





Programming Environment Setup

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Define Python and its features
- List the frequently used libraries in Python
- Describe Anaconda and its uses
- Download and set up Python console





Python



What Is Python?

Python is a high-level, interpreted, object-oriented programming language. It was created by Guido van Rossum in 1991. Python is used for tasks like web development, scripting, web scraping, and data analytics.





Features of Python

Easy-to-learn

Interactive mode

Portable

Extendable

Free and open source

GUI programming

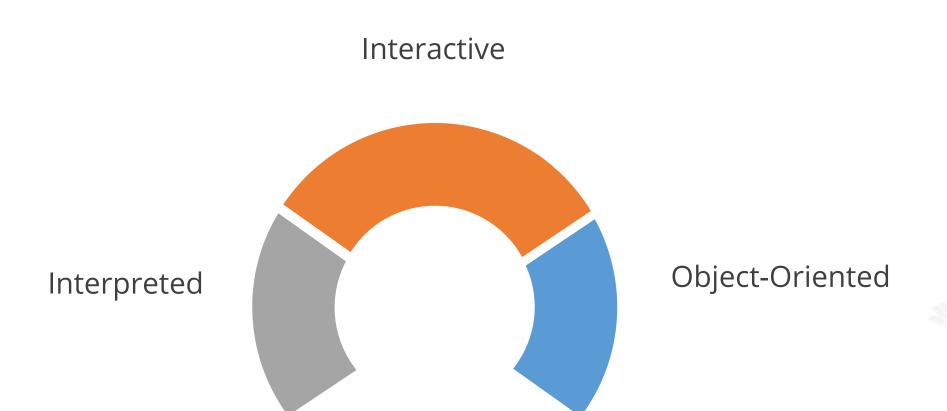
Integrated



Characteristics of Python

- Supports functional and structured programming methods as well as OOP
- Can be used as a scripting language or can be compiled to bytecode for building large applications
- Provides high-level dynamic data types and supports dynamic type checking
- Supports automatic garbage collection
- Can be integrated with C, C++, COM, ActiveX, CORBA, and Java

Benefits of Python





Applications of Python

Python is simple and has easy to learn syntax that emphasizes readability. It supports modules and packages that encourage program modularity and code reuse.

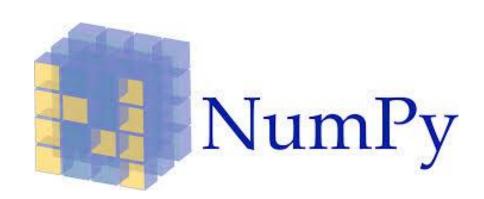
Application:

- 1. Web Development and GUI Programming
- 2. Machine Learning
- 3. Data Analytics
- 4. Artificial Intelligence
- 5. Internet of Things



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Frequently Used Libraries in Python











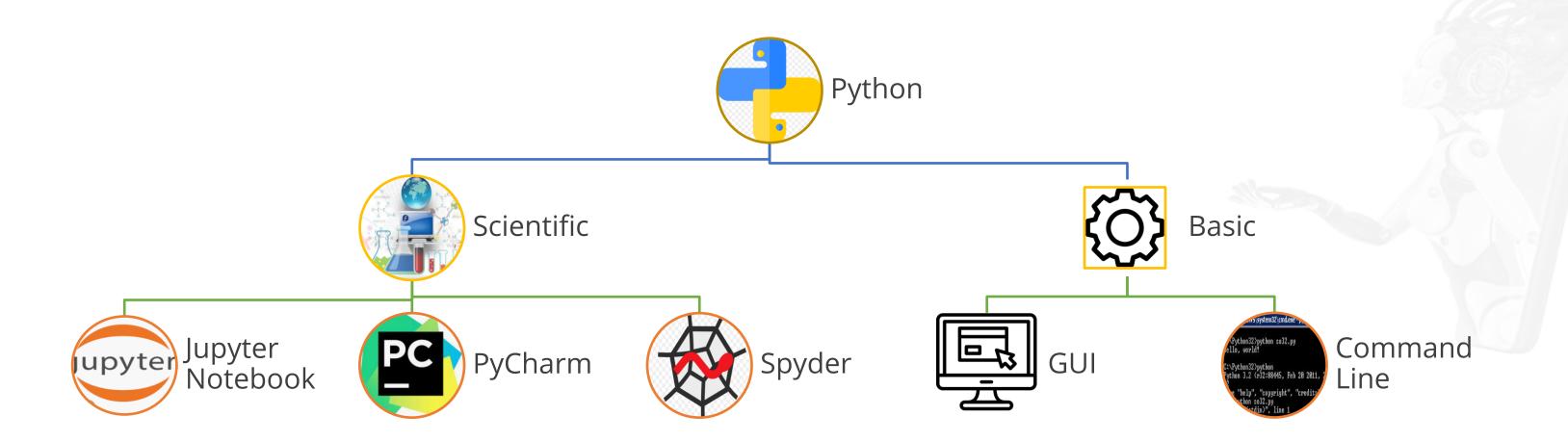


Environments for Python



Environments for Python

Python has both basic and scientific learning environments called IDLEs (Integrated Development and Learning Environment) where code is written and outputs are checked.





