

Our assessment of Python is that it is relatively quick and easy to use. It may have less-than-desirable documentation, but it has a large and vocal online community that has almost always already answered any questions we have in one way or another. Once we had figured out how to accomplish a particular task in Python, we tended not to be troubled by it again.

One particularly convenient aspect of Python was that we didn't need to struggle with compiling our code. Interpreted languages have their upsides and downsides, but while pair-programming we found the lack of downtime to be beneficial, along with the readability of Python's syntax.

We predict that air-tight unit tests will be required in the future to catch bugs that might arise in a dynamically typed, interpreted language. Ideally, we would have extensive and complete tests either way, so we will accept this condition.

We have decided to remain with using Python for the rest of this course.