

Lab 0: Getting Started

[lab00.zip \(lab00.zip\)](#)

Due by 11:59pm on Wednesday, September 4.

Starter Files

Download [lab00.zip](#) ([lab00.zip](#)).

This lab is required for all students and counts toward your lab score.

Introduction

This lab explains how to setup your computer to complete assignments and introduces some of the basics of Python. If you need any help, post on Ed or ask for help at your assigned lab section.

Here's an outline of the lab:

- **Setup:** Setting up the essential software for the course. This will require several components, listed below.
 - **Install a Terminal:** Install a terminal so you can interact with files in this course and run OK commands. If you have a terminal on your computer and feel comfortable using it, you can skip this part.
 - **Install Python 3:** Install the Python programming language to your computer. If you already have Python 3.7 or later (ideally Python 3.9) installed, you can skip this part.
 - **Install a Text Editor:** Install software to edit `.py` files for this course (e.g. VSCode, Atom, etc.). You can skip this part if you already have a text editor you like.
- **Walkthrough: Using the Terminal:** This walks you through how to use the terminal and Python interpreter. If you already feel comfortable with both of these you do not need to read this section.
- **Walkthrough: Organizing your Files:** This section walks you through how to use your terminal to organize and navigate files for this course. **Everyone should at least skim this section**, as it has important information specific to this class, but if you are already comfortable navigating directory structures with a terminal much of this will feel familiar.
- **Required: Doing the Assignment:** You must complete this section to get points for the assignment. Here you will practice the different types of problems you will be asked to

do in lab, homework, and project assignments for this course. The main goal of this assignment is to give you practice using our software.

- **Required: Submitting the Assignment:** You must complete this section to get points for the assignment. This will walk you through how to turn in your work after completing the previous section and how to verify that your work is turned in on Gradescope.
- **Appendix: Useful Python Command Line Options:** These are commands that are useful in debugging your work, but not required to complete the lab. We include them because we imagine they're likely to be helpful to you throughout the course.

Setup

To setup your device, select the guide that corresponds to your operating system.

- **[Guide for Windows \(../../articles/setup-windows\)](#)**
- **[Guide for Mac & Linux \(../../articles/setup-mac\)](#)**

Your First Assignment

When working on assignments, ensure that your terminal's working directory is correct (which is likely where you unzipped the assignment).

1) What Would Python Do? (WWPD)

One component of lab assignments is to predict how the Python interpreter will behave.

Enter the following in your terminal to begin this section:

```
python3 ok -q python-basics -u
```

You will be prompted to enter the output of various statements/expressions. You must enter them correctly to move on, but there is no penalty for incorrect answers.

The first time you run Ok, you will be prompted for your bCourses email. Please follow [these directions \(/articles/using-ok/#signing-in-with-ok\)](#). We use this information to associate your code with you when grading.

```
>>> x = 20
>>> x + 2

-----

>>> x

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>>> y = 5
>>> y = y + 3
>>> y * 2

-----

>>> y + x

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```

2) Implementing Functions

Open the entire `lab00` folder in VS Code. You can drag the folder onto the VS Code application or open VS Code and use `Open Folder...` in the `File` menu. Once you open the `lab00` folder, you'll see the `lab00.py` file in the file explorer on the left panel of your VS Code window. Click it to start editing `lab00.py`, which is the file you will submit to receive credit for the lab.

Important: Turn on `Auto Save` in the `File` menu of VS Code. Then, whenever you change a file, the contents will be saved.

Now complete the lab. You should see a function called `twenty_twenty_four` that has a blank `return` statement. That blank is the only part you should change. Replace it with an expression that evaluates to 2024. What's the most creative expression you can come up with?

3) Running Tests

We will use a program called `ok` to test our code. `ok` will be included in every assignment in this class.

Switch to the terminal. Make sure you are in the `lab00` directory we created earlier. (The `cd` command lets you change directories.) **Pro tip:** If you opened the `lab00` folder in VS Code and select `New Terminal` in the `Terminal` menu of VS Code, then the terminal will automatically be in the `lab00` directory.

In that directory, you can type `ls` to verify that there are the following files:

- `lab00.py` : the starter file you just edited

- `ok` : our testing program
- `lab00.ok` : a configuration file for `ok`

Now, let's test our code to make sure it works. You can run `ok` with this command:

```
python3 ok
```

Remember, if you are using Windows and the `python3` command doesn't work, try using just `python` or `py`.

If you wrote your code correctly and you finished unlocking your tests, you should see a successful test:

```
=====
Assignment: Lab 0
=====

~~~~~
Running tests

-----
Test summary
    2 test cases passed! No cases failed.
```

If you didn't pass the tests, `ok` will instead show you something like this:

```
-----
Doctests for twenty_twenty_four

>>> from lab00 import *
>>> twenty_twenty_four()
0

# Error: expected
#     2024
# but got
#     0

-----
Test summary
    0 test cases passed before encountering first failed test case
```

Fix your code in your text editor until the test passes.

