

To install Python, first go to the <https://python.org>

Select the Downloads tab. If you are using one of the latest versions of MacOS or Windows, you should see an option for the recommended download pop-up right away.



If so, you can click that Download link immediately. Otherwise, select “Windows” or “macOS” from the drop down menu, as appropriate for your computer.

Look for the latest stable release (under the “Stable Releases” section with the largest number).

## Stable Releases

- [Python 3.9.10 - Jan. 14, 2022](#)  
**Note that Python 3.9.10 cannot be used on Windows 7 or earlier.**
  - Download [Windows embeddable package \(32-bit\)](#)
  - Download [Windows embeddable package \(64-bit\)](#)
  - Download [Windows help file](#)
  - Download [Windows installer \(32-bit\)](#)
  - Download [Windows installer \(64-bit\)](#)
- [Python 3.10.2 - Jan. 14, 2022](#)  
**Note that Python 3.10.2 cannot be used on Windows 7 or earlier.**
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Select the latest stable release, and choose “Download (your OS) installer (64-bit)”

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If you are running Windows 7 or earlier, you may have to scroll down until you see an older version of the Python interpreter, which supports your system.

- [Python 3.7.12 - Sept. 4, 2021](#)

**Note that Python 3.7.12 cannot be used on Windows XP or earlier.**

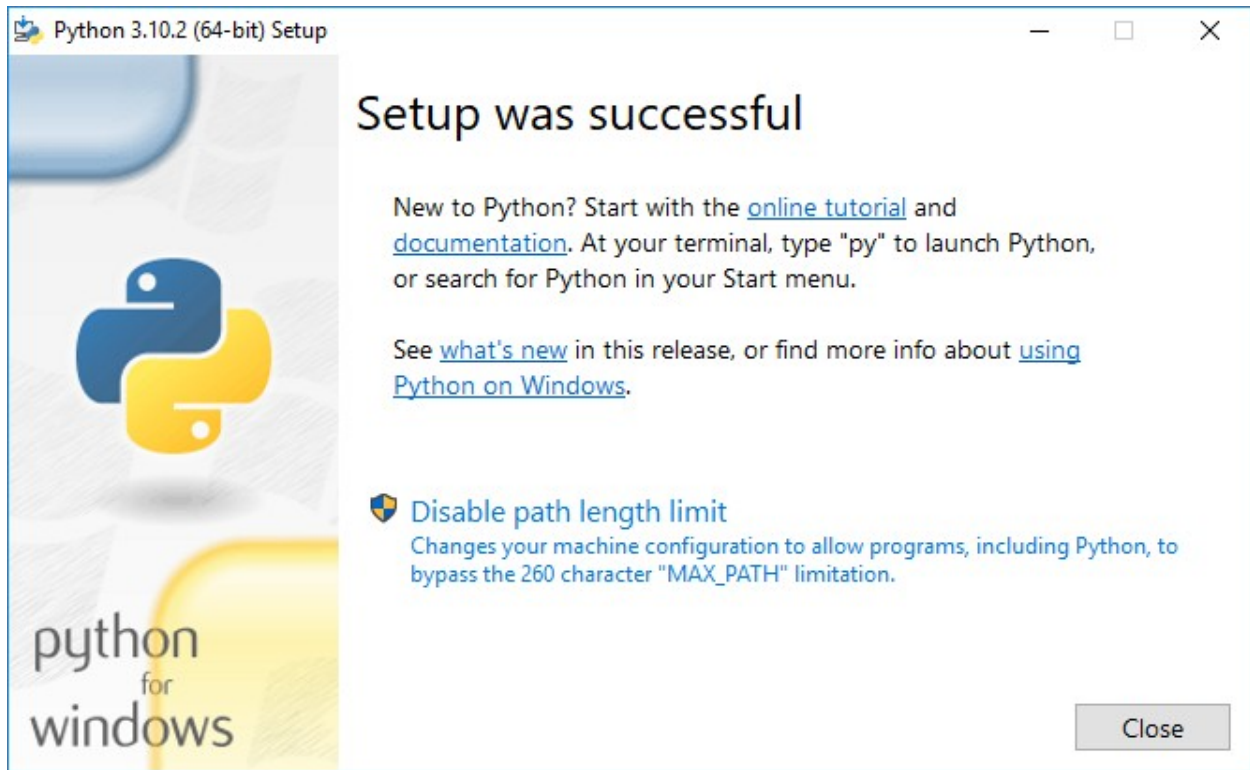
Just make sure that you select a version of Python that starts with a 3 (Python 3.x.x).

