MAPTIME PYTHON

Maptime MSP
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How I Learned Python

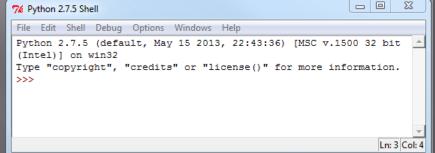
- MGIS from UMN
- MN DNR GIS Data Systems Coordinator
- Mentors
- See other people's code
 - Tutorials
 - Group projects
 - PyMNtos, PyLadiesTC, Maptime MSP
 - Use as template for own explorations

Coding Environments

ArcMap python window

- Interactive Development Environments (IDEs)
 - IDLE 🕏
 - PyScripter

mize Windows Help Python Python |>>> F1 show help for current cursor Open the Python window so you location. can execute geoprocessing F2 check the syntax of the current commands and scripts. line (or code block if in multiple line mode). Press F1 for more help. ESC cancels the current operation. Shift or Control Return will enter



http://sourceforge.net/projects/pyscripter

Tips and Tricks

- Interactive window makes testing easy
 - If you're not sure, try out a snippet (immediate feedback)
 - dir() and help()
- Don't forget comments
 - # inline comments
 - """block comments"""
- You're not alone (the Internet is your friend)
 - Esri online help (match software version)
 - Search engine
 - Stack Overflow
 - GIS Stack Exchange
 - Esri Forums
 - Libraries (pip)

Functions

- Sub-scripts that can be executed repeatedly
- Help break up the code, make it more readable
- Self-documenting
- Reduces copying and pasting of code
- Easier to maintain
- Requires understanding local / global
- Create your own modules / libraries

Continuing Challenges

- Blocking out sufficient time for intense focus
- Keep pushing beyond comfort zone