



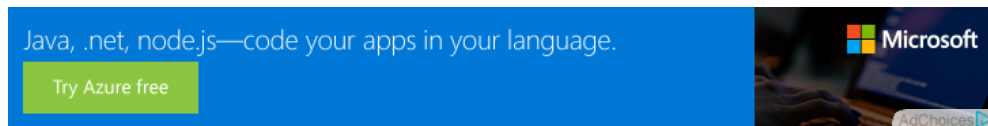
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Use Default Python Rather than Anaconda Installation When Called from the Terminal



I recently installed the anaconda version of python. Now when I type `python` into the terminal it opens the anaconda distribution rather than the default distribution. How do I get it to use the default version for the command `python` in linux (ubuntu 12.04)?

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1 Place Python you want to be the default as the first one on the `PATH` ? – [Piotr Dobrogost](#) Jul 9 '14 at 22:03

1 Answer

anaconda adds the path to your `.bashrc` so it is found first, you can add the path to your default python to `.bashrc` or remove the path to anaconda if you don't want to use it.

You can also use the full path `/usr/bin/python` in bash to use the default python interpreter.

If you leave your `.bashrc` file as is, any command you run using `python` will use the anaconda interpreter, if you want you could also use an `alias` for each interpreter.

You will see something like `export PATH=$HOME/anaconda/bin:$PATH` in your `.bashrc` file.

So basically if you want to use anaconda as your main everyday interpreter use the full path to your default python or create an `alias`, if you want it the other way around remove the `export PATH=...` from `.bashrc` and use full path to anaconda python interpreter.

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2 +1 for the alias idea. In fedora 25, I can add "alias python=/usr/bin/python", and now when I say "python" or "python2" I get the system python 2.7, but if I say "python3" I get the conda python. The advantage of this is that system tools which rely on python 2.7 (like gnome-tweak-tool) work fine. – [Aditya Kashi](#) Feb 21 at 20:10