## Basic python

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You can get this ppt and related files at: <a href="https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016-JAN\_python\_workshop/">https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016-JAN\_python\_workshop/</a>

### Learning Outcomes

- Know how to get a working python for your operating system.
- Define different data structures
- Make a loop with for and while
- Defining functions
- Reading files and plotting graphs

### What is python



General-purpose, high-level programming language.

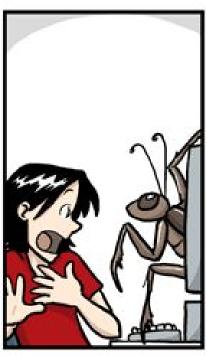
Object-oriented, interpreted, interactive.

Easy write, easy read.

Dynamic variables & memory management.

## Why python?









www.phdcomics.com

- Coding and debugging is a tough task
- Spend less time on it and get your work done!
- Lots of packages written by others for speed deployment.

## Installing

How to install python and get it work?

### Python distribution

#### Anaconda / Miniconda

https://store.continuum.io/cshop/anaconda/

http://conda.pydata.org/miniconda.html

#### **Official Site**

https://www.python.org/downloads/

### **Portable Python**

http://portablepython.com/

### IF you run Linux, some Linux distributions has python pre-installed or get it from repository is faster:

sudo yum install python numpy scipy python-matplotlib ipython python-pandas sympy python-nose

sudo apt-get install python-numpy python-scipy python-matplotlib ipython ipython-notebook python-pandas python-sympy python-nose

### Get Anaconda for Windows

### **Anaconda for Windows**



#### Windows Anaconda Installation

- 1 Download the installer.
- 2. Double-click the .exe file to install Anaconda and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 3. Optional: Verify data integrity with MD5.

### Get Anaconda for Mac

#### Anaconda for OS X

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#### OS X Anaconda Installation

- 1. Download the installer.
- 2. Double click the .pkg file and follow the instructions on the screen.
- 3. Command-Line Installs:

After downloading the installer, in the shell execute for Python 2.7:

bash Anaconda2-2.4.1-Mac0SX-x86\_64.sh

Or for Python 3.5:

bash Anaconda3-2.4.1-Mac0SX-x86\_64.sh

NOTE: You should type "bash", regardless of whether or not you are actually using the bash shell.

4. Optional: Verify data integrity with MD5.

### Get Anaconda for Linux

### Anaconda for Linux

PYTHON 2.7	PYTHON 3.5				
Linux 64-bit	Linux 64-bit				
Linux 32-bit	Linux 32-bit				

#### Linux Anaconda Installation

- 1. Download the installer.
- 2. After downloading the installer, in your terminal window execute for Python 2.7:

bash Anaconda2-2.4.1-Linux-x86\_64.sh

Or for Python 3.5:

bash Anaconda3-2.4.1-Linux-x86\_64.sh

NOTE: Type "bash" regardless of whether or not you are actually using the bash shell.

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Python >>> Downloads >>> Windows

### Python Releases for Windows

- Latest Python 2 Release Python 2.7.11
- Latest Python 3 Release Python 3.5.1
- Python 3.4.4 2015-12-21
  - Download Windows x86 MSI installer
  - Download Windows x86-64 MSI installer
  - · Download Windows help file
  - · Download Windows debug information files for 64-bit binaries
  - Download Windows debug information files
- Python 3.5.1 2015-12-07
  - Download Windows x86 web-based installer
  - Download Windows x86 executable installer
  - Download Windows x86 embeddable zip file
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## Or from official site

## Tips in python for Linux users

- Your system may have two different pythons:
  - o python 2.x
  - o python 3.x
- They may have different binary names:
  - o python
  - o python2
  - o python3
- You can always check the python version by running its interpreter.
  - A common shebang line used for the Python interpreter is as follows:
    - o #!/usr/bin/env python
  - You must then make the script executable, using the following command:
    - o chmod +x xxxxxxxxxxxxx.py

## Configurating

How to add packages to python?

# Install package (Anaconda build)

- To search/install packages, use "conda"
- Command:
  - conda search xxxxxx
  - conda install xxxxxx
- Other commands:

http://conda.pydata.org/docs/\_downloads/conda-cheatsheet.pdf

# Install package (Normal build)

- To search/install packages, use "pip"
- Python 3.4 (released March 2014) and Python 2.7.9 (released December 2014) ship with Pip.
- Package list: <a href="https://pypi.python.org/pypi">https://pypi.python.org/pypi</a>
- Command:
  - pip search xxxxxx
  - o pip install xxxxxx

