Anaconda Installation

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- Select Windows
- Download the *.exe* installer
- Open and run the *.exe* installer
- Open the **Anaconda Prompt** and run some Python code

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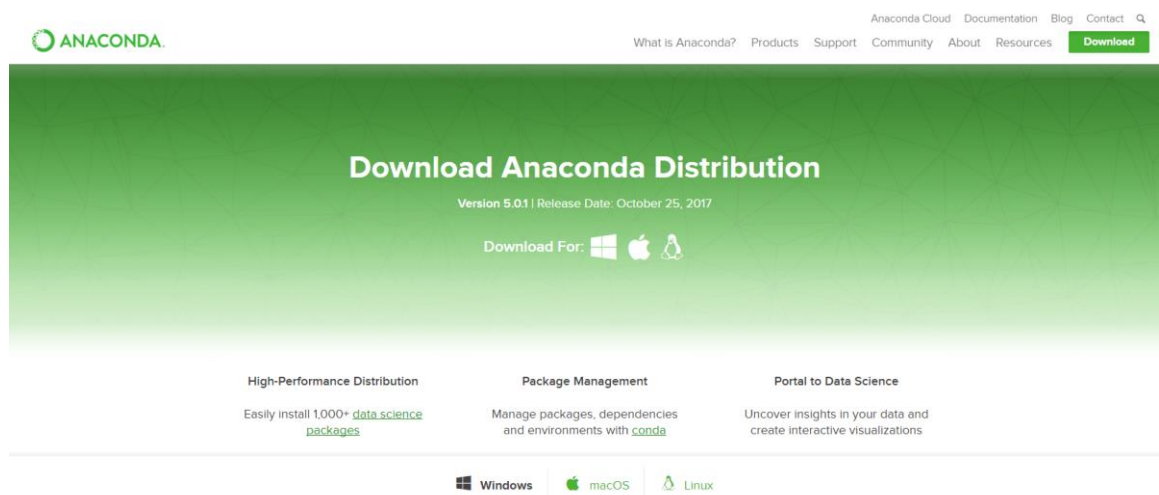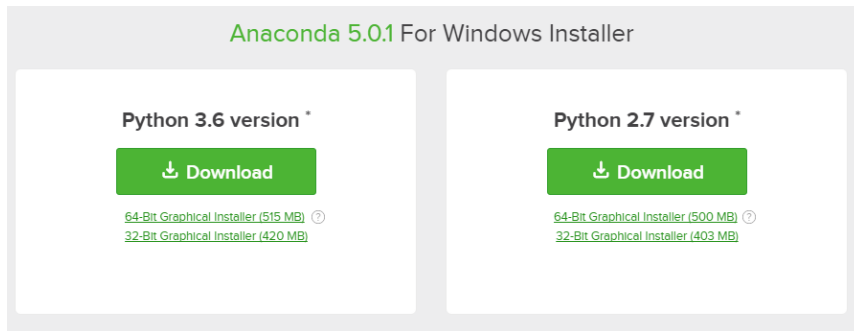

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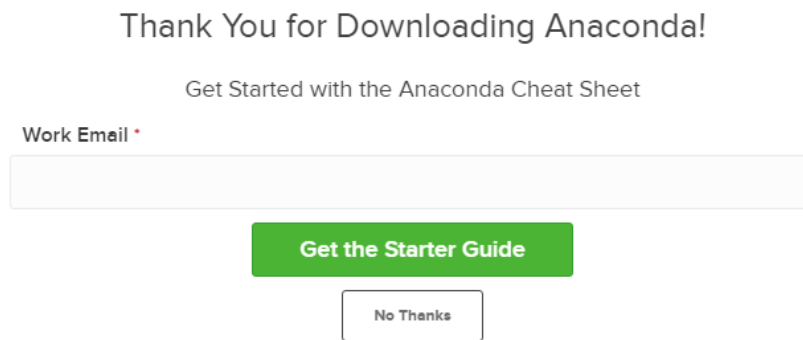Select Windows where the three operating systems are listed.
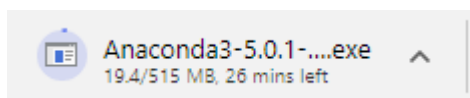

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Download the most recent Python 3 release. If you are unsure if your computer is running a 64-bit or 32-bit version of Windows, select 64-bit as 64-bit Windows is most common.

