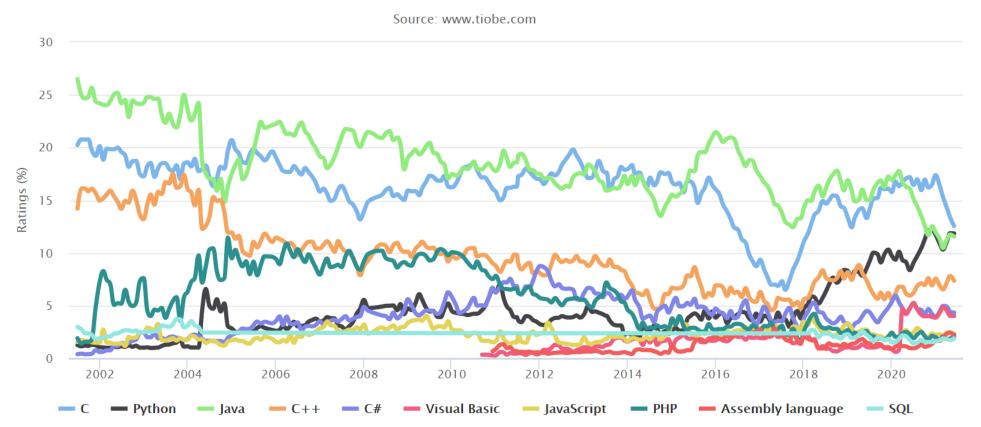


Python: Basic

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- TIOBE Programming Community Index
 - Measure: The number of web pages (counted in Google, MSN, ..., YouTube)
 - Python is in the second place (on June 24th, 2021).

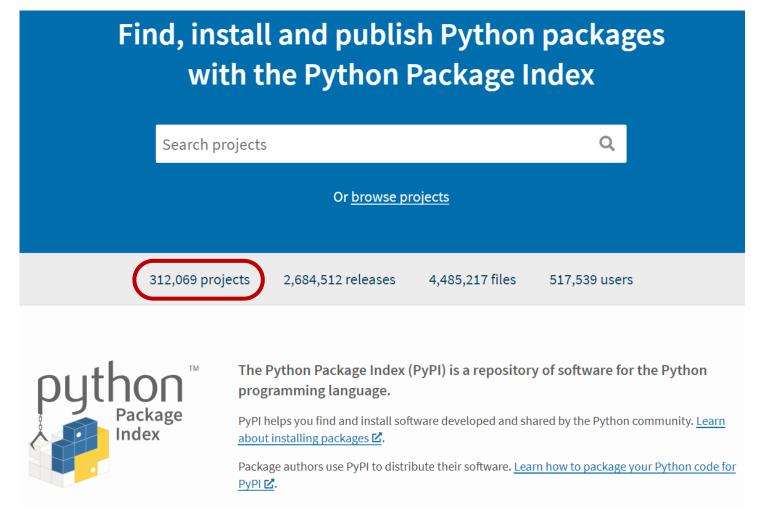
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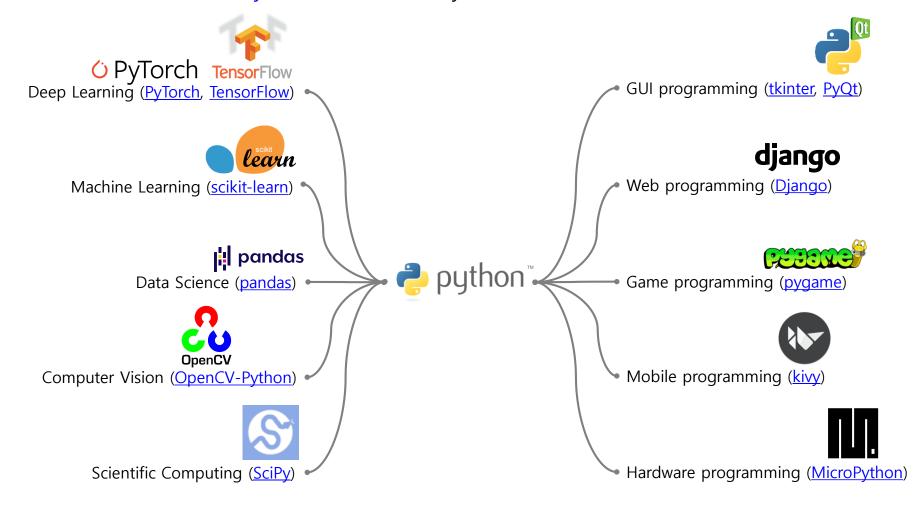
- <u>PYPL</u> (PopularitY of Programming Language)
 - Measure: The number of searches in Google (Google Trends; compared to a year ago)
 - Python is in the first place (on June 24th, 2021).

