

# How to Run Python

You will likely want to run the code you see and experiment with Python programming. To do this, please be sure you have already followed our instructions earlier on how to set up your computer.

## Step 1: Pull up a terminal window

### Windows:

Search or look in your start menu for the "Git Bash" application and launch it. This will open a bash terminal inside your home folder.

### Linux:

Open a Terminal application, like gnome-terminal or xterm.

### Mac OS:

Search for Terminal on Spotlight or look for Terminal in Applications -> Utilities

## Step 2: Open Python

In terminal, you can simply run the command:

```
> python
```

to open the python shell and start running python commands.

### Windows users:

If this does not work for you (likely because of issues with your path or you started Git Bash before installing Anaconda), then the safe way to open python in terminal is:

```
> ~/Anaconda3/python
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