



Welcome to Python Boot Camp!

Fall
2016!

Objectives

- Introduce you to the Python language
- Get you writing Python code. Build Python hacking muscle memory
- Convince you of its utility in your research life
- Instill good coding and curation practices
- We try not to proselytize, but sometimes it's too hard to resist
- Harassment-free environment

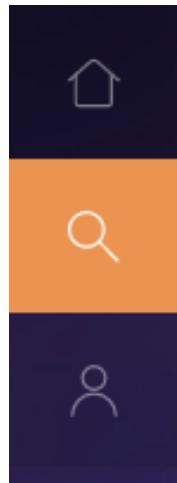
Organization

- 2 days of modules (~1 hour) lectures + demos
<http://www.pythonbootcamp.info/schedule>
- Breakout coding sessions (supervised) after each module
- Caffeine provided, Quick lunch provided
- Homework (small code project)
- Blood, sweat, tears → a more productive you

Connecting



#pyboot



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Welcome to the Python Bootcamp chat!



Stefan van der Walt @stefanv



<https://gitter.im/profjsb/python-bootcamp>

Shout outs



BIDS

Ali Ferguson, Kevin Koy



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Introduction

- What is Python?
- Why Python?
- Getting Started...

What is Python?

Python is an interpreted, object-oriented, high-level programming language with dynamic semantics. Its high-level built in data structures, combined with dynamic typing and dynamic binding, make it very attractive for Rapid Application Development, as well as for use as a scripting or glue language to connect existing components together. Python's simple, easy to learn syntax emphasizes readability and therefore reduces the cost of program maintenance. Python supports modules and packages, which encourages program modularity and code reuse. The Python interpreter and the extensive standard library are available in source or binary form without charge for all major platforms, and can be freely distributed.

<http://www.python.org/doc/essays/blurb/>

What is Python?

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|--------------------------|---|
| <i>interpreted</i> | no need for a compiling stage |
| <i>object-oriented</i> | programming paradigm that uses objects (complex data structures with methods) |
| <i>high level</i> | abstraction from the way machine interprets & executes |
| <i>dynamic semantics</i> | can change meaning on-the-fly |
| <i>built in</i> | core language (not external) |
| <i>data structures</i> | ways of storing/manipulating data |
| <i>script/glue</i> | programs that control other programs |
| <i>typing</i> | the sort of variable (int, string) |
| <i>syntax</i> | grammar which defines the language |
| <i>library</i> | reusable collection of code |
| <i>binary</i> | a file that you can run/execute |

Development History

- started over the Christmas break 1989, by Guido van Rossum (now at Dropbox)
- developed in the early 1990s
- name comes from **Monty Python's Flying Circus**
- Guido is the Benevolent Dictator for Life (BDFL), meaning that he continues to oversee Python's development.



Development History

- Open-sourced development from the start (BSD licensed now)
<http://www.opensource.org/licenses/bsd-license.php>
- Relies on large community input (bugs, patches) and 3rd party add-on software
- Version 2.0 (2000), 2.6 (2008), 2.7 (2010).
- Version 3.X (2008) is not backward compatible with 1.X & 2.X. But 2.7 code is “easily” migrated to 3.X
- We’re using **3.5.2** in this class

Why Python?

Some of the Alternatives

C, C++, FORTRAN

Pros: great performance, backbone of legacy scientific computing codes

Cons: syntax not optimized for causal programming, no interactive facilities, difficult visualization, text processing, etc.

Mathematica, Maple, Matlab, IDL

Pros: interactive, great visuals, extensive libraries

Cons: costly, proprietary, unpleasant for large-scale programs and non-mathematical tasks.

Perl: <http://strombergers.com/python/>

Why Python?

- ▶ Free (BSD license), highly portable (Linux, OSX, Windows, lots...)
- ▶ Interactive interpreter provided.
- ▶ Extremely readable syntax (“executable pseudo-code”).
- ▶ Simple: non-professional programmers can use it effectively
 - great documentation
 - total abstraction of memory management
- ▶ Clean object-oriented model, but not mandatory.
- ▶ Rich built-in types: lists, sets, dictionaries (hash tables), strings, ...
- ▶ Very comprehensive standard library (batteries included)
- ▶ Standard libraries for IDL/Matlab-like arrays (NumPy)
- ▶ Easy to wrap existing C, C++ and FORTRAN codes.

Why Python?

Amazingly Scalable

Interactive experimentation
build small, self-contained scripts or million-lines projects.
From occasional/novice to full-time use (try that with C++).

The Kitchen Sink (in a good way)

really can do anything you want, with impressive simplicity

Performance, if you need it

As an interpreted language, Python is slow.
But...if you need speed you can do the heavy lifting in C or FORTRAN
or you can use a Python compiler (e.g., Cython)

RIVALS ARE ALL LIKE, "FORTRAN, C, JAVA"