Rank	Change	Language	Share	Trend
1		Python	30.60 %	-1.1 %
2		Java	17.17 %	-0.1 %
3		JavaScript	8.30 %	+0.3 %
4		C#	6.79 %	-0.0 %
5	1	C/C++	6.31 %	+0.6 %
6	↓	PHP	6.15 %	+0.2 %
7		R	3.88 %	-0.1 %
8		Objective-C	2.54 %	+0.1 %
9	1	TypeScript	2.10 %	+0.2 %
10	+	Swift	1.91 %	-0.3 %

- <u>PyPI</u> (The Python Package Index)
 - There are 312,069 projects in Python package repository (on June 24th, 2021).
 - The packages can be easily installed by pip (the package installer for Python).



- What can I do with Python?
 - Almost everything you want except hardware programming (e.g. firmware) and mobile programming
 - Please visit <u>Awesome Python</u> (maintained by Vinta Chen).



What is Python?

Python

- A family of snakes
- A programming language by <u>Guido van Rossum</u> (first released in 1991)
 - Its name is derived from the British comedy group *Monty Python*.



Indian python



Monty Python



Python logo

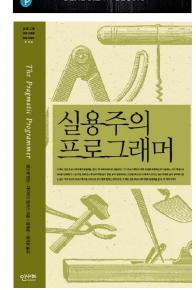
What is Python?

Python

- Python is an interpreted, high-level, general-purpose programming language. [Wikipedia]
 - Dynamically-typed, garbage-collected, and <u>batteries-included</u>
- Python is a programming language that lets you work (easily and) quickly and integrate systems more effectively.
 [Official Homepage]
- Design philosophy: Code readability [PEP 20 The Zen of Python]
 - e.g. Block range: Curly-bracket { ... } (C/C++, Java) vs. Indentation (Python)
 - e.g. if ... else if ... else ... (C/C++) vs. if ... elif ... else ... (Python)
- History: v1.0 (1991), v2.0 (2000), v3.0 (2008; not completely backward-compatible)
 - Note) C (1972), Objective-C (1984), C++ (1985), R (1993), Java (1995), Java Script (1995), PHP (1995), C# (2000)
- Online references: MINT Lab's Know-where
 - Please refer *Programming (Python)* category.

The Pragmatic Programmer

David Thomas
Andrew Hunt



■ The Zen of Python [PEP 20]

Beautiful is better than ugly.

Explicit is better than implicit.

Simple is better than complex.

Complex is better than complicated.

Flat is better than nested.

Sparse is better than dense.

Readability counts.

Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.

Although practicality beats purity.

Errors should never pass silently.

Unless explicitly silenced.

In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess.

There should be one-- and preferably only one --obvious way to do it.

Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutch.

Now is better than never.

Although never is often better than *right* now.

If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.

If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.

Namespaces are one honking great idea -- let's do more of those!

What is Python?

- Compiled language
 - A <u>compiler</u> translates machine code from source code.
 - e.g. C/C++, Java, C#, Objective-C, ...
- Interpreted language (Note: <u>script language</u>)
 - An <u>interpreter</u> executes each line of source code step-by-step. (No pre-runtime translation)
 - e.g. **Python**, Java Script, R, PHP, ...
- How to use) Python console as a calculator

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Anaconda Powershell Prompt (Anaconda3)

(base) PS C: \( \) Users \( \) \( \) sun glok \> python \\
Python 3.8.8 \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \( \) \(
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How to Use) Python on Your Computer

- I am using <u>Anaconda</u> (individual license) on Windows.
 - I am using <u>Spyder IDE</u> included in Anaconda. (Note: <u>PyCharm</u>, <u>VS Code</u>, <u>Atom</u>, ...)