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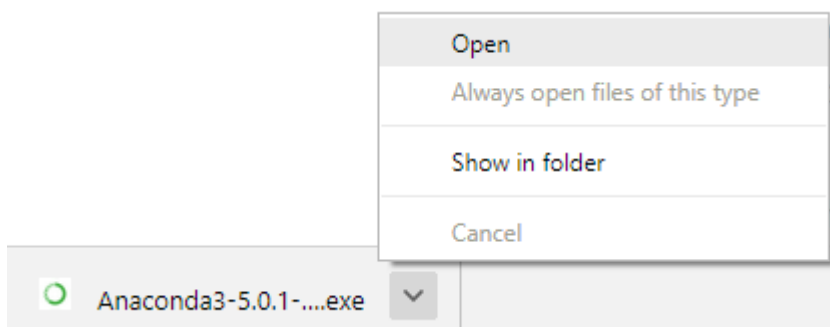Thank You for Downloading Anaconda!

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Once the download completes, open and run the *.exe* installer

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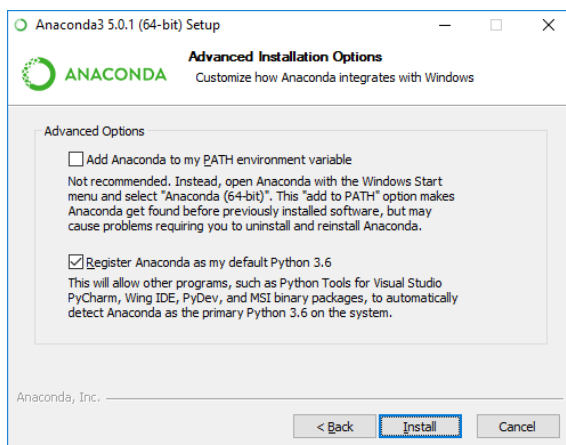
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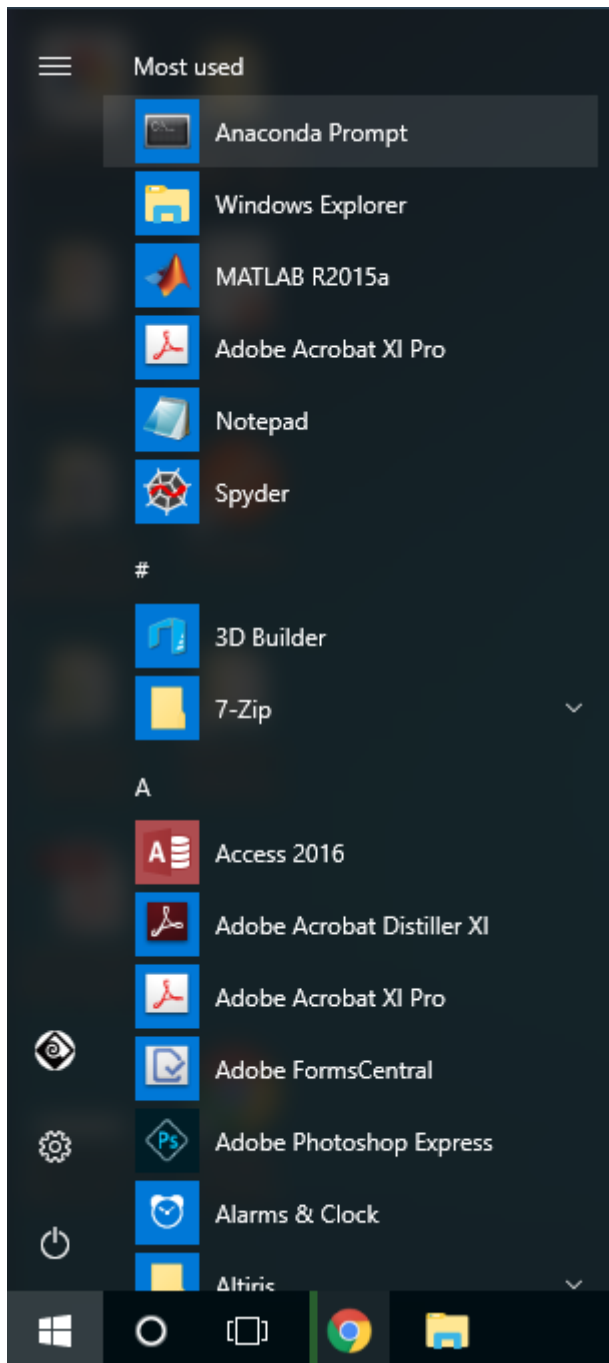
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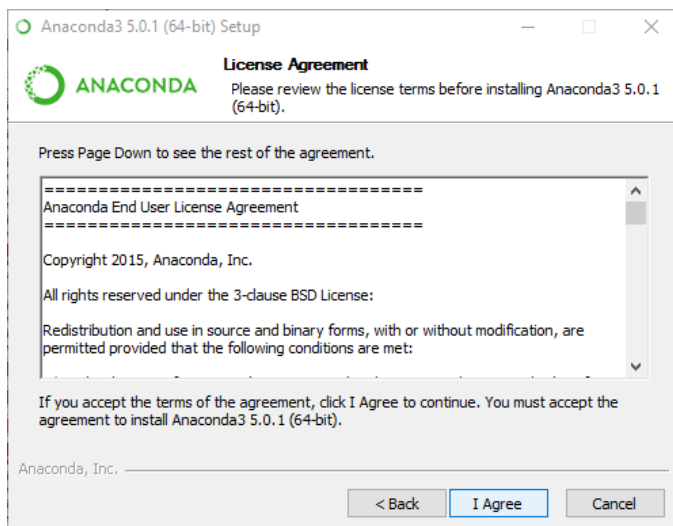
At the Advanced Installation Options screen, I recommend that you **do not check** "Add Anaconda to my PATH environment variable"