Anaconda

What Is Anaconda?

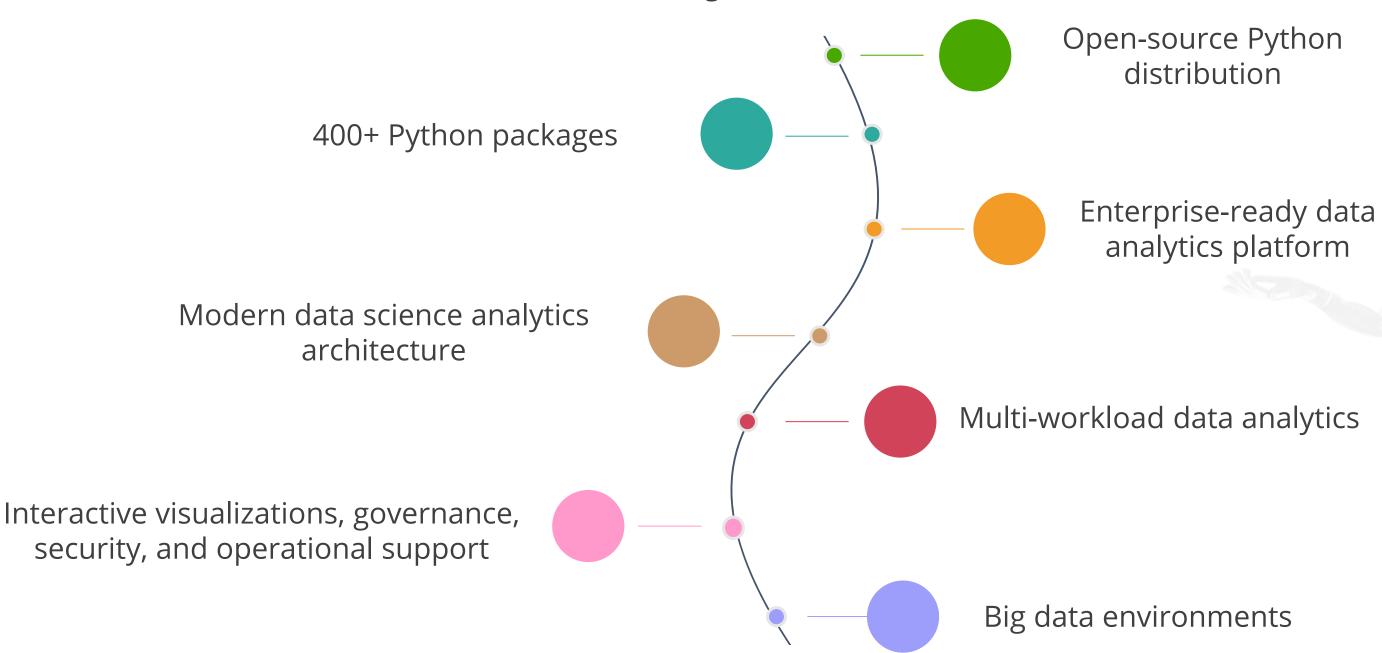
Anaconda is a free and open-source distribution of Python and R programming languages for scientific computing (data science, machine learning applications, large-scale data processing, and predictive analytics) that aims at simplifying package management and deployment.



Why Anaconda?

It is recommended to download Anaconda in order to use Python.

Advantages of Anaconda:







Installation of Anaconda Python Distribution



Installation of Anaconda Python Distribution

Python 2.7 and Python 3.7 are the two versions of Python. However, Python 3.7 is the most recent and preferable version.