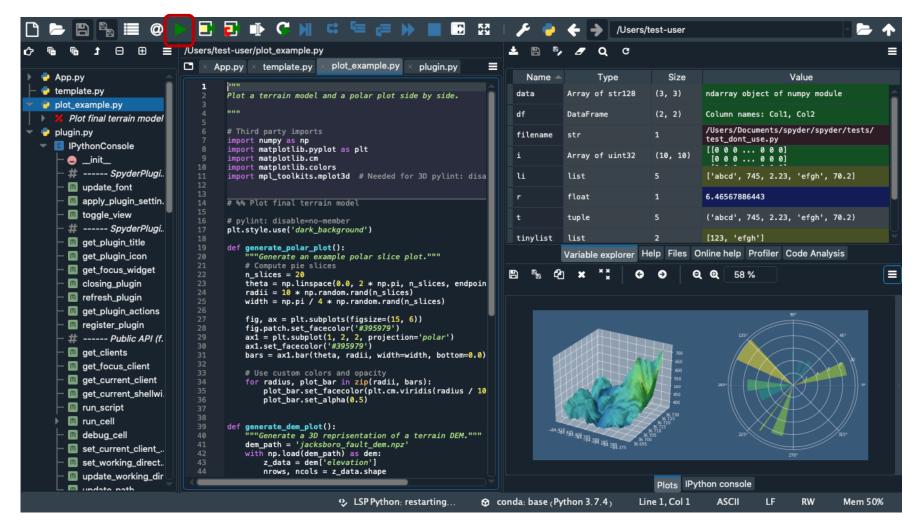


Image: Spyder IDE homepage.

How to Use) Python on Cloud

I am using <u>Jupyter Notebook</u> on <u>Google Colab</u>.

A <u>web-based application</u> that create a document with <u>live code</u>, equations, and <u>visualization</u>

- A <u>web-based application</u> that + Zero configuration required
 - + Free access to GPUs
 - + Easy sharing

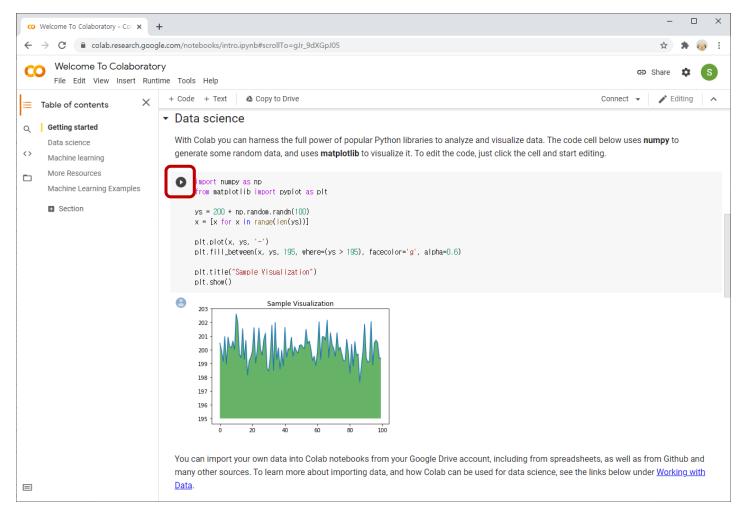


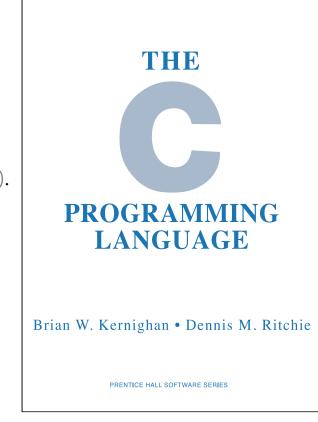
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Hello, World!

```
print('Hello, World!')
print(3.29) # Comment) Not necessary to think about data type
```

Note) print is available by default and it accepts any data type (~ std::cout in C++).



This lecture assumes that you already meet "Hello, World!" in other programming languages.

