Generic slide

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Python for Ecologists

- Assuming not much programming experience
- Immersion approach
 - Short lecture on Python topic
 - Hands-on Python exercises
 - Rinse & repeat
- Will use ecological examples as much as possible.

Why bother with Python when I have R?

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Hello world! (from an interpreter)

```
>>> python
>>> print "Hello_world!"
Hello world!
```

Hello world! (from a script)

```
# save this in a text file as hello.py
print "Hello_world!"
# then run at the command prompt with 'python hello.py'
```

Hello world! (as an executable)

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# the above line automatically invokes Python
# save this in a text file as hello_exe.py
print "Hello_world!"
# we can run this with simply "hello"
```