

COMP5434 - Tutorial #1

Python and Jupyter

Outlines

In this tutorial, we will discover a popular programming language, Python, and one of its editors, Jupyter. Moreover, we will also try to discover clustering by using Python.

The tutorial is based on Windows 11 (64-bit). The operations on different operating systems are similar.

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Python

Introduction

Python is a popular programming language, which is easy to learn and use.

Python has various kinds of libraries which can undertake different types of tasks.

- Data Analysis:
 - NumPy: matrix calculation
 - Pandas: data manipulation and capabilities
 - Matplotlib: data visualization
- Machine Learning
 - Tensorflow
 - Pytorch
- Website Development
 - requests
 - django
 - beautifulsoup

Python is highly popular among programming languages. It ranks No.1 on the TIOBE index in January 2024, which measures the popularity of programming languages.

Jan 2024	Jan 2023	Change	Programming Language	Ratings	Change
1	1		 Python	13.97%	-2.39%
2	2		 C	11.44%	-4.81%
3	3		 C++	9.96%	-2.95%
4	4		 Java	7.87%	-4.34%
5	5		 C#	7.16%	+1.43%

Python Installation

If you have already installed Python, please skip this section, and move to the next one. In this section, we will use Python 3.10.6 as an example.

Note: In the remaining parts, the contents which are quoted from the computer and the commands we will input are in *Italics*.

1. Open your web browser and visit <https://www.python.org/downloads/release/python-3106/>.
2. Scroll down and find the installer which is for your operating system. For Windows 11 (64-bit), click *Windows installer (64-bit)* to download the installer.

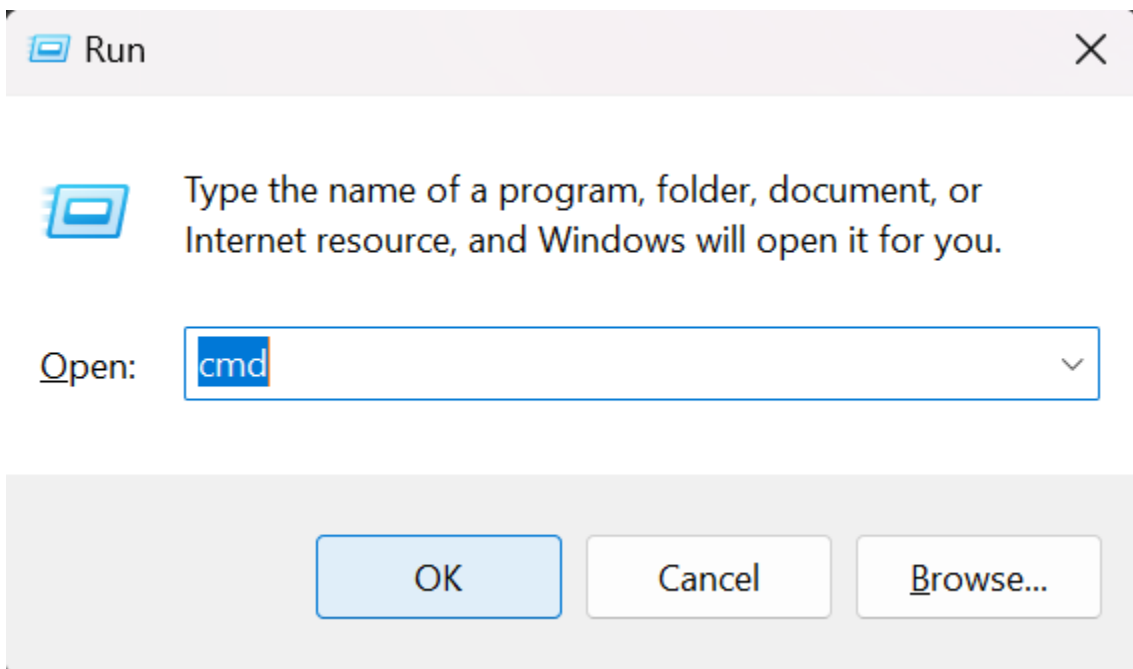
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XZ compressed source tarball	Source release		afc7e14f7118d10d1ba95ae8e2134bf0	19600672	SIG
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Windows help file	Windows		0aee63c8fb87dc71bf2bcc1f62231389	9329034	SIG
Windows installer (32-bit)	Windows		c4aa2cd7d62304c804e45a51696f2a88	27750096	SIG
Windows installer (64-bit)	Windows	Recommended	8f46453e68ef38e5544a76d84df3994c	28916488	SIG