Python 3.7 version

64-Bit Graphical Installer (637 MB)
64-Bit Command Line Installer (542 MB)

Python 2.7 version

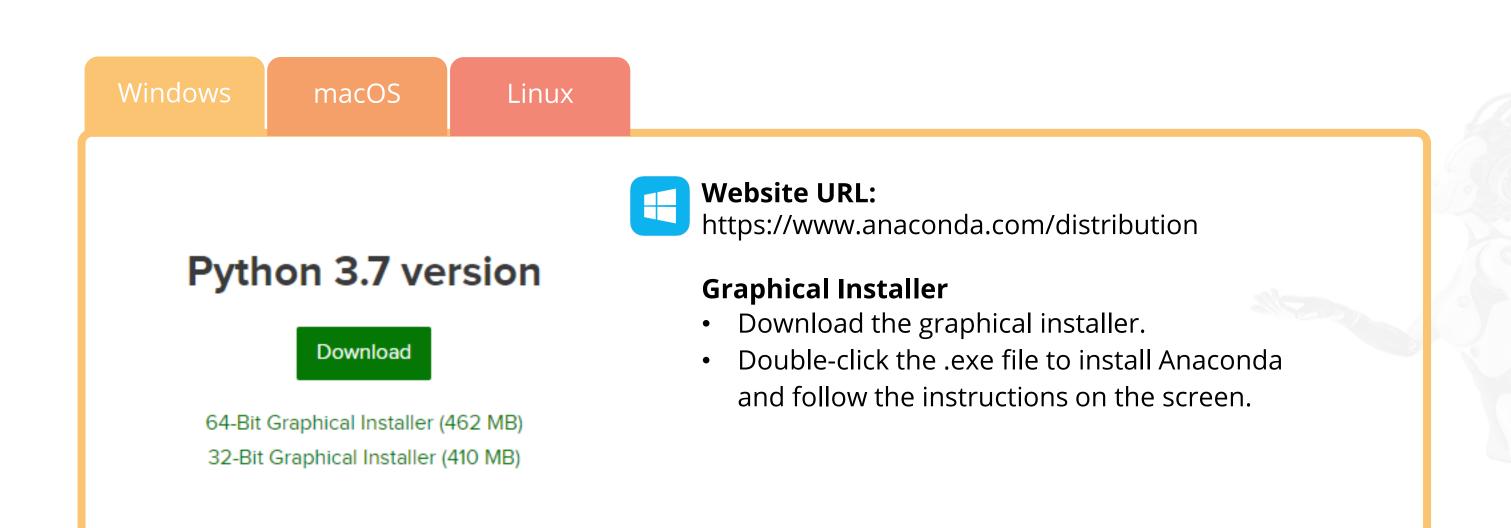
64-Bit Graphical Installer (624 MB)
64-Bit Command Line Installer (530 MB)

Note: Though the latest version of Python is 3.8, the latest version available in Anaconda is 3.7. The configurations are the same for both versions.



Installation of Anaconda Python 3.7 Distribution

You can install and run the Anaconda Python 3.7 distribution on different platforms.





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Installation of Anaconda Python 3.7 Distribution

Windows

macOS

Linux



Download

64-Bit Graphical Installer (654 MB) 64-Bit Command Line Installer (424 MB)



Website URL:

https://www.anaconda.com/distribution/

Graphical Installer

- Download the graphical installer.
- Double-click the downloaded .pkg file and follow the instructions.

Command Line Installer

- Download the command line installer.
- In your terminal window, type the command listed below and follow the given instructions:

Python 3.7:

bash Anaconda2-4.0.0-macOSX-x86_64.sh



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Python 3.7 version

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64-Bit (x86) Installer (506 MB) 64-Bit (Power8 and Power9) Installer (320 MB)

Command Line Installer

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- In your terminal window, type the command line shown below and follow the instructions:

Python 3.7:

bash Anaconda2-4.0.0-Linux-x86_64.sh





Jupyter Notebook



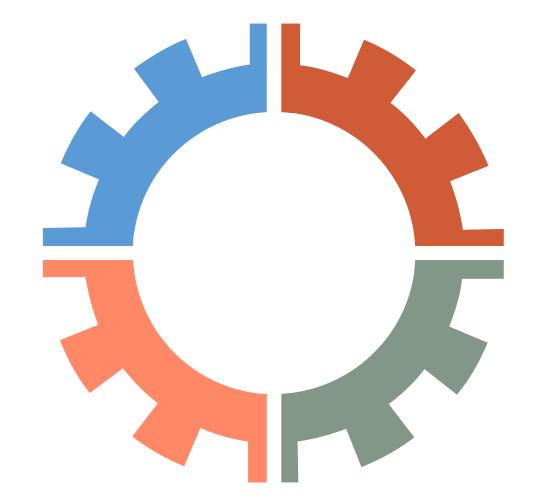
Jupyter Notebook

Jupyter is an open-source and interactive web-based Python interface for data science and scientific computing.

