Introduction to Programming with Scientific Applications



Course evaluation

"Den første forelæsning var meget **skræmmende** og overvældende"

Course description – kursuskatalog.au.dk/en/course/111388/

Introduction to Programming with Scientific Applications

Description of qualifications

After the course the participants will have knowledge of principles and techniques for systematic construction of programs.

At the end of the course, the participants will be able to:

- apply constructions of a common programming language,
- develop well-structured programs and perform testing and debugging of these,
- explain fundamental programming concepts and basic algorithmic techniques,
- apply standard tools for scientific applications,
- use the documentation for a programming language and available software packages.

Contents

The course gives an introduction to programming with scientific applications. Programming concepts and techniques are introduced using the **Python** programming language. The programming concepts are **illustrated in other programming languages**. The following content is included.

Basic programming constructs: Data types, operators, variables, flow of control, conditionals, loops, functions, recursion, scope, exceptions. *Object orientation*: Abstract data types, classes, inheritance, encapsulation. *Basic algorithmic techniques*: Sorting, binary search, dynamic programming. *Systematic development of programs*: Testing and debugging. File-based input/output, numerical analysis, functional programming. Scientific computing using standard packages for Python.

ECTS 10

Hours - weeks - periods

Lectures 2 x 2 hours/week
TA sessions 1 x 3 hours/week
Study café 3 x 1 hour/week

Language of instruction

Danish

Instructor

Gerth Stølting Brodal

Academic prerequisites

(Some) Linear algebra

Exam

5 hour programming

Aid: Computer and Internet 7-point grading scale

Prerequisites for examination participation

Submission and approval of 10 mandatory assignments and submission of 1 implementation project

Notes Grade reflects an overall assessment of implementation project and written examination.

Lecturer

Name	Gerth Stølting Brodal
Research	Algorithms and Data Structures (Computer Science)
Teaching	
2018 -	BSc course on Introduction to Programming with Scientific Applications
2004 -	BSc course on Introduction to Algorithms and Data Structures
1999 - 17	MSc courses on Computational Geometry, Algorithm Engineering, Advanced Data Structures, External Memory Algorithms and Data Structures
Python	Beginner

Question – Primary Education?

- a) Mathematics
- b) Mathematics-Economics
- c) Data Science
- d) Chemestry
- e) Physics
- f) Other Science-Technology
- g) Other

Question – Programming languages you know?

Question – Programming experience?

For the programming language you know best (if any) please state you proficiency level within the language.

- a) None
- b) Fundamental awareness (basic knowledge)
- c) Novice (limited experience)
- d) Intermediate (practical application)
- e) Advanced (applied theory)
- f) Expert (recognized authority)

Some course practicalities

Primary lecture material = slides

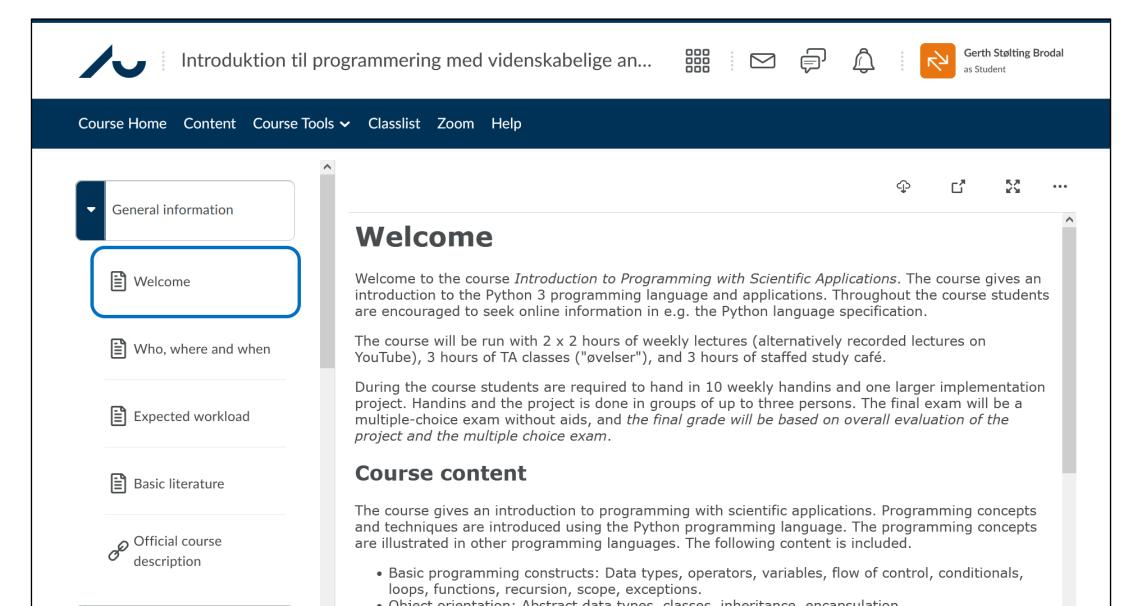


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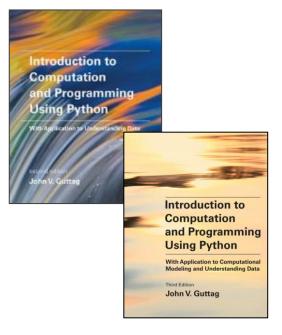
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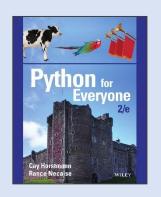
Course text book – optional



John V. Guttag. Introduction to Computation and Programming Using Python With Application to Understanding Data. Second Edition. 472 pages. MIT Press, 2016

- [Guttag, page 8] The reader should be forewarned that this book is by no means a comprehensive introduction to Python
- Covers all basic features of Python enabling you to deal with data in Chapters 1-8 (134 pages) - remaining chapters are applications
- Other resources: Google, stackoverflow, Python.org, YouTube, ...