3. Open the installer you downloaded, tick *Add Python 3.10 to PATH*, and Click *Install Now* to install.



4. Press Win+R on your keyboard, type `cmd` and click **OK**, to open Command Prompt.



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C:\Windows\system32\cmd.e  x  +  v
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.3085]
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C:\Users\JerryXie>
```

5. Type *python* and press Enter on your keyboard. Your installation will be successful if your python program is running.

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Command Prompt - python  x  +  v
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C:\Users\JerryXie>python
Python 3.10.6 (tags/v3.10.6:9c7b4bd, Aug 1 2022, 21:53:49) [MSC v.1932 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> |
```

6. You can type *quit()* and press Enter to exit Python program.

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Unlike C/C++ programs that are compiled into binary code, Python programs must be executed by Python's interpreter.

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>>> print("Hello World")
Hello World
>>> quit()

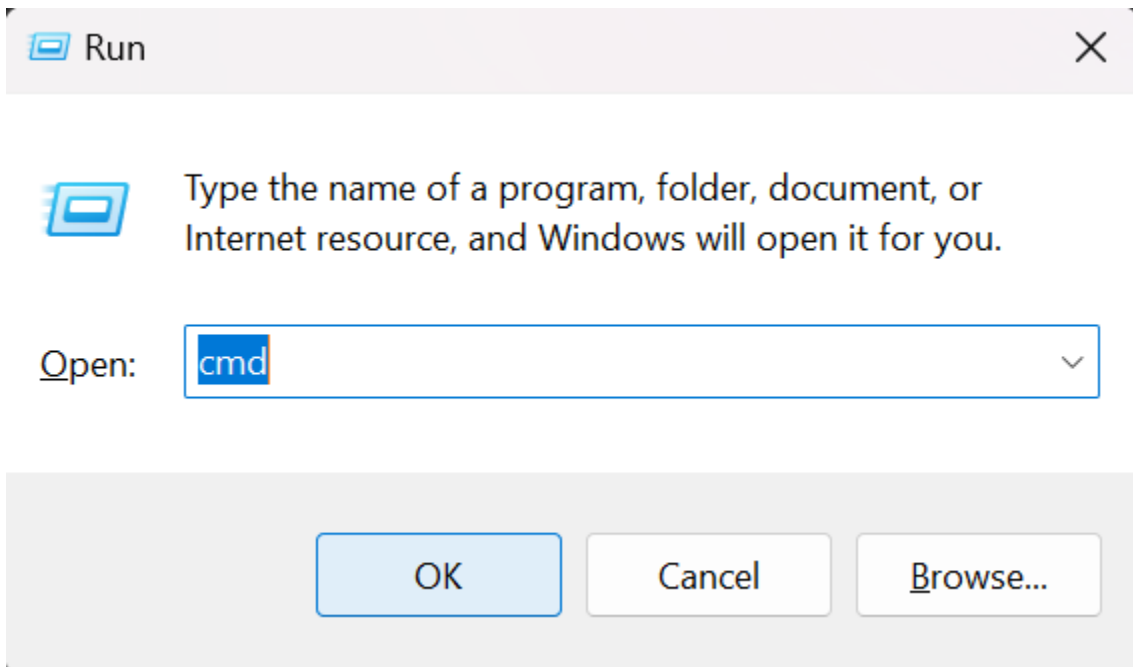
C:\Users\JerryXie>
```

Remarks: Python can also be installed in other ways, such as Anaconda. You can visit <https://www.anaconda.com/> for more information.

Library Installation

Python uses a package management system, pip, to manage the Python libraries in your computer. By using pip, you do not have to download libraries from the Internet manually. It can help you address the issues automatically.

1. Press Win+R on your keyboard, type *cmd* and click OK, to open Command Prompt.



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C:\Users\JerryXie>
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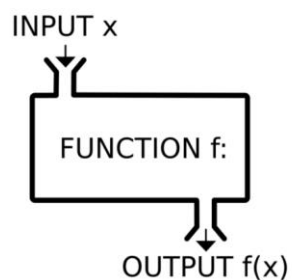
2. To install a library, please type *pip install <library's name>* and press Enter. (Please use the name of the library you want to install to replace the brackets).
3. To uninstall a library, please type *pip uninstall <library's name>* and press Enter.

We will use pip to install the libraries in the following sections.

How to learn Python

Some basic concepts:

1. Variable: a place to store data
2. Function: the basic unit to do something. Given some inputs, the function will return something as the output.



