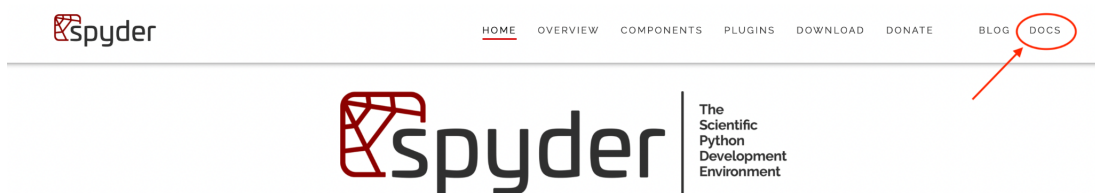# Spyder Standalone Installation Instructions

Introduction

If you are unable to complete the full Anaconda install, you can try installing the standalone Spyder. It comes with fewer Python packages than Anaconda, but should suffice for 6.100A and 6.100L. These are the instructions for doing so on macOS. The process should be quite similar for Windows.

Downloading Spyder

1. Go to the Spyder website and then click on the *DOCS* section in the upper right corner.

2. Go to the *INSTALLATION GUIDE* on the left hand size navigation.
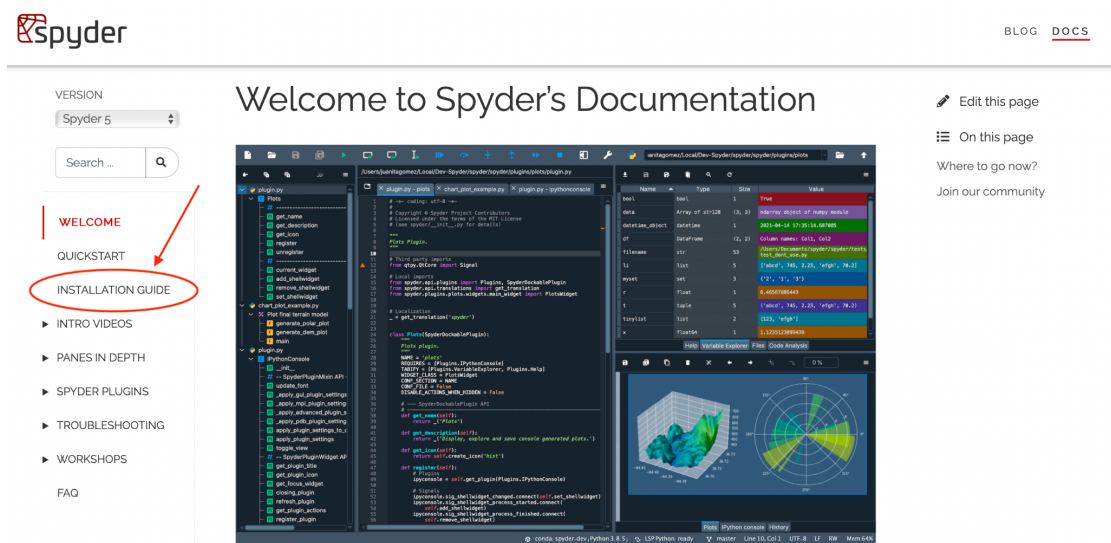
3. Scroll down until you reach the *Standalone installers* section, and then choose your operating system.

After that, a file named **Spyder.dmg** will be downloaded to your Downloads folder. (On Windows, it will be **Spyder_64bit_full.exe**.)