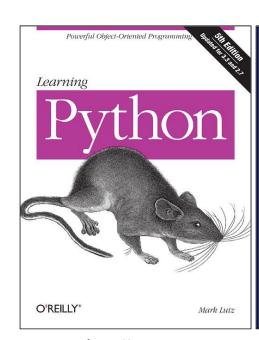
Alternative, new 2021 edition: Introduction to Computation and Programming Using Python, Third Edition With Application to Computational Modeling and Understanding Data



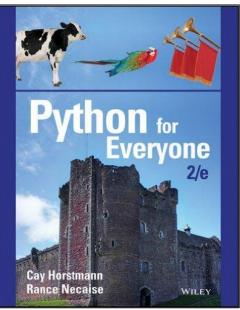
Comparison to a standard text book on the *programming* language Python by Cay Horstmann and Rance Necaise:

Topic **recursion** is covered by Guttag on page 50, Horstmann and Necaise do it on page 611

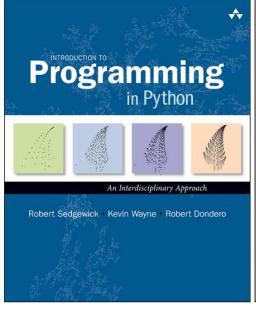
Some other books on Python



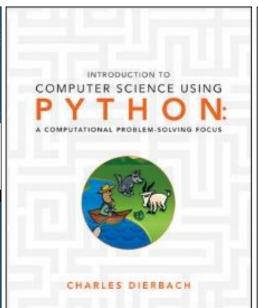
O'Reilly, 2013 1684 pages



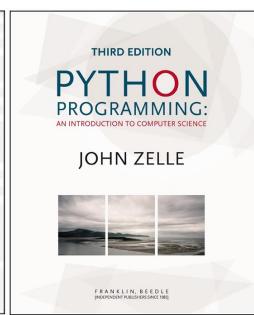
Wiley, 2016 752 pages



Addison-Wesley, 2015 794 pages



Wiley, 2013 580 pages



Franklin & Beedle, 2016 552 pages

Two Python programs

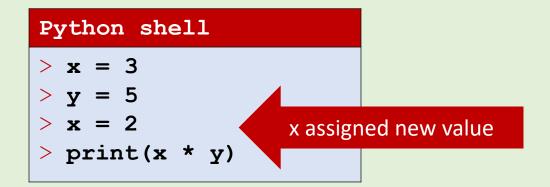
A Python program

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Python shell
> x = 7
> print(x * x)
| 49
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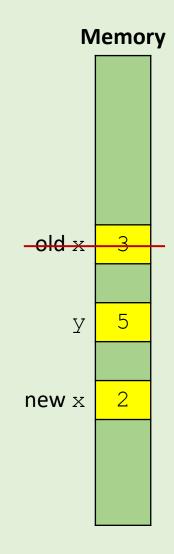
- 7 is an integer literal in Python denoted an "int"
- x is the name of a variable that can hold some value
- = is assigning a value to a variable
- * denotes multiplication
- print is the name of a built-in function, here we call print to print the result of 7*7
- A program consists of a sequence of statements, executed sequentially

Memory X

Question – What is the result of this program?



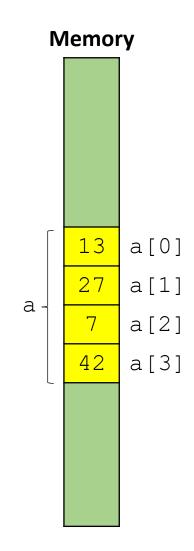
- 🙂 a) 10
 - b) 15
 - c) 25
 - d) [15, 10]
 - e) Error
 - f) Don't know



Another Python program using lists

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Python shell
> a = [13, 27, 7, 42]
> print(a)
| [13, 27, 7, 42]
> print(a[2])
| 7
```

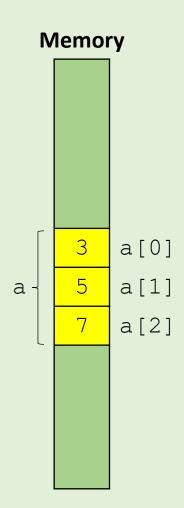
- [13, 27, 7, 42] is a list containing four integers
- a [2] refers to the entry in the list with index 2
 (the first element has index 0, i.e. a [2] is the 3rd element of the list)
- Note that print also can print a list



Question – What is the result of this program?

