Python Training Workshop 2019

An introduction course to Python

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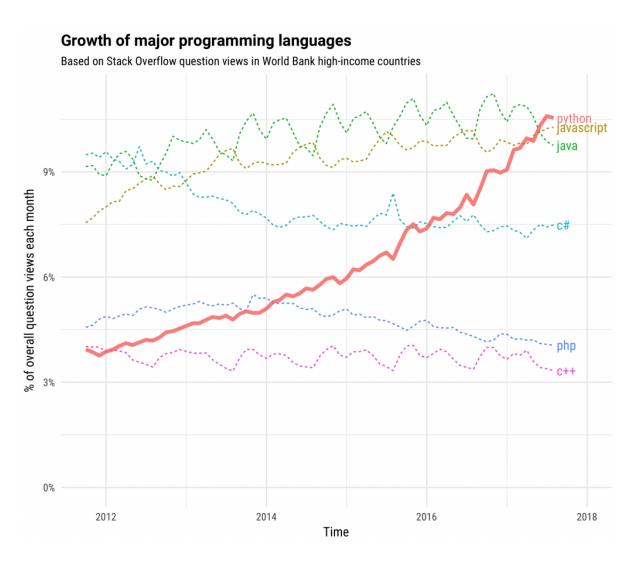
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Please go to

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https://tinyurl.com/y6wzrkl5 (introduction)
https://tinyurl.com/ybz69nux (hands-on materials)
https://tinyurl.com/ybz69nux (Download all
notebooks)
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Python: a very fast-growing language



A new era of computing

- Varieties of programming languages
- Multi-core CPU and GPU support
- Easily-accessible cloud computing
- Cloud microservices

Python: a versatile language



- high-level
- object-oriented, and
- Interpreted

programming language.

Python: a "High-level language"

- "Low level language": C, Fortran, Basic
- Level means the accessiblity to system resources.
- High Level:
 - care less about memory management or proper declaration of variables
 - less abstract than low-level language
 - less time to write and compile
 - relatively slower running time than some low-level language (not always true).

Community of Python users

- Web backend developers
- Data science
- Machine learning

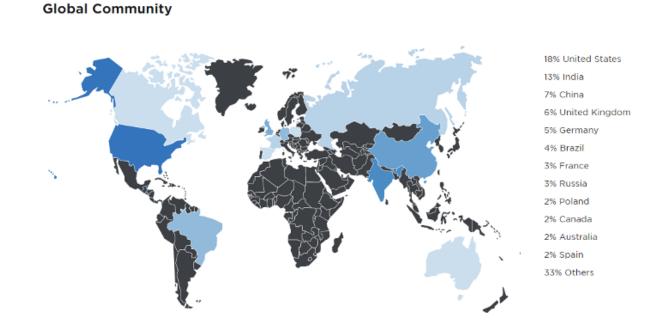


Image courtesy of the Python Developers Survey 2017 Results website

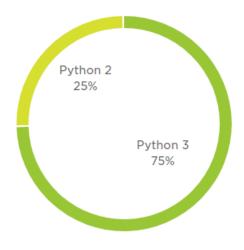
Python 2 vs Python 3

Results are quoted from

https://www.jetbrains.com/research/devecosystem-2018/python/

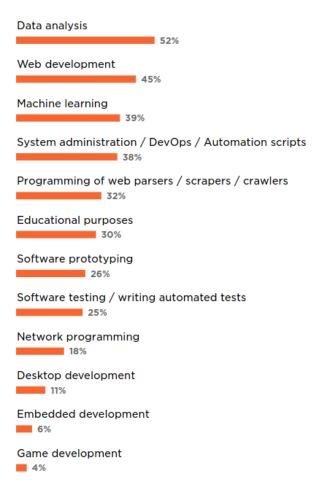


Which version of Python do you use the most?

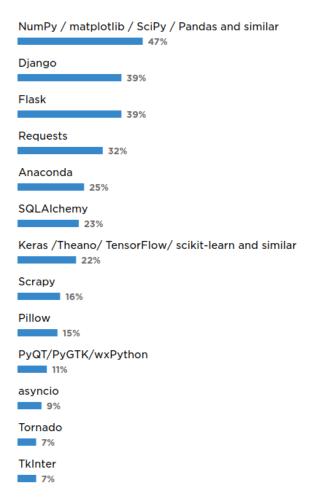


Python Usages

What do you use Python for?



