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Installation

Installing an official release

Matplotlib releases are available as wheel packages for macOS, Windows and Linux on PyPI. Install it using pip:

python -m pip install -U pip
python -m pip install -U matplotlib

If this command results in Matplotlib being compiled from source and there's trouble with the compilation, you can add --prefer-binary to select the newest version of Matplotlib for which there is a precompiled wheel for your OS and Python.

Note

The following backends work out of the box: Agg, ps, pdf, svg

Python is typically shipped with tk bindings which are used by TkAgg.

For support of other GUI frameworks, LaTeX rendering, saving animations and a larger selection of file formats, you can install Optional dependencies.

Third-party distributions

Various third-parties provide Matplotlib for their environments.

Conda packages

Matplotlib is available both via the anaconda main channel

conda install matplotlib

as well as via the conda-forge community channel

conda install -c conda-forge matplotlib

Python distributions

Matplotlib is part of major Python distributions:

- Anaconda
- ActiveState ActivePython
- WinPython

Linux package manager

If you are using the Python version that comes with your Linux distribution, you can install Matplotlib via your package manager, e.g.:

- Debian/Ubuntu: sudo apt-get install python3-matplotlib
- Fedora: sudo dnf install python3-matplotlib
- Red Hat: sudo yum install python3-matplotlib
- Arch: sudo pacman -S python-matplotlib

Installing from source

See Installing from source.

Installing for development

See Setting up Matplotlib for development.