

Python

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Life is short You need Python!

Bruce Eckel

Author of Thinking in Java and Thinking in C++

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Brief History

- December 1989, Guido wants a better ABC programming language
- October, 2000, Python 2.0 was released
- December, 2008, Python 3.0, a backwards-incompatible release, was released.

Differences between Python 2 and 3

- print is a function
- Views and iterators instead of lists
- $1/2 = 0.5$; $1//2 = 0$
- All text is unicode
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Reference: <https://docs.python.org/3/whatsnew/3.0.html>

Reference

Tutorials

- Google Python Class: <https://developers.google.com/edu/python/?csw=1>
- Official Documents: <https://www.python.org/doc/>

Books

- Lovely Python, 可爱的Python
- Think Python: How to think like a computer scientist
<http://www.greenteapress.com/thinkpython/thinkpython.html>
see thinkpython.pdf file

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Required Softwares

Required softwares will be listed on GitHub before the coming lecture.

<https://github.com/gangchen/CUHK-I2P>

Interpreters

Various Python Interpreters

- CPython: Official interpreter
- JPython: for Java Virtual Machine
- Ironpython: for .Net platform
- PyPy: just-in-time compiler
- Python for S60: Nokia

Download and installation

- Download: www.python.org
- Version: Please install CPython 2.
- For most Linux distributions and Mac OS, Python 2.7 is preinstalled.

Package Management

- easy_install
- pip

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```
#!/usr/bin/python
```

```
print "Hello, Python!";
```

see HelloPython.py

```
python HelloPython.py
```

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Interactive Shell

```
$ python
```

```
Python 2.7.6 (default, Sep  9 2014, 15:04:36)
```

```
[GCC 4.2.1 Compatible Apple LLVM 6.0 (clang-600.0.39)] on dar
```

```
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more inf
```

```
>>> print "Hello Python!"
```

```
Hello Python!
```

```
>>>
```

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Types and Variables

```
print(type(2))  
print(type(1.3))  
print(type("Hello"))  
  
print(type(type(1.3)))  
  
message = "Hello"
```

Operators

`1.3 - 0.6 == 0.7?`

`import math`

`math.sqrt(2)`

`math.sin(2)`

Package

```
sin(2)  
from math import sin  
sin(2)
```


Conditional and loop

- if-else
- for

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- Iteration
- String
- Lists
- Dict
- Tuples
- Files
- Object Oriented Programming
- Think Python is highly recommended.

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iPython provides a rich architecture for interactive computing with:

- Powerful interactive shells (terminal and Qt-based).
- A browser-based notebook with support for code, text, mathematical expressions, inline plots and other rich media.
- Support for interactive data visualization and use of GUI toolkits.
- Flexible, embeddable interpreters to load into your own projects.
- Easy to use, high performance tools for parallel computing.

matplotlib

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- matplotlib is a library for making 2D plots of arrays in Python.
- matplotlib is designed with the philosophy that you should be able to create simple plots with just a few commands, or just one!
- Plots should look great - publication quality. One important requirement for me is that the text looks good (antialiased, etc.)
- Postscript output for inclusion with TeX documents
- Embeddable in a graphical user interface for application development
- Code should be easy enough that I can understand it and extend it

ipython + matplotlib

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based Interactive data analysis and visualization

Example: see animate_decay.py

Tutorial

http:

`//www.labri.fr/perso/nrougier/teaching/matplotlib/`

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- scipy: a Python-based ecosystem of open-source software for scientific computing
- Biopython and other python-based bioinformatics projects
- Bioinformatics in the cloud: Python SDK of SBGenomics and DNAnexus