What libraries and/or frameworks do you use in addition to Python, if any?



Installation

- Refer to another guide
- Recommendation:
 - Anaconda
 - Google colab

Install packages (with anaconda)

- conda search xxxxxx
- conda install xxxxxx

Install packages (with pip)

pip is a package management system in Python

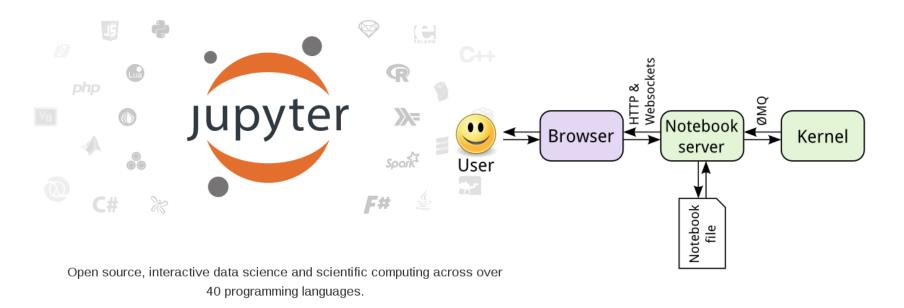
To search/install packages:

- Search package: pip search xxxxxx
- Install package: pip install xxxxxx
- Upgrade package: pip install --upgrade xxxxxx
- Uninstall package: pip uninstall xxxxxx
- Install wheel package: pip install xxxxxx.whl

Jupyter Notebook

You may want to run a Jupyter notebook when:

- You want to try out a new experiment or analysis with an existing Jupyter notebook from someone.
- You want to develop an algorithm that run on a large software.
- You have only ten minutes to download a data, plot a graph and send the email to your supervisor in a neat format.



Open Jupyter in Linux/MacOS

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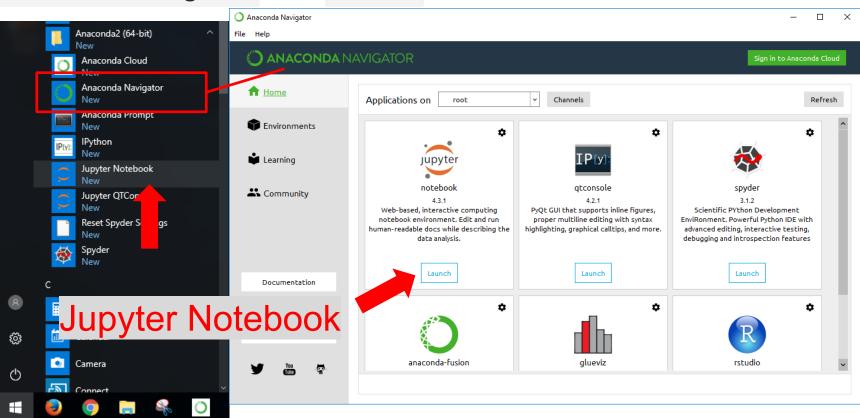
jupyter notebook

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  jupyter notebook
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  jupyter notebook
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n/workspace
 I 12:38:14.082 NotebookApp] 0 active kernels
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t:8888/?token=40alelaa7783bb15e5178ec870a0f8bb07470e94d0a02da0
 I 12:38:14.082 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all
 kernels (twice to skip confirmation).
[C 12:38:14.083 NotebookApp]
    Copy/paste this URL into your browser when you connect for the first time,
    to login with a token:
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Gtk-Message: Failed to load module "pk-gtk-module"
Created new window in existing browser session.
 [I 12:38:15.159 NotebookApp] Accepting one-time-token-authenticated connection f
rom ::1
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Open Jupyter in Windows

Open your Start menu, goes to Anaconda Folder,
Click the Jupyter Notebook shortcut (Recommended). Or start the

Anaconda Navigator and Launch



Hand's on Session

The hand's on session requires a working python installations with Jupyter installed. The following links are read-only, they do not run calculations in your computer.

