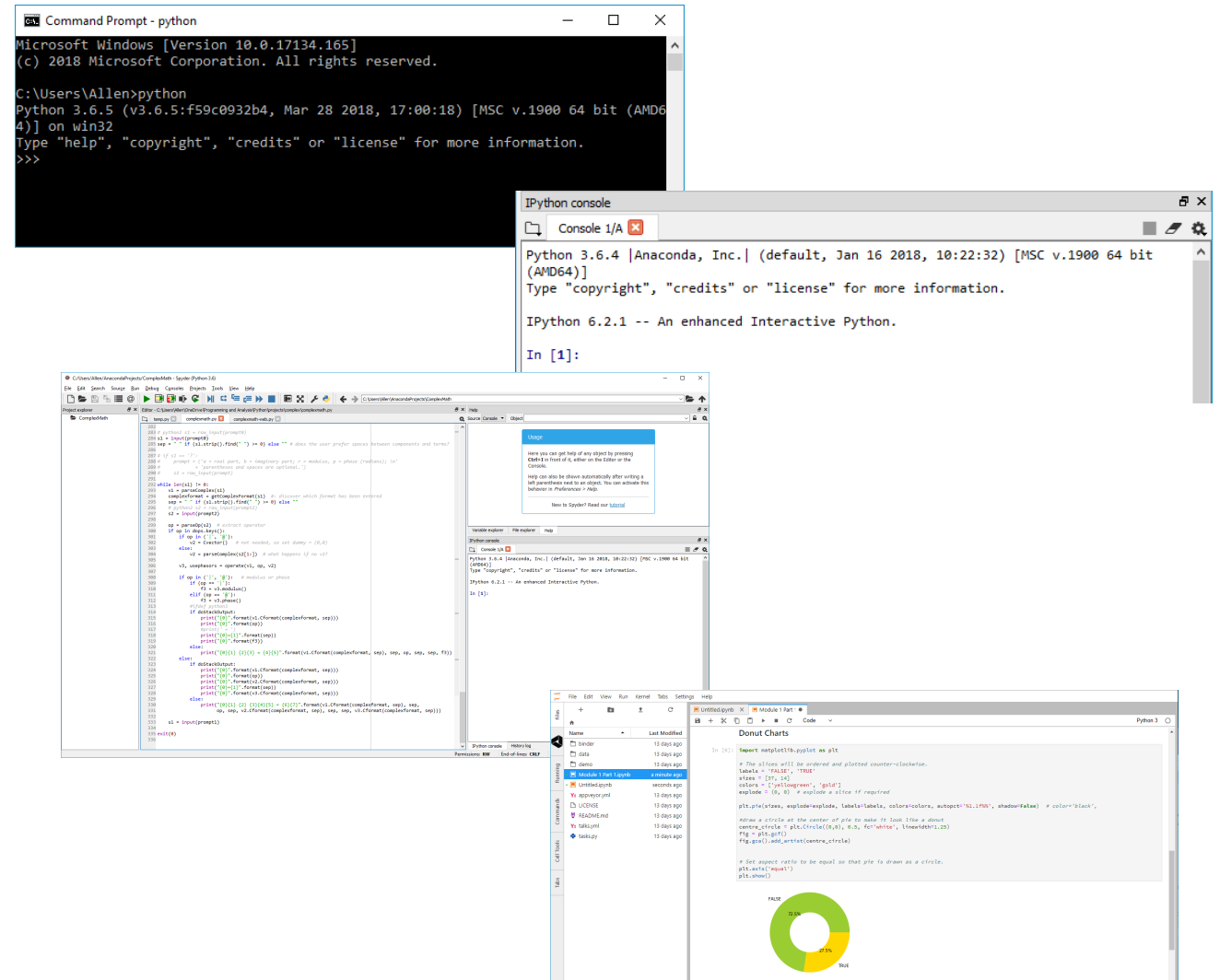
- version 2.x
  - large code base
  - last version = 2.7 (no more releases!)
- version 3.x
  - *print* is a function
  - raising & catching exceptions
  - integer division (2.x truncates; 3.x converts to float)
  - short → long integers
  - octal constants: *0nnn* → *0onnn*
  - unicode strings
  - ...

# Version Clash: 2.7 vs 3.x

- cheat sheet
  - [http://python-future.org/compatible\\_idioms.html#](http://python-future.org/compatible_idioms.html#)
- dual-version support
  - pkg future
    - <https://docs.python.org/3/howto/pyporting.html>

# Running Python

- command prompt
- Ipython
  - Python IDE
- Spyder
  - IPython-based IDE
  - stand-alone, Anaconda Navigator
- Jupyter notebooks
  - IPython-based, browser-hosted
  - stand-alone, Anaconda Navigator



# Installing Packages with pip

Install pip ...

Windows

1. download [get-pip.py](#) to a local folder
2. open a cmd window; navigate to the folder
3. `$ python get-pip.py`

macOS / OS X

1. `$ sudo easy_install pip`



# Installing Packages with pip – cont'd

- install a package
- upgrade a package
- install a specific version
- install a set of requirements
- install from an alternate index
- install from a local archive

```
$ pip install anypkg
$ pip install --upgrade anypkg
$ pip install anypkg==1.0.4
$ pip install -r reqsfile.txt
$ pip install --index-url http://my.package.repo/simple/ anypkg
$ pip install ./downloads/anypkg-1.0.1.tar.gz
```

<https://packaging.python.org/tutorials/installing-packages/>  
<https://docs.python.org/3/installing/index.html>

# Environments

What is an environment?

> a practical way to deal with Python's own DLL hell

## Issues:

- many packages have not been around long enough to be tested with other packages that you might want to use with them
- packages don't always get updated quickly in response to updated dependences

solution: virtual environments for hosting isolated projects

- venv
- conda

## Environments – cont'd: conda

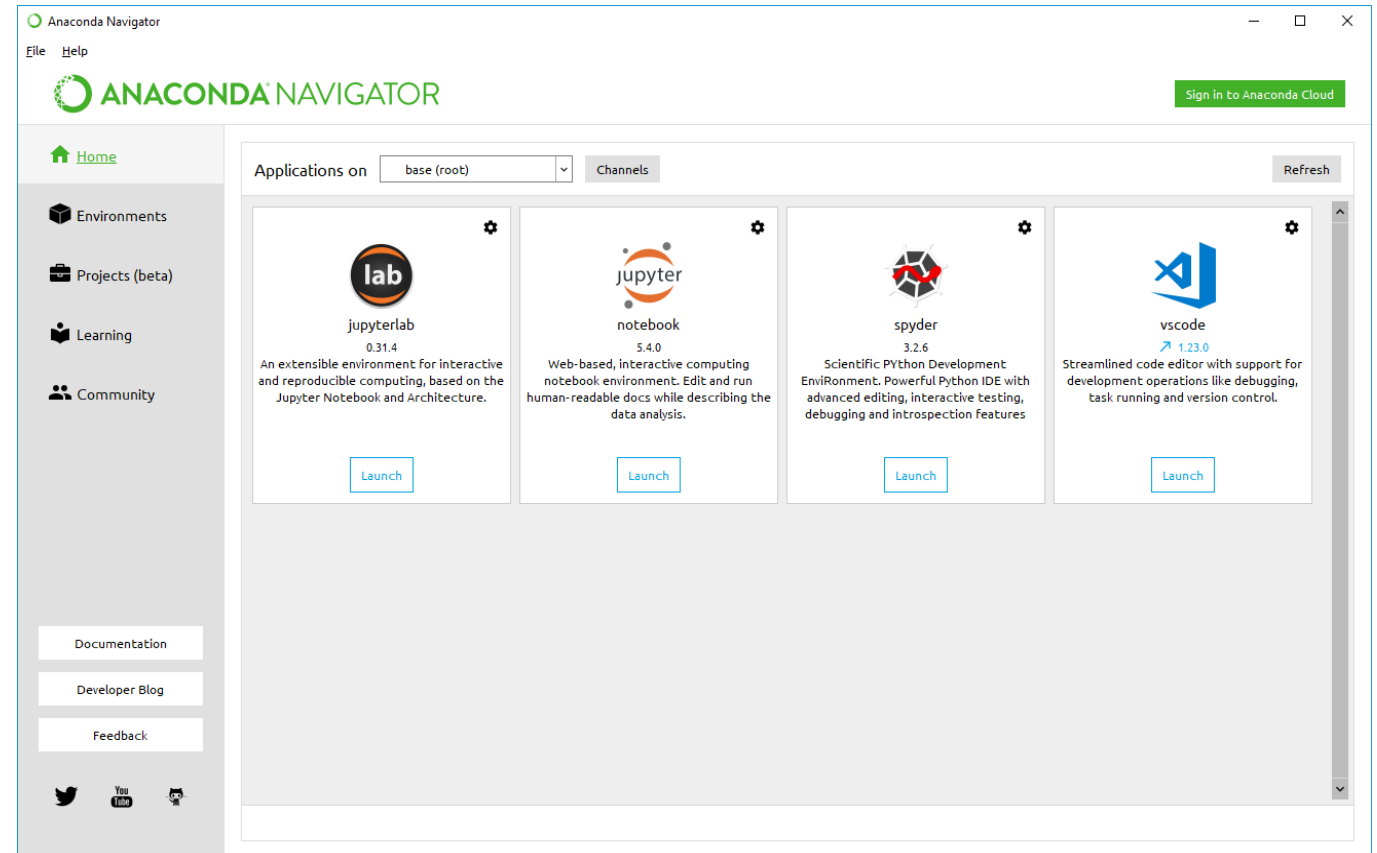
- create an environment
- activate an environment
- deactivate an environment
- install python
- search for available packages
- install a package
- list installed packages

```
$ conda create --name myenv1 python
$ source activate myenv1
$ source deactivate
$ conda install python=version
$ conda search searchterm
$ conda install anypkg
$ conda list --name myenv1
```

