Introduction to *Introduction to Programming Using Python*

Hi Folks,

I'm Ray Smith, the class instructor.  I'm excited to start.  I hope you are too.

The class, starting Thursday May 28 at 6:00 and meeting every Thursday, is a short time away. The class takes place online, via Zoom. Your Access via Zoom is provided by the Watertown Library, which will send you instructions.  I hope to give you a head start for the course with some materials and a simple, I hope, task which will help us get started quickly.

As a help, I am attaching a Power Point file which I will use as the viewing slides for the class:

*Introduction to Programming Using Python*.pptx.  Because of the Covid19 pandemic, we may not be able to provide hard copy at the class.  There is no need to read this in advance. You might want to print out a hard copy of the notes in advance.

I hope to have you learn by doing.  To do this you need to have your laptop computer with Zoom installed.  It will be very helpful for you to install Python on this computer before the first class.  If you are unable to do this in advance, I will help at the class.  I have attached some instructions (much more wordy than necessary) to aid in self installation: pythonorg.docx.  Mostly it contains steps to go to [www.python.org](http://www.python.org/), download the latest python (e.g. x64-64 executable installer) and run it.  Please contact me if you have any questions. It is not necessary, but may be useful to use a computer with two screens.

To give me an indication of your successes, please send me email when you have downloaded and installed python. If you have any problems please email me also.

I'm also attaching a group of files, some of which we will use during the class. You should create a directory / folder for you use during this course. Within this folder you should expand/save the (Introduction\_files.zip) files.