

Installing Python for Claude Desktop Extension

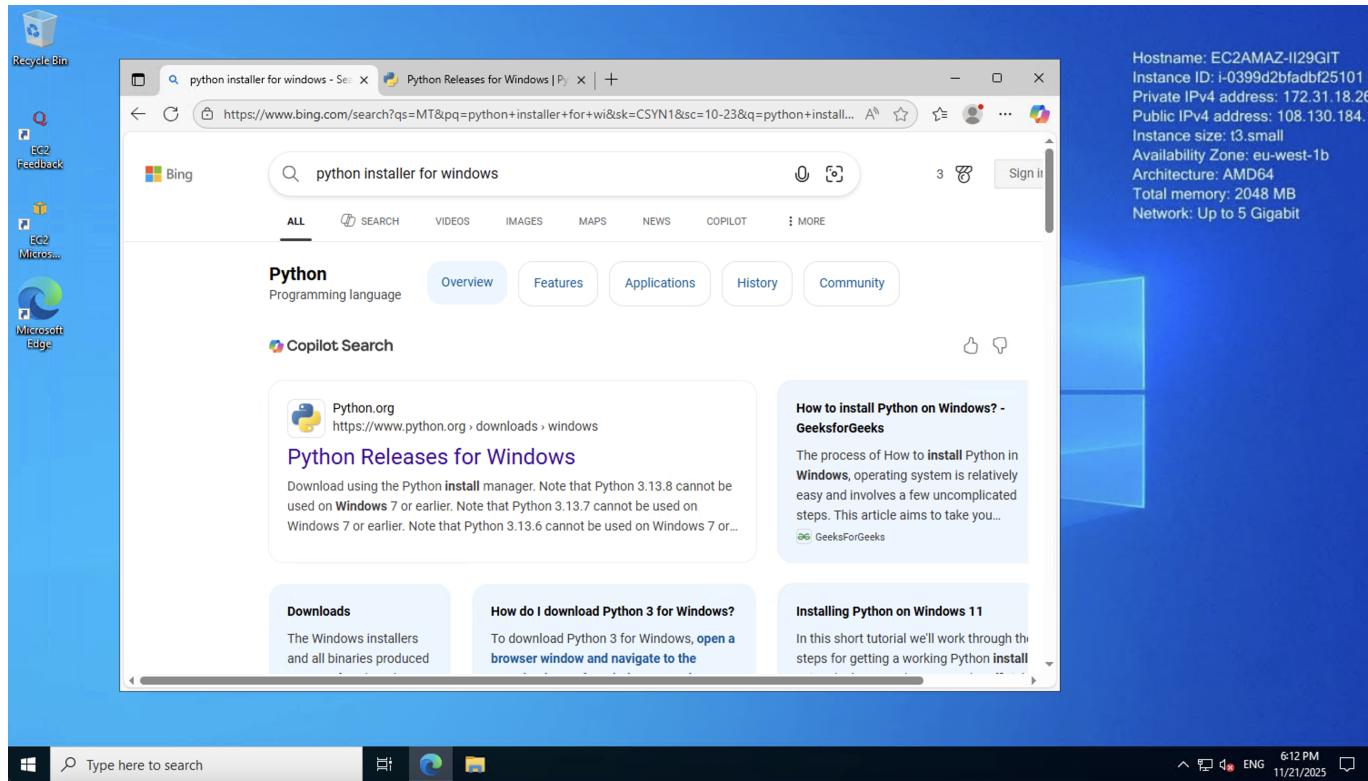
Before you can install and use the Claude Desktop extension, you'll need to have Python installed on your system. This guide will walk you through the simple process of getting Python set up on Windows.

Why Do I Need Python?

The Claude Desktop extension relies on Python to run various scripts and tools that power its functionality. Don't worry if you've never used Python before - you won't need to write any code. We just need to get it installed on your system.