<https://conda.io/docs/commands.html>

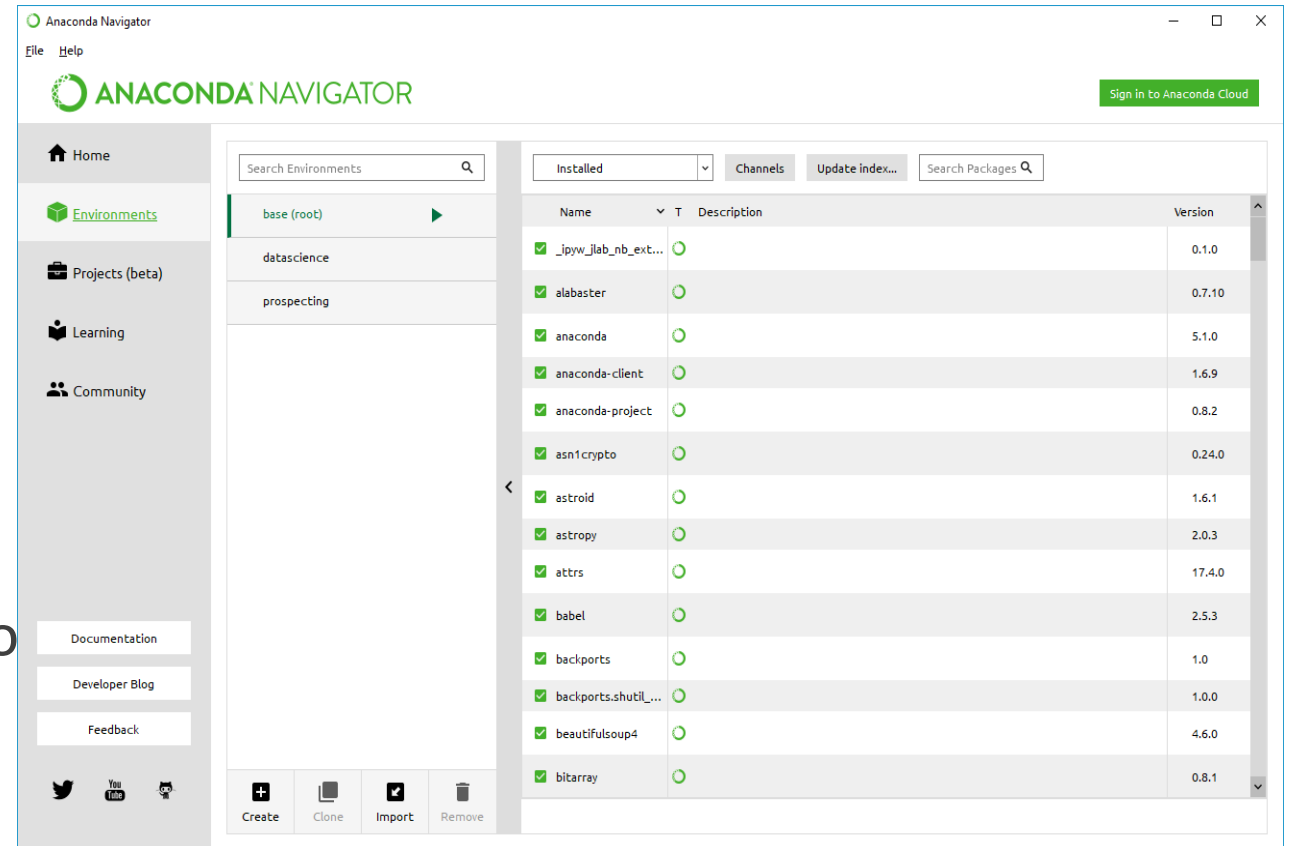
# Environments – cont'd: Anaconda Navigator

- launcher for a variety of Python (and other) development environments



# Environments – cont'd: Anaconda Navigator

- implements conda via a GUI
  - create envs
  - switch between envs
  - list packages in an env
  - search for packages to add to env
- env-specific app instances
  - set env (e.g. Python27)
  - launch Jupyter notebook to run Python 2.7 code



# Installing a Package in an Environment

## Option 1: Using Anaconda Navigator

1. Select, clone, or create environment in Environments tab
2. Check for required package with Installed selected in drop-down
3. If not found, select Not Installed to search conda packages available for download/installation
4. If found among available packages:
  - select checkbox
  - click Apply

# Installing a Package in an Environment – cont'd

## Option 2: Using Conda (in the command window)

### 1. Check for required package:

- open Anaconda Prompt (Windows) or Terminal window (Mac, Linux, Unix)
- activate environment, check installed packages:
  - \$ activate your\_env
  - \$ conda list --n myenv

### 2. If not found among installed packages:

- try installing from conda:
  - \$ conda install new\_pkg

# Installing a Package in an Environment – cont'd

If the package is not available in *conda*:

- a. try another channel:
  - e.g. *conda-forge* (`$ conda config --add channels conda-forge`)
- b. use *pip* instead:  
(*Nb. no option to use Anaconda Navigator, yet*):
  - open Anaconda Prompt (Windows) or Terminal window (Mac, Linux, Unix)
  - Windows:

```
$ python -m pip install new_pkg
```
  - Mac, Linux, Unix:

```
$ python -m pip install new_pkg
```

## Notes:

- prefixing the command with `python -m` ensures that the package gets installed for the active python installation (i.e. the current environment)



# Installing a Package in an Environment – cont'd

Option 3: Installing a package from within a Jupyter notebook  
(to the current Jupyter kernel):

1. Import the sys package:  
`import sys`
2. If the package **is** in *conda*:  
`!conda install --yes --prefix {sys.prefix} new_pkg`
3. If the package is **not** in *conda*:  
`!{sys.executable} -m pip install new_pkg`

# Installing a Package in an Environment – cont'd

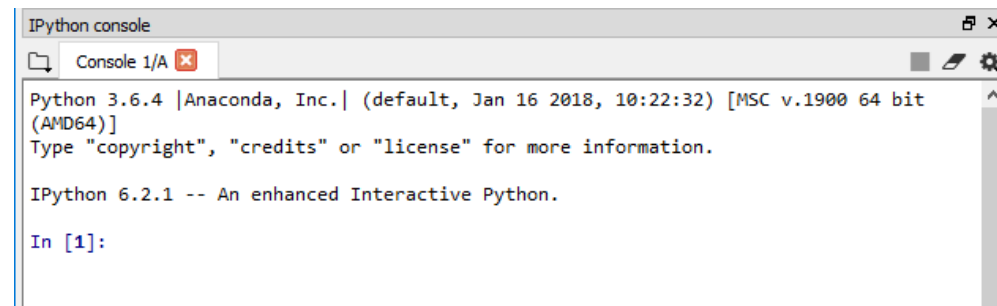
## Notes

- always double-check that the target environment is active before installing packages
- the references to `sys` guarantee that the package installs in the same environment that Jupyter was launched from
- **never** use `sudo pip install new_pkg`
  - this may override objections from the operating system's default Python environment, causing future problems
- installed packages can be upgraded to the most recent version by inserting the `--upgrade` option
- a specific version of a package can be installed
  - do this when the latest version does not work with other packages in the target environment

<https://conda.io/docs/user-guide/tasks/index.html>

<https://jakevdp.github.io/blog/2017/12/05/installing-python-packages-from-jupyter/>

- editor
  - tab completion
  - extend with jedi
- breakpoints
- interactive IPython console
- commands
  - line magics %
  - cell magics %%
- graphics (plotting)
  - inline: %matplotlib inline
  - external: %matplotlib