#### Full Commands:

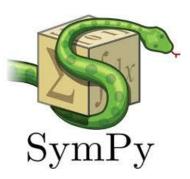
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install
              Install packages.
uninstall
              Uninstall packages.
freeze
              Output installed packages in requirements format.
              List installed packages.
list
show
              Show information about installed packages.
              Search PyPI for packages.
search
              Zip individual packages.
zip
              Unzip individual packages.
unzip
              Create pybundles.
bundle
help
              Show help for commands.
```

### Packages for Symbolic/numerical/statistic















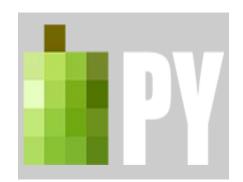


- For symbolic
  - o sympy
- For numerical
  - numpy
  - scipy
- For statistical and machine learning
  - o scikit-learn
  - o pandas

# Python plotting / visualising packages









### matplotlib

all-round, major plotting in python

### aplpy

fits image plotting in high quality

### yt

large data / volumetric data visualising

### bokeh

interactive plots in html & javascript

## Python in astronomy

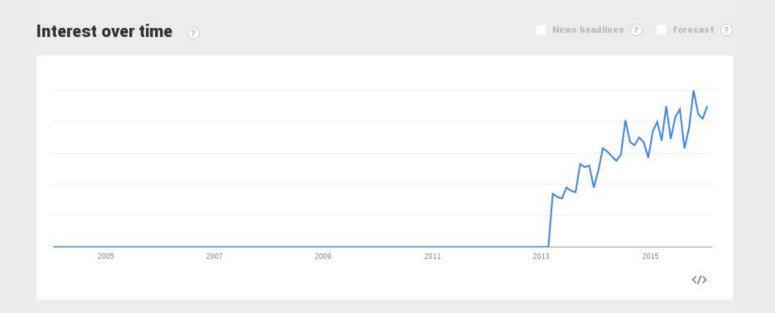


Until ~2012 python astronomy modules were scattered.

Several core modules are now unified under astropy:

- astropy.wcs (World coordinate system (WCS) supported by PyWCS.)
- **astropy.io.fits** (FITS files support supported by PyFITS.)
- **astropy.coordinates** (Celestial coordinate and time transformations.)
- **astropy.units** (Unit and physical quantity conversions, physical constants specific to astronomy.)





#### Regional interest 🕝



## Running python

How to run your scripts?

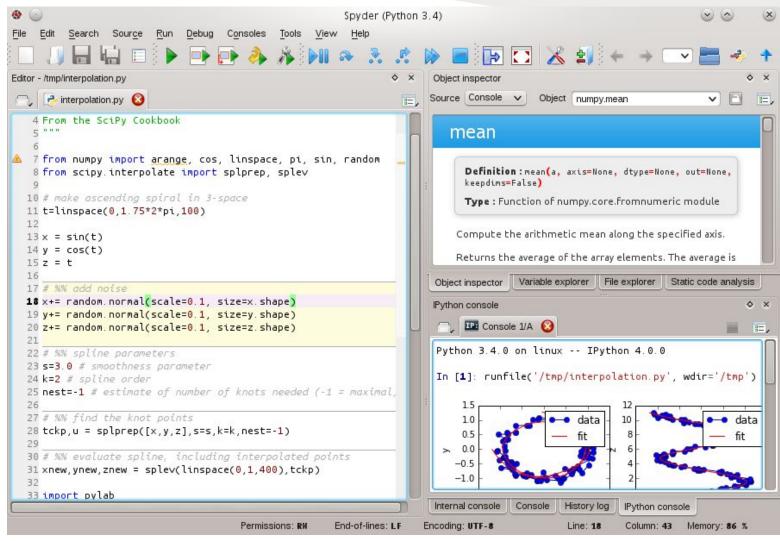
### Python interpreter

- For Linux / OSX, type "python" in terminal.
- For windows, open "Anaconda" folder in Start menu.

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$ python
Python 2.7.11 |Anaconda 2.3.0 (64-bit)| (default, Dec 6 2015, 18:08:32)
                                                                                      [Anaconda] C:\Users\yanyan>python
                                                                                      Python 2.7.11 |Anaconda 2.4.1 (32-bit)| (default, Dec 7 2015, 14:13:17) [MSC v.1500 32
[GCC 4.4.7 20120313 (Red Hat 4.4.7-1)] on linux2
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## Spyder IDE





## ipython / jupyter

For more interaction and gun, we use *ipython* to run our python code

### 1. Syntax

https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016JAN\_python\_workshop/blob/master/Syntax.ipynb

# 2. Data Structures and Loops

https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016JAN\_python\_workshop/blob/master/Data%
20Structures%20and%20Loops.ipynb

### 3. Functions

https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016JAN\_python\_workshop/blob/master/Functions.ipynb

### 4. Files and Plots

https://github.com/ryan-leung/2016-JAN\_python\_workshop/blob/master/Files%20and% 20Plot.ipynb

