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Software Development

Python Installation Notes

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1 Overview

The following guide is just one option to get your Python setup ready for the course. If you have already a running Python environment with an appropriate IDE (Integrated Development Environment) you only need to download the Course Samples and check if the hello.py sample is running.

If not, please follow the installation steps of **Chapter 2 Course Setup** and ensure, that the **hello.py** sample is **up** and **running**.

Important

You need administrator rights for the installation.

We cannot support installation issues during the course.

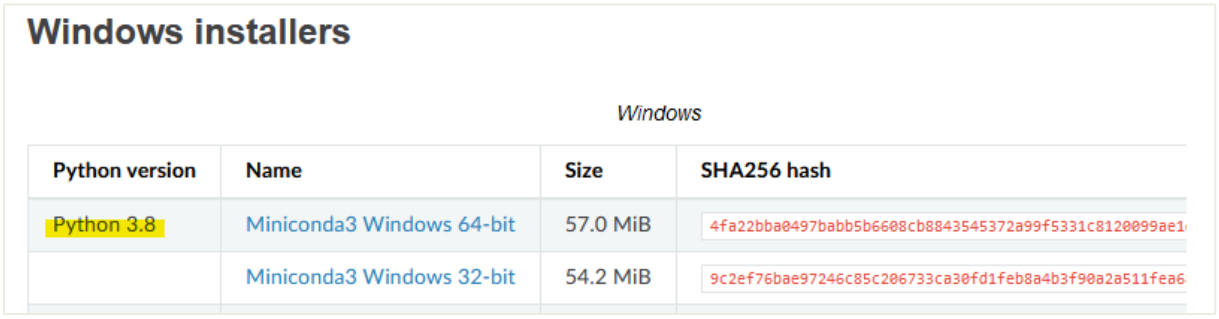
2 Course Setup

2.1 Miniconda

Miniconda is a free minimal installer for conda. It is a small, bootstrap version of Anaconda that includes only conda, Python, the packages they depend on, and a small number of other useful packages, including pip, zlib and a few others.

1 - Download and install Miniconda for Python 3.8 or above:

https://docs.conda.io/en/latest/miniconda.html



Windows installers

Windows

Python version	Name	Size	SHA256 hash
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	Miniconda3 Windows 32-bit	54.2 MiB	9c2ef76bae97246c85c206733ca30fd1feb8a4b3f90a2a511fea6

2 - Settings during the installation:

1) Choose an installation location or use the default proposed by Miniconda
2) Enable Checkbox: Register Miniconda as my default Python
3) Finish Setup

2.2 Visual Studio Code

Install and configure Visual Studio Code.

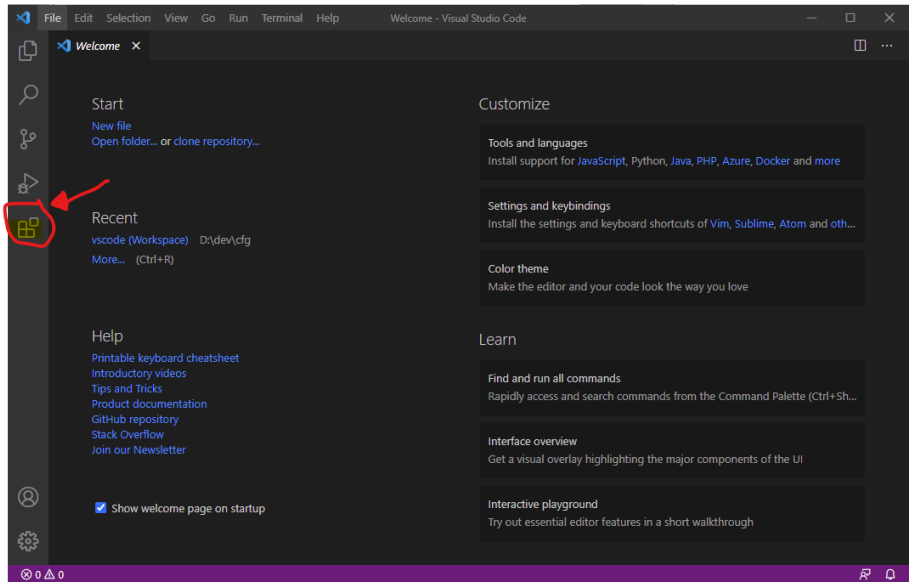
1 - Download and Install Visual Studio Code:

https://code.visualstudio.com

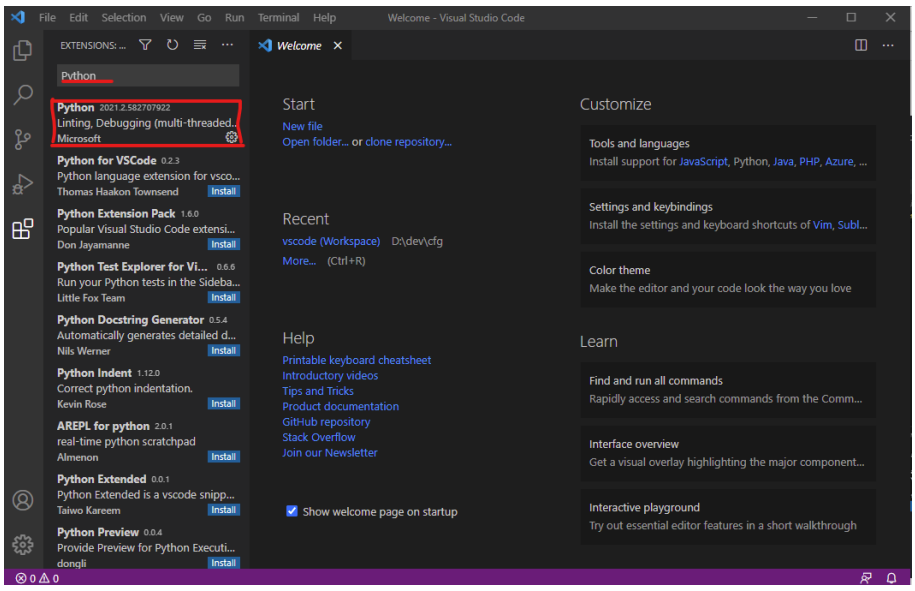
2 - Start VS Code and Install the Python Extension

