

## SECTION 1: COURSE OVERVIEW / 19 mins, 5 parts

- 4/5 Why Python?

- -> **Outline**

- -> Python overview
    - -> what Python is and its history
    - -> why use Python
    - -> base Python vs additional libraries

- -> **History**

- -> **Guido van Rossum created it**
    - -> Python 3 was released in 2018
    - -> **it was designed as an easy to use language with readability**

- -> **Why chose Python**

- -> the syntax is easy to read (modular compared to use of braces and brackets - this language uses a lot of white space with extra brackets)
    - -> **it optimised for users -> it saves developer time, rather than computer processing time**

- -> **What you do do with Python**

- -> **base Python -> "batteries included" base version of Python**
    - -> in comparison to modules you can import which add extra functionality to the code
      - -> outside libraries / frameworks
      - -> **the idea is to take you from a complete beginner to understanding base Python well**

- -> **example tasks**

- -> **generic example tasks**
        - -> searching for files, editing them
        - -> scraping information from a website
        - -> reading and editing excel files
        - -> working with PDFs
        - -> automating emails and test messages
        - -> filling out forms
      - -> **in data / ML**
        - -> analyse large data files (scientific computing)
        - -> visualisations -> seaborn, matplotlib
        - -> performing ML tasks
        - -> predictive algorithms
      - -> **web development**
        - -> Django / Flask for backend web development
        - -> you can create dashboards