Complete the download and run the installer.

If this options is available for your OS, then make sure to check the box “Add Python 3.xx to PATH”:



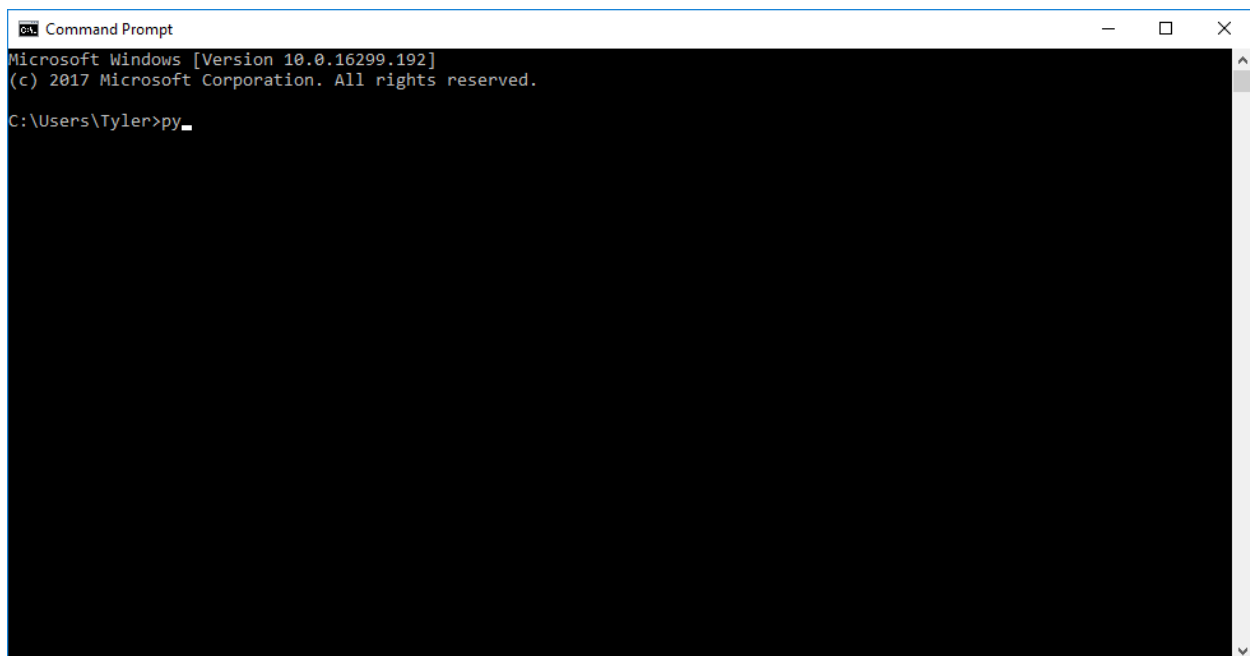
Let the installer run. When it is finished, you should see the following message.



