Exercise 2.1 - Task Answers
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2. Why is Django so popular among web developers?

The biggest factor in Django's popularity has to do with the fact that it is simple to use. The ease of use factor combined with it's principal of rapid development and DRY philosophy allows developers to focus must of their efforts on the unique code and logic related to their application.

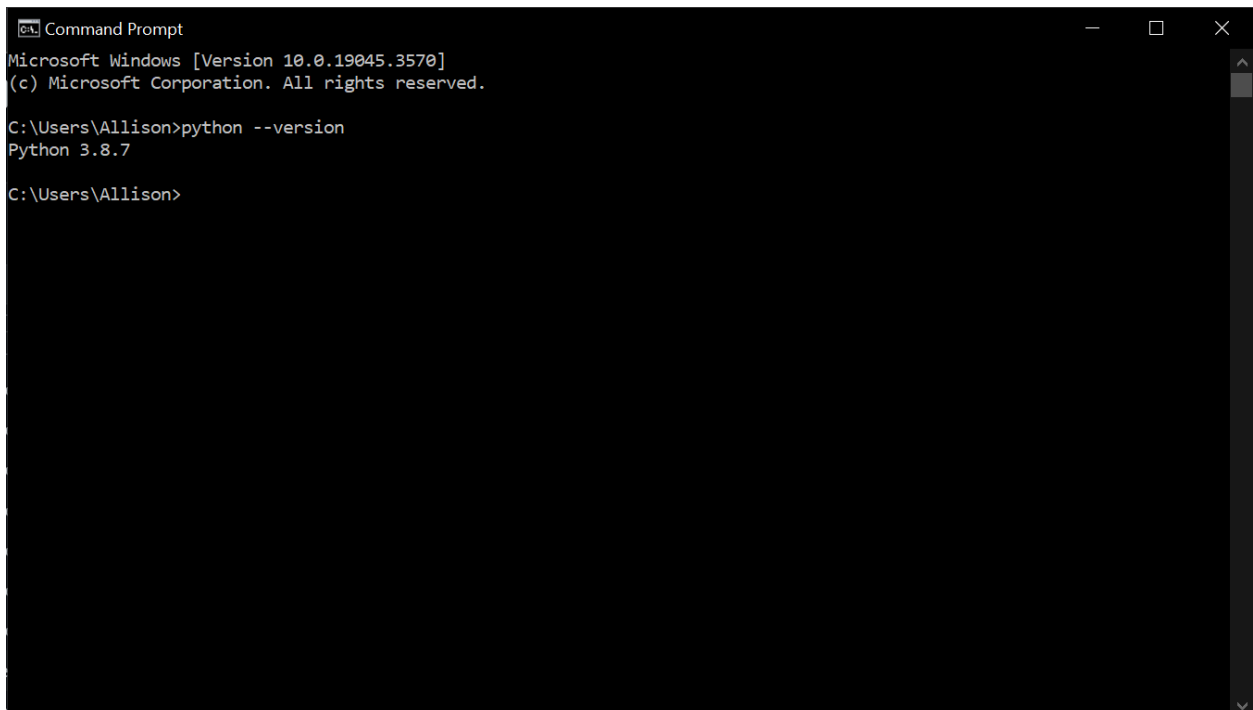**3. Five large companies that use Django, and why.**

- *Instagram*
  - Built on python because of it's practicality and simplicity. When it came time to scale, Django allowed developers to be able to focus on building custom tools.
- *National Geographic*
  - Django inherently eases the development of data-driven, complex websites which is exactly what National Geographic hosts. They are able to take advantage of django CMS (Content Management System) and rely on it heavily for the education page.
- *Mozilla*
  - They use Django to allow their browser Firefox to better handle large amounts of traffic and API hits efficiently and effectively.
- *Spotify*
  - Spotify's back-end services and data analysis are handled using Python. They have incorporated Django to increase functionality.
- *Pinterest*
  - They are able to take advantage of Django's open source capacity, allowing them to easily and quickly modify their framework for growing needs.