I'M PYTHON FROM NOW ON

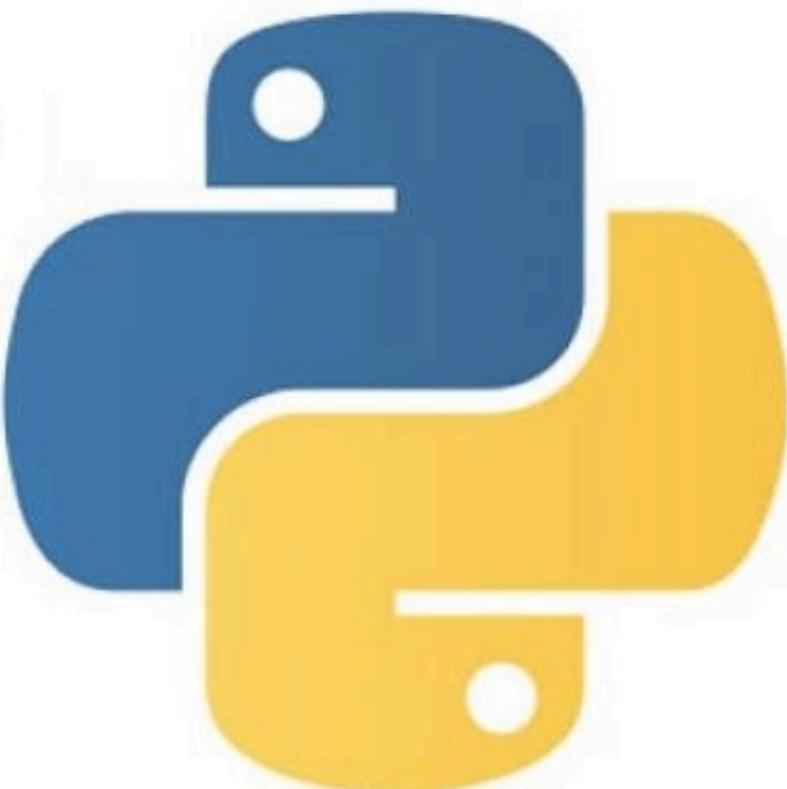
Readers' Choice Awards 2014

Dec 02, 2014 By [Shawn Powers](#)

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Software SysAdmin Virtualization Web Development

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Best Programming Language

- Python 30.2%
- C++ 17.8%
- C 16.7%
- Perl 7.1%
- Java 6.9%
- Other 4.6%
- Ruby 4.3%
- Go 2.4%
- JavaScript 2.4%
- QML 2.2%

Used Widely



Google



reddit



Honeywell



You Tube
Broadcast Yourself



USA
United Space Alliance



Quora



PHILIPS



NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Eventbrite

Verity

GravityZoo



Dropbox

your
grandmother



IP[y]: Notebook

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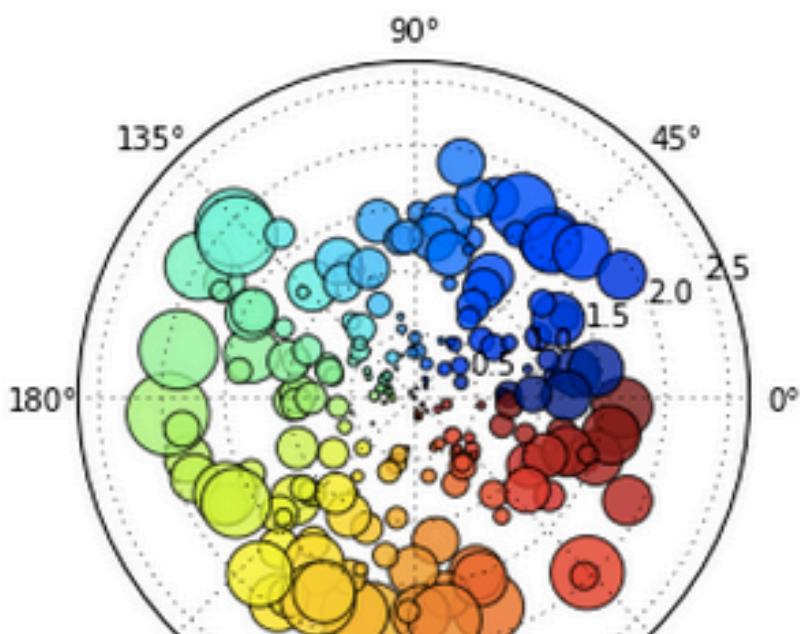
File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Help



In [6]: `%pylab inline`

Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib

In [7]: `num_bootcampers = 212
r = 2*rand(num_bootcampers)
theta = 2*pi*rand(num_bootcampers)
area = 200*r**2*rand(num_bootcampers)
ax = subplot(111,polar=True)
c = scatter(theta,r,c=theta,s=area,alpha=0.75)`