First Session:

- Python Syntax
- Python Data Structures
- Python Numpy Array

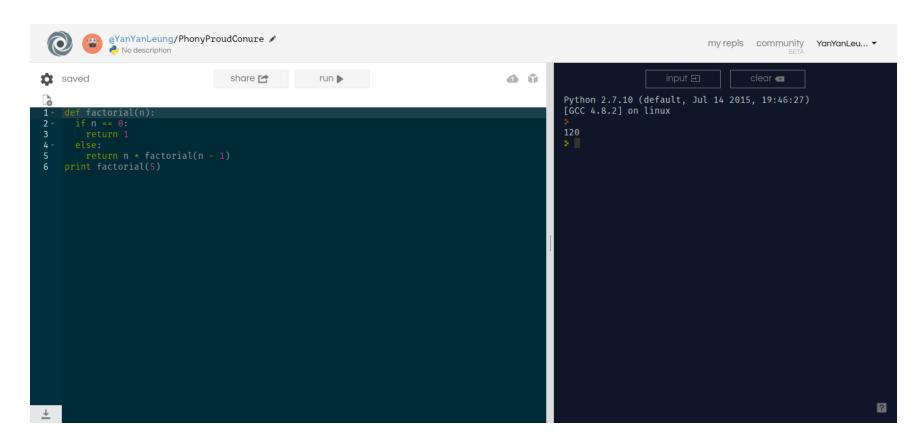
Second Session:

- Introduction to Pandas
- Python Functions and Class
- Python Matplotlib
- Python plotting with Astropy and AplPy

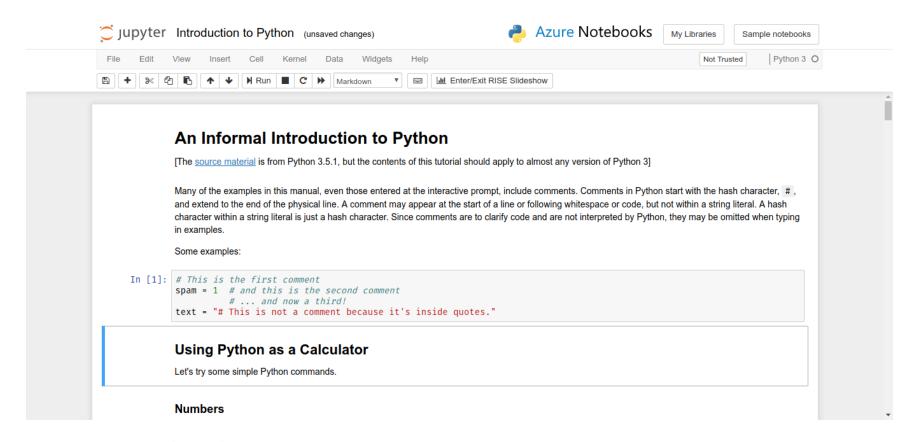
Online Platforms

Here are some online Python platform that are quite good indeed.

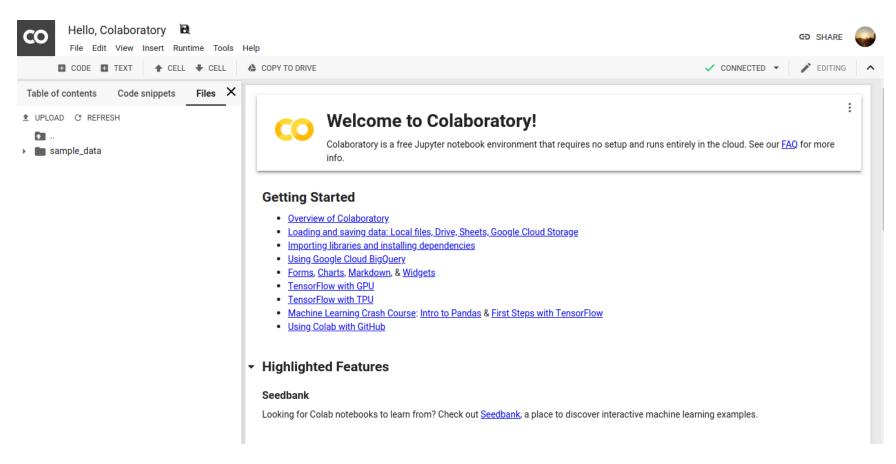
- c9.io
- repl.it
- Microsoft Azure Notebooks
- Google Colab



repl.it



Azure Notebook



Google Colab

Online Judge

- Sphere Online Judge (SPOJ)
- HackerRank
- CodeAcademy
- Aizu Online Judge (AOJ)

Good Reference Material

stackoverflow.com



https://github.com/jakevdp/PythonDataScienceHandbook



Book: Python for Astronomers

Credits

This tutorial have referenced the following materials:

- Unidata's online-python-training
- Anaconda Installation Guide
- And thanks Sandy Chan and Stephen Ng