5. Open the Anaconda Prompt from the Windows start menu

After the installation of Anaconda is complete, you can go to the Windows start menu and select the Anaconda Prompt.
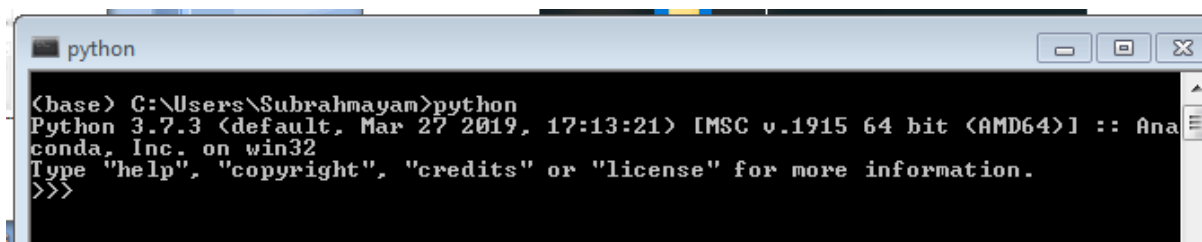
This opens the **Anaconda Prompt**. **Anaconda** is the Python distribution and the **Anaconda Prompt** is a command line shell (a program where you type in commands instead of using a mouse).

At the Anaconda prompt, type python and hit [Enter]. The python command starts the Python interpreter, also called the Python REPL (for Read Evaluate Print Loop).

> >python

Note the Python version. You should see something like Python 3.6.1. With the interpreter running, you will see a set of greater-than symbols >>> before the cursor.

To close the Python interpreter, type exit() at the prompt >>>. Note the double parenthesis at the end of the exit() command. The () is needed to stop the Python interpreter and get back out to the **Anaconda Prompt**.

To close the **Anaconda Prompt**, you can either close the window with the mouse, or type exit, no parenthesis necessary.

When you want to use the Python interpreter again, just click the Windows Start button and select the **Anaconda Prompt** and type python.