Jupyter notebook:
- interactive
- versionable
- reproducible

Jupyter Notebook is Gaining Major Acceptance

Analyzing IBM Watson Experiments
With IPython Notebook

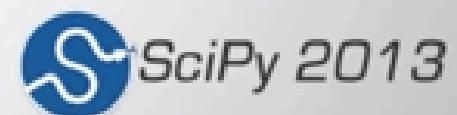


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SciPy 2013, Austin TX, USA

June 27, 2013



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlontoyWX70>

Tackling Python: Let's Get Started



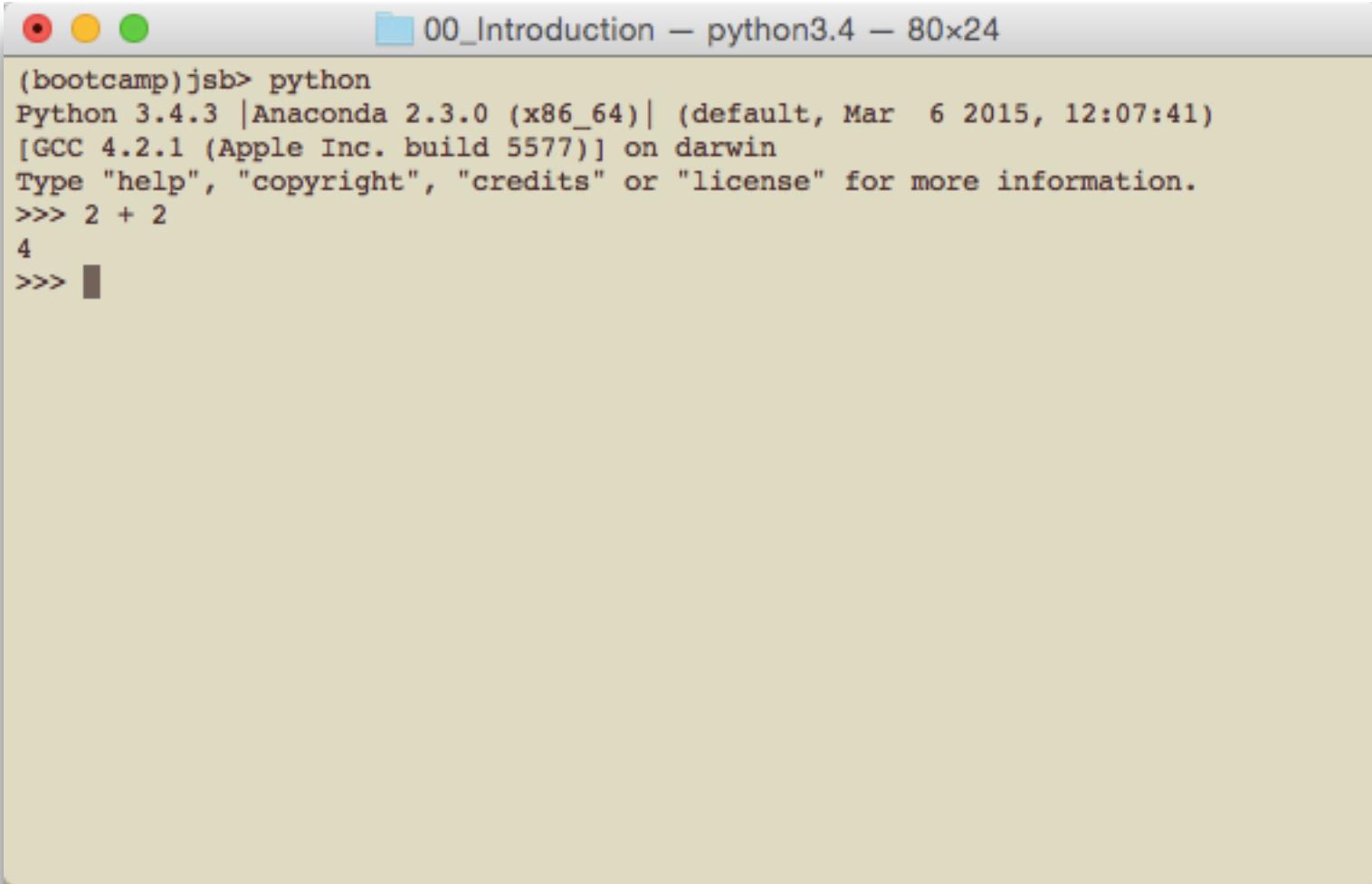
Asking Questions during Module presentations

- Speak up - Raise your hand
- Post questions to the chat (<https://gitter.im/profjsb/python-bootcamp>)

Getting Help at Any Time

- Raise your hand and make eye contact with a counselor
 - Use the post-its
- Join the chat (<https://gitter.im/profjsb/python-bootcamp>)
- Send email ucbpythonclass+bootcamp@gmail.com
 - Twitter Hashtag: #pyboot