Image: Wikipedia 13

Numbers

- int: Integers with an unlimited range

```
a = 329
```

float: Double-precision (64-bit) floating-point numbers

```
a = 3. # Same with 'a = 3.0'
b = 3.29
```

bool: Boolean values (False or True)

```
a = False
b = (3 == 3.) # Check this result
```

Note) Dynamically-typed → no type specifier

String

- str: A text encoded in <u>Unicode</u>

Note) String is a built-in type, not in a library (~ std::string in C++).

Compound data

```
    tuple: Comma-separated <u>arbitrary</u> Python objects

    prof tuple = ('Choi', 327, True) or prof tuple = 'Choi', 327, True

    list: A list of <u>arbitrary</u> Python objects (~ std::array in C++)

    prof list = ['Choi', 327, True]

    set: A unordered set of unique <u>arbitrary</u> objects (~ std::set in C++)

    prof set = {'Choi', 327, True}
    prof_set == {'Choi', True, 327} # True (unordered)
    prof set == {'Choi', 327, True, True} # True (unique)

    dict: A hash table of <u>arbitrary</u> values indexed by <u>arbitrary</u> keys (~ std::map in C++)

    prof dict = {'name': 'Choi', 'room no': 327, 2021: True}
```

Note) The *compound* data can contain heterogenous data types (not same with *arrays* with a homogeneous data type).

Compound data

```
Given) prof str = 'Choi'
     prof_tuple = ('Choi', 327, True)
     prof list = ['Choi', 327, True]
     prof_set = {'Choi', 327, True}
     prof dict = {'name': 'Choi', 'room no': 327, 2021: True}
Indexing
   prof tuple[0] == 'Choi'
   prof list[-1] == True # Reverse indexing
               # Error!
   prof_set[0]
   prof_dict['name'] == 'Choi'
   prof dict[2021] == True
Slicing
   prof str[1:3] == 'ho'
   prof_str[1:] == 'hoi'
   prof str[1::2] == 'hi'
   prof list[::-1] == [True, 327, 'Choi']
```

Compound data

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    Concatenation: Merging two compounds

   new_str = prof_str + ' Sunglok'
   new list = prof list + ['Mirae Hall', 'SEOULTECH']
   prof set.union({327, 'Mirae Hall', 'SEOULTECH'})
   prof dict.update({'room no': 109, 'building': 'Mirae Hall', 'school': 'SEOULTECH'})

    Appending: Adding an item to a compound

   prof list.append('Mirae Hall')
   prof_set.add('Mirae Hall')
   prof dict['building'] = 'Mirae Hall'
```

Check) How about concatenation and appending for a **tuple**?

- Useful built-in functions
 - Type check

```
type(prof_str) == str
```

Type casting

```
int(3.29) == 3
str(3) == '3'
int('29') == 29
```

Note) The above two conversions are more easy-to-use than C/C++/Java.

Length of compound data

```
len(prof_name) == 4 # The number of items
```

Operators

Operator precedence

Operator Types	Operators	Description
Compound data (Parentheses)	<pre>(expressions), [expressions], {key: value}, {expressions}</pre>	Binding (tuple) / parenthesized expression, list, dictionary, set
Subscription	<pre>x[index], x[index:index], x(arguments), x.attribute</pre>	Indexing, slicing, call, attribute reference
	**	Exponentiation
Arithmetic	+x, -x, ~x	Positive, negative, bitwise NOT
(Bitwise)	*, @, /, //, %	Multiplication, matrix multiplication, division, floor division, remainder
	+, -	Addition and subtraction
	<<, >>	Bitwise shifts
Bitwise	&	Bitwise AND
Ditwise	۸	Bitwise XOR
		Bitwise OR
Membership Identity Comparison	<pre>in, not in, is, is not, <, <=, >, >=, !=, ==</pre>	Membership tests, Identity tests, Comparisons
	not	Boolean NOT
Logical	and	Boolean AND
	or	Boolean OR
Ternary	if - else	Conditional expression
Lambda	lambda	Lambda expression
Assignment	=, +=, -=, *=, /=	Assignment expression

Operators

Arithmetic operators

```
type(4 / 2) == float # Always 'float' type (not 'int' type)

(7.5 % 2) == 1.5  # Modulo (remainder)

(7.5 // 2) == 3  # Floor division (integer division; 'int' type)

