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py·thon

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noun

noun: **python**; plural noun: **pythons**; noun: **Python**

1. a nefarious serpent that enjoys crushing adorable woodland creatures
2. a free and simple programming language;
your new best friend

The coding language we'll be using throughout this course is [Python](#).

Python is a free, object-oriented programming language used in a variety of development contexts. Its focus is on being “friendly,” meaning it simplifies syntax and makes use of white space to promote code readability.

Python is also **open source**, which means that it's free and continues to evolve as people contribute directly to its main code repository.

