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.  **The class presentation is online, via Zoom**.  Your Access via Zoom is provided through the Belmont Library, which will send you instructions.  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] for example

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).

**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