

Programming

Introduction

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Course syllabus

Part 1

- Programming basics and terminology
- Introduction to Python

Part 2

- Scientific Programming
- Data Science with Python

Organizational matters

What is Programming?

Overview of Python

Python Basics

Programming (Introduction): What is Programming?



What is a programming language?

- Natural vs. programming language
- Human-readable vs. machine-readable



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Semantics

Meaning behind symbols, words, and sentences



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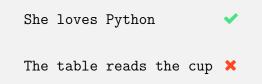
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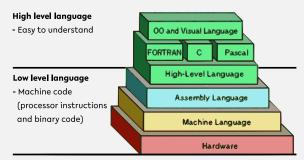


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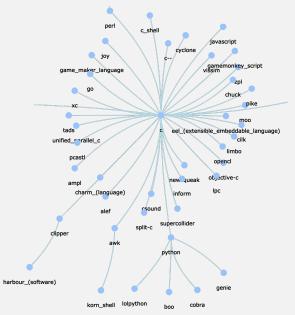


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- change over time,
- inspire new generations of languages.



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Programming paradigms

Many different general paradigms (notable excerpts):

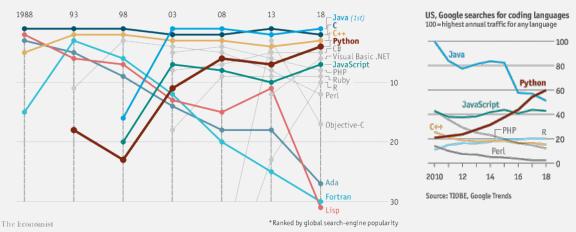
- Imperative Do this, then do that!
 - Procedural (C)
 - Object-oriented (C++, C#, Java)
- Declarative I want this, I want that!
 - Logic (Prolog)
 - Functional (Haskell, Lisp)
- Mixed (Python, R)

There are also special-purpose languages (not necessarily considered "programming" languages), e.g. *LaTeX, HTML, XML*.



Language popularity

Ranking of programming languages*



Source: Python is becoming the world's most popular coding language - The Economist (2018)



Quiz

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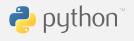
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Python

Originally developed by Guido van Rossum in the late 1980s.

- Open-source and actively maintained
- Applicable to a wide range of applications
- Extremely popular in the data science community

But: There are alternative programming languages. Make sure to use the right one for the task.



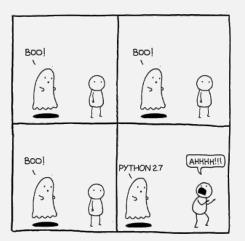


Guido van Rossum, source: https://gvanrossum.github.io, ©Michael Cavotta, license: CC BY-NC-ND 4.0



Which Python version?

- Python 2: still common, although no longer maintained
- Python 3: modernized, backwards-incompatible version of the language

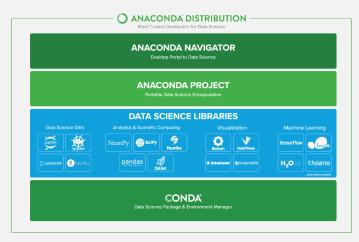


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Development environment: Anaconda

Python Data Science Distribution





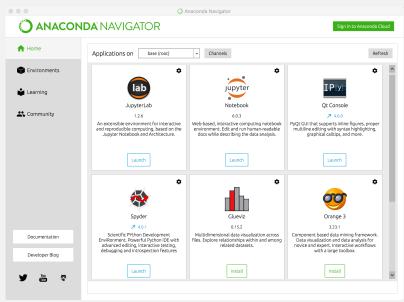
Download Anaconda



https://www.anaconda.com/distribution#download-section



Anaconda navigator





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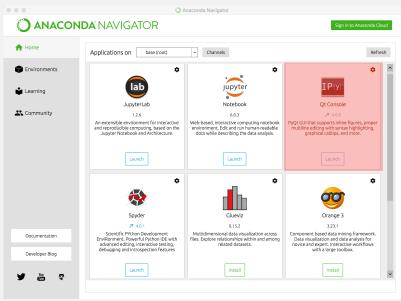
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Arithmetic in Python

Numeric types:

- Integer: int 42
- Real valued numbers: float 42.0
- Complex numbers: complex 42+0j

Operators

- Addition and subtraction + -
- Multiplication and division * / // %
- Exponentiation **



Variables

Variable assignment

a = 42

type(«name of the variable»): returns type of variable



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<pre>type(42 / 3)</pre>	float
type (42 // 3)	int
type (3.14 + 2.71+8j)	complex
<pre>type(42 // 3.14)</pre>	float
▶ a = 1	
a - 10 * 1.0	
type(a)	int



Recap



Summary

- Course logistics
- Introduction to Programming
- First steps in Python