Installing Spyder

1. Open the file **Spyder.dmg** and the following window will appear.
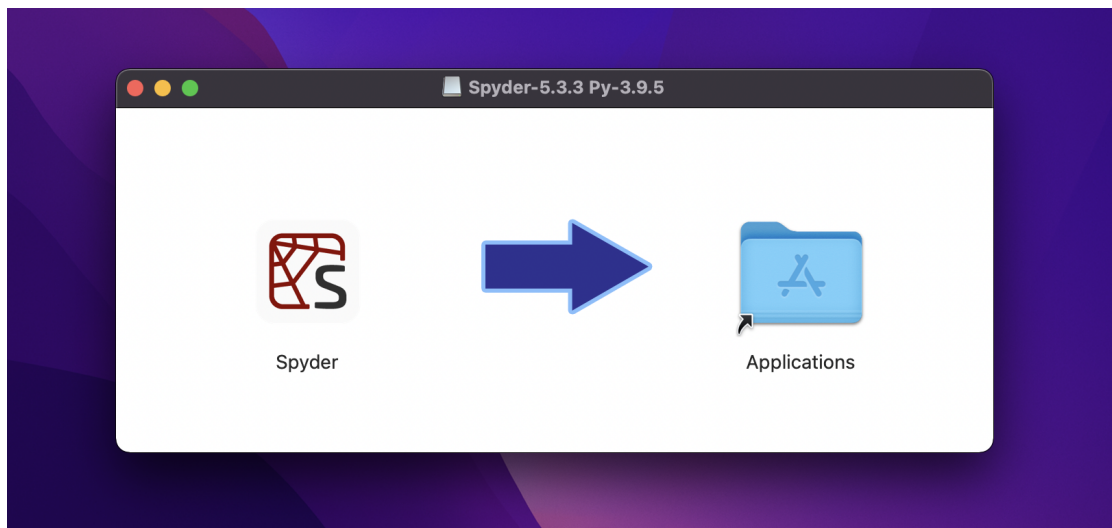
2. Drag the Spyder icon to the Applications folder (as the arrow indicates) and Spyder will be copied/installed into your applications. You should be able to find Spyder in your Launchpad.

3. Once you open Spyder from Launchpad, it should look very similar to the picture below, and you can follow the remaining instructions in the "Getting Started" handout to test its functionality. Note that unlike the Anaconda install, you will not need to update Spyder.
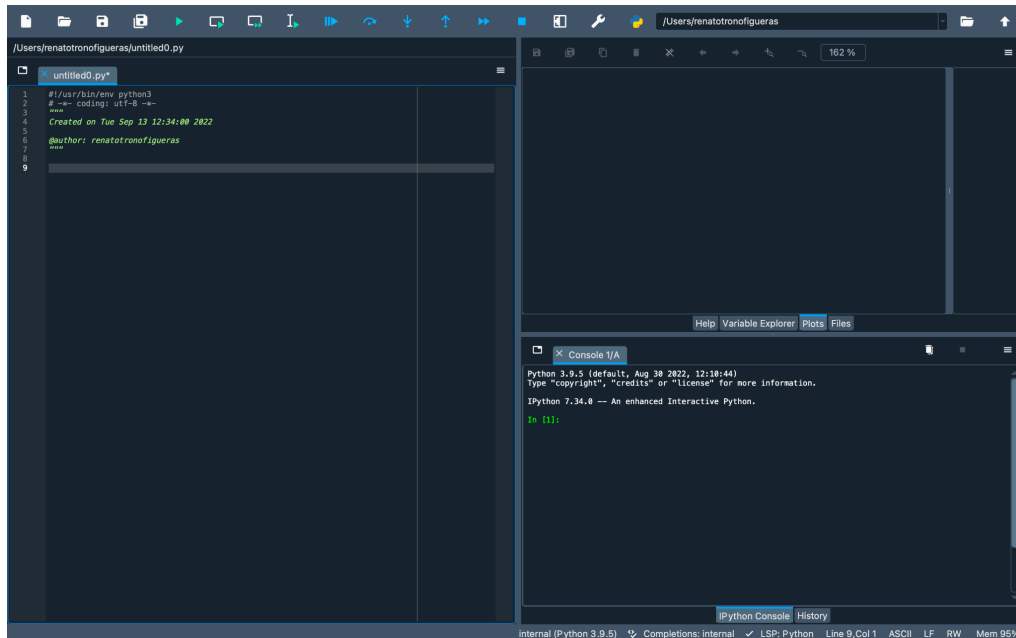
4. Finally, you can go to your desktop and eject the .dmg installer's disk image. (On Windows, just delete the .exe file.)