Introduction to *Introduction to Programming Using Python*

Hi Folks,

I'm Ray Smith, your class instructor.  I'm excited to get started. Despite what might appear as a long introduction below, there is not much you have to do to prepare for this class.

The class is just a short time away, starting **September 13.** The class meets each Tuesday evening from 6:30PM to 8:30PM from September 13 through October 25.  **The class presentation is online, via Zoom**.  Your Access via Zoom is provided through the Belmont Library, where you registered and received the Zoom link upon registration.  I'm attaching some files used for the class.

Your startup tasks:

* Install python from [www.python.org](http://www.python.org). Although python is available from other places, python.org provides a number of other very useful items, including IDLE, on which we are counting.
* Expand the attached **intro\_prog.zip** files into your **Desktop** folder

Example Using File Explorer:

* + Download intro\_prog.zip from your email
  + Select intro\_prog.zip 🡪 Extract All
  + Select a Destination and Extract Files
  + Files will be extracted to this folder:

[C:\Users\...\Desktop\intro\_prog] for intro\_prog

We do this in hopes that everyone can find the files in the same place – Desktop/into\_prog/….

The primary viewing slides for this class are in PowerPoint® files in the presentation folder e.g., Session one:

intro\_prog/presentation/Class\_1\_introduction.pptx

I hope to have you learn by doing.  **You will need to have a computer with Zoom installed**.  **Python, with IDLE, must be installed on this computer BEFORE the first class**. Everything needed comes from the standard download from [www.python.org](http://www.python.org).

NOTE: For those at the same email address – if at all possible, please use separate Zoom logins so that each person can exercise the examples separately.

**If you have any trouble, PLEASE contact me and I will try to help.**

**NOTE**: Our class is pointed to those who are new to programming, not just new to Python. We don't turn anyone away. If you are already a programmer, interested in learning Python, please consider one of the many learning opportunities, including the Python Tutorial in the download from [www.python.org](http://www.python.org).

If, for any reason, you decide you will not be taking our course, please let us know, as there usually is a waiting list.

Good luck in programming!

I hope to see you soon,

Ray