(-7.5 // 2) == -4

(2 ** 4) == 16  # Exponentiation

Note) Please distinguish division (/; float type) and floor division (//; int type).
```

Logical operators

```
not 3.29 > 3 and 10.18 < 10 or 5.12 > 5 # Note) They are not '!', '&&', and '||'.
(not 3.29 > 3) and (10.18 < 10 or 5.12 > 5) # Check two results
```

Ternary operators

```
x = 3
is_odd = True if x % 2 == 1 else False # In Python: Value1 - Condition - Value2
is_odd = (x % 2) == 1 ? 1 : 0;  // In C/C++: Condition - Value1 - Value2
```

Flow Control

- Condition: if statement, switch-case statement match-case statement (Python 3.10+)
- Loop: for statement, while statement
 - Loop control: break, continue, and else statements
- **No action**: pass statement (similar to; and { } in C/C++)
- Example) Factorial (of a positive integer n)
 - The product of all positive integers less than or equal to n
 - $-n! = n \cdot (n-1)! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$

```
n = 7  # The given integer
f = 1  # The result of factorial
if n < 0: # Note) No curly-bracket for a block
   pass
elif n == 0:
   pass
else:
   while n > 0:
        f = f * n
        n = n - 1
```

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- Example) Prime number
 - A natural number (n > 1) that is not a product of two smaller natural numbers

```
n = 7 # The given integer
for x in range(2, n):
    if n % x == 0:
        print(n, 'equals', x, '*', n//x)
        break
else:
    print(n, 'is a prime number')
```

Flow Control

- **Loop**: for statements
 - for statements with sequential data (string, list, tuple, ...)
 - You can loop with each index or each item (~ std::iterator in C++) or both.

```
year_list = [1982, 1984, 2014, 2016]
for idx in range(len(year_list)):  # Loop with indices
    print(idx)
for item in year_list:  # Loop with items
    print(item)
for idx, item in enumerate(year_list):  # Loop with indices and items
    print(idx, item)
```

Function Definition

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```
def factorial_for(n):
    f = 1
    for m in range(1, n + 1):
        f *= m
    return f
def factorial_rec(n=1): # Default argument values
    if n <= 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial rec(n - 1)
factorial for(10) # 3628800
factorial rec(10) # 3628800
factorial for() # Error!
factorial_rec() # 1
```

Function Definition

Multiple return values (as a tuple)

- Example) Mean and variance of data
 - Mean (a.k.a. average): $\mu = E(X) = \frac{1}{n}(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)$
 - Variance: $Var(X) = E((X \mu)^2) = E(X^2) \mu^2$

```
def mean var(data):
   n = len(data)
   if n > 0:
       mean = sum(data) / n
       sum2 = 0
       for datum in data:
           sum2 += datum**2
       var = sum2 / n - mean**2
       return mean, var
   return None, None
data = [3, 2, 9, 1, 0, 8, 7, 5]
pair = mean var(data) # pair = (4.375, 9.984)
mean, var = mean var(data) # mean = 4.375, var = 9.984
mean, _ = mean_var(data) # Get only the first one
                         # Get only the first one
mean = mean var(data)[0]
```

Object-oriented Programming

Class definition and object instantiation

Example) Dice and coin

```
from random import randint

class Dice:
    def throw(self):
        return randint(1, 6)

dice = Dice()
print(dice.throw()) # [1, 6]
```

```
from random import randint
class Dice:
    def init (self, boundary=(1, 6)): # A constructor
        self.start = min(boundary)
        self.end = max(boundary)
    def throw(self):
       return randint(self.start, self.end)
dice = Dice()
print(dice.throw()) # [1, 6]
coin = Dice((0, 1))
print(coin.throw()) # 0 or 1
```

Summary

Why Python? What is Python? How to Use Python

Data Types

- Dynamically-typed → no type specifier
- Built-in compound data types: str, tuple*, list*, set*, dict* (*support heterogenous data types)

Operators

- More natural (e.g. && \rightarrow and, condition ? A : B \rightarrow A if condition else B)

Flow Control

Easier access to elements in compound data with for statement

Function Definition

Multiple return values (as a tuple)

Object-oriented Programming

Dynamically-typed → no definition for member variables