3 – Install the Python Extension

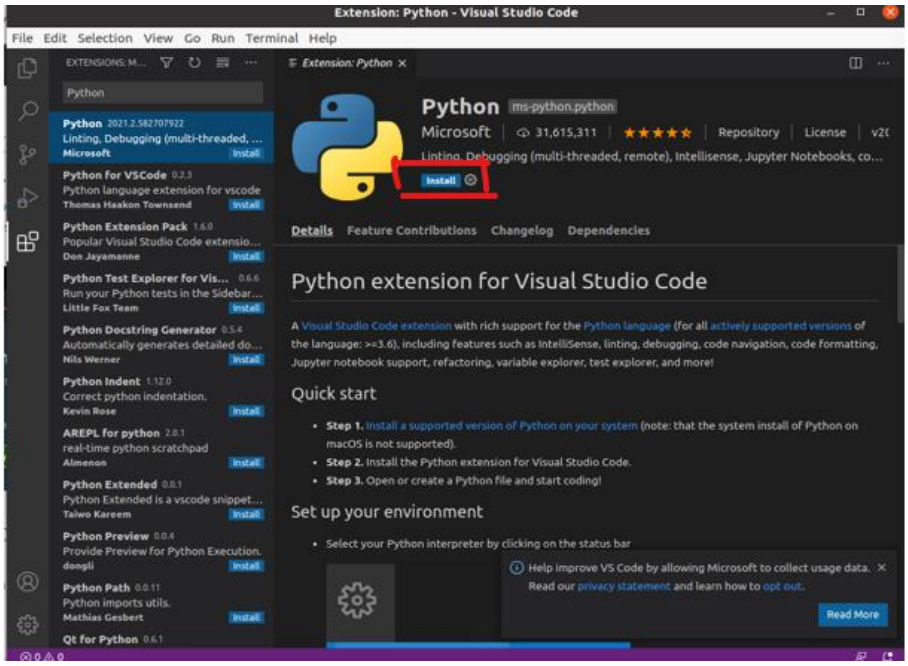
On the left Side, Click the Plugin Button:



On the search field type: Python



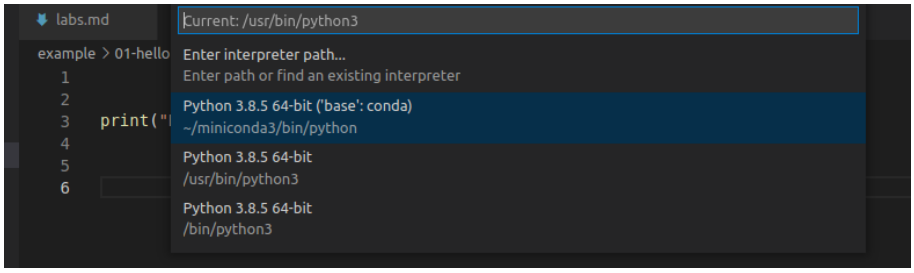
The Choose the **Python** Plugin and Click the **Install** Button



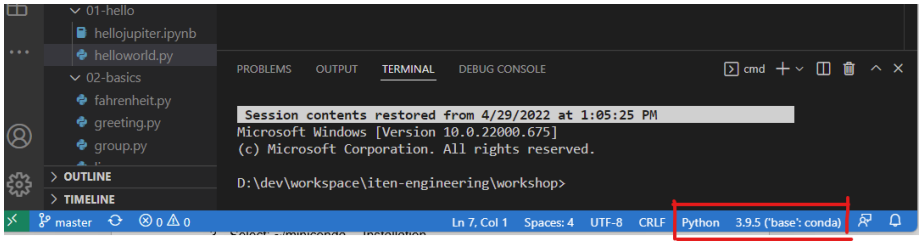
Note: This will also install the Jupiter Plugin for you.

4 - Select a Python interpreter:

1. Press: Ctrl+Shift+P
2. Enter: Python: Select Interpreter
3. Select: ~/miniconda… Installation



See Python interpreter Settings on the right side of the Bottom Bar:



Further Information

For more details see: https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/python/python-tutorial

2.3 Course Samples

For the course we need the following two GitHub projects:

1) https://github.com/iten-engineering/python
2) https://github.com/iten-engineering/workshop