```
Python shell
> a = [3, 5, 7]
> print(a[1] + a[2])
```

- a) 8
- b) 10
- <u>••</u> c) 12
 - d) 15
 - e) Don't know



Why Python?



the next slides will be technical

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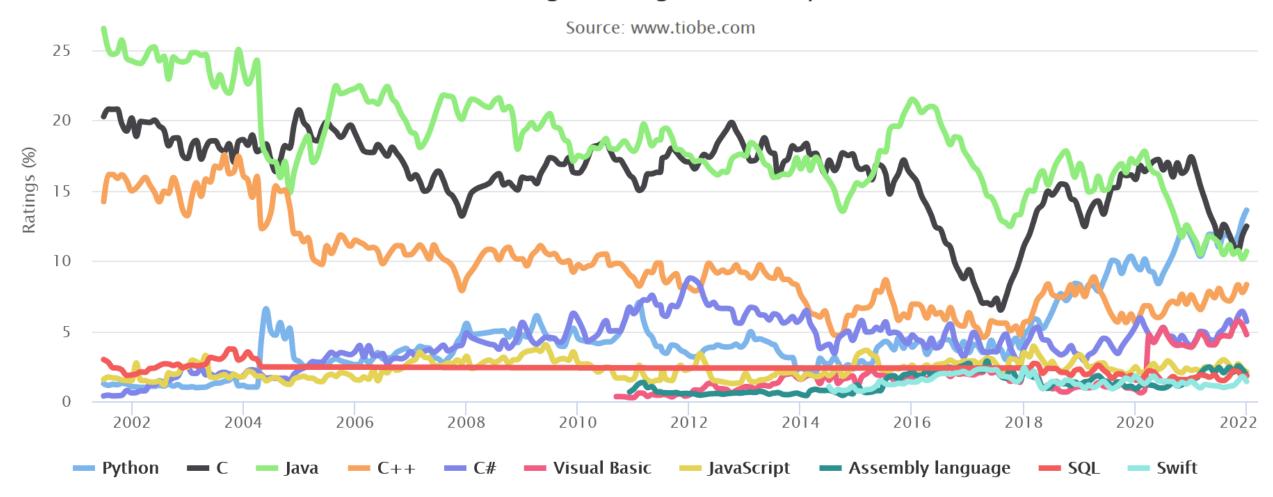
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4	4		C++	8.29%	+0.73%
5	5		C #	5.68%	+1.73%
6	6		VB Visual Basic	4.74%	+0.90%
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8	11	^	Assembly language	1.85%	+0.21%
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Popularity of programming languages

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"Hello World"

- In Java, C, C++ a lot of "{", "}" and ";" are needed
- Java tends to have a lot of "public..." details that need to be spelled out
- Python is concise

Java

```
public class HelloWorld {
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
        System.out.println( "Hello World!" );
        System.exit( 0 );
    }
}
```

C

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    printf("Hello World");
    return 0;
}
```

C++

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
   cout << "Hello, World!";
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

Python 2

print "Hello world"

Python 3

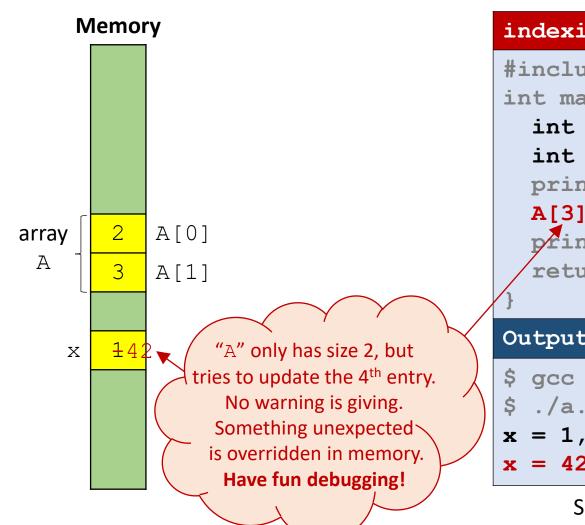
print("Hello world")

Why Python?

Short concise code

C index out of bounds

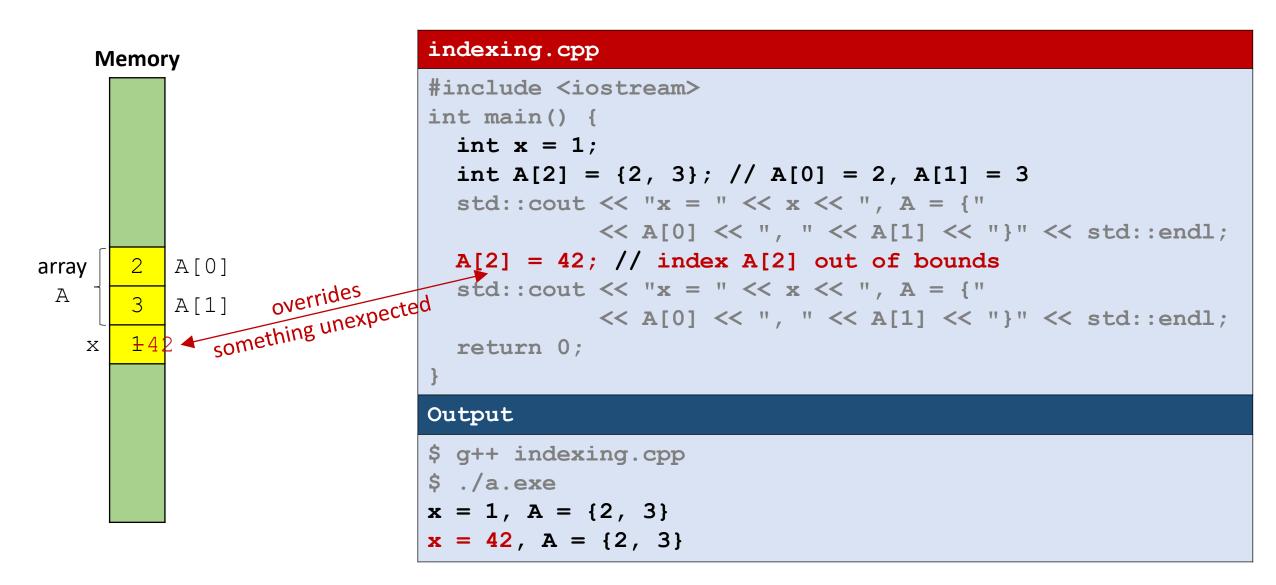
Debugging is the process of finding and resolving defects or problems within a computer program that prevent correct operation of computer software or a system. *en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debugging*