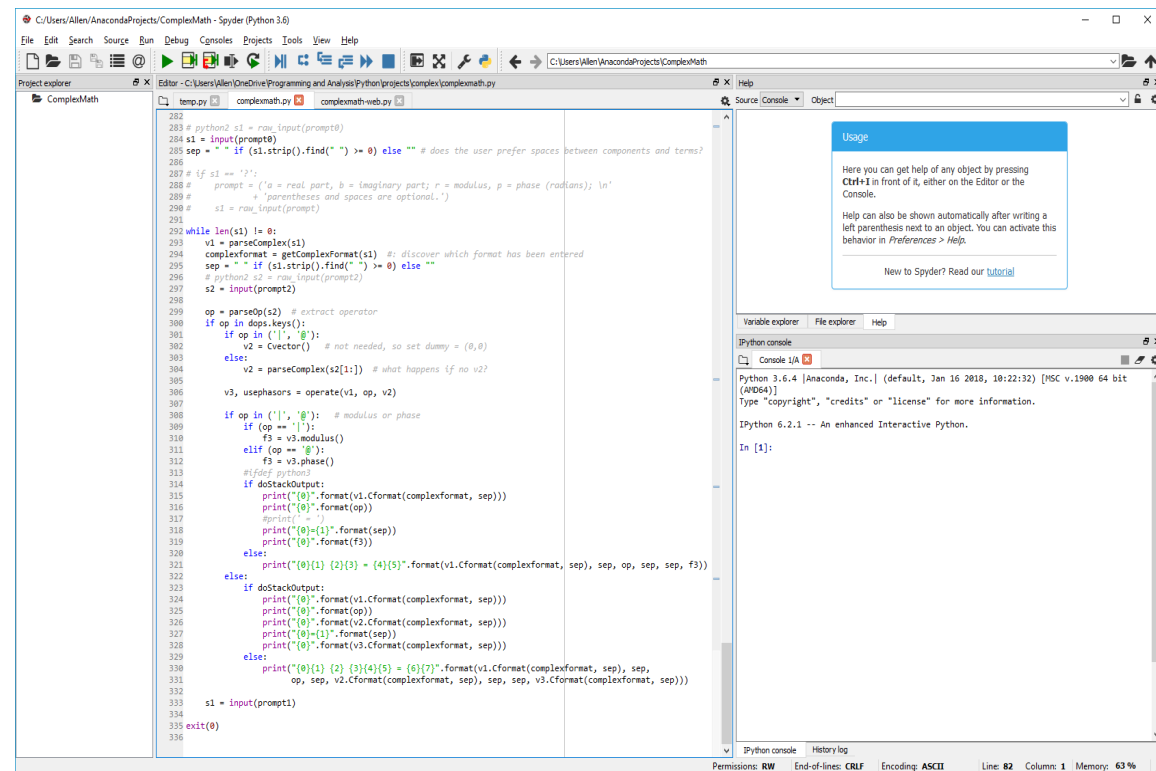


```

Python 3.6.4 |Anaconda, Inc.| (default, Jan 16 2018, 10:22:32) [MSC v.1900 64 bit (AMD64)]
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 6.2.1 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.

In [1]:
  
```

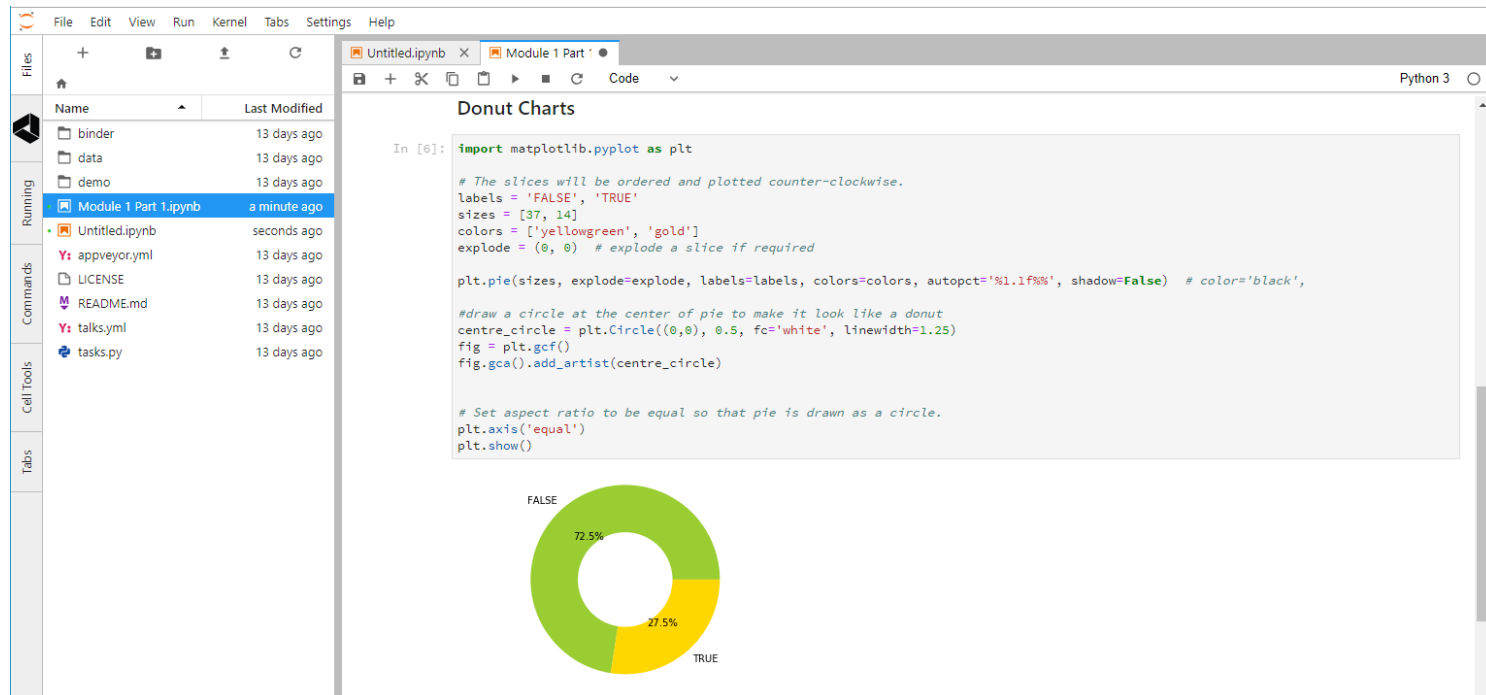


```

282
283 # python2 s1 = raw_input(prompt0)
284 s1 = input(prompt0)
285 sep = " " if (s1.strip().find(" ") >= 0) else "" # does the user prefer spaces between components and terms?
286
287 # if s1 == '?':
288 #     prompt = ('a = real part, b = imaginary part; r = modulus, p = phase (radians); ln'
289 #             + 'parentheses and spaces are optional.')
290 #     s1 = raw_input(prompt)
291
292 while len(s1) != 0:
293     v1 = parseComplex(s1)
294     complexFormat = getComplexFormat(s1) # discover which format has been entered
295     sep = " " if (s1.strip().find(" ") >= 0) else ""
296     # python2 s2 = raw_input(prompt2)
297     s2 = input(prompt2)
298
299 op = parseOp(s2) # extract operator
300 if op in ops.keys():
301     if op in ('+', '-'):
302         v2 = Cvector() # not needed, so set dummy = (0,0)
303     else:
304         v2 = parseComplex(s2[1:]) # what happens if no v2?
305
306 v3, usephasors = operate(v1, op, v2)
307
308 if op in ('+', '-'): # modulus or phase
309     if op == '+':
310         f3 = v2.modulus()
311     elif op == '-':
312         f3 = v3.phase()
313
314     if doStackOutput:
315         print("{} {}".format(v1.Cformat(complexFormat, sep)))
316         print("{} {}".format(op))
317         print("{} {}".format(sep))
318         print("{} {}".format(f3))
319     else:
320         print("{}[1] [2][3] = [4][5]".format(v1.Cformat(complexFormat, sep), sep, op, sep, sep, f3))
321
322 else:
323     if doStackOutput:
324         print("{} {}".format(v1.Cformat(complexFormat, sep)))
325         print("{} {}".format(op))
326         print("{} {}".format(v2.Cformat(complexFormat, sep)))
327         print("{} {}".format(sep))
328         print("{} {}".format(v3.Cformat(complexFormat, sep)))
329     else:
330         print("{}[1] [2] [3][4][5] = [6][7]".format(v1.Cformat(complexFormat, sep), sep,
331             op, sep, v2.Cformat(complexFormat, sep), sep, sep, v3.Cformat(complexFormat, sep)))
332
333 s1 = input(prompt1)
334
335 exit(0)
336
  
```

# Jupyter Notebooks

- shareable
- environment-based
- interactive or batch execution
- > 40 languages
  - Python, R, Scala, ...
- Big Data support
  - Spark