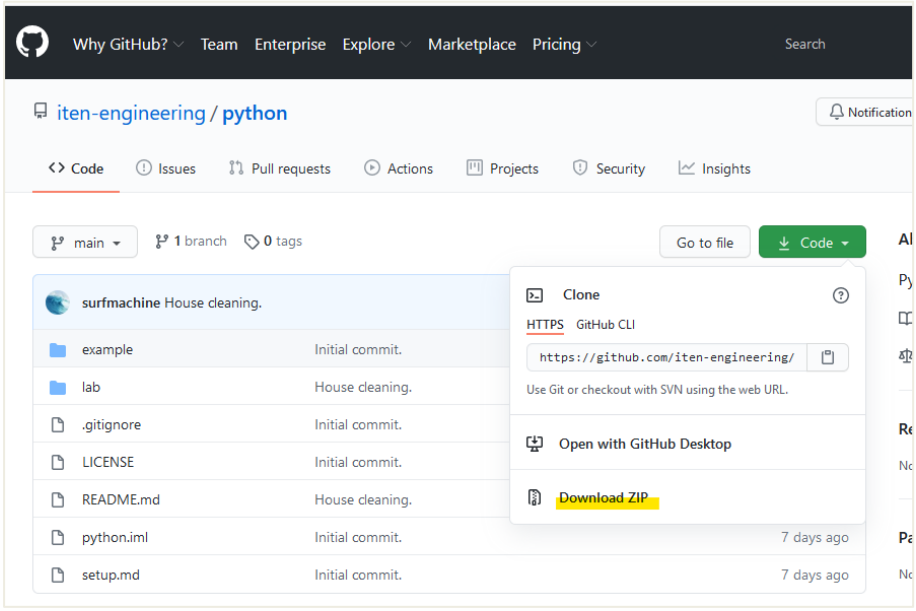
The first project contains the examples of the slides, as well as the labs, we are doing during the course. **This is what we have to install now**.

The second project is empty, but will be used to deliver the solutions and further samples during the course.

You can either download a ZIP File or if you have GIT installed pull down the projects.

Option A – Download Course Samples as ZIP

https://github.com/iten-engineering/python



Download the ZIP File and extract the content to your working directory.

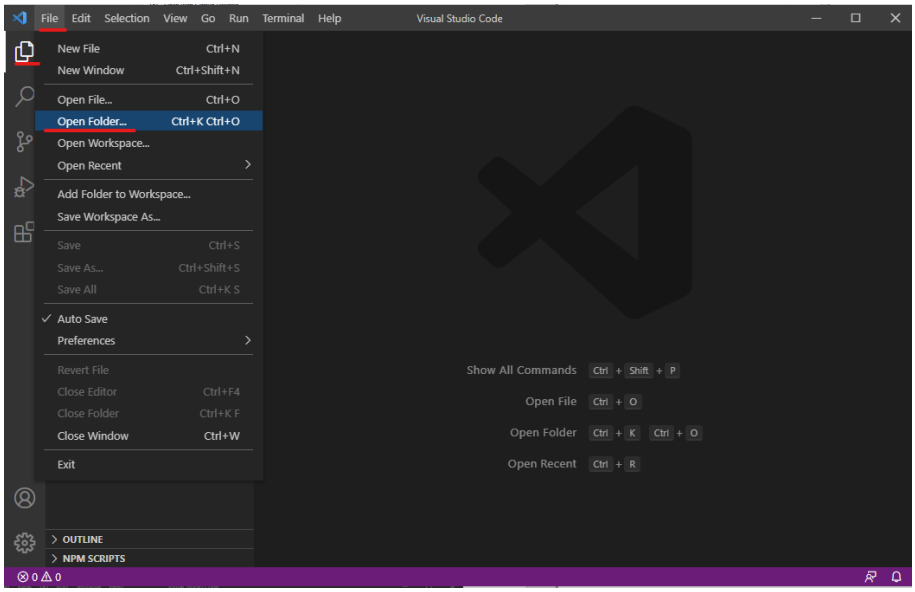
For example: **c:\course\workspace\python**

Option B – Install Projects with GIT

- Create a **workspace** directory for the course projects.
- Open the **Git Bash** and change to the workspace directory
- git clone https://github.com/iten-engineering/python
- git clone https://github.com/iten-engineering/workshop

2.4 Project Setup

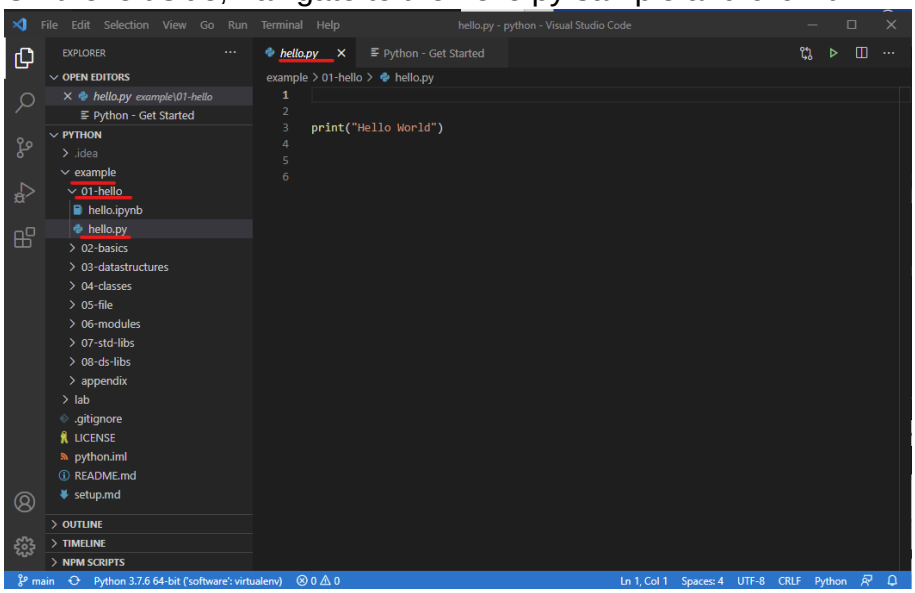
Start VS Code, Click the Explorer Button on the top left corner, then choose File / Open Folder:



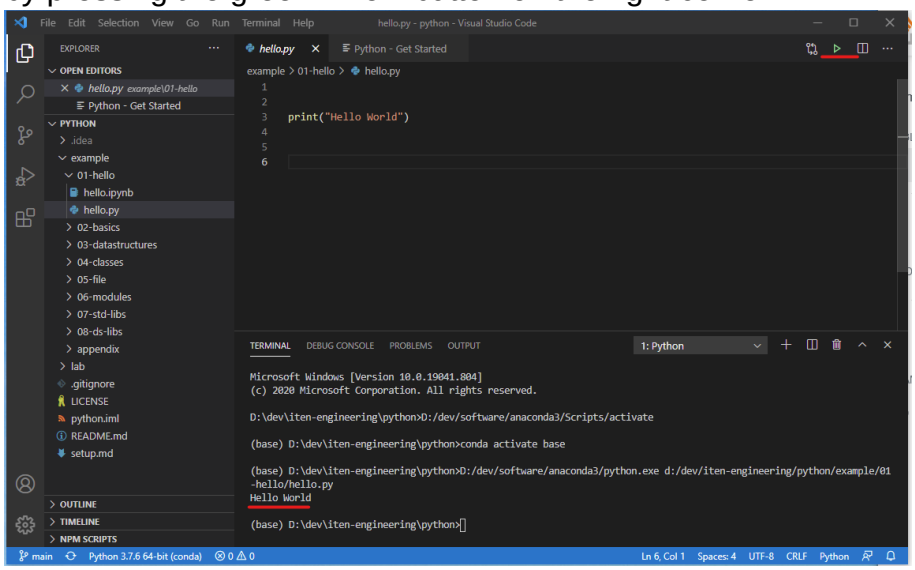
Navigate to your folder with the Course samples and select the folder.

For example: **c:\course\workspace\python**

On the left side, navigate to the hello.py sample and click it:



Now you can execute the script,
by pressing the green Arrow button on the right corner:



If your output looks similar to the Screenshot above, your fine.
Congratulation to your first Hello World sample with Python!

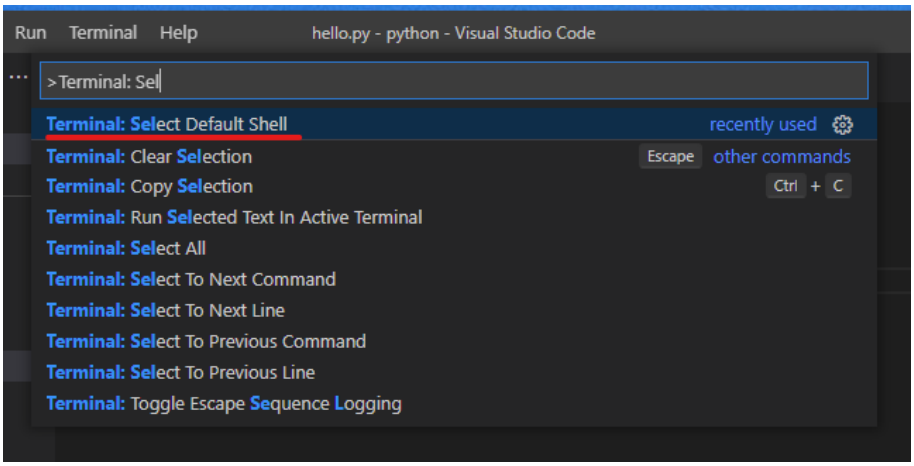
If your output shows the following Error Message,
please follow the steps described on the next page.

> conda : The term 'conda' is not recognized as the name of a cmdlet, function, script file, or operable program. Check the spelling of the name, or if a path was included, verify that the path is correct and try again. At line:1 char:1

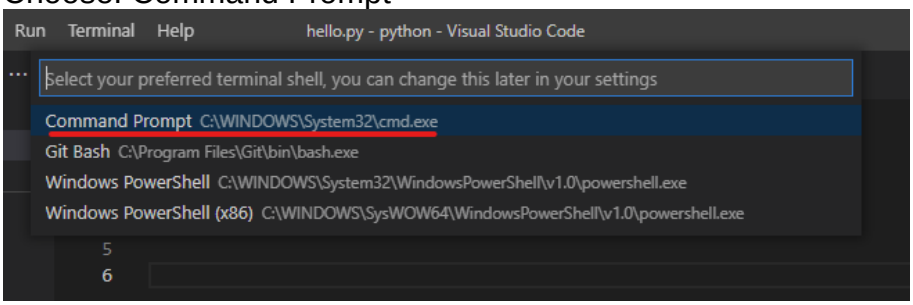
Switch Default Terminal

1) Open the command palette with: **CTRL-SHIFT-P**

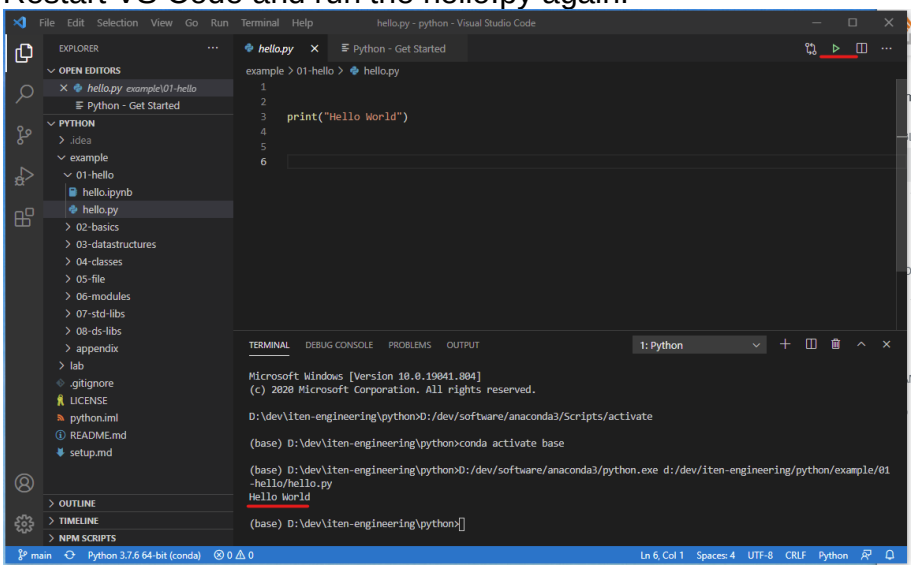
2) Search for **Terminal: Select Default Shell**