Advantages of Jupyter Notebook

Python language support

Big data platform integration

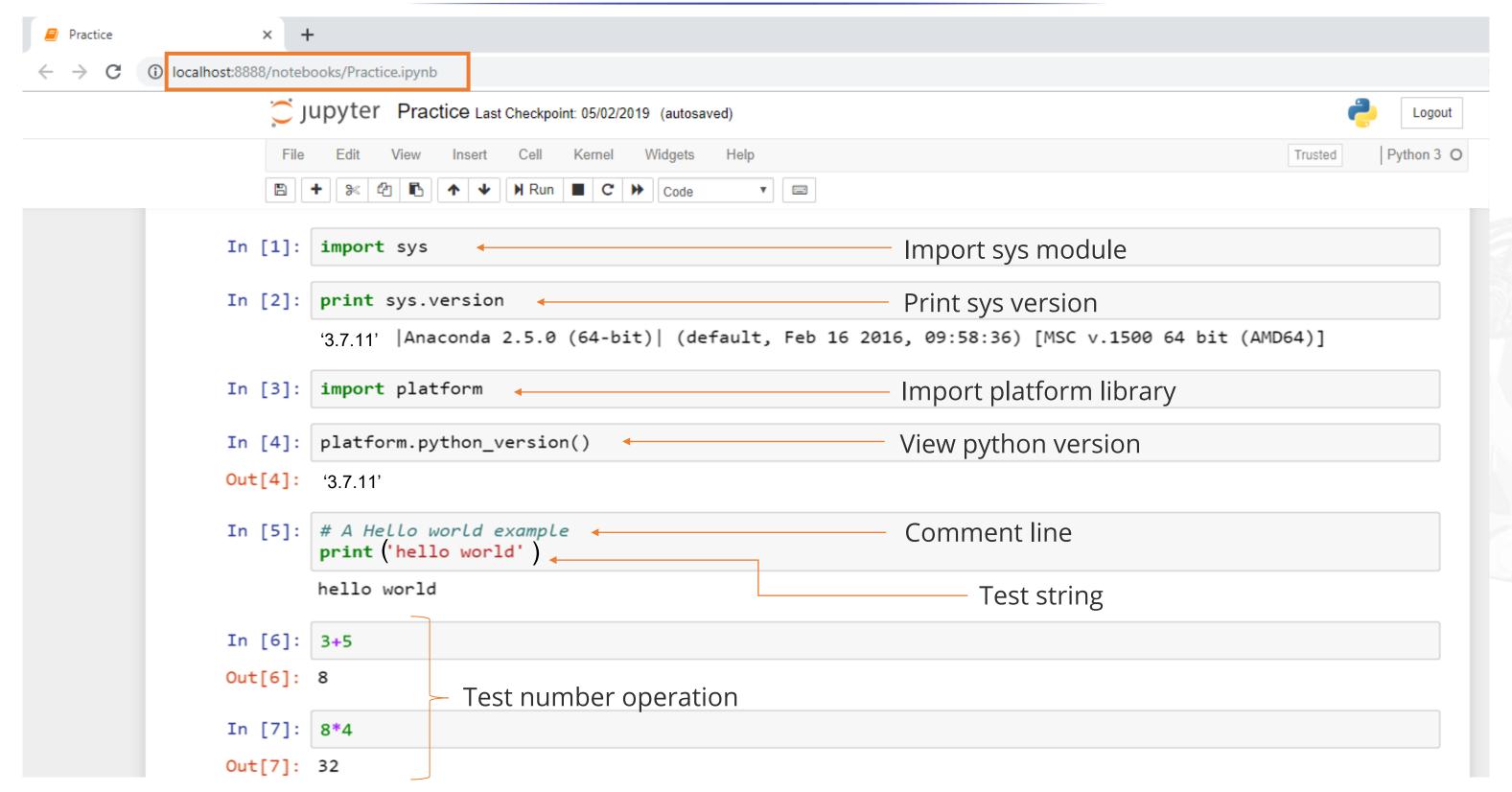


Content sharing and contribution

Built-in interactive widgets



Getting Started with Jupyter Notebook



Install Python



Problem Statement: A software developer at a company is required to install Python and Anaconda on his or her local system.