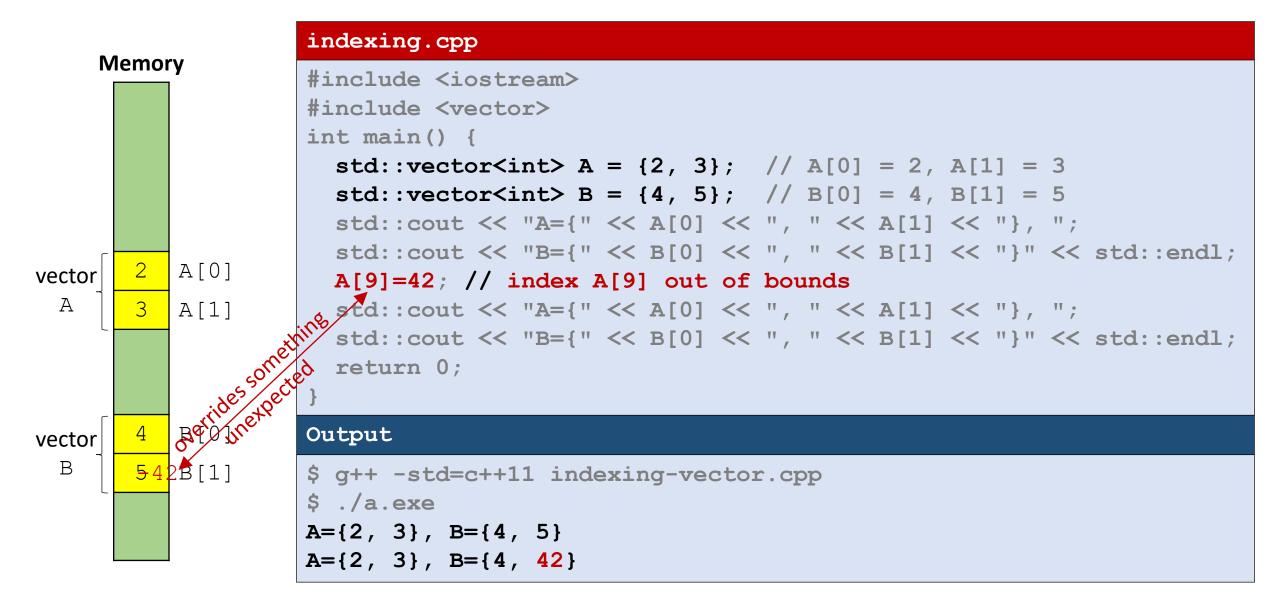
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indexing.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
  int x = 1:
  int A[2] = \{2, 3\}; // A[0] = 2, A[1] = 3
  printf("x = d, A = d, d, d, x, A[0], A[1]);
  A[3] = 42; // index A[3] out of bounds
  printf("x = %d, A = {%d, %d} n", x, A[0], A[1]);
  return 0:
Output
$ qcc indexing.c
$ ./a.exe
x = 1, A = \{2, 3\}
x = 42, A = \{2, 3\}
```

Skipping checking for invalid indexing makes programs faster, but also requires disciplined programming

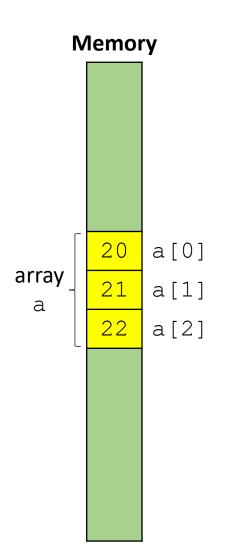
... and C++ index out of bounds



... and C++ vector index out of bounds

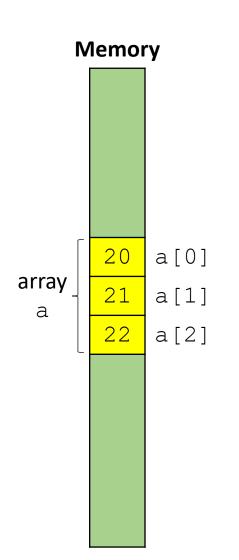


... and Java index out of bounds exception



```
indexing.java
class IndexingTest{
    public static void main(String args[]) {
       int a[] = \{20, 21, 22\};
       a[5] = 42; // index a[5] out of bounds
Output
$ javac indexing.java
$ java IndexingTest
Exception in thread "main"
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 5
        at IndexingTest.main(indexing.java:5)
     Java provides error message when running the program
```

... and Python index out of bounds exception



```
indexing.py
a = [20, 21, 22]
a[5] = 42  # index a[5] out of bounds

Output
$ python indexing.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "indexing.py", line 3, in <module>
        a[5] = 42
IndexError: list assignment index out of range
```

Python provides error message when running the program

Why Python?

- Short concise code
- Index out-of-range exceptions

C++ different ways to print a vector