Step 1: Search for the Python Installer

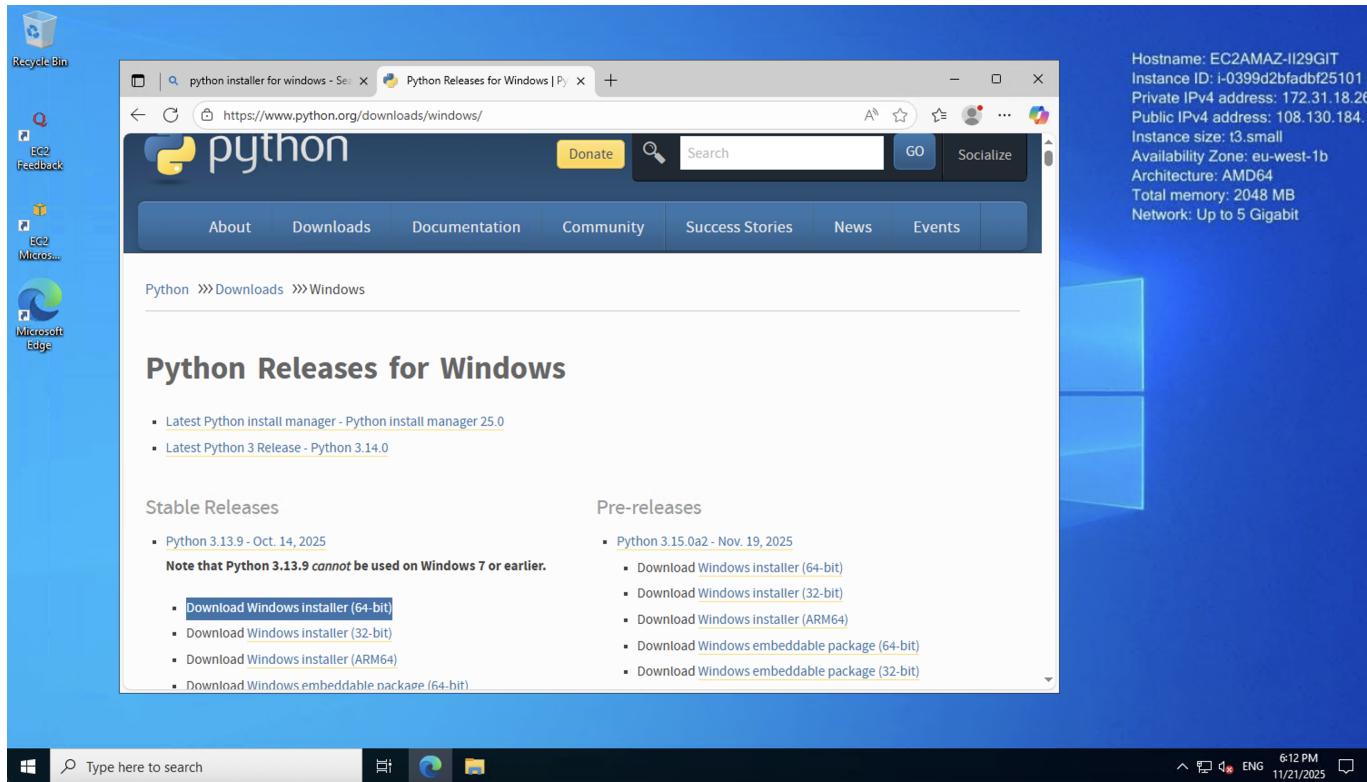
First, open your web browser and search for "python installer for windows". The official Python website should appear in your search results.



You'll see several results about downloading and installing Python. Click on the link that takes you to [python.org/downloads/windows](https://www.python.org/downloads/windows).

