Intro to Scientific Python

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- "Python is an interpreted, interactive, object-oriented programming language." - Python Software Foundation
- Current Versions:
 - Python 2.7.18 https://docs.python.org/2/
 - Python 3.9.0 https://docs.python.org/3/

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- 'interpreted' evaluates commands one-at-a-time, as it goes
- as opposed to 'compiled', which evaluates all commands in advance, then runs the evaluated bulk in one go

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- 'interactive' as it is interpreted, you can give commands and it can react as you give them
- as opposed to compiled languages, where all commands intended to be run must be given in advance

- "Python is an interpreted, interactive, object-oriented programming language." - Python Software Foundation
- 'object-oriented' more tricky to define!
- based on the idea of 'objects', which are structures which can contain data and code
- these objects can then be used to package and refer to data and code elsewhere

• Python 2.x

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print "Hello, World"
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Hello, World
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• Or, Python 3.x

```
print("Hello, World")
```

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Hello, World
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Workshop Topics

- Modules
 - NumPy
 - MatPlotLib
 - SciPy
- Tools
 - Plotting
 - File Handling
 - Fitting
- Applications
 - Orbital Mechanics (Dynamic Simulation)
 - Monte Carlo (Stochastic Simulation)
 - Root finding by Bisection
 - Numerical Integration and Differentiation

Materials Structure

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Main
 GradNet_Python.pdf
 GradNet_Python_Scientific.pdf
  Basic
  oxdot [data files for the basic workshop]
  Model Solutions
    [.py file model solutions]
\_Scientific
  _ [data files for the scientific workshop]
  Model Solutions
    [.py file model solutions]
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