3) Choose: Command Prompt



4) Restart VS Code and run the hello.py again:



Details see: https://stackoverflow.com/questions/54828713/working-with-anaconda-in-visual-studio-code

3 Further Information

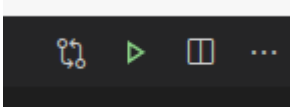
This chapter contains further information we will use during the course. You do not need to follow them as part of the course preparation. If you still have some energy and time, feel free to go ahead.

3.1 Run Python Code

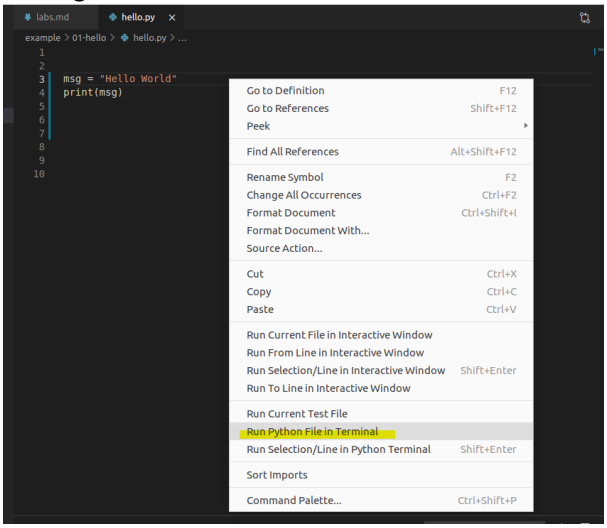
Create a new Script **hello.py** with the given content:

Run the python Script:

1. Press: Green Arrow on top/right



2. or Right Mouse Click in the File Area, then: “Run Python File in Terminal”



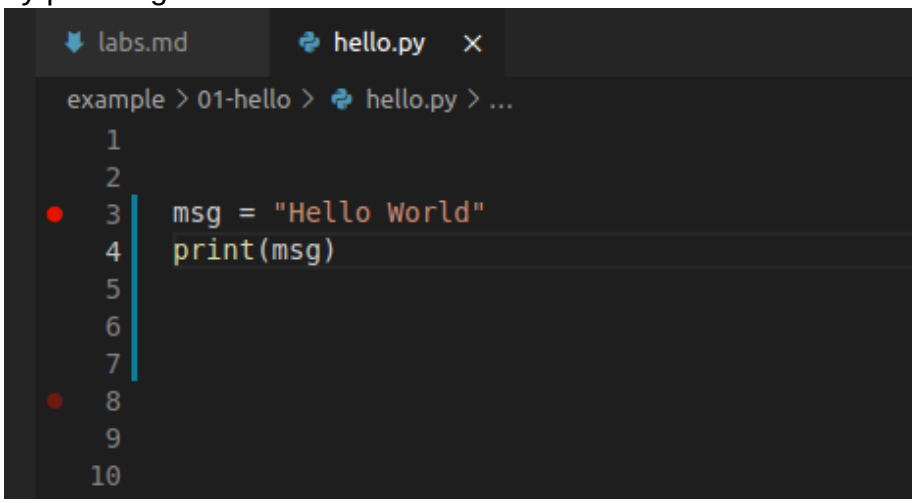
3.2 Run Python Code Snippet

Mark a portion of your Python Script.

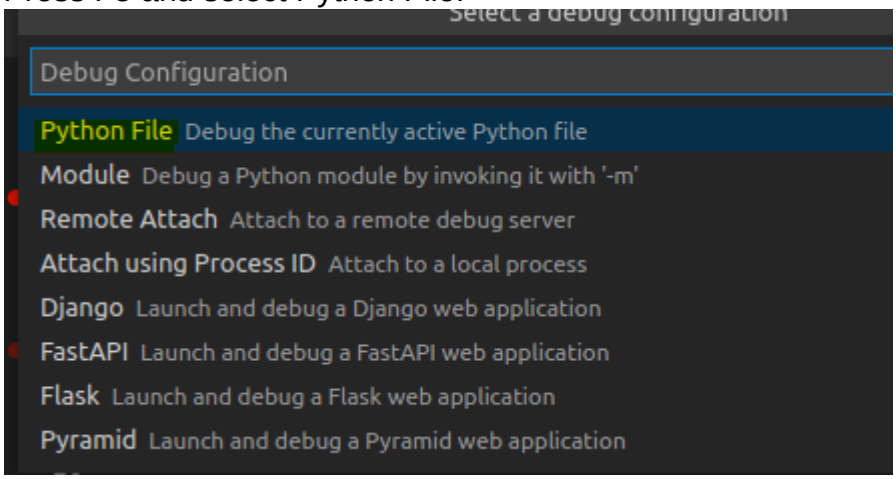
Press: SHIFT + ENTER to run the marked code snippet

