Installing Python on Windows

Unfortunately, Python does not come pre-installed on Windows which means that there is a small bit of work for you to do before you can start programming. But don't worry it's nothing too difficult. Follow the steps below to get Python up and running.

- First check whether Python is installed on your version of Windows. Open the command window by entering **command or CMD** into the start menu.
- In the terminal windows that appears, enter **python** in lowercase.
- If you get a Python prompt **>>>** then Python is installed
- If instead you see an error message, then go to www.python.org and download Python for windows.
- Download Python3.
- Once the Python installer has downloaded, run it.
- During the installation make sure to check the option **Add Python to PATH** this will help to make your install of Python easier to configure.
- Once the install has finished again open a command window.
- Enter **python** in lowercase and you should get the Python prompt, **>>>**, which means Windows has found the version of Python just installed.

If after doing the above, you still get an error when typing **python** in to your command window then Windows may be having some trouble finding the version of Python you have just installed. To rectify this, try the following:

- Open Windows Explorer and open your C drive. This is where Python is usually saved.
- Look for a folder named **Python** (upper case P).
- Open the Python folder and find the python file (lowercase p).
- An example would look something like this C:\Python\Python3x
- When you have the file path enter it into a command window and you should get the Python prompt, **>>>.**

If the above worked you can now run Python on your Windows system. If not let me know and I will try and help.