Python for Data Science

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- Love drinking tea
- Knows a little about Python

I know a little about Python

When I say I know a little about Python...

- I think there's some better methods than I'm using
- I think I do sometimes make mistakes
- There are tons of people who know things much more than me
- I think there's much more for me to learn!

Prerequisite

A basic Python knowledge will do!

Your expectations from this talk

Outline

Data Science

Python

Python environments

Jupyter

Python Data Structures

Data Science

The Data Science Process: OSEMNI

- Obtain data from relevent sources
- Scrub, sanitise, and clean the data into machine-understandable formats
- Explore significant and meaningful patterns with statistical methods
- Model construction for prediction and forecast
- iNterpret and use the results obtained
- Interate and rethink about your outputs









Data is the new oil

Tools for data analysis

With GUIs

- Spreadsheets
 - Excel
 - Google Spreadsheets
 - Lotus 1-2-3
- Modelling and Visualisation
 - RapidMiner Studio
 - Weka
 - Tableau

As programming languages

- For data insights
 - R
 - Python
- For data retrieval
 - SQL

Python

Python



Courtesy: xkcd (https://xkcd.com/353/)

I *loved* Python...

- Read it, understand it
- Multiparadigm
- Batteris included
- Lots of great, great libraries!

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- Entirely separated Python

Environments 101: \$PATH

Different machines, different Pythons

On my laptop...

```
srakrn@epsilon-ubuntu:~$ which python
/home/srakrn/.pyenv/shims/python
```

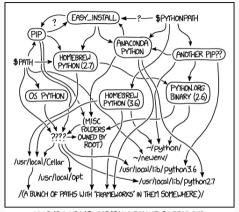
On my https://charles.srakrn.me/ server...

```
srakrn@charles:~$ which python
/usr/bin/python
srakrn@charles:~$ which python3
/usr/bin/python3
```

Installed pip

```
$ pip -V
pip 8.1.1 from /usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages (python 2.7)
$ pip3 -V
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```

Perhaps now you understand me...



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Courtesy: xkcd (https://xkcd.com/1987/)

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Interactive computing environment

Jupyter Notebook





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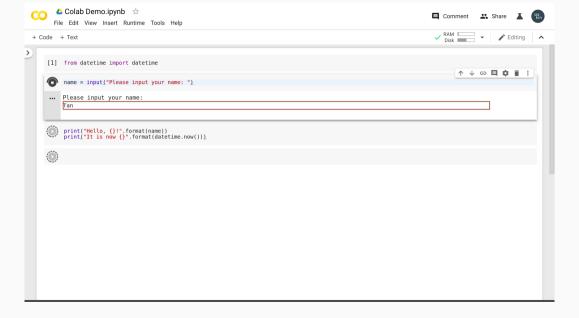


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https://colab.research.google.com/



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You'll do a lot of out-of-order code execution!



You might sometimes remove a cell, and that shows no visible trace without explicit query.



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Caveats 3: Be neat and tidy

Jupyter Notebook and Colab, unlike IDE and code editors, offers a relatively poor clean code tools

- Syntax error highlighting
- Autocomplete
- Linting
- Code formatter

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(Please don't be amused, this is **very** normal.)

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- Slicing: accessing a sublist

List Functions

```
vowels = ["a", "e", "o", "u"]
3 # Get a's length
4 len(a)
5 # Append the new element to the end of a
6 a.append("y")
7 # Deletes the first occurence of the element from a
8 a.remove("v")
9 # Inserts the item into a list with a specified index
10 a.insert(2, "i")
```

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```
vowels = [1, 3, 2, 5, 4]

# Get the first index of a specified element
a.index(4)

# Sort a list and store into a new list
sorted_a = sorted(a)

# Sort a list, making changes directly to the old one
a.sort()
```