Step 2: Choose the Right Installer

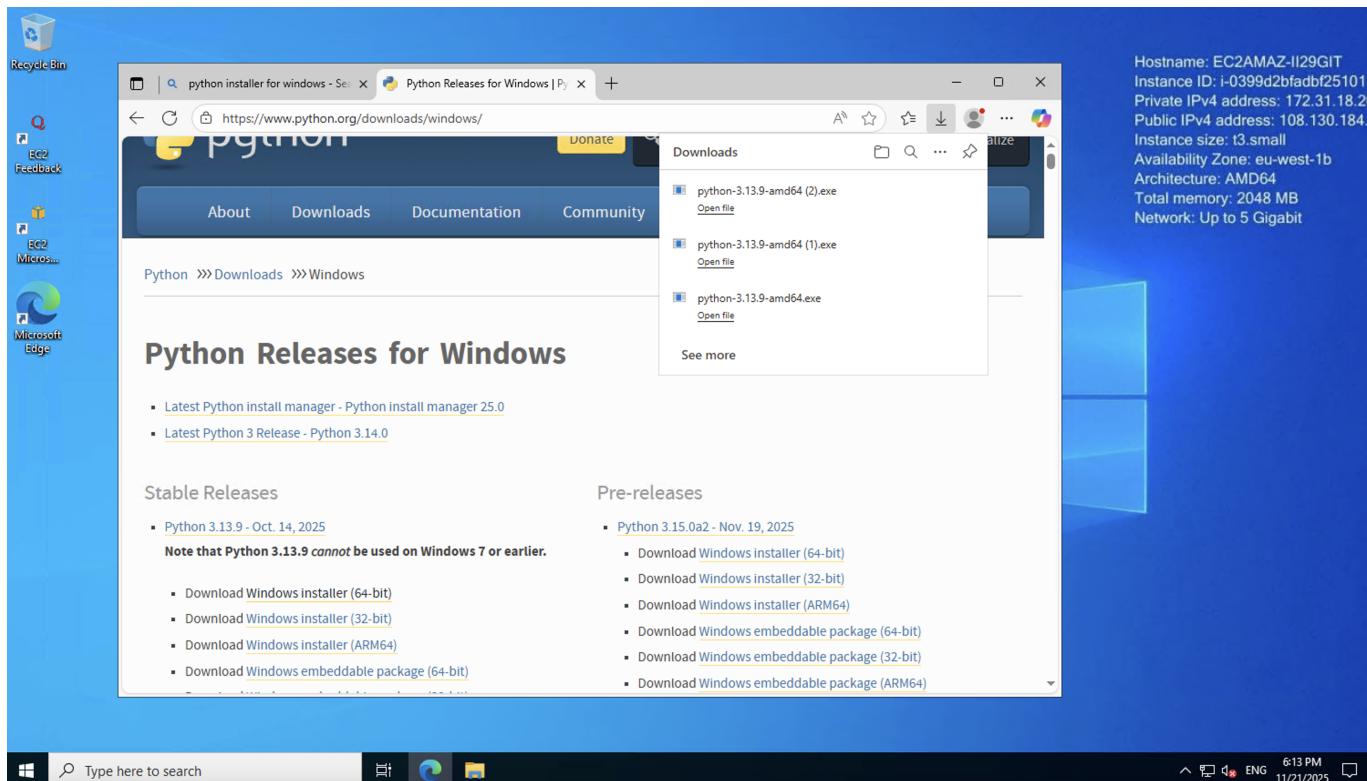
Once you're on the Python downloads page, you'll see various versions available. Look for the latest stable release of Python 3.13.x (or the most recent version available).



Important: Make sure to download the **Windows installer (64-bit)** version. This is the standard installer for most modern Windows computers.