# Generic Data Types

Numeric	Text	Other
integer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>signed, unsigned</li> <li>2, 4 B</li> </ul>	character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 B (ASCII)</li> <li>2 B (unicode)</li> </ul>	Boolean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>true, false</li> </ul> Binary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>2^n</math></li> </ul>
floating-point ('float') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4, 8 B</li> <li>double = 2 x float</li> </ul>	string <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>character array</li> <li>0-based <i>or</i> 1-based</li> <li>null-terminated <i>or</i> length-encoded</li> <li>usually immutable in OOP</li> </ul>	unassigned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>null</li> <li>NA</li> </ul> undefined <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> <li>+, – infinity</li> </ul>
complex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 x double (real, imaginary)</li> </ul>	document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>key-value pairs (JSON strings)</li> </ul>	BLOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>images, video</li> <li>signals</li> </ul>

- lists
  - ordered, mixed-type, mutable
  - append, extend, insert, remove, pop, clear, index, count, sort, reverse, copy
  - comprehensions
- tuples
  - ordered, mixed-type, immutable
  - support packing, unpacking of variables
- sets
  - unordered, no duplicates
- dictionaries
  - key-value pairs (unordered)

# Functions

```
def funcName(param1, param2, defArg1 = 0, defArg2 = 100):  
    # code here  
    return someResult
```

- optional parameters take default arguments if missing from function call
- arguments are assigned to parameters in defined sequence unless named in call
- return statement
  - optional
  - can return multiple items
- scope is inherited from main (but not from a calling function)

# Classes

```
class phasor:
    def __init__(self, r=0, p=0):
        self.r = r
        self.p = p
    def real(self):
        return (self.r * math.cos(self.p))
    def imag(self):
        return (self.r * math.sin(self.p))
```

```
z = phasor(2.7, 0.4 * math.pi)
```

- 2 underscores before/after init
- the **self** parameter is not explicitly mapped to the function call



# Iteration

- while *condition*
- for *iterator* in *list*
- continue
- break
- pass

```
a = ['Mary', 'had', 'a', 'little', 'lamb']  
for w in a:  
    print(w)  
for i in range(len(a)):  
    print (i, a[i])
```

# Formatted Output

`string.format(args)`

- `string` contains placeholders, formatting codes, and optional annotation text
- `args` are objects (e.g. numerics) to be formatted

e.g. print a dictionary of string:float pairs

```
dic = {'a' : 1.23, 'b' : 4.567}
```

for i in dic:

```
    print("{0:s} = {1.2f}".format(i, dic[i]))
```

Code	Usage
'f'	float
'd'	integer
's'	string

Option	Meaning	Example
'<'	Left-aligned	{0:>20s}
'>'	Right-aligned	{0:<20s}
'^'	centered	{0:^20s}
'0'	sign-aware zero-padding	{:08d}
','	thousands separator	{:,}
'='	space padding after sign	{:=8d}
'+'	include sign for positive numbers	{:+8d}
'-'	skip sign for positive numbers	{:=8d}
' '	leading space for positive numbers	{: 8d}

# Lab 1.2.1: Python Programming Basics

## Purpose:

- To practice basic Python skills

## Tools and Resources:

- an IPython console or IDE

## Materials:

- 'lab-1-2-1.py'



# SciPy

- ecosystem of open source software for scientific computing in Python
  - numpy, scipy, matplotlib, ipython, jupyter, pandas, sympy, nose
- scipy library
  - numerical algorithms & domain-specific toolboxes

Clustering package (`scipy.cluster`)  
 Constants (`scipy.constants`)  
 Discrete Fourier transforms (`scipy.fftpack`)  
 Integration and ODEs (`scipy.integrate`)  
 Interpolation (`scipy.interpolate`)  
 Input and output (`scipy.io`)  
 Linear algebra (`scipy.linalg`)  
 Miscellaneous routines (`scipy.misc`)  
 Multi-dimensional image processing (`scipy.ndimage`)  
 Orthogonal distance regression (`scipy.odr`)  
 Optimization and root finding (`scipy.optimize`)  
 Signal processing (`scipy.signal`)  
 Sparse matrices (`scipy.sparse`)  
 Sparse linear algebra (`scipy.sparse.linalg`)  
 Compressed Sparse Graph Routines (`scipy.sparse.csgraph`)  
 Spatial algorithms and data structures (`scipy.spatial`)  
 Special functions (`scipy.special`)  
 Statistical functions (`scipy.stats`)  
 Statistical functions for masked arrays (`scipy.stats.mstats`)  
 Low-level callback functions

<https://www.scipy.org/>

# NumPy

- the fundamental package for scientific computing with Python
  - a powerful N-dimensional array object
  - sophisticated (broadcasting) functions
  - tools for integrating C/C++ and Fortran code
  - useful linear algebra, Fourier transform, and random number capabilities

`import numpy as np`

<http://www.numpy.org/>

# Data Types in Python and NumPy

Type	Python	Numpy	Usage
byte byte array	b'any string' bytearray()		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● immutable</li> <li>● mutable</li> </ul>
integer	int()	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 11 types</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● signed, unsigned</li> <li>● 8, 16, 32, 64 bits, unlimited</li> </ul>
floating-point	float()	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3 types</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 16, 32, 64 bits</li> </ul>
complex	complex()	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 types</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 64, 128 bits</li> </ul>
unassigned	None		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● object</li> <li>● myVar is not None</li> </ul>
missing	nan	isnull(), notnull(), isnan()	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● float, object</li> </ul>

# Pandas

- high-performance, easy-to-use data structures and data analysis tools
  - DataFrame class
  - IO tools
  - data alignment
  - handling of missing data
  - manipulating data sets
    - reshaping, pivoting
    - slicing, dicing, subsetting
    - merging, joining
  - time series

import pandas as pd

<https://pandas.pydata.org/>

# Scikit-learn

- biggest library of ML functions for Python
  - classification
  - regression
  - clustering
  - dimensional reduction
  - model selection & tuning
  - preprocessing

\$ pip install -U scikit-learn

*or*

\$ conda install scikit-learn

<http://scikit-learn.org/stable/>



# Other Python Packages for Data Science

- statsmodels
  - statistical modelling & testing
  - R-style formulae

```
import statsmodels.api as sm
import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
```

- BeautifulSoup
  - reading & parsing XML & HTML data

```
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
```

- Natural Language Toolkit
  - tokenising, tagging, analysing text

```
import nltk
```

# Lab 1.2.2: Scientific Programming

## Purpose:

- To introduce techniques and considerations for scientific programming in Python.

## Tools and Resources:

- an IPython console or IDE

## Materials

- Part 1: High-Performance Programming
  - 'Lab 1.2.2 Part 1.docx'
- Part 2: Basic Scientific Programming
  - 'Lab 1.2.2 Part 2.ipynb'



# Discussion

- Python Programming
- Jupyter Notebooks
- Environments
  - *READ THIS:* Installing Python Packages from a Jupyter Notebook  
(<https://jakevdp.github.io/blog/2017/12/05/installing-python-packages-from-jupyter/>)
- QUESTIONS

# HOMEWORK: Numpy & Pandas

1. Explain the following Numpy methods and create working examples:

- `ndim`
- `shape`
- `Size`
- `dtype`
- `itemsize`
- `data`
- `array`
- `arange`
- `reshape`
- `linspace`
- `random.random`
- `ones`
- `sum`
- `cumsum`
- `min`
- `max`

# HOMEWORK: Numpy & Pandas

2. Explain the following Pandas methods and create working examples:

- DataFrame
- loc
- iload
- iat
- Index
- sort\_index
- MultiIndex
- set\_index
- reset\_index
- date\_range
- sample
- map
- isin
- where
- mask
- copy
- query
- get
- lookup
- difference
- symmetric\_difference
- duplicated
- drop\_duplicates

# Multivariate Integration

## 3. Answer the following:

If `dfmi` is a multi-indexed DataFrame, why does

```
dfmi['one']['second'] = value
```

throw a warning while

```
dfmi.loc[:,('one','second')] = value
```

does not?