Steps to Perform:

- 1. Download Python
- 2. Click on Install Now
- 3. Download Anaconda
- 4. Click the Next button to start the installation
- 5. Click the Install button for installing Anaconda
- 6. Click the Finish button to complete the installation

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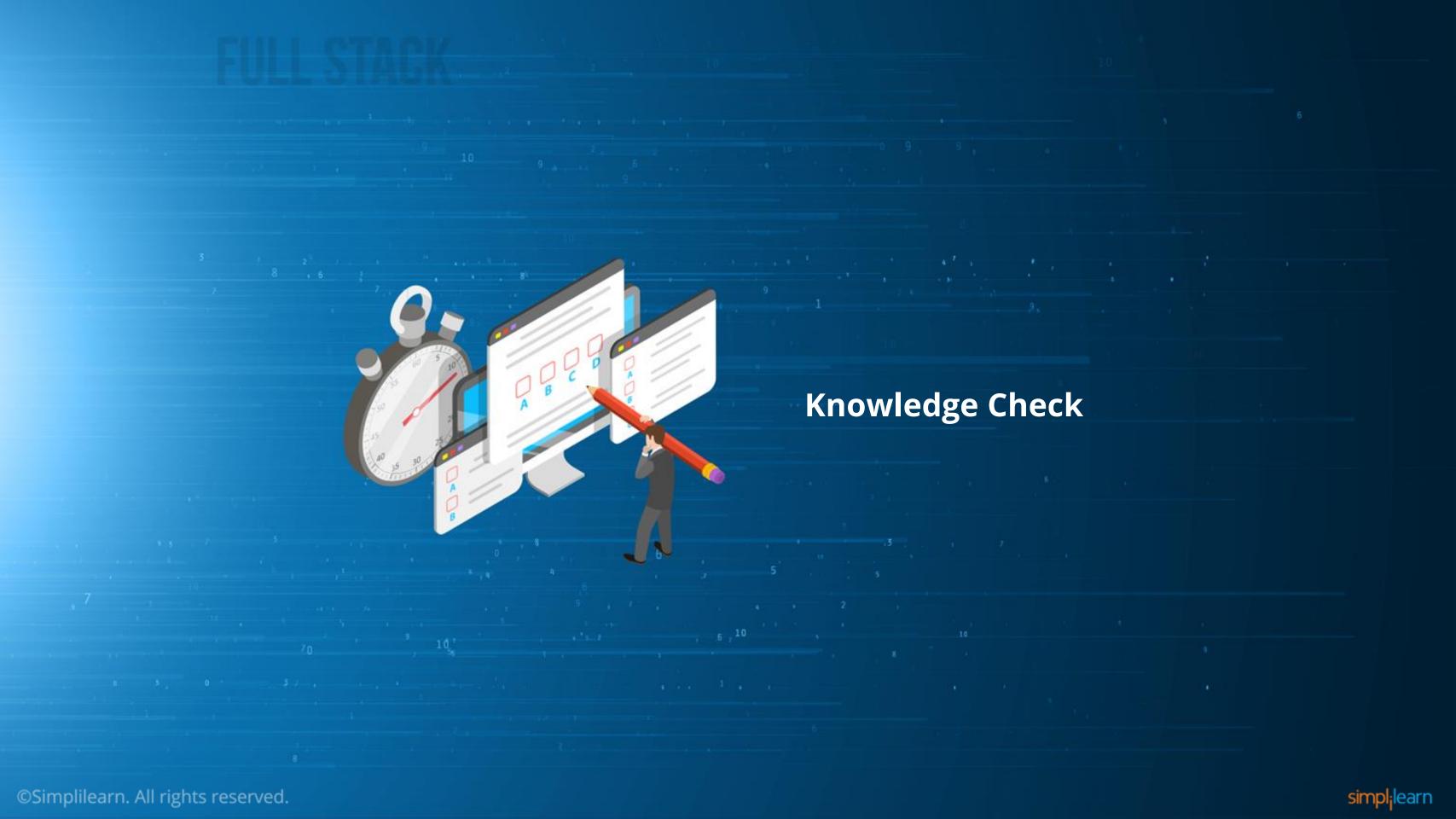
First Python Program



Problem Statement: Write a simple Python program to print a string of characters, an integer value, and a float value.

Steps to Perform:

- 1. Declare variables as integer value, float value, and string
- 2. Print the variables



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- a. True
- b. False



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The correct answer is **b**

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- a. --version
- b. sys.version
- c. print version
- d. print sys.version





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The correct answer is d

The command print sys.version helps to print the version of Anaconda in Python.



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- a. Print ('Hi')
- b. Print ("Hi")
- c. Print Hi
- d. All of the above





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The correct answer is c

Print Hi is not an appropriate way to print in Python.



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Key Takeaways

- Python is a high-level, interpreted, object-oriented programming language
- The frequently used libraries in Python are Numpy, Pandas, Scipy, Matplotlib, and Scikit-learn.
- Anaconda is the open source free distribution of Python.
- Jupyter is an open-source and interactive web-based Python interface for data science and scientific computing.