Every time you run Ok, Ok will try to back up your work. Don't worry if it says that the "Connection timed out" or that you're not enrolled in the course. You can still submit to Gradescope and get credit.

Task C: Submitting the Assignment

Now that you have completed your first assignment, it's time to turn it in. You can follow these next steps to submit your work and get points.

Submit with Gradescope

1. Log in with **School Credentials** using your CalNet ID to [Gradescope](https://www.gradescope.com/) (<https://www.gradescope.com/>). You'll be taken to your **Dashboard** as soon as you log in.

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2. On your **Dashboard**, select this course. You should have already been added to Gradescope. If this is not the case, please make a private Ed post. This will take you to

the list of assignments in the course that you're able to submit. On this list, you will see the status of the assignment, the release date, and the due date.

3. Click on the assignment Lab 0 to open it.
4. When the dialog box appears, click on the gray area that says **Drag & Drop**. This will open your file finder and you should select your code file `lab00.py` that you edited for this assignment.

Submit Programming Assignment

 Upload all files for your submission

Submission Method

☒  Upload ☐  GitHub ☐  Bitbucket

Drag & Drop


Any file(s) including .zip. Click to browse.

Cancel

Upload

5. Once you've chosen your file select the **Upload** button. When your upload is successful, you'll see a confirmation message on your screen and you'll receive an email.

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Add files via Drag & Drop or [Browse Files](#).

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6. Next, wait a few minutes for the autograder to grade your code file. Your final score will appear at the right and your output should be the same as the one you tested locally. You can check the code that you submitted at the top right where there is a tab labeled **Code**. If there are any errors, you can edit your `lab00.py` code and click **Resubmit** at the bottom of your screen to resubmit your code file. Assignments can be resubmitted as many times as you'd like before the deadline

Autograder Results

Results

Code

Student
Grace YiAutograder Score
0.0 / 1.0

Autograder Output

```

=====
Assignment: Lab 0
OK, version v1.18.1
=====

-----
Scoring tests
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Doctests for twenty_twenty_three

>>> from lab00 import *
>>> twenty_twenty_three()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/autograder/source/lab00.py", line 8, in twenty_twenty_three
    return _____
NameError: name '_____' is not defined

# Error: expected
#     2023
# but got
#     Traceback (most recent call last):
#         ...
#     NameError: name '_____' is not defined
Score: 0.0/1

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Python Basics
Passed: 0
Failed: 0
[k.....] 0.0% passed

```

Your responses to WWPDP questions are not submitted to Gradescope, and they don't need to be. Lab credit is based on code writing questions.

Congratulations, you just submitted your first assignment!

Appendix: Useful Python Command Line Options

Here are the most common ways to run Python on a file.

1. Using no command-line options will run the code in the file you provide and return you to the command line. If your file just contains function definitions, you'll see no output unless there is a syntax error.

```
python3 lab00.py
```

2. `-i`: The `-i` option runs the code in the file you provide, then opens an interactive session (with a `>>>` prompt). You can then evaluate expressions, for example calling functions you defined. To exit, type `exit()`. You can also use the keyboard shortcut `Ctrl-D` on Linux/Mac machines or `Ctrl-Z` Enter on Windows. If you edit the Python file while running it interactively, you will need to exit and restart the interpreter in order for those changes to take effect. Here's how we can run `lab00.py` interactively:

```
python3 -i lab00.py
```


3. **-m doctest** : Runs the doctests in a file, which are the examples in the docstrings of functions.

Each test in the file consists of `>>>` followed by some Python code and the expected output.

Here's how we can run the doctests in `lab00.py` :

```
python3 -m doctest lab00.py
```

When our code passes all of the doctests, no output is displayed. Otherwise, information about the tests that failed will be displayed.