## Need more performance?

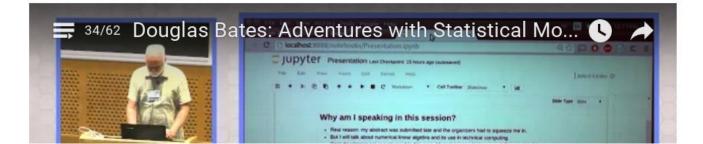
Any language apart from python and have a great performance?



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Julia is a high-level, high-performance dynamic programming language for technical computing, with syntax that is familiar to users of other technical computing environments. It provides a sophisticated compiler, distributed parallel execution, numerical accuracy, and an extensive mathematical function library. Julia's Base library, largely written in Julia itself, also integrates mature, best-of-breed open source C and Fortran libraries for linear algebra, random number generation, signal processing, and string processing. In addition, the Julia developer community is contributing a number of external packages through Julia's built-in package manager at a rapid pace. IJulia, a collaboration between the IPython and Julia communities, provides a powerful browser-based graphical notebook interface to Julia.

JuliaCon 2015 at MIT was a huge success. The videos are now online, and a random video from JuliaCon 2015 is presented here.

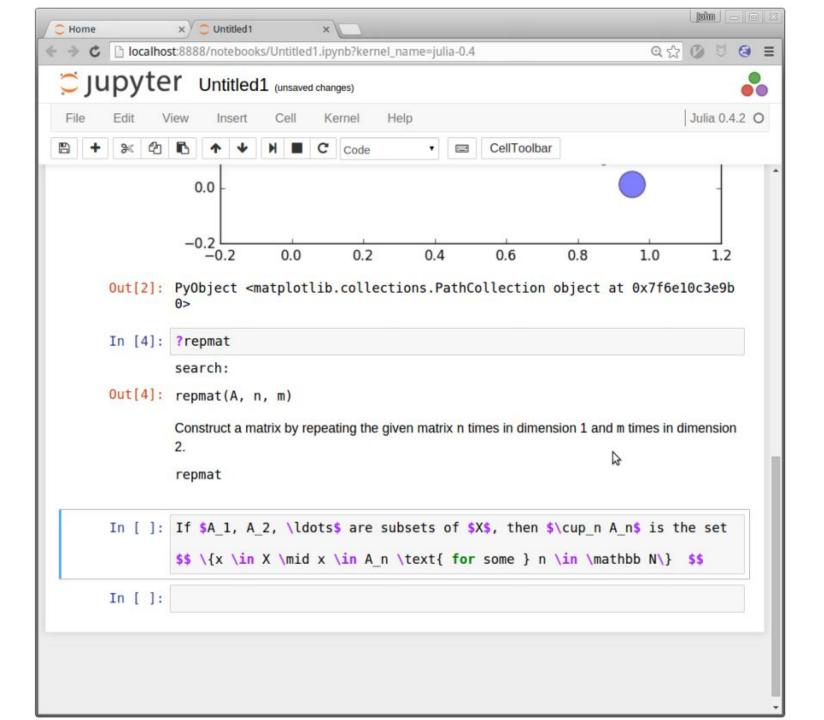


### Some basic features in julia

- Syntax similarities: python,MATLAB and C
- Utilize matplotlib for plotting, clever and sweet

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fib	0.57	2.14	95.45	528.85	4258.12	9211.59	166.64	3.68	2.20	2.02	0.96
parse_int	4.67	1.57	20.48	54.30	1525.88	7568.38	17.70	2.29	3.78	6.09	5.43
quicksort	1.10	1.21	46.70	248.28	55.87	1532.54	48.47	2.91	1.09	2.00	1.65
mandel	0.87	0.87	18.83	58.97	60.09	393.91	6.12	1.86	1.17	0.71	0.68
pi_sum	0.83	1.00	21.07	14.45	1.28	260.28	1.27	2.15	1.23	1.00	1.00
rand_mat_stat	0.99	1.74	22.29	16.88	9.82	30.44	6.20	2.81	8.23	3.71	4.01
rand_mat_mul	4.05	1.09	1.08	1.63	1.12	1.06	1.13	14.58	8.45	1.23	2.35

Ijulia and Jupyter



### That's all

You can stay here for practising, I have collected some programming tasks for you

## Practise and hands-on session

Questions are obtained from <a href="https://projecteuler.net/">https://projecteuler.net/</a>

### Q1 Factorial

Write a program which can compute the factorial of a given numbers.

Suppose the input is:

8

Then, the output should be:

40320

### Q2 Even Fibonacci numbers

Each new term in the Fibonacci sequence is generated by adding the previous two terms. By starting with 1 and 2, the first 10 terms will be: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ...

By considering the terms in the Fibonacci sequence whose values **do not exceed four million**, find the **sum of the even-valued terms**.

### Q3 10001st prime

By listing the first six prime numbers: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, and 13, we can see that the 6th prime is 13.

What is the 10 001st prime number?

### Q4 Largest product in a series

# The four adjacent digits in the 1000-digit number that have the greatest product are $9 \times 9 \times 8 \times 9 = 5832$ .