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 Tuesday September 14 at 6:30 and meeting every Tuesday, is a short time away. The class takes place in person.   I hope to give you a head start for the course with some materials and a 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.  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.  It will be necessary for you to install Python on this computer before the first 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.

To give me sense of your successes or difficulties, would you each please send me an email (reply to this email) as you complete the Python installation. If you have any problems please mention them in email.

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.