```
vector-iterator.cpp
      #include <iostream>
      #include <vector>
      int main() {
        // Vector is part of STL (Standard Template Library)
        std::vector < int > A = \{20, 23, 26\};
        // "C" indexing - since C++98
        for (int i = 0; i < A.size(); i++)
          std::cout << A[i] << std::endl;</pre>
        // iterator - since C++98
        for (std::vector<int>::iterator it = A.begin(); it != A.end(); ++it)
          std::cout << *it << std:: endl;
        // "auto" iterator - since C++11
        for (auto it = A.begin(); it != A.end(); ++it)
          std::cout << *it << std:: endl;
        // Range-based for-loop - since C++11
elegant
        for (auto e : A)
          std::cout << e << std:: endl;</pre>
```

Java - different ways to print a vector

```
vector-iterator.java
    import java.util.Vector;
    import java.util.Iterator;
    class IteratorTest{
       public static void main(String[] args) {
           Vector<Integer> a = new Vector<Integer>();
           a.add(7);
           a.add(42);
           // "C" for-loop & get method
           for (int i=0; i<a.size(); i++)
              System.out.println(a.get(i));
           // iterator
           for (Iterator it = a.iterator(); it.hasNext(); )
              System.out.println(it.next());
           // for-each loop - since Java 5
           for (Integer e : a)
elegant
              System.out.println(e);
```

The Python way to print a list

```
print-list.py
a = [20, 23, 26]

for e in a:
    print(e)

Output

$ python print-list.py
20
23
26
```

Why Python?

- Short concise code
- Index out of range exceptions
- Elegant for-each loop

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\$ g++ -std=c++11 print-vector.cpp

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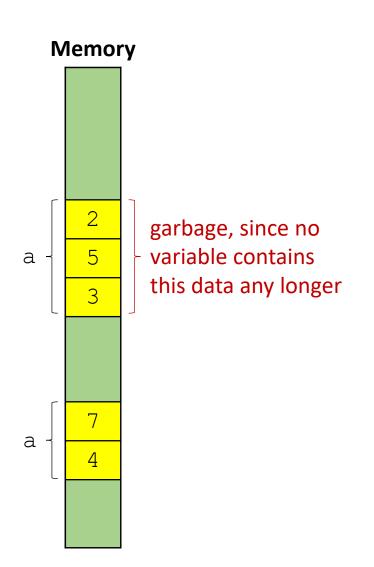
operator << (long double f)

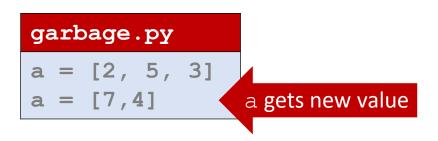
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Python and garbage collection





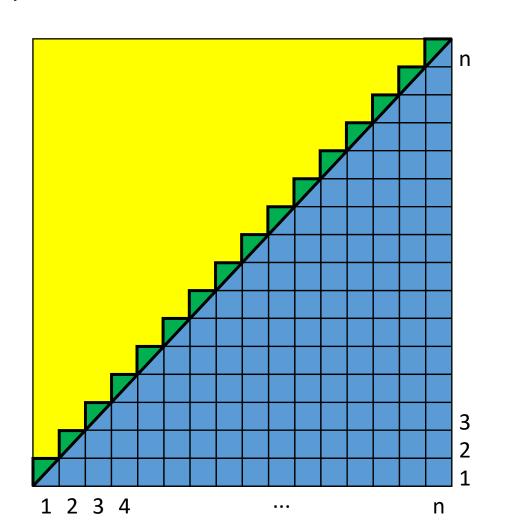
- Python and e.g. Java, C# and JavaScript have a garbage collector to automatically recycle garbage
- C and C++ garbage collection must be done explicitly by the program; forgetting to free memory again results in memory leaks – which can be really hard to find. Have fun debugging!

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Python performance vs C, C++ and Java

Compute sum $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = n^2/2 + n/2$



$1 + 2 + \cdots + n$

```
add.py
import sys

n = int(sys.argv[1])
sum = 0
for i in range(1, n + 1):
    sum += i
print("Sum = %d" % sum)
```

add.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  int n = atoi(argv[1]);
  int sum = 0;
  for (int i=1; i<=n; i++)
    sum += i;
  printf("Sum = %d\n", sum);
}</pre>
```

add.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  int n = atoi(argv[1]);
  int sum = 0;
  for (int i=1; i<=n; i++)
    sum += i;
  cout << "Sum = " << sum << endl;
}</pre>
```

add.java