```
def find_square(num):
    # code
    return result

Square = find_square(3)
# code
```

Diagram illustrating function call and return:

- 1: Arrow from the function definition line to the function call line.
- 2: Arrow from the `return result` line to the function call line.

3. Hierarchical functions: A library includes different functions. Python uses a dot to indicate the affiliations. For example, we want to call a function *add* in a library called *math*, we can use *math.add()* to locate it.

For more information, please refer to some reference websites:

- <https://www.learnpython.org/en/Welcome>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_uQrJ0TkZlc

How to edit Python code

You can use different text editors or Integrated Development Environments (IDE) to write the Python code, such as Visual Code (<https://code.visualstudio.com/>) and PyCharm (<https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/>).

To run a file including Python code, you can open Command Prompt, and type *python <filename>* to let Python interpreter execute the codes.

Jupyter – A visualized Python notebook

Jupyter is a web platform which can be used to write code snippets, add documentation, and test programs all within a webpage.

Install Jupyter

Jupyter can be installed by pip.

1. Open Command Prompt
2. Type *pip install jupyter* and press Enter.

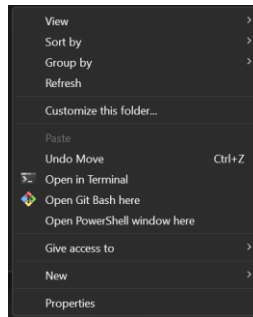
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C:\Users\JerryXie>pip install jupyter
Collecting jupyter
  Using cached jupyter-1.0.0-py2.py3-none-any.whl (2.7 kB)
Requirement already satisfied: ipywidgets in c:\users\jerryxie\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\lib\site-packages (from jupyter) (8.1.1)
Requirement already satisfied: jupyter-console in c:\users\jerryxie\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\lib\site-packages (from jupyter) (6.6.3)
Requirement already satisfied: qtconsole in c:\users\jerryxie\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\lib\site-packages (from jupyter) (5.5.1)
Requirement already satisfied: notebook in c:\users\jerryxie\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\lib\site-packages (from jupyter) (7.0.7)
Requirement already satisfied: nbconvert in c:\users\jerryxie\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\lib\site-packages (from jupyter) (7.14.2)
Requirement already satisfied: ipykernel in c:\users\jerryxie\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\lib\site-packages (from jupyter) (6.29.0)
Requirement already satisfied: matplotlib-inline>=0.1 in c:\users\jerryxie\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\lib\site-packages (from ipykernel->jupyter) (0.1.6)
```