Firing up the Interpreter

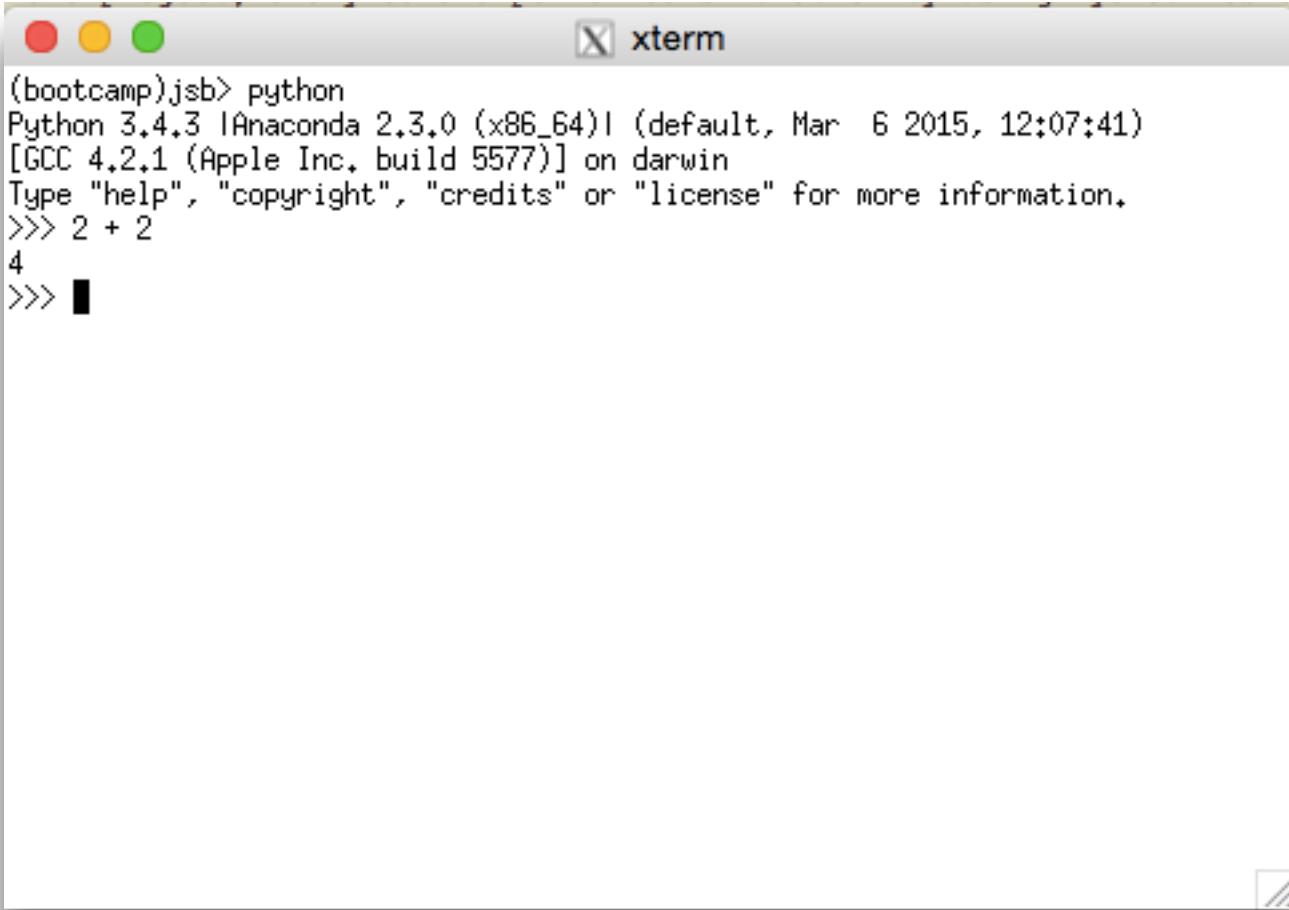


A screenshot of a Mac OS X terminal window titled "00_Introduction – python3.4 – 80x24". The window shows the Python 3.4.3 interpreter running in a Mac OS X environment. The output includes the Python version, build details, help information, and a simple calculation.

```
(bootcamp)jsb> python
Python 3.4.3 |Anaconda 2.3.0 (x86_64)| (default, Mar  6 2015, 12:07:41)
[GCC 4.2.1 (Apple Inc. build 5577)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 2 + 2
4
>>> █
```

Mac OS X (Terminal)

Firing up the Interpreter

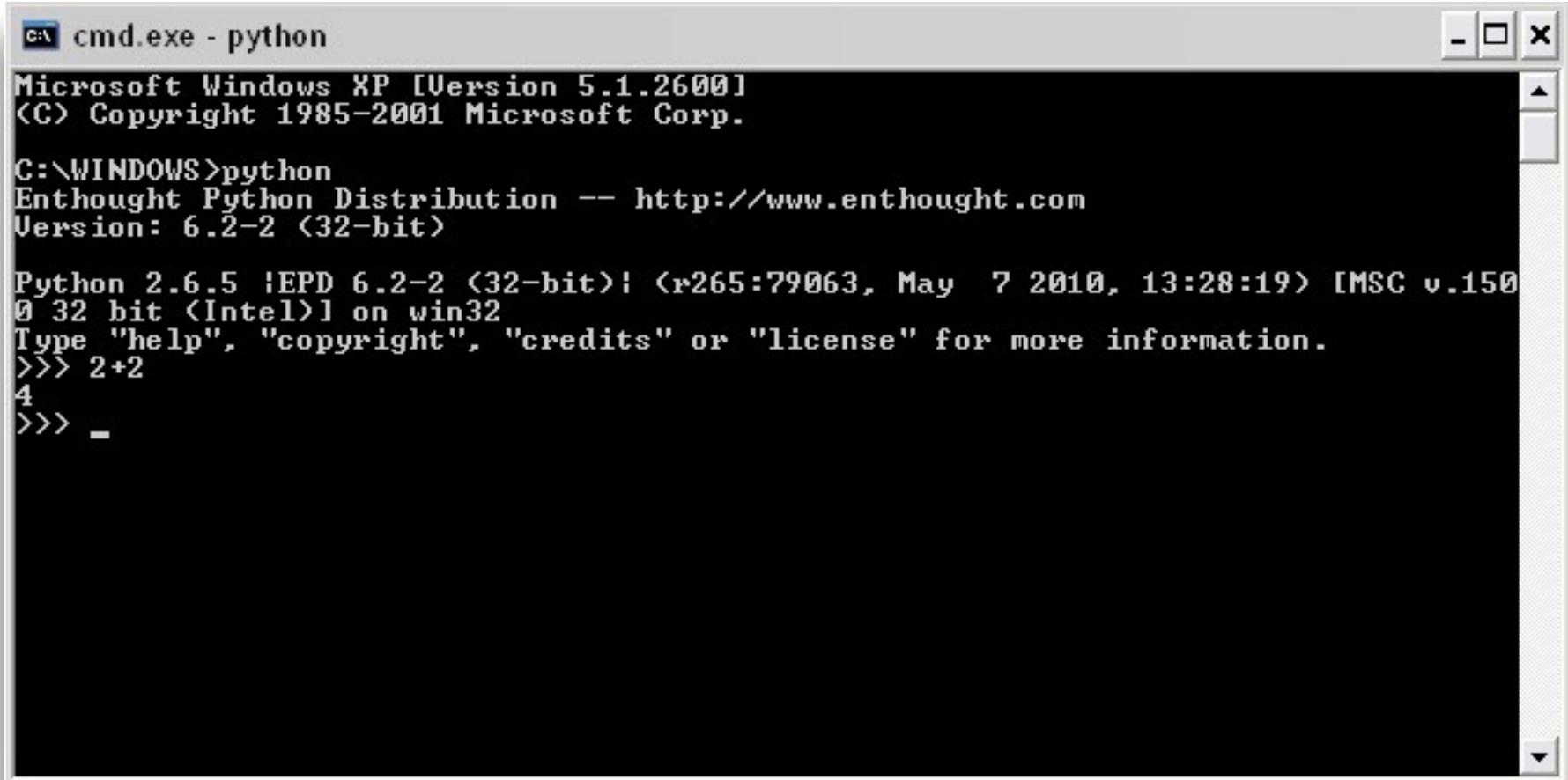


The image shows a screenshot of an xterm window titled "xterm". The window has three colored window controls (red, yellow, green) in the top-left corner. The title bar contains the word "xterm" and a close button. The main area of the window displays the following text:

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Linux/UNIX/Mac OS X (X11/Xterm)