```
class Add{
   public static void main(String args[]) {
     int n = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
     int sum = 0;
     for (int i=1; i<=n; i++)
          sum += i;
     System.out.println("Sum = " + sum);
   }
}</pre>
```

Timing results

Python

n	C (gcc 9.2)	C++, int (g++ 9.2)	C++, long (g++ 9.2)	Java (12.0)	Python (3.8.1)	PyPy (7.3.0)	Numba, int64
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10 ⁹	0.10 sec**	0.10 sec**	0.30 sec	0.40 sec**	145 sec	27 sec	0.2 sec

Wrong output (overflow)

- * -2004260032 instead of 50000005000000
- ** -243309312 instead of 500000000500000000



- since C, C++, and Java only uses 32 bits to represent integers (and 64 bits for "long" integers)

Try Google: civilization gandhi overflow

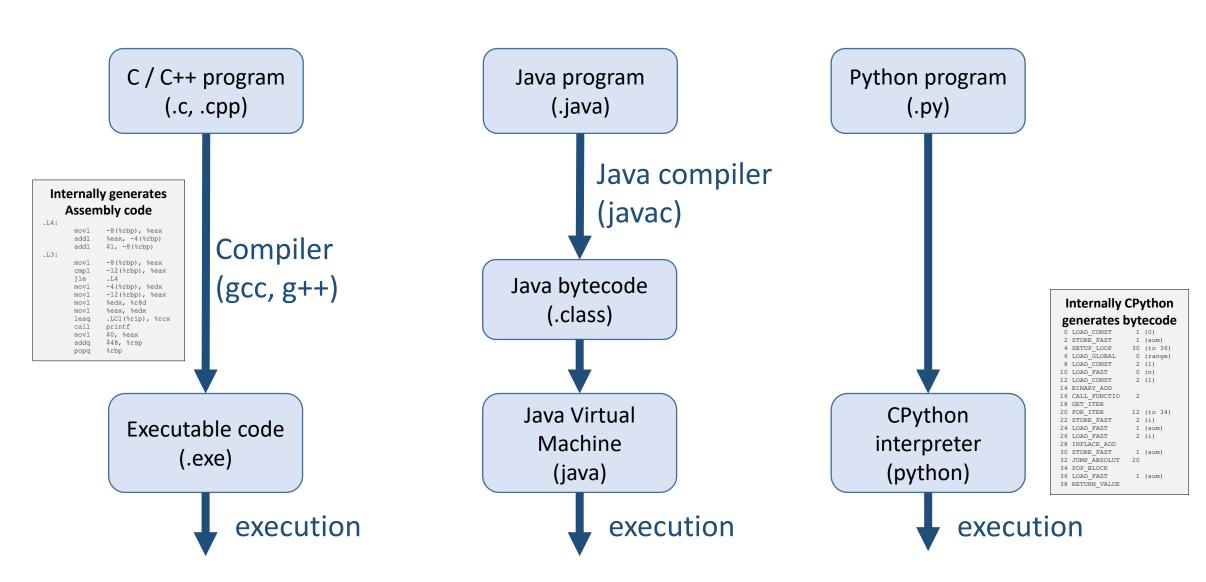
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Relative speed

- C, C++, Java need to care about integer overflows select integer representation carefully with sufficient number of bits (8, 16, 32, 64, 128)
- Python natively works with arbitrary long integers (as memory on your machine allows).
 Also possible in Java using the class java.math.BigInteger
- Python programs can (sometimes) run faster using PyPy
- Number crunching in Python should be delegated to specialized modules (e.g. Numpy, CPLEX, Numba) often written in C or C++

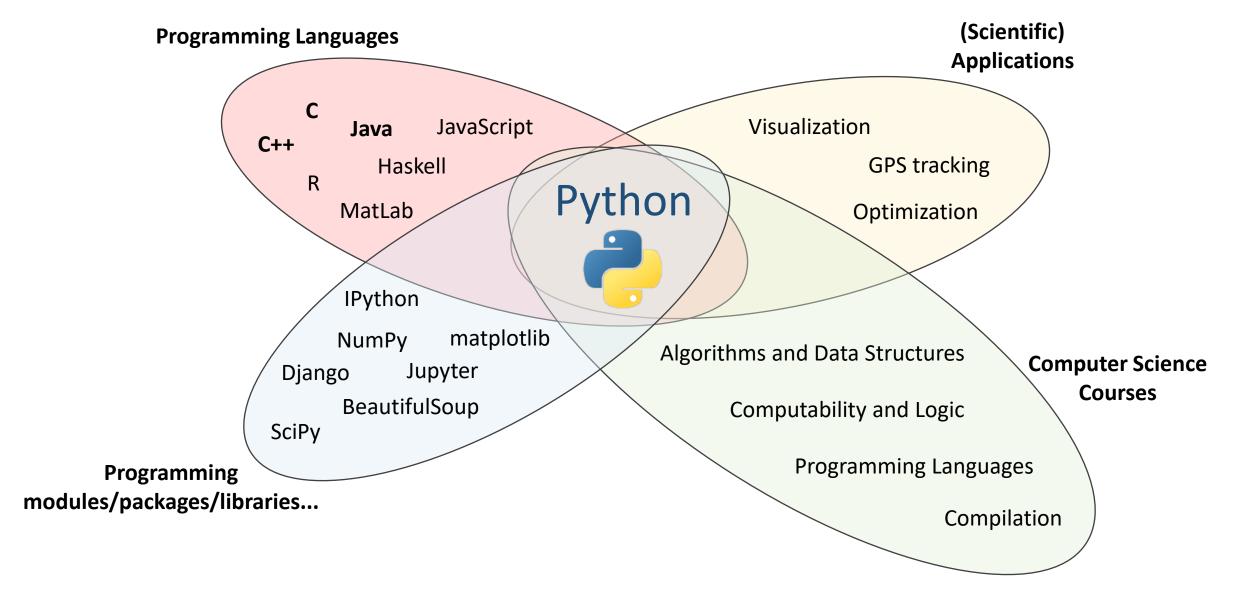
Interpreter vs Compiler



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- Garbage collection is done automatically
- Exact integer arithmetic (no overflows)
- Can delegate number crunching to C, C++, ...

This course



Course overview

Basic programming Advanced / specific python Libraries & applications

1. Introduction to Python	10. Functions as objects	19. Linear programming
