Intro to Python

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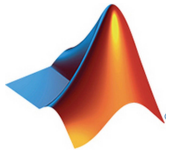
Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Anaconda & Bash/The Shell
3. Interactive Programming
    a. Python Fundamentals (syntax, indexing, documentation, libraries)
    b. *Example #1*: Modeling Processes - Diffusion of Particles
    c. *Example #2*: Data Science - Sea Level Trends

Comparing Different Languages



MATLAB:

+ Matrix & arrays, modeling, widely used in academia
− Not open source (licenses), limited scope

R:

+ Statistical tools & packages, open source, RStudio
− Unusual syntax, steeper learning curve

Python:

+ Data science & machine learning, modeling, open source, libraries, software integration, easiest language to learn
− Reliant on libraries for some basic functions

Anaconda: One Stop Library Shop

Useful cheat sheet of typical Anaconda bash commands!

- Package and libraries manager for many languages (Python, R, Java, C/C++, etc.)
- Download includes most recent version of Python & relevant libraries (numpy, pandas, etc.)
- Navigator application
- Connections with associated software (Jupyter, Spyder, RStudio, etc.)

Bash/The Shell

- A command-based way to communicate with the computer's operating system/files
- Compatible with Python & Anaconda

Resources:

CSDMS ESPIn Bash/The Shell Lesson*

Software Carpentry Lesson

*Mark Piper, Benjamin Campforts, Irina Overeem, Nicole Gasparini, and Leilani Arthurs, 2020. Earth Surface Processes Institute (ESPIn) Course Material (Version v1.0). Zenodo. http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4000979.

Helpful Tips for Today's Lesson

- Follow along with live coding demo in empty notebooks
- Asks questions in Zoom chat or with raise hand function (and do ask questions!)
- Use resources from slides & in Jupyter notebooks (and contact me for more!)
- Overwhelmed? Do not fret! Patience is key!

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