Step 3: Open the Downloaded Installer

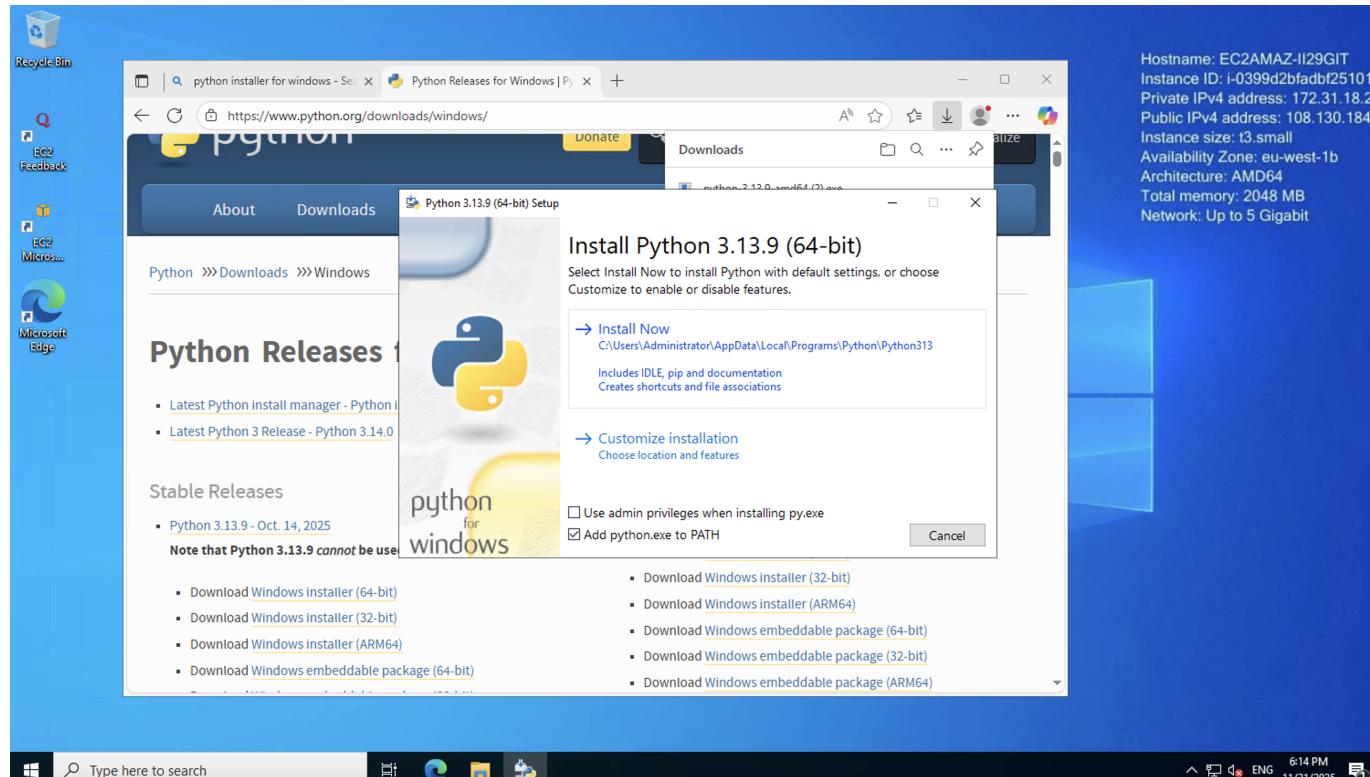
After the download completes, you'll see it appear in your browser's downloads section. Click to open it.



You may see a security prompt asking if you want to run this file. Click "Yes" to proceed.

Step 4: Configure the Installation

This is the most important step! When the Python installer opens, you'll see two checkboxes at the bottom:



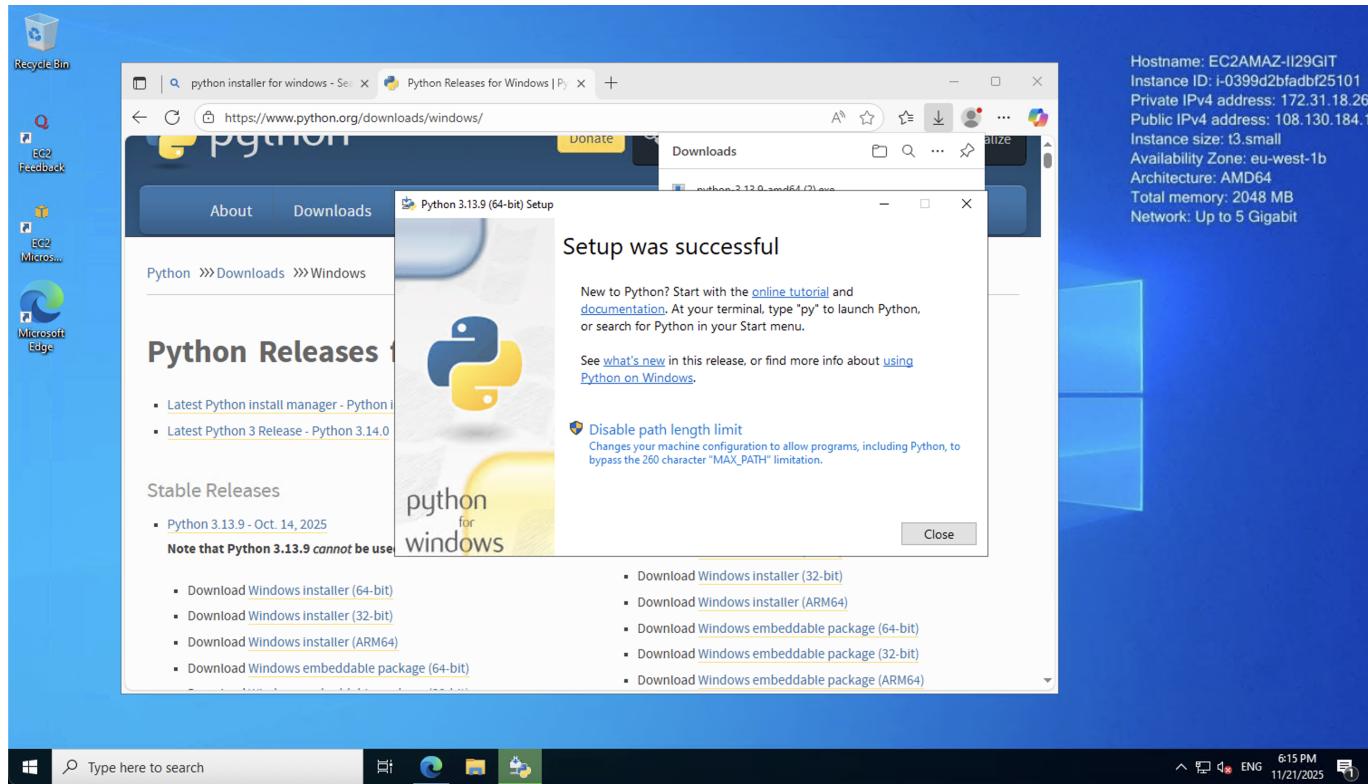
Critical: Make sure to check the box that says "**Add python.exe to PATH**". This allows the Claude Desktop extension (and other programs) to find and use Python automatically.

You may also see an option for "Use admin privileges when installing py.exe" - checking this is recommended.

Once you've checked these boxes, click "**Install Now**" to begin the installation with the recommended settings.

Step 5: Installation Complete

After a few moments, you'll see the success screen confirming that Python has been installed.



The installer will mention that you can now start using Python from the command line by typing `py`. You can click "**Close**" to finish.

You're Ready!

Congratulations! Python is now installed on your system and you're ready to install the Claude Desktop extension. The extension will be able to find and use Python automatically thanks to that "Add to PATH" option you selected.

Troubleshooting

If you run into issues later:

- Make sure you checked "Add python.exe to PATH" during installation
- You can verify Python is installed by opening Command Prompt and typing `python --version`
- If needed, you can run the installer again and choose "Modify" to add Python to PATH after the fact

Now you're ready to move forward with installing the Claude Desktop extension and unlocking its full potential!