2. Python basics / if	11. Object oriented programming	20. Generators, iterators, with
3. Basic operations	12. Class hierarchies	21. Modules and packages
4. Lists / while / for	13. Exceptions and files	22. Working with text
5. Tuples / comprehensions	14. Doc, testing, debugging	23. Relational data
6. Dictionaries and sets	15. Decorators	24. Clustering
7. Functions	16. Dynamic programming	25. Graphical user interfaces (GUI)
8. Recursion	17. Visualization and optimization	26. Java vs Python
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10 handins
1 final project (last 1 month)

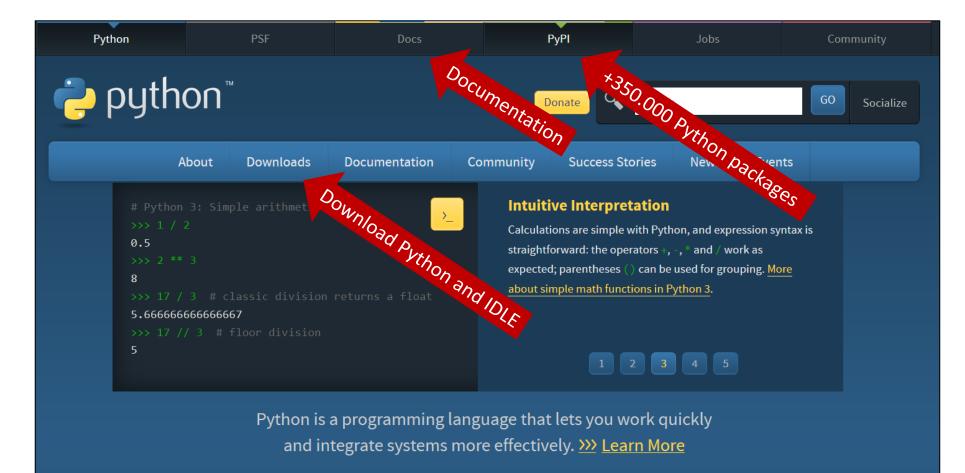
History of Python development

- Python created by Guido van Rossum in 1989, first release 0.9.0 1991
- Python 2

 Python 3 (clean up of Python 2 language)
 - Python 2 version 2.0 released 2000, final version 2.7 released mid-2010
 - Python 3 released 2008, current release 3.10.2
- Python 3 is not backward compatible, libraries incompatible

Python 2	Python 3
print 42	print(42)
int = C long (32 bits)	int = arbitrary number of digits (= named "long" in Python 2)
7/3 → 2 returns "int"	7/3 → 2.333 returns "float"
range() returns list (memory intensive)	range() returns iterator (memory efficient; xrange in Python 2)

Python.org





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Latest: Python 3.10.2



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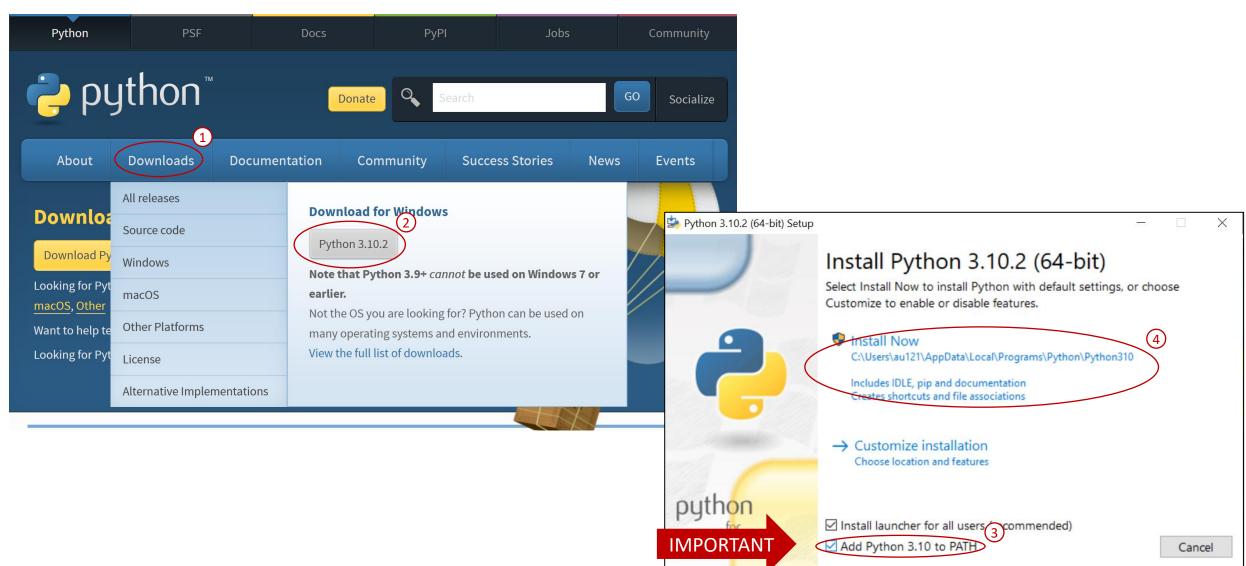
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Installing Python



Running the Python Interpreter from a terminal

- Open Command Prompt (Windows-key + cmd)
- Type "python" + return
- Start executing Python statements

To exit shell: Ctrl-Z + return or exit() + return