4. Explain if you should use Django for the following scenarios:

- *You need to develop a web application with multiple users.*
  - Yes - Django would be good here, as it is built with security in mind. Built-in automated encryption would make it easy to keep your user's data secure.
- *You need fast deployment and the ability to make changes as you proceed.*
  - Yes - Django's MVT architecture ensures that development can be fast and easy.
- *You need to build a very basic application, which doesn't require any database access or file operations.*
  - No - Django is not the best option for simple projects, and since database access is not needed here Django is not the right choice

- *You want to build an application from scratch and want a lot of control over how it works.*
  - No - Django is a highly structured framework and requires that things be done the "Django Way". If you want a lot of control than Django is not the right choice.
- *You're about to start working on a big project and are afraid of getting stuck and needing additional support.*
  - Yes - Django is great for scalability and large projects. Additionally, Django is open source with a huge community of supporters, making it easy to find support when you need it.

5. Python version screenshot
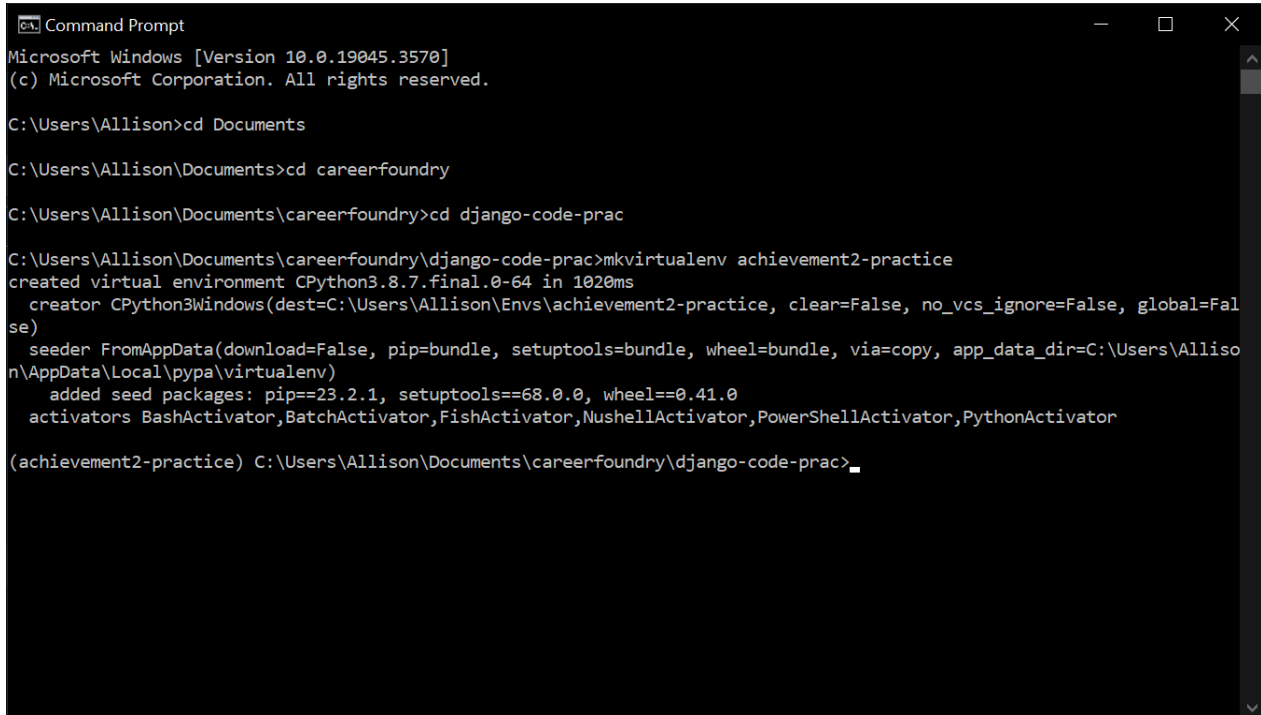
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Python 3.8.7

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7. Virtual environment screenshot

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C:\Users\Allison\Documents>cd careerfoundry

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8. Django installation screenshot