Firing up the Interpreter



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Windows XP command prompt window titled "cmd.exe - python". The window displays the following text:

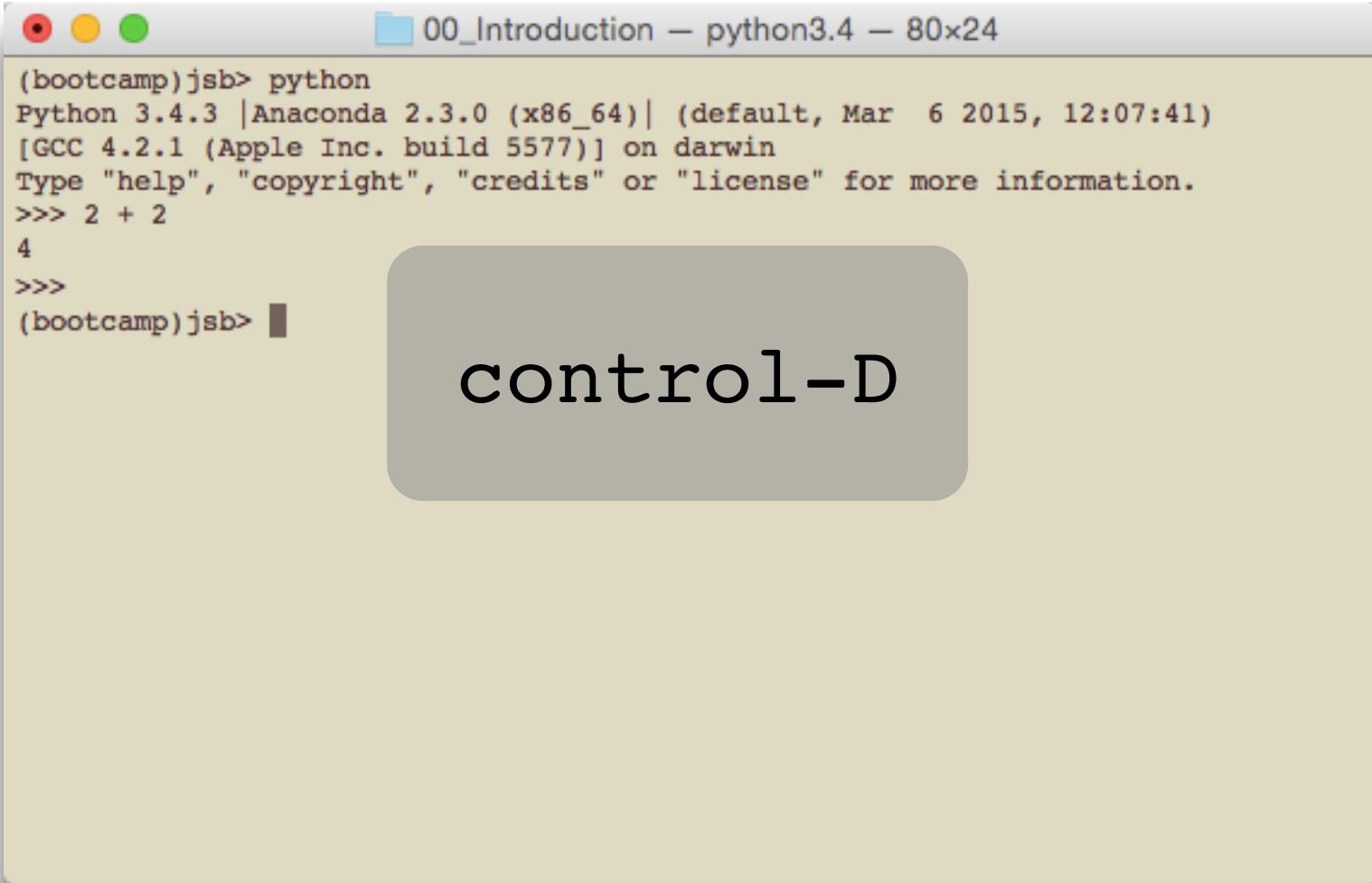
```
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\WINDOWS>python
Enthought Python Distribution -- http://www.enthought.com
Version: 6.2-2 (32-bit)

Python 2.6.5 |EPD 6.2-2 (32-bit)| (r265:79063, May  7 2010, 13:28:19) [MSC v.150
0 32 bit (Intel)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 2+2
4
>>> _
```

