**Troubleshooting and Tips for Anaconda**

**Q/A:**

**Q: I have downloaded Anaconda and now my Python programs in Visual Studio Code don’t work**

**A:** A common issue regarding this is that you have the wrong python version selected in visual studio code. In the bottom left corner, you should see “Python …”. Press it and select the version that is not conda if you want to run the previous version you had installed. Both should work just fine though.

**Tips:**

**Tip 1**

You can create a custom Anaconda environment for a specific purpose, for example data science, machine learning or maybe software development!

Guide:

<https://conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/tasks/manage-environments.html#activating-an-environment>

**Tip 2**

Furthermore, you can also install specific versions of packages, for example:

conda install matplotlib = 1.4.3

This installs matplotlib v 1.4.3 into the current environment you are working in.

If you want to install into another env you can use

conda install –name myenv matplotlib=1.4.3

This installs the library into the desired environment where myenv is exchanged with your desired env.

**Tip 3**

You can install packages both using pip and Anaconda Prompt. It is however recommended to stick with Anaconda as the environments are built and used for that specific purpose