3. To install the libraries that we will use in the following parts, type *pip install matplotlib scikit-learn numpy ipython* and press Enter. (A pip command can install multiple libraries by using spaces).

```
(venv) C:\Users\JerryXie\Desktop\jupyter\venv\Scripts>pip install matplotlib scikit-learn numpy ipython
Collecting matplotlib
  Using cached matplotlib-3.8.2-cp310-cp310-win_amd64.whl (7.6 MB)
Collecting scikit-learn
  Downloading scikit_learn-1.4.0-1-cp310-cp310-win_amd64.whl (10.6 MB)
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Launch Jupyter Notebook

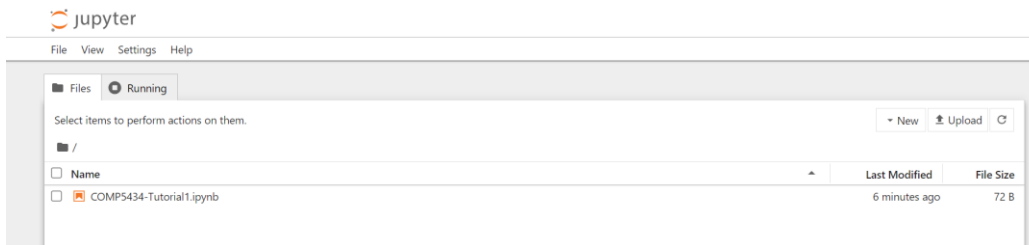
1. Open the tutorial folder, hold down Shift on your keyboard and right-click in a blank space. Choose *Open in Terminal* to open Command Prompt in this folder.



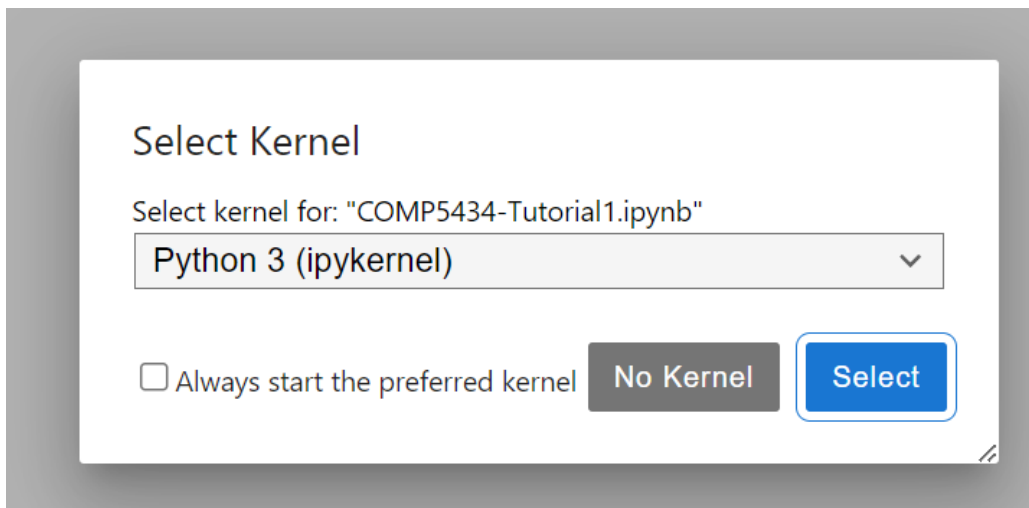
2. Type `jupyter notebook` and press Enter to launch Jupyter.

```
(venv) C:\Users\JerryXie\Desktop\jupyter>jupyter notebook
```

3. This is Jupyter's user interface. You can find the notebooks under *Files* tab.



4. Click `COMP5434-Tutorial1.ipynb` to open the tutorial notebook. If such window appears, click *Select* button.



A notebook consists of some cells.

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Jupyter Demo

markdown cell

The next cell will print a message "Hello World".

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[1]: print("Hello World")
```

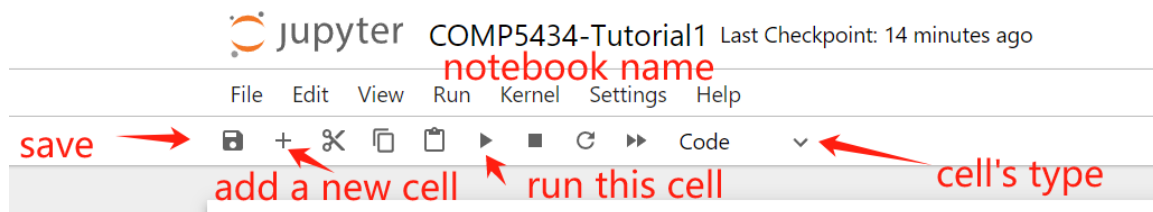
Hello World

python code

running result

- Markdown cells can be used to write documentation and texts by using Markdown language.
 - Markdown: Please refer to <https://www.markdownguide.org/basic-syntax/>
- Python cells can be used to write code in Python. The running result will be shown under this cell.

The toolbar looks like this. Running on a Markdown cell will let this cell show the content in the specific format defined in Markdown.



Example: Data Clustering

Please follow the instructions in the Jupyter notebook of our tutorial.