Windows

Firing up the Interpreter

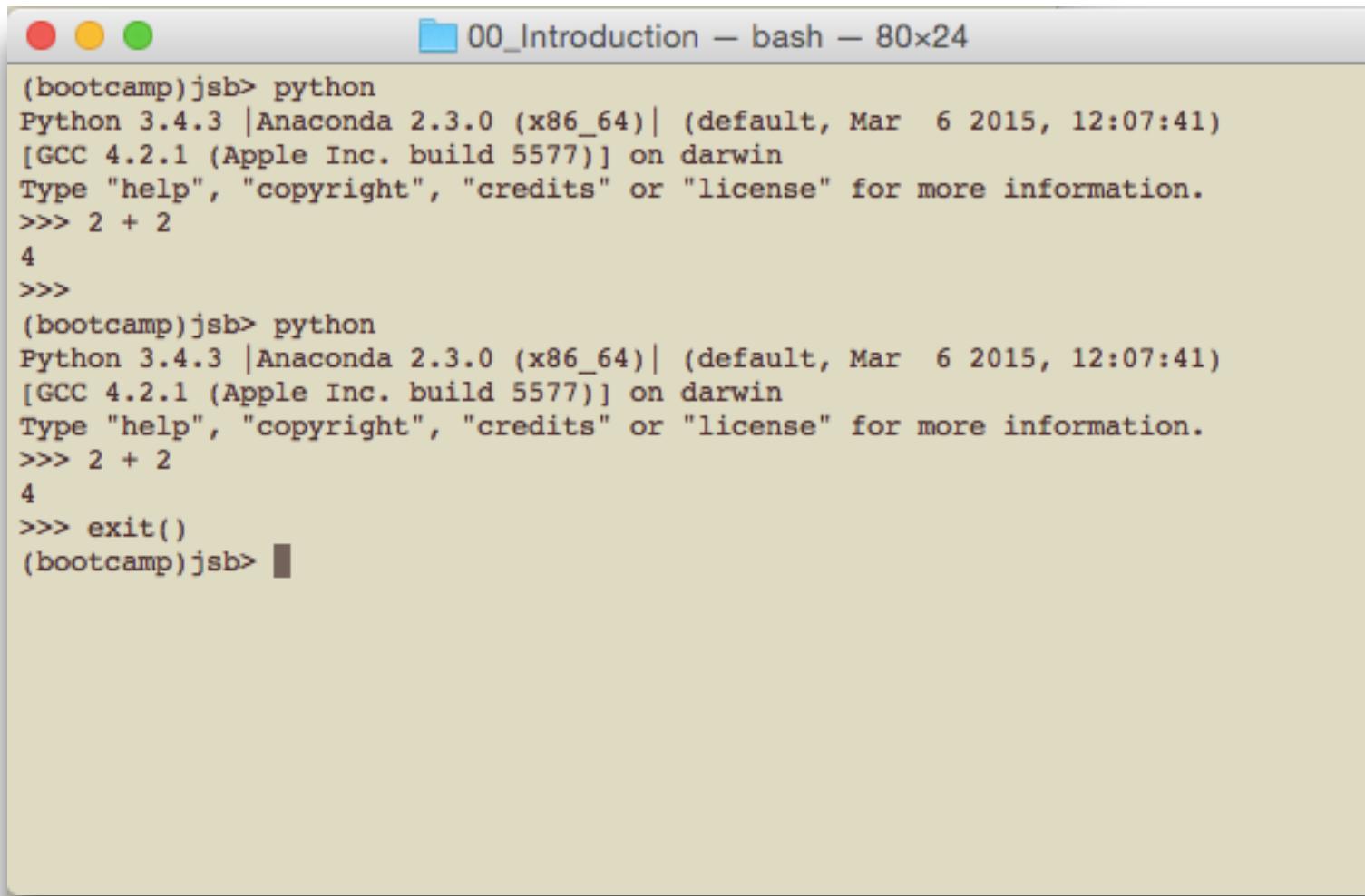


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Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 2 + 2
4
>>>
(bootcamp)jsb>
```

control-D

to exit: either **control-D** or **exit()**

Firing up the Interpreter

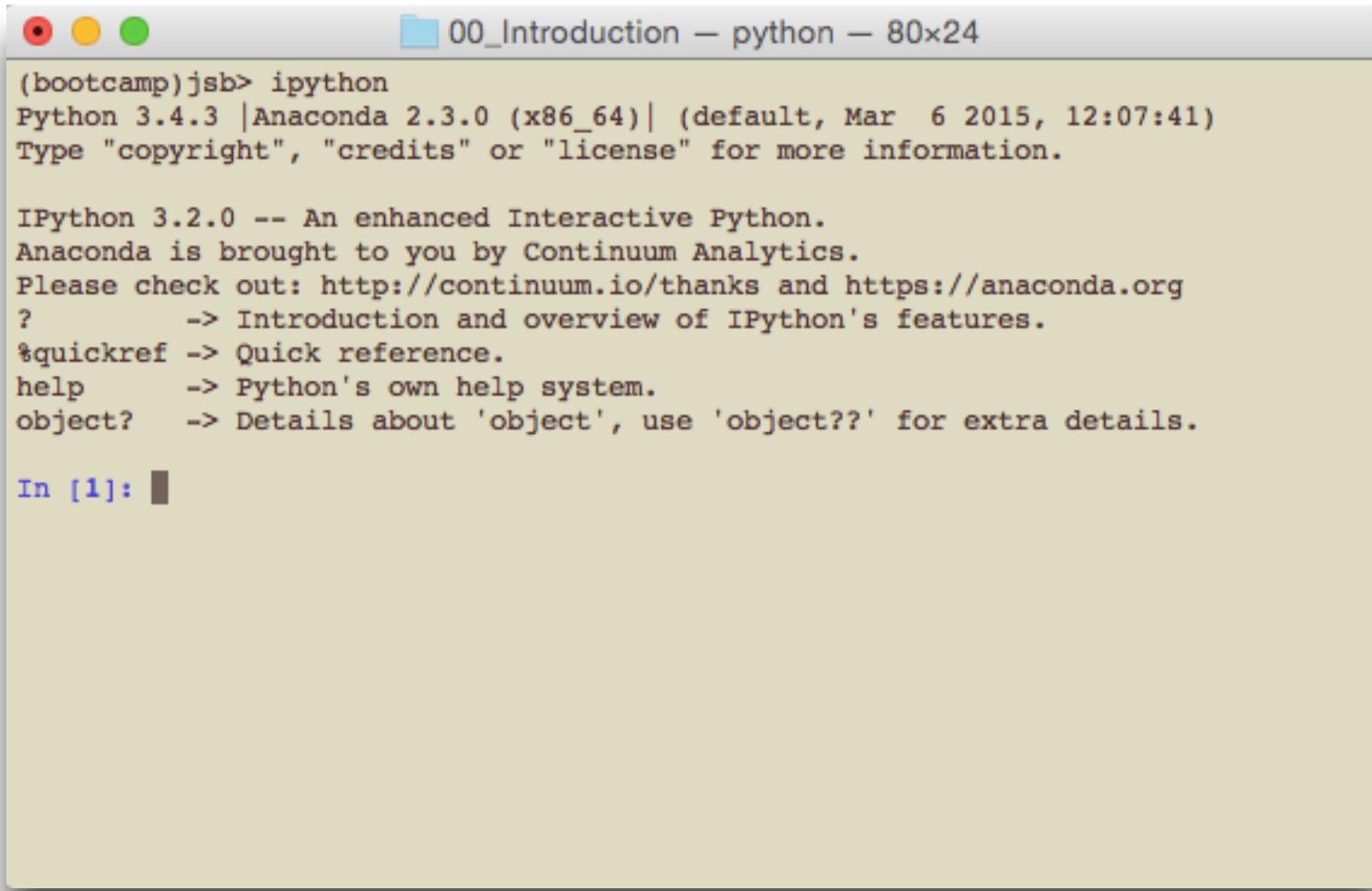


The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "00_Introduction – bash – 80x24". The window contains two separate sessions of the Python 3.4.3 interpreter. In the first session, the user types "2 + 2" and gets the output "4". In the second session, the user types "2 + 2" again and gets the output "4". Finally, the user types "exit()" to exit the interpreter. The terminal has a light beige background and a dark gray border.

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>>> 2 + 2
4
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>>> 2 + 2
4
>>> exit()
(bootcamp)jsb>
```

