Getting your set-up groovy

It is important to organize your code in a way that makes sense to you. Unfortunately, you may not use the same computer every day during PWSA (although you should try to); for completing work at home, we recommend making a workspace folder on the desktop to store your code.

In PWSAfrica, we are going to be writing our code in `IDLE`. The easiest way to run `IDLE` is to open your start menu, type `IDLE` and then select it.

Congratulations! You're now running Python. What you're seeing now is the Python "shell"; if you type Python code in here, it will run! Try typing in `5 + 6`...

It should have given you 11.

However! We usually want to write more than a single snippet of code. And `5 + 6` is hardly useful anyway.

To write code, create a new file. You can do this by going to `File->New File`, or by hitting `CTRL-N`. To run your code, go to `Run->Run Module`, or hit `F5`. You will see the output of your code in the shell. For simple problems that you can solve in one line, feel free to solve it in the shell! If in doubt, you can always make a file, for any problem.

You're good to go! If you have any questions, feel free to stop and ask a tutor. (After all, that's what we're here for.)