# Advanced Python Programming

- Visualisation in Python
- Parallel Processing in Python
- Performance Optimisation in Python
- Debugging Python programs
- Memory Managing in Python
- Building Python Packages

# Visualisation

## matplotlib

- histograms
- bars
- curves
- surfaces
- contours
- maps
- legends
- annotations
- primitives

<https://matplotlib.org/gallery.html>

## Seaborn

- based on matplotlib
- prettier
- more informative
- more specialised

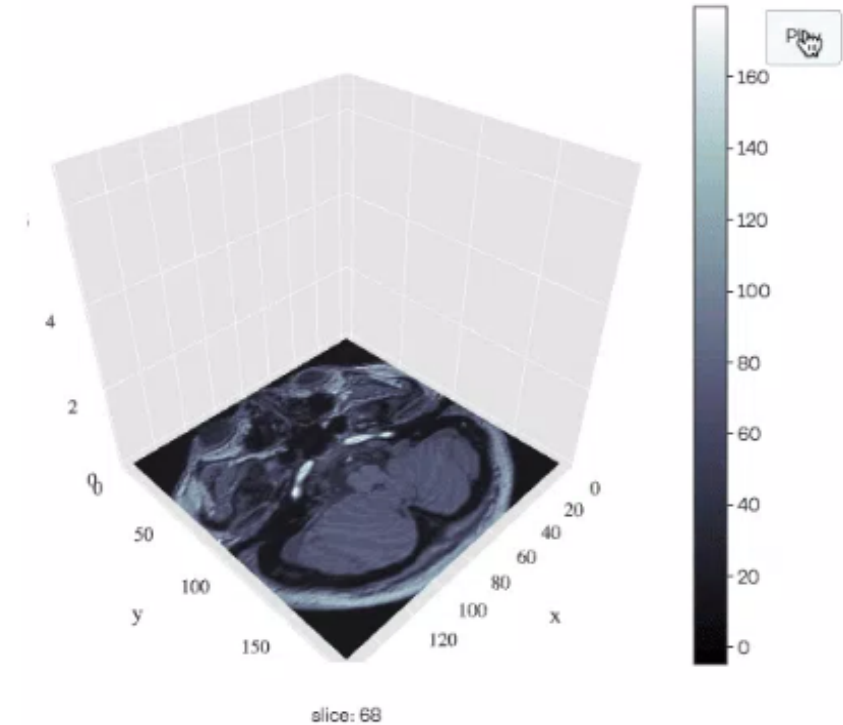
<https://seaborn.pydata.org/examples/index.html>



# Visualisation – cont'd

## Plotly

- open-source (requires sign-up)
- web-based, shareable
- interactive
- online (Jupyter), offline
  - import plotly as py
- + D3, WebGL
  - JavaScript-based



<https://plot.ly/d3-js-for-python-and-pandas-charts/>

<https://d3js.org/>

# Parallel Processing in Python

*multiprocessing* module

- uses multiple CPUs (“cores”) to execute sub-tasks in parallel
- submit multiple processes to completely separate memory locations (“distributed memory”)

```
from multiprocessing import Pool
def f(x):
    return x*x
if __name__ == '__main__':
    with Pool(5) as p:
        print(p.map(f, [1, 2, 3]))
```

```
from multiprocessing import Process
def f(name):
    print('hello', name)
if __name__ == '__main__':
    p = Process(target=f, args=('bob',))
    p.start()
    p.join()
```

<https://docs.python.org/dev/library/multiprocessing.html>

# Performance Optimisation in Python

- sort lists using keys and default `sort()` method
- minimise loop nesting, loop computations
  - local variables instead of globals
  - pre-compute the unchanging elements before entering the loop
  - remove function calls
  - remove function references (e.g. set `append = newlist.append` then call `append(w)`)
- stick to built-in methods & algorithms
  - based on optimised C, FORTRAN libraries
- investigate overheads before using non-standard methods

# Memory Management in Python

- don't try to access memory management functions in code
  - too fraught!
- use generators with large lists
  - prevents entire list from being loaded at once
- write code that lets the garbage collector do its job:
  - encapsulate temporary data / objects in functions, so that they get destroyed when the function exit

# Debugging Python Programs

- the pdb module
  - import pdb
  - import mymodule
  - pdb.run('mymodule.test()')
- the IPython debugger

```

27
28
29 df1 = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(6,4), index=list('abcdef'), columns=list('ABCD'))
30
31 df1.loc['a']
32 df1.loc[['a', 'b', 'd'], :]
33 df1.loc[:, 'A': 'C']
34 df1.loc['a'] > 0
35 df1.loc[:, df1.loc['a'] > 0]
36
37 s = pd.Series(list('abcde'), index=[0,3,2,5,4])
38 s.loc[3:5] # gets rows labelled 3,4,5
39 s.sort_index()
40 s.sort_index().loc[1:6]
41
42 s1 = pd.Series(np.random.randn(5), index=list(range(0,10,2)))
43 s1.iloc[3:]
44 s1.iloc[3]
45
46 df1.loc[lambd df: df.A > 0, :] # selection by callable
47 df1.A.loc[lambd s: s > 0]
48
49 bb = pd.read_csv('data/baseball.csv', index_col='id')
50 bbg = bb.groupby(['year', 'team']).sum().loc[lambd df: df.r > 100]
51
52 s = pd.Series([0,1,2,3,4,5])
53 s.sample(n=6, replace=False)
54 s.iat[4]
55
56 dfi = pd.DataFrame(np.arange(6).reshape(3,2), columns=['A', 'B'])
57
58 dates = pd.date_range('1/1/2000', periods=8)
59 df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.randn(8, 4), index=dates, columns=['A', 'B', 'C', 'D'])
60 df.at[dates[5], 'A']
61 df.iat[3,0]
62 df.at[dates[-1]+1, 0] = 7 # enlarge in-place
63
64 # Boolean indexing
65
66 s = pd.Series(range(-3, 4))
67 s
68 s[s > 0]
69
70 df[df['A'] > 0]
71
72 df2 = pd.DataFrame({'a': ['one', 'one', 'two', 'three', 'two', 'one', 'six'],
73                      'b': ['x', 'y', 'y', 'x', 'y', 'x', 'x'],
74                      'c': np.random.randn(7)})
75 criterion = df2['a'].map(lambda x: x.startswith('t'))
76 df2[criterion]
77 df2[[x.startswith('t') for x in df2['a']]] # slower version
78

```

Usage

Here you can get help of any object by pressing **Ctrl+I** in front of it, either on the Editor or the Console.

Help can also be shown automatically after writing a left parenthesis next to an object. You can activate this behavior in *Preferences > Help*.

New to Spyder? Read our [tutorial](#)

Variable explorer File explorer Help

IPython console

Console 1/A

```

part-2.py(6)<module>()
4 Examples for assignment answers.
5
6 ----> 6 ----
7
8 import numpy as np

> c:\users\allen\onedrive\documents\professional\clients\black cat data\code\bcd\module-1-
part-2.py(52)<module>()
50 bbg = bb.groupby(['year', 'team']).sum().loc[lambd df: df.r > 100]
51
2--> 52 s = pd.Series([0,1,2,3,4,5])
53 s.sample(n=6, replace=False)
54 s.iat[4]

ipdb>
ipdb> bbg

```

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ipdb>

IPython console History log

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# Building Python Packages

- basic steps to create a package
  1. Create a directory and name it after the package
  2. Put the classes in it
  3. Create a **`__init__.py`** file in the directory
- details
  - lowercase name; unique on PyPi; no hyphens
  - use `setuptools.setup` to make it installable with pip
  - publish on PyPi
    - <http://python-packaging.readthedocs.io/en/latest/minimal.html>

# Compiling Python Code

- most Python libraries are already based on compiled C, C++, FORTRAN code
- useful if custom Python code is computationally intensive

Example: using Numba to compile a function that processes an array parameter

```
from numba import jit
```

```
@jit
```

```
def sum2d(arr):
```

```
    # body
```

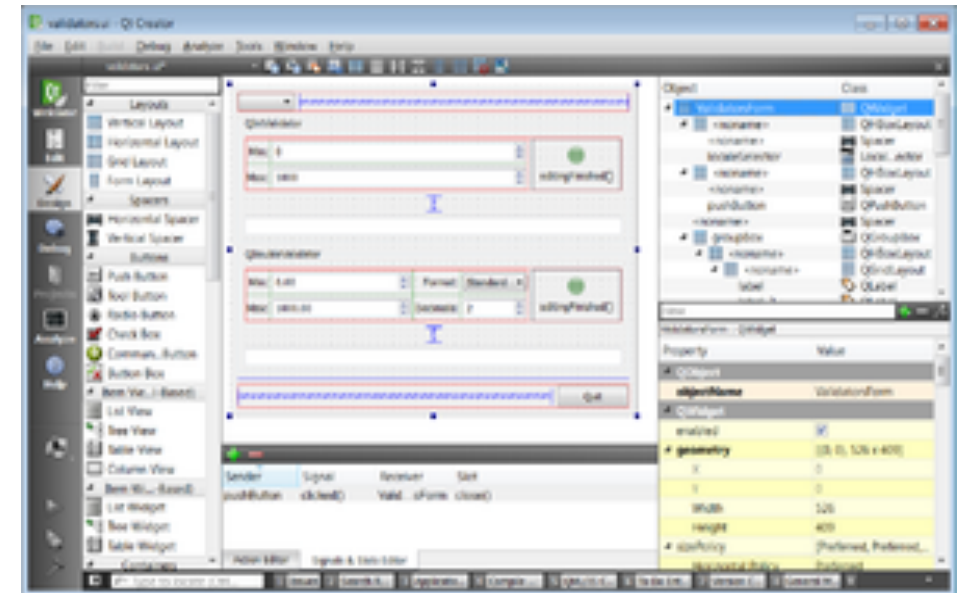
```
    return myResult
```

<https://numba.pydata.org/>

<http://cython.org/>

# Creating GUIs for Python Programs

- PyQt
  - a set of C++ libraries and development tools with platform-independent abstractions for:
    - GUIs, networking, OpenGL, XML, user and application settings, location services, Bluetooth, cloud access, etc.
- Glade
- appJar