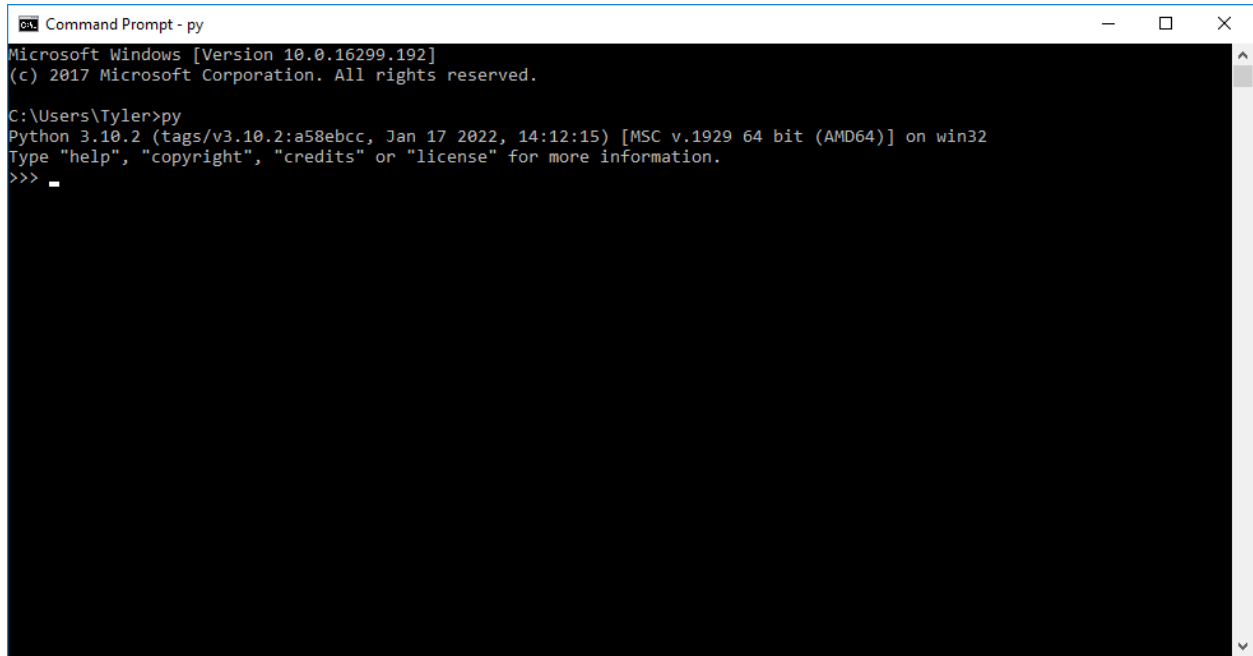
Go ahead and start the command prompt.

Type "py" in Windows or "python3" in Mac/Linux to start the Python 3 interpreter.

**On Windows 10, it looks like this:**



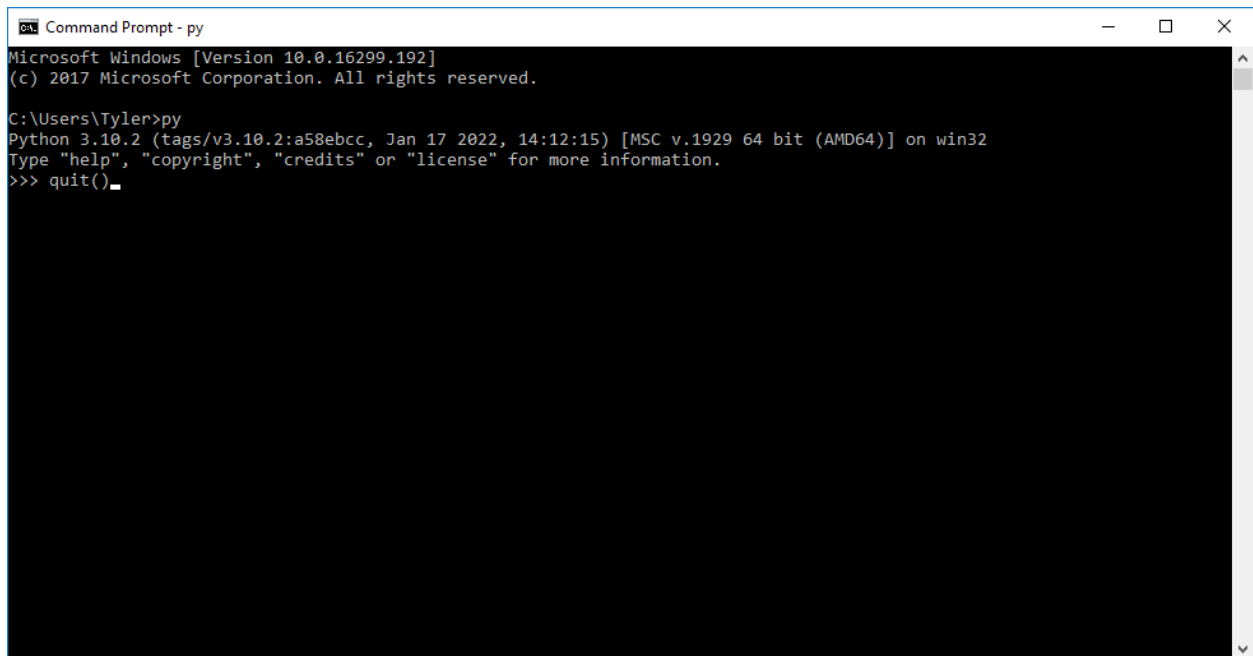
You should see the following message.