3.3 Debug Python Code

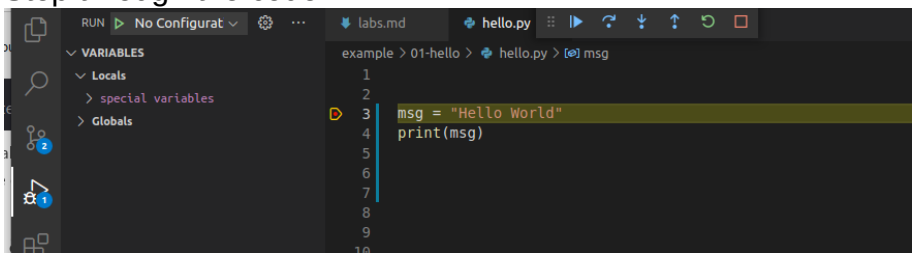
1. Set Breakpoint
   by pressing F9 on line 3 or click on the left side of the line number:



2. Press F5 and select Python File:

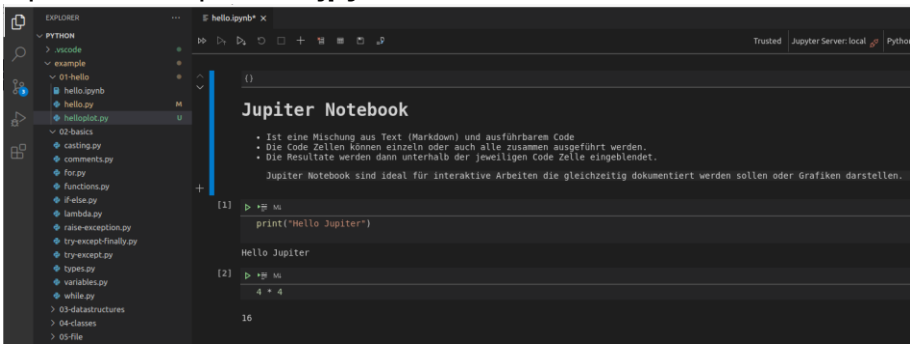


3. Step through the code:

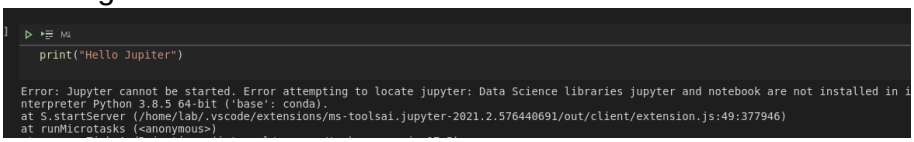


3.4 Install and use Jupiter Notebook

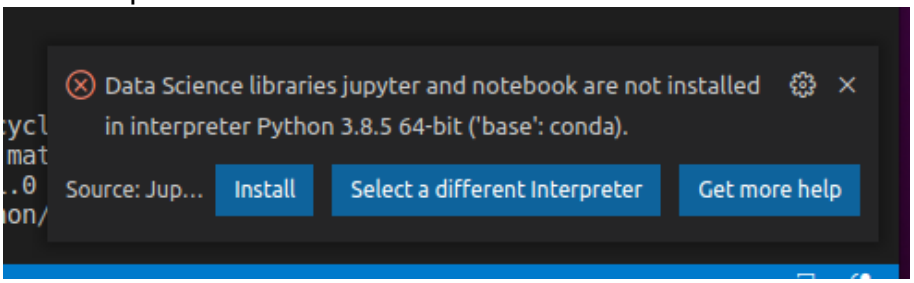
1. Open the Script **hello.jpynb**:



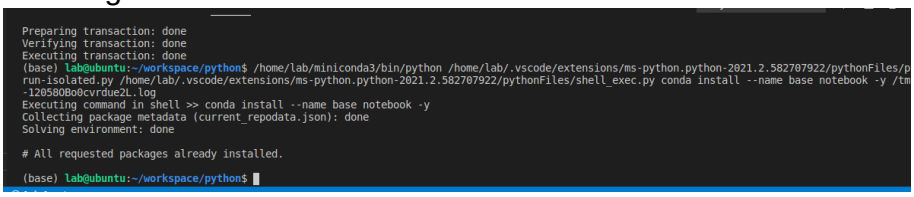
2. When running the first cell for the first time, you will see the following error message:



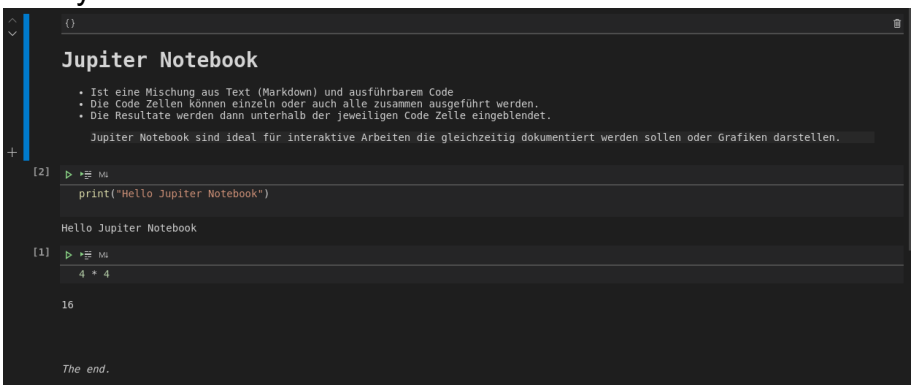
3. Install Jupiter: Click the “Install” Button:



Running installation:



4. Now you can run the cell’s of the Notebook:



3.5 Install and use Packages

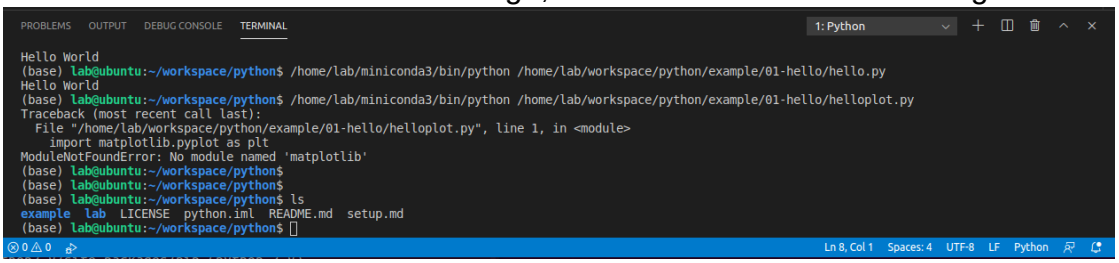
1. Add new File **helloplot.py** with the following content:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

x = np.linspace(0, 20, 100)      # Create a list of evenly-spaced numbers over the range
plt.plot(x, np.sin(x))           # Plot the sine of each x point
plt.show()                       # Display the plot
```

2. When running the code the first time you will see the following error message:

```
raceback (most recent call last):
  File "/home/lab/workspace/python/example/01-hello/helloplot.py", line 1, in <module>
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'matplotlib'
```

3. In the terminal with the error message, we can now install the missing libraries:



Don't use with Anaconda distributions because they include matplotlib already.

macOS

python3 -m pip install matplotlib

Windows (may require elevation)

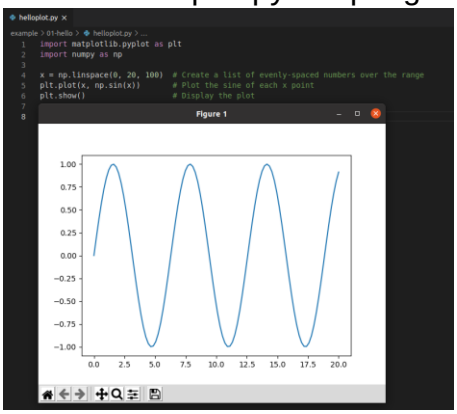
python -m pip install matplotlib

Linux (Debian)

sudo apt install python3-tk

python3 -m pip install matplotlib

4. Run the helloplot.py Script again:



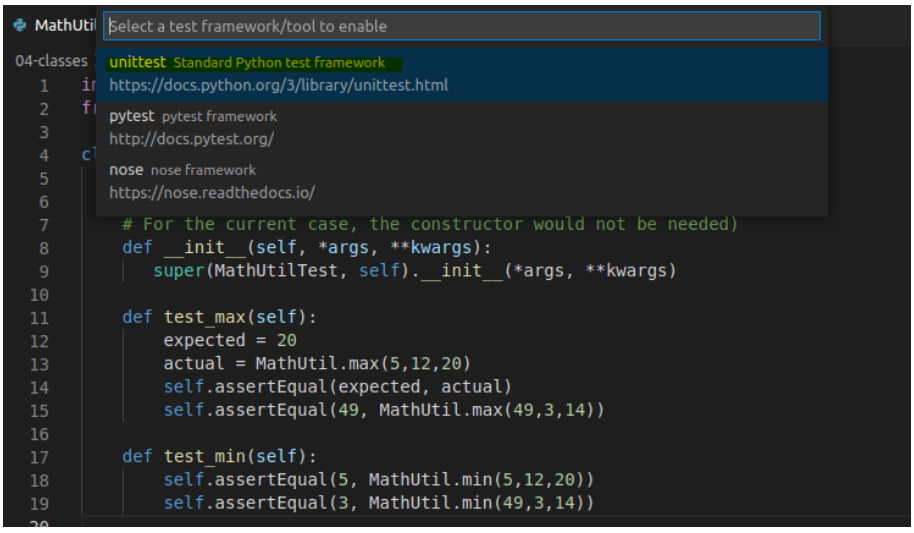
3.6 Enable Unit Testing in VS Code

Testing in Python is disabled by default. To enable testing, use the Python: Configure Tests command on the Command Palette. This command prompts you to select a test framework, the folder containing tests, and the pattern used to identify test files.

1. Shift+Ctrl+P

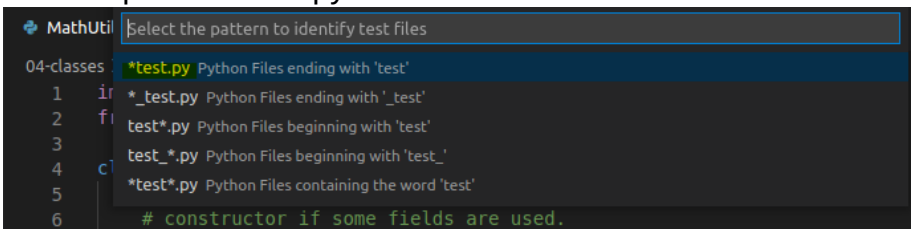
2. Enter: Python: Configure Tests

3. Choice **unittest**:



4. Choose folder: 04

5. Choose pattern: *test.py



3.7 Install matplotlib

For the **Matplotlib** sample, we need the matplotlib Package.

Open a Terminal in VS Code and run the following command:

```
pip install matplotlib
```

3.8 Install Flask

For the **Bookservice** sample, we need the Flask Package.

Open a Terminal in VS Code and run the following command:

```
pip install Flask
```

3.9 Install scikit

For the **scikit** sample, we need the scikit Package.

Open a Terminal in VS Code and run the following command:

```
pip install –U scikit-learn
```

4 Appendix – Ubuntu Setup

4.1 Miniconda

To install Miniconda on Ubuntu 20.04 from command line, it only takes 3 steps excluding creating and activating a conda environment.

1. **Download the latest shell script**
   wget https://repo.anaconda.com/miniconda/Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh

2. **Make the miniconda installation script executable**
   chmod +x Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh

3. **Run miniconda installation script**
   ./Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh

```
Miniconda3 will now be installed into this location:
/home/lab/miniconda3

  - Press ENTER to confirm the location
  - Press CTRL-C to abort the installation
  - Or specify a different location below

[/home/lab/miniconda3] >>>
PREFIX=/home/lab/miniconda3
Unpacking payload ...
```

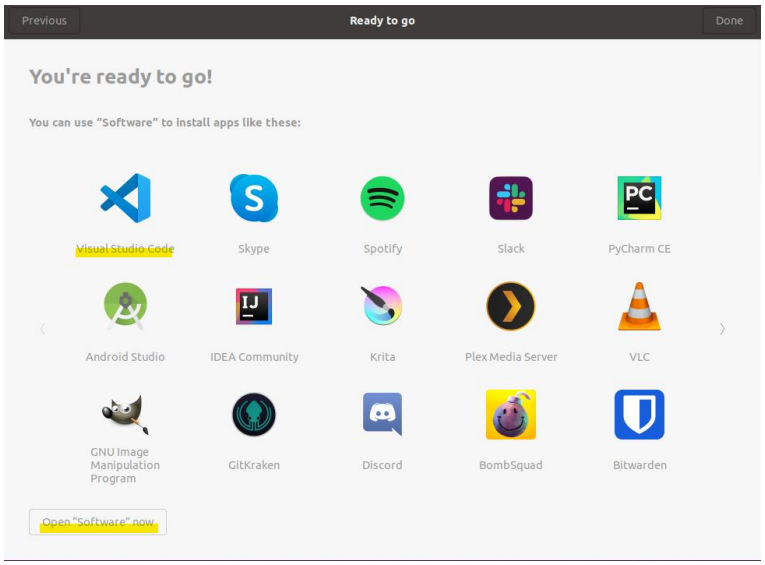
```
Preparing transaction: done
Executing transaction: done
installation finished.
Do you wish the installer to initialize Miniconda3
by running conda init? [yes|no]
[no] >>> yes
```

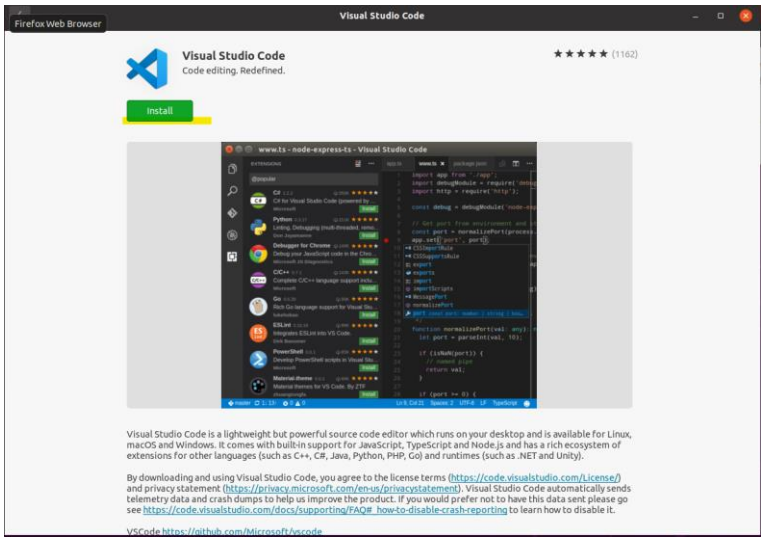
```
==> For changes to take effect, close and re-open your current shell. <==

If you'd prefer that conda's base environment not be activated on startup,
   set the auto_activate_base parameter to false:

conda config --set auto_activate_base false

Thank you for installing Miniconda3!
```

Miniconda commands

Command	Description
conda --version	Show version
conda info --envs	Show environments
conda create -n myenv phython=3.6.2	Create environment with given phyton version
conda env remove -n myenv	Remove environment
conda activate myenv	Activate the myenv environment
conda list	Show packages of active environment
conda install [pachagename]	Install Package
conda update [pachagename]	Update Package

4.2 Visual Studio Code





For the configuration steps, follow the Course Setup chapter.

4.3 GIT

- **Install GIT**
  sudo apt install git

```
(lab) lab@ubuntu:~/workspace$ sudo apt install git
[sudo] password for lab:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  git-man liberror-perl
Suggested packages:
  git-daemon-run | git-daemon-sysvinit git-doc git-el git-email git-gui gitk gitweb git-cvs
  git-mediawiki git-svn
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  git git-man liberror-perl
0 upgraded, 3 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
Need to get 5,464 kB of archives.
After this operation, 38.4 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
```

- **Check Version**
  git –version

- **Global Settings**
  git config --global user.name "Pipi Langstrumpf"
  git config --global user.email pipi@villakunterbunt.org

4.4 Course Samples

1. **Create Workspace Directory**
   mkdir workspace

2. **Clone Python Project**
   cd workspace
   git clone https://github.com/iten-engineering/python

3. **Clone Workshop Project**
   cd workspace
   git clone https://github.com/iten-engineering/workshop

4.5 Project Setup

See chapter Course Setup.

5 Appendix – VS Code Hints

Zoom:

- Menu: View / Appearance / Zoom-In CTRL + NUM_PAD_ADD
- Menu: View / Appearance / Zoom-Out CTRL + -