Qt Creator



# Lab 1.2.3: Building a Python Package

Purpose:

- To develop the foundation skills for building packages in Python.
- Tools and Resources:
  - an IPython console or IDE
- Materials
  - 'lab-1-2-3.py'





# Software Engineering Best Practices

- Object-Oriented Programming
- Refactoring
- Coding for readability
- Coding for testability
- Documenting

# Object-Oriented Programming

- an *object* encapsulates
  - data (*attributes*)
  - procedures (*methods*)
- a *class* is a prototype for an object
  - *instantiation*: creating an object (in memory) from a class definition

## *def*: **encapsulation**

- attributes of the class should only be accessible by methods of the class
  - `get()`
  - `set()`

# Creating and Using a Class in Python

```
class myclass:
    def __init__(self, param1, ...):
        # initialise class attributes

    def method1(self, ):
        # do something
        return (method1result)
```

```
obj1 = myclass(arg1, ...)
```

- define class by name
  - initialisation code
    - only **self** is mandatory
    - may use arguments passed from caller
  - define methods
    - only **self** is mandatory
    - may use arguments passed from caller
    - may use attributes
    - may return a value
- invoke class name in assignment to instantiate an object
  - omit **self**

# Other OOP Concepts

## *def:* **abstraction**

- data and procedures that do not need to be accessible to the caller should be hidden within the class

## *def:* **inheritance**

- new classes can be based on and extend an existing class

## *def:* **polymorphism**

- a class can implement multiple methods with the same name and function, but which operate on different parameters (type and/or number)

# Refactoring

*def*: Restructuring existing code without changing its behaviour

## Examples

- abstract reused code to functions
  - generalise functions (polymorphism?)
- use get, set methods
- simplify structure of nested loops, logic
- minimise use of global variables
  - in Python, this includes all variables defined in main program

# Coding for Readability (Maintainability)

## Examples

- indent blocks
  - mandatory in Python
- white space
  - between groups of lines
  - between symbols
- comments: inline (to explain logic, return values, etc.)
  - sectional (to explain functional blocks)
  - header (to explain program or module)
    - purpose, authors, date
    - dependences, assumptions
- comments are for coders
  - maintaining or extending your code
- documentation is for users
  - explaining what the application is for and how to use it

# Coding for Testability

## Examples

- avoid side-effects in functions
- enable testing via compiler flags

```
##define TEST_MODE  
#if TEST_MODE  
print("test mode activated")  
#endif
```

- write tests *before* functions
  - specify return type(s) supported
  - test return type(s), validity
  - pass sample data as arguments
  - print result

- test *frequently*
  - avoid marathon coding sessions
- code top-down
  - create wireframe code to test logic, structures
  - fill in the details later

pytest

<https://docs.pytest.org/en/latest/>



# Lab 1.2.4: Object Oriented Programming

## Purpose:

- To explore the use of inheritance and polymorphism in Python.

## Tools and Resources:

- an IPython console or IDE

## Materials

- 'lab-1-2-4.py'





# Discussion

- QUESTIONS

# HOMEWORK – Part 1

1. Create a GitHub account (if you don't already have one).
2. Optional: Install GitHub Desktop

url: <https://desktop.github.com>

# HOMEWORK – Part 2

1. Read Google App Engine product overview  
*ref:* <https://cloud.google.com/appengine/>
2. Create a Google Cloud Platform (GCP) account
3. Install the GCP SDK  
*ref:* <https://cloud.google.com/sdk/docs/>
4. Read about Google Cloud Shell  
*ref:* [https://cloud.google.com/shell/docs/features#web\\_preview](https://cloud.google.com/shell/docs/features#web_preview)

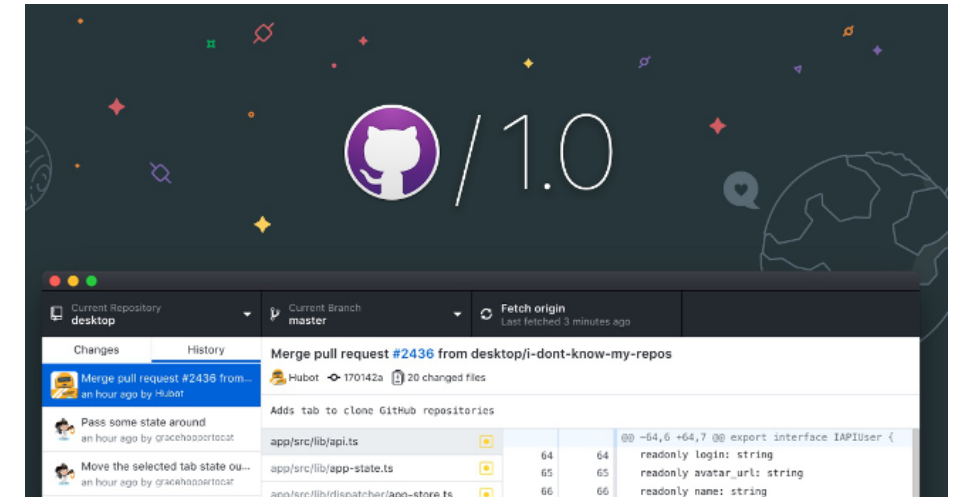
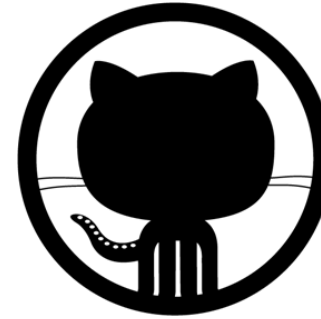


# Version Control with Git & GitHub

- Forking
- Cloning
- Communicating issues
- Managing notifications
- Creating branches
- Making commits
- Introducing changes with Pull Requests

# Git & GitHub

- web-based, API
- host code, data, resources
- version control
  - integrates with open-source and commercial IDE tools
- share, collaborate
  - branching
- showcase achievements
- command line & desktop versions



# GitHub: Forking & Cloning a Repo

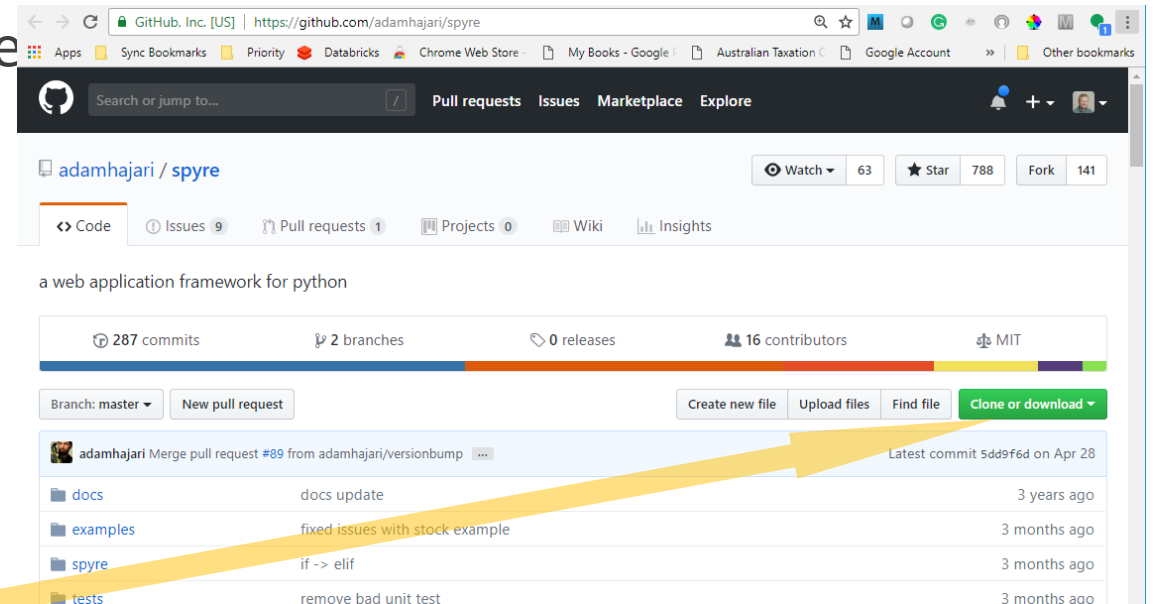
- *fork*: make your own copy of someone else's repo, on GitHub

1. click <Fork>

- *clone*: create a (working) copy of the repo on your computer

- GitHub Desktop procedure:

1. click <Clone or download>
2. click <Open in Desktop>
3. navigate to target (local) folder
4. click <Clone>

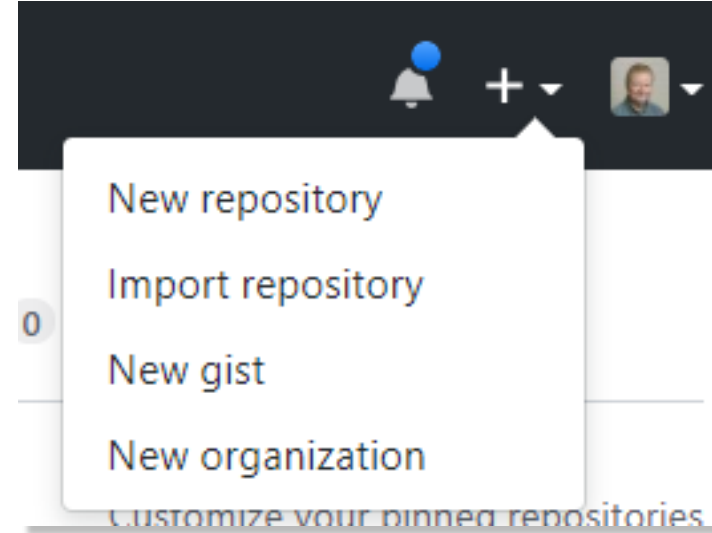


- command-line procedure:

1. `$ cd yourpath`
2. `$ git clone https://github.com/yourgithubname/yourgithubrepo`

# GitHub: Creating a New Repo

- from your GitHub home page
  1. <New repository>
  2. clone the repo to your local drive
  3. copy files, folders into it
  4. commit changes
  5. generate a *pull* request
- Creating a branch
  - to allow development in isolation from source repo
    - protects your changes from changes to source
    - rejoin main branch when ready

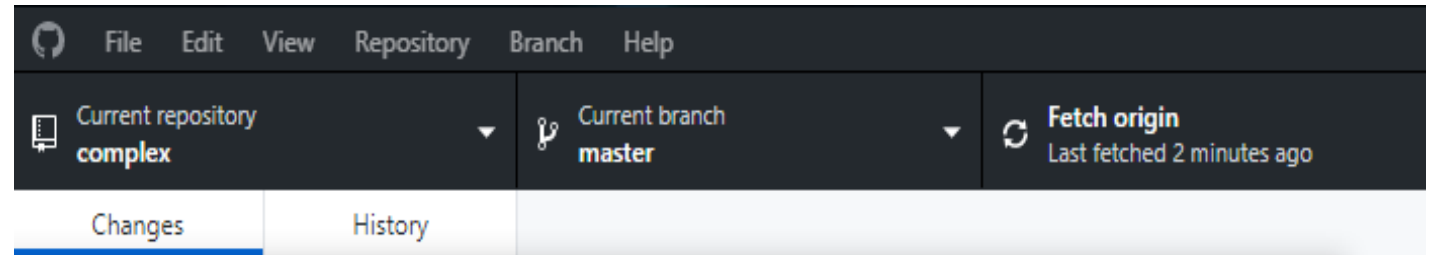




# GitHub: Refreshing Local Repo from Source

## Desktop

- <Fetch origin>



## Command-line

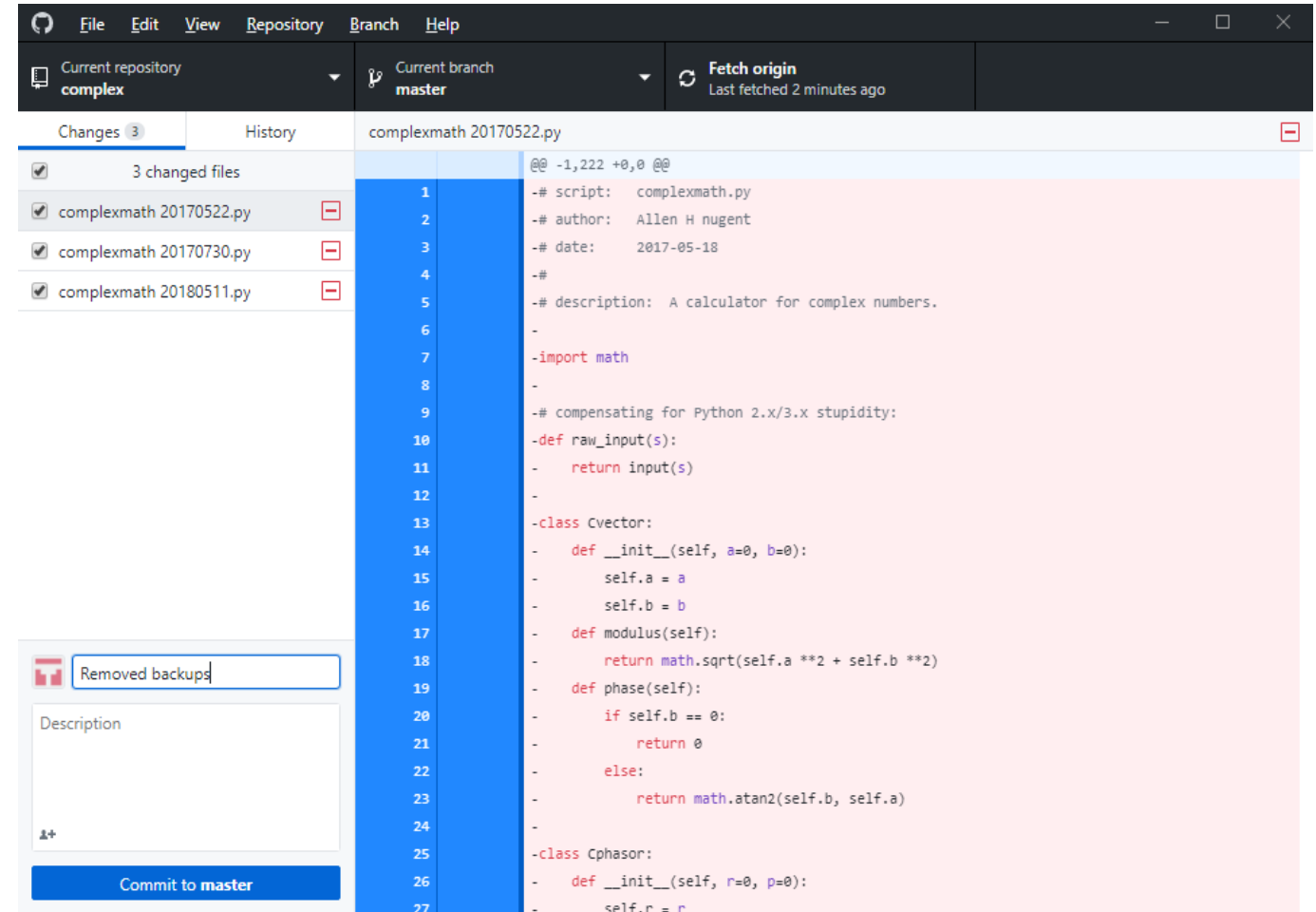
```
$ git checkout master  
$ git fetch upstream  
$ git merge upstream/master
```

- Ensure you're in the master branch
- Grab the latest changes from the master
- Merge the master changes with your repo

# GitHub: Commit & Pull Request

## Desktop

- enter comments in text box
- <Commit to master>
- Repository > Push  
or  
<Push origin>



# GitHub: Commit & Pull Request

## Command-line

- commit

\$ git status

\$ git add filename

\$ git add .