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Command Prompt - py
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.16299.192]
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C:\Users\Tyler>py
Python 3.10.2 (tags/v3.10.2:a58ebcc, Jan 17 2022, 14:12:15) [MSC v.1929 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> _
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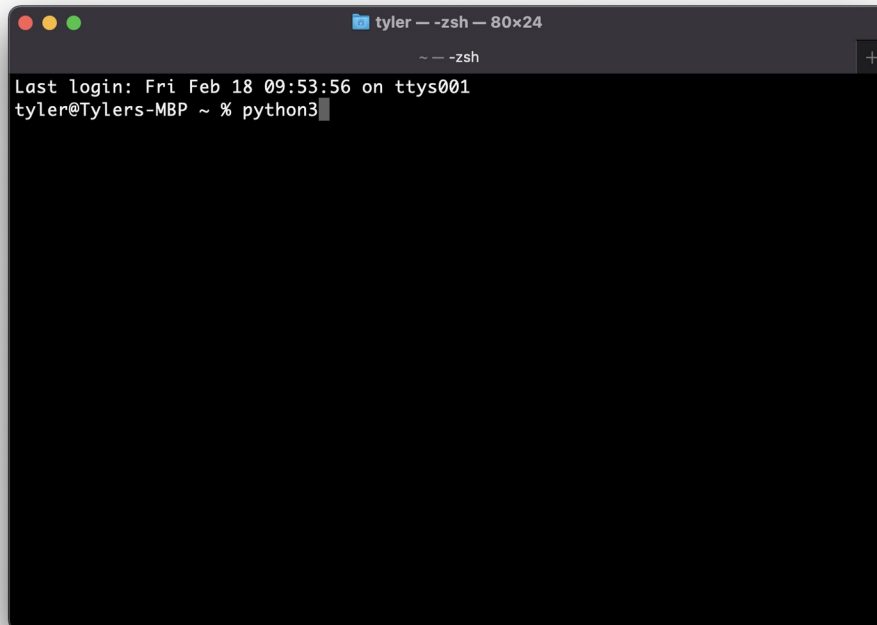
After you have screenshotted the above window, use the “quit()” command to quit.



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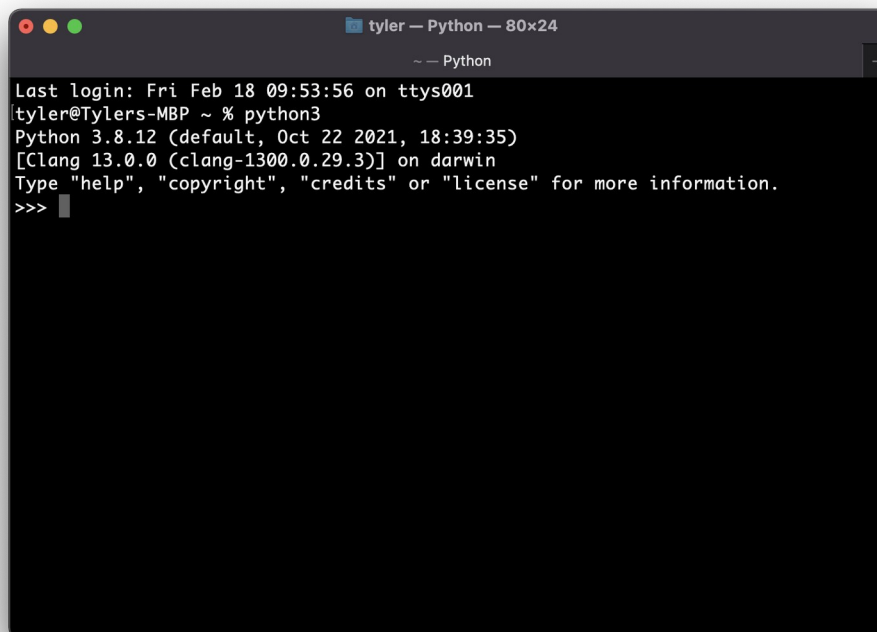
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>>> quit()_
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On Mac, it looks like this:



A terminal window titled "tyler -- zsh -- 80x24" with a dark background. The window shows the following text: "Last login: Fri Feb 18 09:53:56 on ttys001", "tyler@Tylers-MBP ~ % python3", and a cursor at the end of the line.

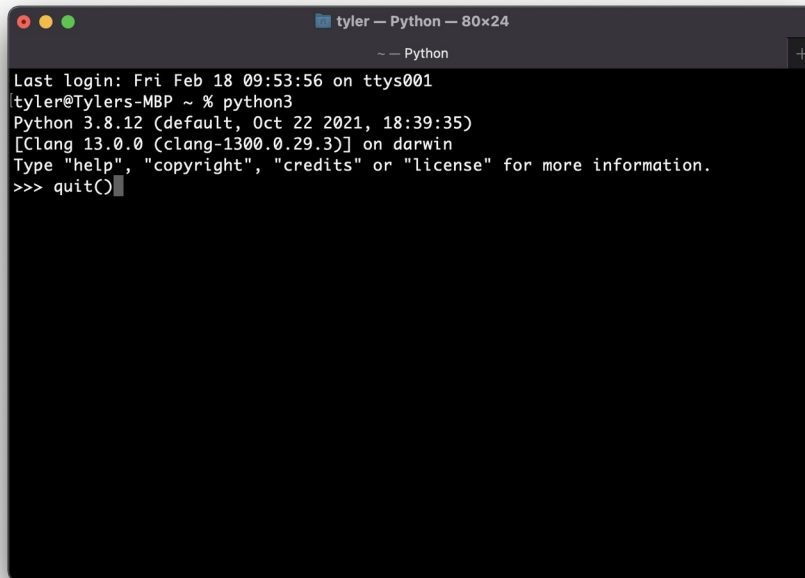
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~ -- zsh
Last login: Fri Feb 18 09:53:56 on ttys001
tyler@Tylers-MBP ~ % python3
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A terminal window titled "tyler -- Python -- 80x24" with a dark background. The window shows the following text: "Last login: Fri Feb 18 09:53:56 on ttys001", "tyler@Tylers-MBP ~ % python3", "Python 3.8.12 (default, Oct 22 2021, 18:39:35)", "[Clang 13.0.0 (clang-1300.0.29.3)] on darwin", "Type \"help\", \"copyright\", \"credits\" or \"license\" for more information.", and ">>>" with a cursor at the end of the line.

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tyler -- Python -- 80x24
~ -- Python
Last login: Fri Feb 18 09:53:56 on ttys001
tyler@Tylers-MBP ~ % python3
Python 3.8.12 (default, Oct 22 2021, 18:39:35)
[Clang 13.0.0 (clang-1300.0.29.3)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
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And to exit:

A terminal window titled "tyler — Python — 80x24" with a subtitle "Python". The window shows the output of running the 'python3' command. The text displayed is: "Last login: Fri Feb 18 09:53:56 on ttys001", "tyler@Tylers-MBP ~ % python3", "Python 3.8.12 (default, Oct 22 2021, 18:39:35)", "[Clang 13.0.0 (clang-1300.0.29.3)] on darwin", "Type \"help\", \"copyright\", \"credits\" or \"license\" for more information.", and ">>> quit()". The cursor is at the end of the last line.

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tyler — Python — 80x24
Python
Last login: Fri Feb 18 09:53:56 on ttys001
tyler@Tylers-MBP ~ % python3
Python 3.8.12 (default, Oct 22 2021, 18:39:35)
[Clang 13.0.0 (clang-1300.0.29.3)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> quit()
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