

# Python for Data Analysis

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# Today's Plan

1. Introduction
2. Course Overview
3. Demonstration
4. Git

# Team

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# What is Python?

A high level, general purpose programming language

# Why learn Python?

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You tell me :)

# Why learn Python?

- Popular
- Powerful
- Fast Development

# Popular

- Free and open source
- Stable - Invented in 1989
- Available for Windows, Mac, Linux
- Widely used in industry and academia



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What skill sets are you looking for?

*Generally speaking, developers with strong knowledge of iOS, Android, Python or Ruby.<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup><https://hired.com/candidates/faq>

# Powerful

- Dropbox, Youtube originally written in Python
- 'Glue language'
- Mature scientific data analysis capabilities

# Fast Development

- Readability counts
- Good choice for startups or scientific work

# Course Overview

Objectives: Introduce the language and relevant data analysis packages including Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, and others.

- 8 class meetings: 2 - 3:30 Tues, Thurs
- 4 assignments

# Outcomes

- Basic understanding of Python
- Ready to apply Python to other work
- Read technical documentation

# Technical Details

- Using Python 3
- We recommend the Python 3 distribution from Anaconda
- Use your preferred development environment - Spyder, Ipython notebooks, QT console, or terminal. (We'll explain these)

# Expectations from you

- Ask open ended questions
- Type, type, type!
- Work with your neighbors
- Use Piazza



Come for the language, stay for the community.

# Skills for wise.io DevOps engineer<sup>2</sup>

- Expertise in Python.
- Experience with Git version control
- Experience implementing JSON / RESTful APIs.

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<sup>2</sup><http://www.wise.io/jobs>