```
Command Prompt
                                                                                                                                  icrosoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
                  (c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
                    \Users\au121>
          Command Prompt - python
         Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
         (c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
          :\Users\au121>python
          Python 3.6.4 (v3.6.4:d48eceb, Dec 19 2017, 06:04:45) [MSC v.1900 32 bit (Intel)] on win32
              "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
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  print(6*5+3*4)
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Installing IPython –

A more powerful interactive Python shell

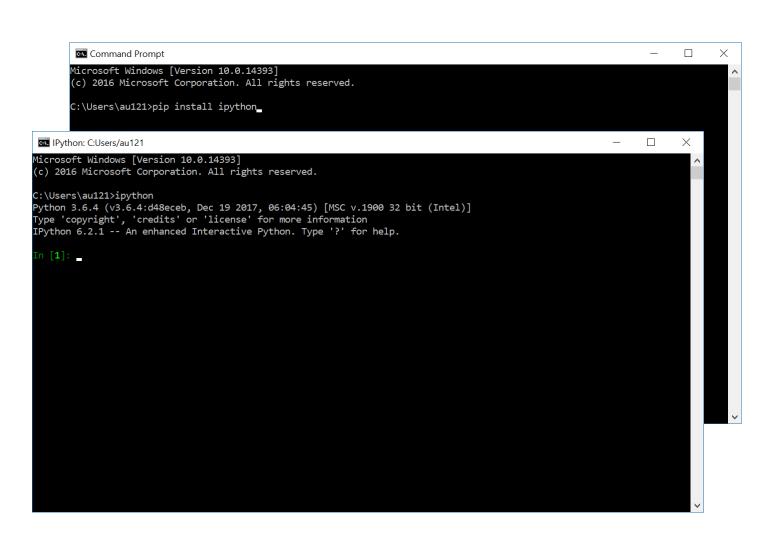
- Open Command Prompt
- Execute:

pip install ipython

Start ipython

ipython

pip = the Python package manager



Some other usefull packages

Try installing some more Python packages:

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pip install numpy
pip install scipy
pip install matplotlib
pip install pylint
```

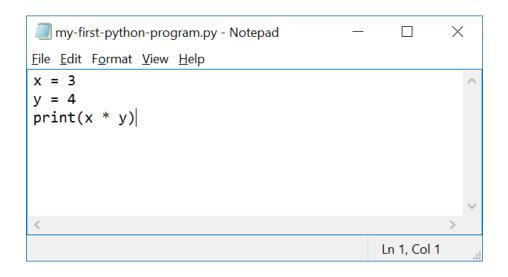
linear algebra support (N-dimensional arrays)

numerical integration and optimization

2D plotting library

Python source code analyzer enforcing a coding standard

Creating a Python program the very basic way



- Open Notepad (or TextEdit on Mac)
 - write a simple Python program
 - save it
- Open a command prompt
 - go to folder (using cd)
 - run the program using

```
python <program name>.py
```

```
Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
(c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\au121>cd Desktop
C:\Users\au121\Desktop>dir
 Volume in drive C is OSDisk
 Volume Serial Number is 3CDB-90D8
Directory of C:\Users\au121\Desktop
80-01-2018 16:45
                     <DIR>
                     <DIR>
                     <DIR>
                                    ipsa18
30-01-2018
                                 26 my-first-python-program.py
              1 File(s)
                                     26 bytes
               3 Dir(s) 420.462.858.240 bytes free
C:\Users\au121\Desktop>python my-first-python-program.py
C:\Users\au121\Desktop>_
```

... or open IDLE and run program with F5

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enable
line numbers
under options
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X
my-first-python-program.py - C:\Users\au121\Desktop\my-first-python-program.py (3.11.0)
<u>File Edit Format Run Options Window Help</u>
 x = 3
 print(x *v)
                                                                                             Ln: 4 Col: 0
IDLE Shell 3.11.0
                                                                                                  X
<u>File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help</u>
    Python 3.11.0 (main, Oct 24 2022, 18:26:48) [MSC v.1933 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
    Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>>
    ====== RESTART: C:\Users\au121\Desktop\my-first-python-program.py ========
>>>
                                                                                             Ln: 6 Col: 0
```

- IDLE ships with Python from python.org
- Good beginner IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

The Python Ecosystem

Interpreters/compiler

- CPython reference C implementation from python.org
- PyPy written in RPython (a subset of Python) faster than Cpython
 Jython written in Java and compiles to Java bytecode, runs on the JVM
- IronPython written in C#, compiles to Microsoft's Common Language Runtime (CLR) bytecode
- Cython project translating Python-ish code to C
- Shells (IPython, IDLE, Jupyter)
- Libraries/modules/packages
 - pypi.python.org/pypi (PyPI the Python Package Index, +400.000 packages)
- IDEs (Integrated development environment)
 - IDLE comes with Python (docs.python.org/3/library/idle.html)
 - Anaconda w. Spyder, IPython (www.anaconda.com/download)
 - Canopy (enthought.com/product/canopy)
 - Visual Studio Code (code.visualstudio.com)
 - Python tools for Visual Studio (github.com/Microsoft/PTVS)
 - PyCharm (www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/)
 - Emacs (Python mode and ElPy mode)
 - Notepad++
- Python Style guide (PEP8)
 - pylint, pep8, flake8
- Python online
 - Google colab (colab.research.google.com), repl.it, sagemath.org, ...

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