to exit: either **control-D** or **exit()**

Firing up the Interpreter



A screenshot of a terminal window titled "00_Introduction – python – 80x24". The window shows the startup of the Python 3.4.3 interpreter using ipython. The output includes the Python version, Anaconda details, IPython version, and help command documentation. The text "In [1]:" is visible at the bottom left.

```
(bootcamp)jsb> ipython
Python 3.4.3 |Anaconda 2.3.0 (x86_64)| (default, Mar  6 2015, 12:07:41)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 3.2.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
Anaconda is brought to you by Continuum Analytics.
Please check out: http://continuum.io/thanks and https://anaconda.org
?          -> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref -> Quick reference.
help       -> Python's own help system.
object?    -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]:
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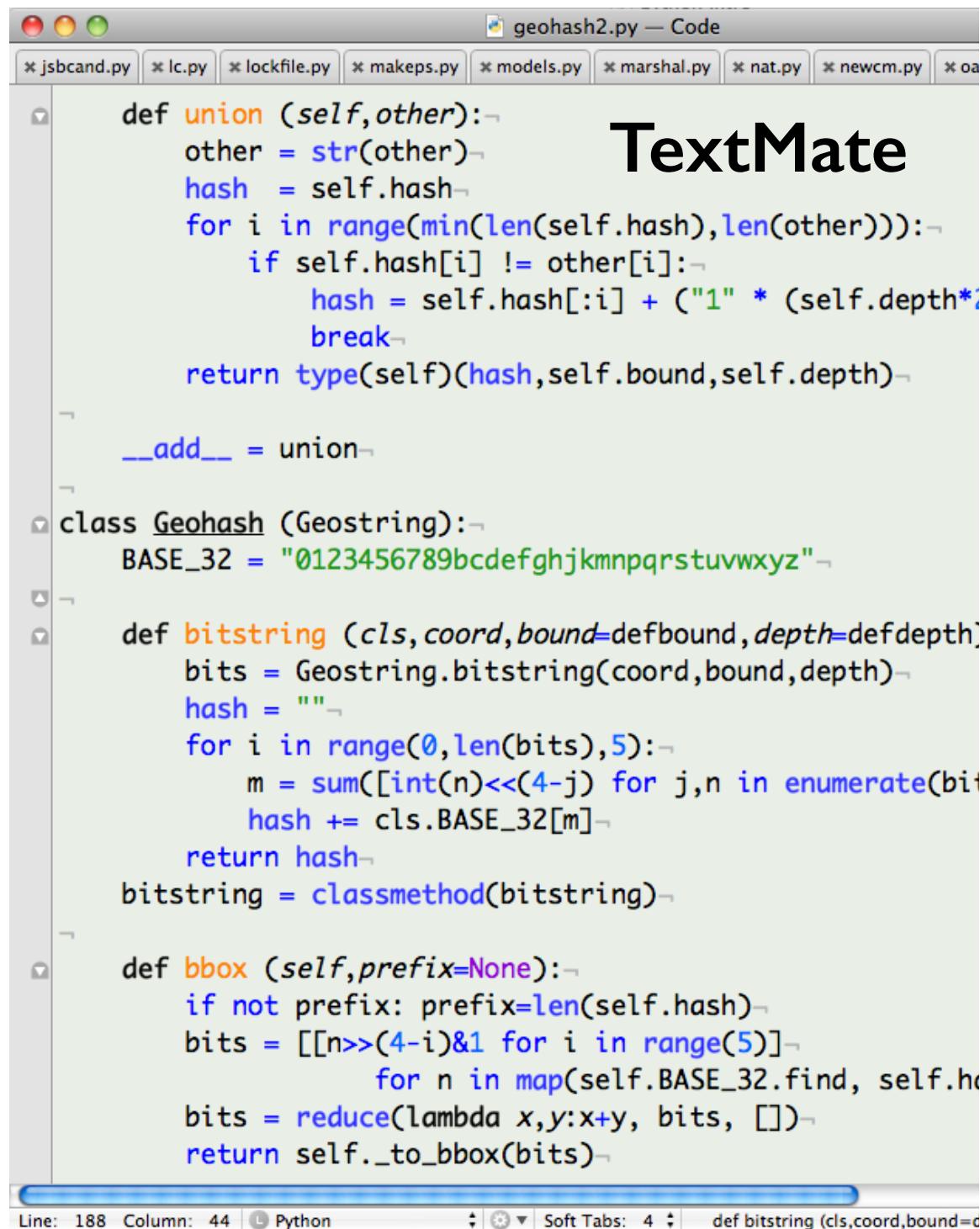
ipython

**FIRE UP THE
INTERPRETER**



**90% THE WAY TO
MASTERING PYTHON**

Editing Python Files



The screenshot shows a Mac OS X window titled "geohash2.py — Code" in the TextMate application. The code editor displays Python code for a Geohash class. The code includes methods for union, __add__, bitstring, and bbox. The TextMate interface features a sidebar with file navigation and a status bar at the bottom showing "Line: 188 Column: 44 Python".