\$ git commit -m your\_comments

\$ git status

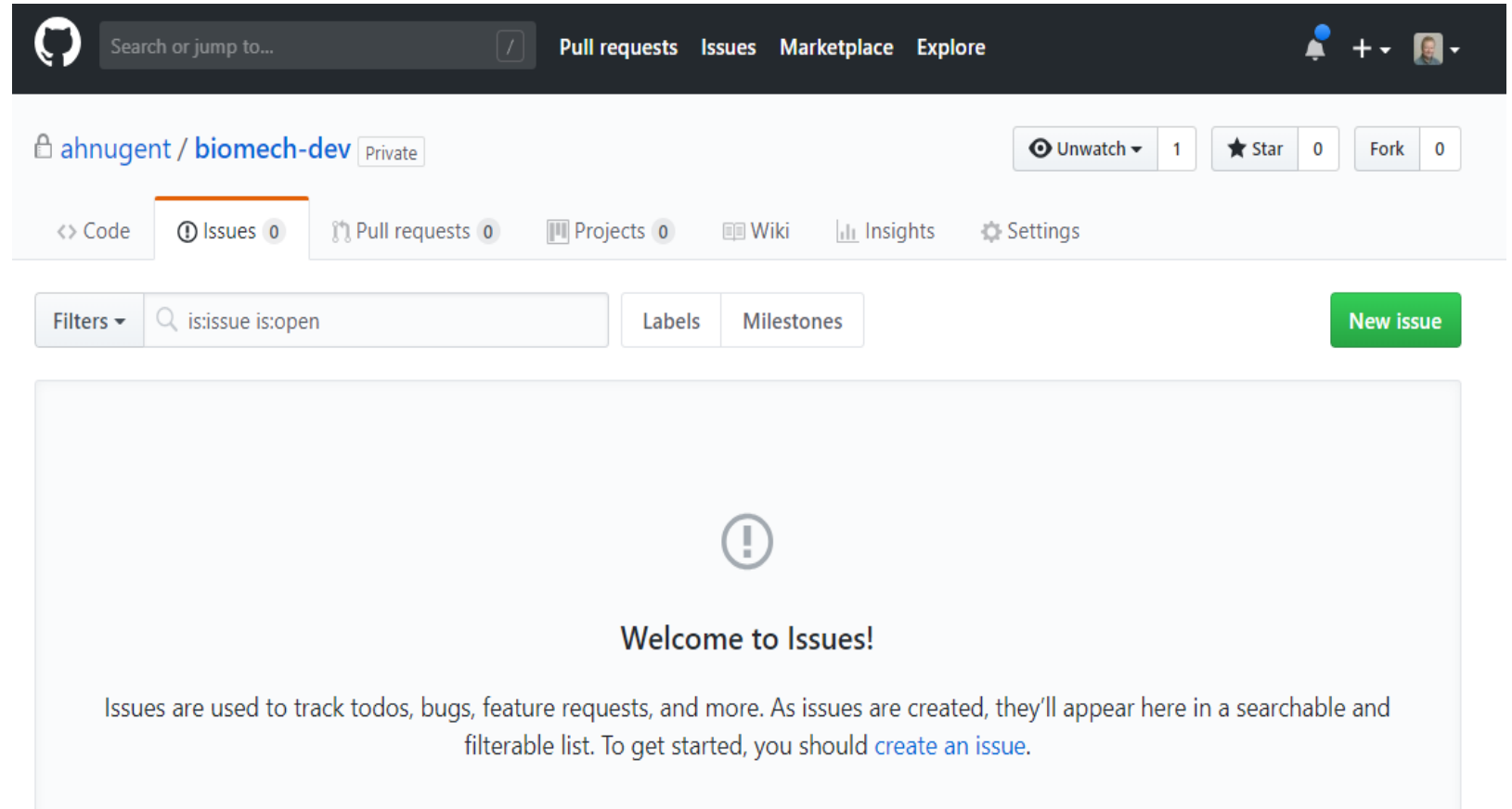
- pull request

\$ git push origin master

- show changes
- stage one file
- stage all change
- commit file(s), with comments
- origin = your GitHub repo (forked from source repo)
- master = source repo

# GitHub: Issues

- track
  - issues / bugs
  - to-do items
  - feature requests
- search
- filter



# GitHub: Notifications

## Triggers

- you, a team member, or a parent team are mentioned
- you're assigned to an issue or pull request
- a comment is added in a conversation you're subscribed to
- a commit is made to a pull request you're subscribed to
- you open, comment on, or close an issue or pull request
- a review is submitted that approves or requests changes to a pull request you're subscribed to
- you or a team member are requested to review a pull request
- you or a team member are the designated owner of a file affected by a pull request
- you create or reply to a team discussion

# Lab 1.2.5: Setting Up GitHub

## Purpose:

- To establish a GitHub repo and develop basic skills for collaborating and maintaining projects.

## Tools & Resources:

- GitHub / GitHub Desktop

- 

## Materials:

- 'Lab 1.2.5.docx'





# Deploying Python Applications to the Web

- Preconfigured virtual machines for machine learning
- Flask, Django, Spyre
- webapp2

# Virtual Machines for Machine Learning

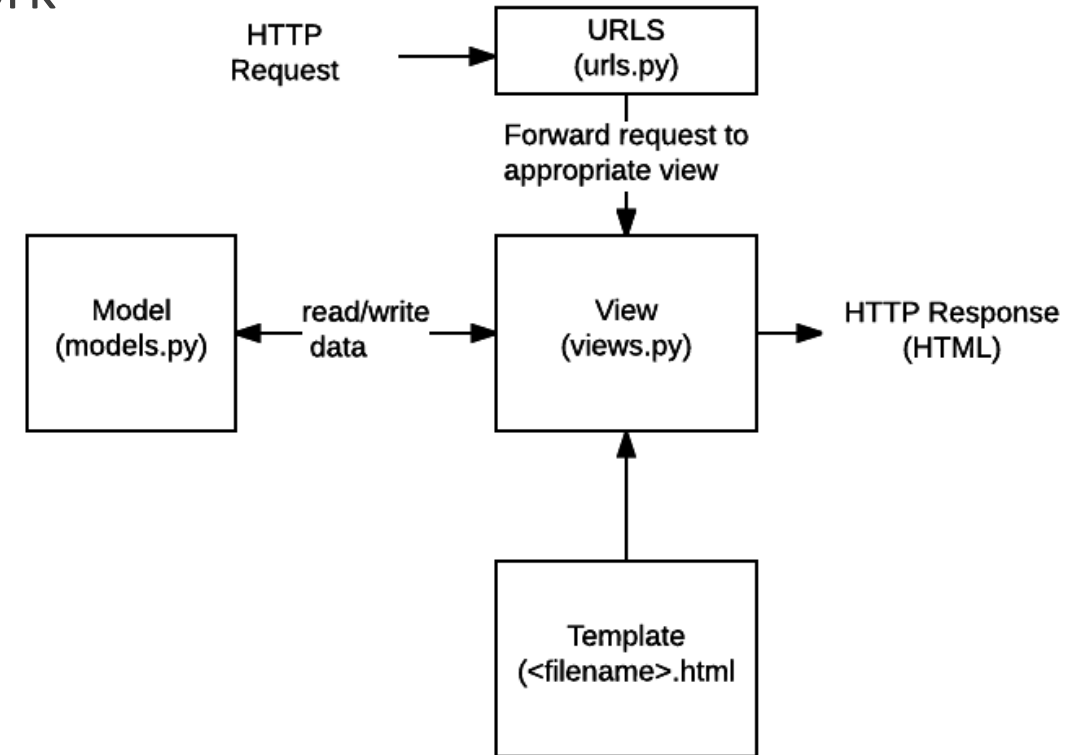
- avoids complexity & expense of configuring cloud tools for Deep Learning
  - ML frameworks and tools pre-installed
- Google: GCP Deep Learning Virtual Machine Image
  - can be used out of the box on instances with GPUs
  - <https://cloud.google.com/deep-learning-vm/docs/>
- Amazon: AWS Deep Learning AMIs
  - EC2 GPU or CPU instances
  - <https://aws.amazon.com/machine-learning/amis/>



# Python Web App Frameworks: Django

- fully-featured server-side web framework
- written in Python
- secure
- scalable
- portable

# django



<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/Server-side/Django>

# Python Web App Frameworks: Flask

- a microframework for Python



<http://flask.pocoo.org/>

> create an app: 

```
from flask import Flask
app = Flask(__name__)
```

```
@app.route("/")
def hello():
    return "Hello World!"
```

> run app: 

```
$ pip install Flask
$ FLASK_APP=hello.py flask run
```

# Python Web App Frameworks: Spyre

- a Web Application Framework for providing a simple user interface for Python data projects

> create app:

```
from spyre import server

class SimpleApp(server.App):
    title = "Simple App"
    inputs = [dict( type='text',
                    key='words',
                    label='write words here',
                    value='hello world',
                    action_id='simple_html_output')]
```

```
    outputs = [dict( type='html',
                     id='simple_html_output')]
```

> run app:

```
    def getHTML(self, params):
        words = params["words"]
        return "Here's what you wrote in the textbox: <b>%s</b>"
        % words
```

```
app = SimpleApp()
app.launch()
```

<http://dataspire.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

## Lab 1.2.6: Deploying Apps to GCP

- Purpose:
  - To practice the deployment of a simple Python app to a web host
- Tools & Resources:
  - Google Cloud Platform (GCP)
    - SDK
    - App Engine (web service)
  - webapp2 framework (contained in GCP App Engine)
- Materials:
  - 'Lab 1.2.6.docx'



## Lab: Deploying Apps to GCP – cont'd

1. Bookmark the *Google App Engine Python Standard Environment Documentation*  
ref: <https://cloud.google.com/appengine/docs/standard/python/>
2. Open App Engine dashboard
3. Select or create a project

# Discussion

- Choice of framework vs choice of host
- Resources required by the application
- QUESTIONS

# HOMEWORK

## 1. Explore Mode Analytics

- create an account:

<https://modeanalytics.com>

- work through the introduction:

<https://help.modeanalytics.com/articles/getting-started-with-mode/>