```
def union (self,other):-
    other = str(other)
    hash = self.hash
    for i in range(min(len(self.hash),len(other))):-
        if self.hash[i] != other[i]:-
            hash = self.hash[:i] + ("1" * (self.depth*2))
            break
    return type(self)(hash,self.bound,self.depth)

__add__ = union

class Geohash (Geostring):-
    BASE_32 = "0123456789bcdefghjklmnpqrstuvwxyz"->

    def bitstring (cls,coord,bound=defbound,depth=defdepth):
        bits = Geostring.bitstring(coord,bound,depth)
        hash = ""
        for i in range(0,len(bits),5):-
            m = sum([int(n)<<(4-j) for j,n in enumerate(bits[i:i+5])])
            hash += cls.BASE_32[m]
        return hash
    bitstring = classmethod(bitstring)

    def bbox (self,prefix=None):-
        if not prefix: prefix=len(self.hash)
        bits = [[n>>(4-i)&1 for i in range(5)]->
                for n in map(self.BASE_32.find, self.hash)]
        bits = reduce(lambda x,y:x+y, bits, [])
        return self._to_bbox(bits)
```



usually we name
python files with
a .py suffix

- snazzy GUI-based editors:
Sublime Text, TextWrangler (Mac);
NotePad++, SublimeText (Windows);
KWrite, Scribes, eggy (linux)

- old/powerful editors:
vim, emacs, nano, ...

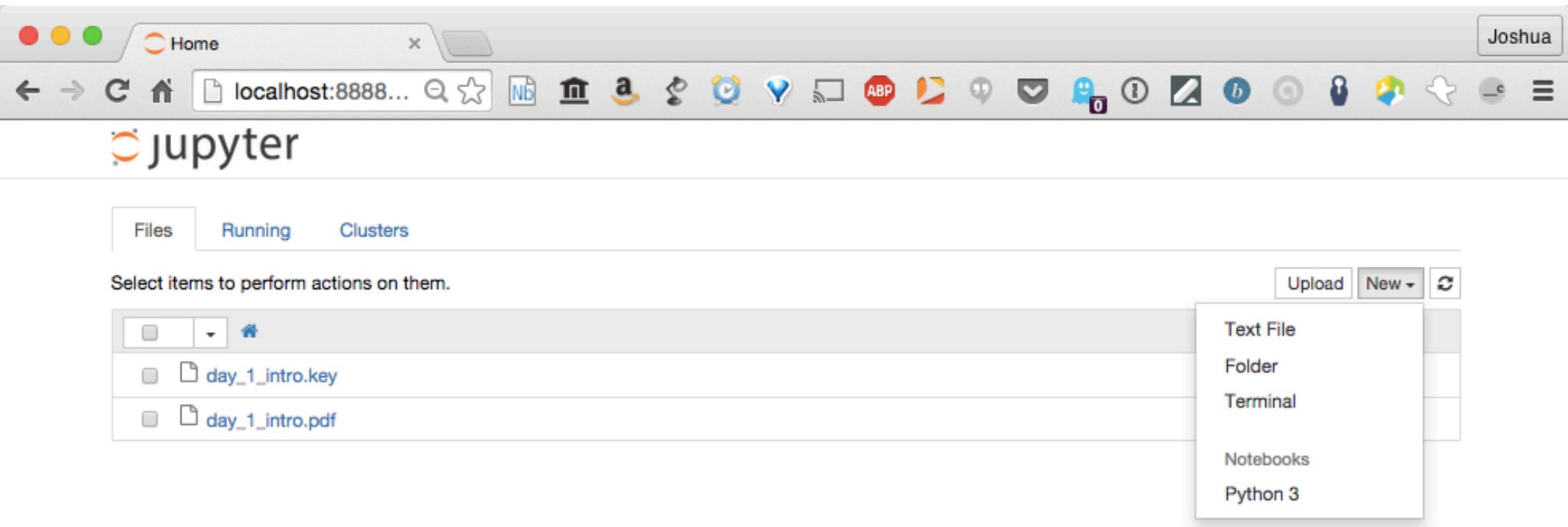
<http://www.sublimetext.com/2>

<http://wiki.python.org/moin/PythonEditors>

type: ipython notebook (or jupyter notebook)

```
00_Introduction – python – 137x19  
(bootcamp)jsb> ipython notebook  
[I 18:30:08.551 NotebookApp] Using MathJax from CDN: https://cdn.mathjax.org/mathjax/latest/MathJax.js  
[I 18:30:08.631 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: /Users/jbloom/Classes/python-bootcamp/Lecture  
[I 18:30:08.631 NotebookApp] 0 active kernels  
[I 18:30:08.631 NotebookApp] The IPython Notebook is running at: http://localhost:8888/  
[I 18:30:08.631 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels (twice to skip confirmation)
```

in your browser...



or ... demohub.jupyter.org

https://demohub.jupyter.org/user/profjsb/tree

jupyter

Control Panel Logout

Try jupyterlab alpha release

Files Running Clusters

Select items to perform actions on them.

Text File
Folder
Terminal
Notebook:
Python 2
Python 3

Upload New

README.md

jupyter hello.py a few seconds ago

File Edit View Language

```
1 # this is a text file
2 print(2+2)
```

Note: Post your github handle to the gitter so a counselor can add you to the hub

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE MONTY PYTHON AND
MEMES**



YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A BAD TIME