ESOpy v3.0

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First Day (e.g.What is Python Day)

1- Introduction (Romain)

2-3-4 Basics of Python programming (Ivan)

5-Reading/writing ascii files in Python (Romain)

6-Functions in Python (Elyar)

7-Introduction to the Numpy array (Romain)

Let's get started: What is Python?

Python is an interpreted, object-oriented, high-level programming language

No Need to compile

The notion of 'object' is central in Python (See Elyar's talk tomorrow)

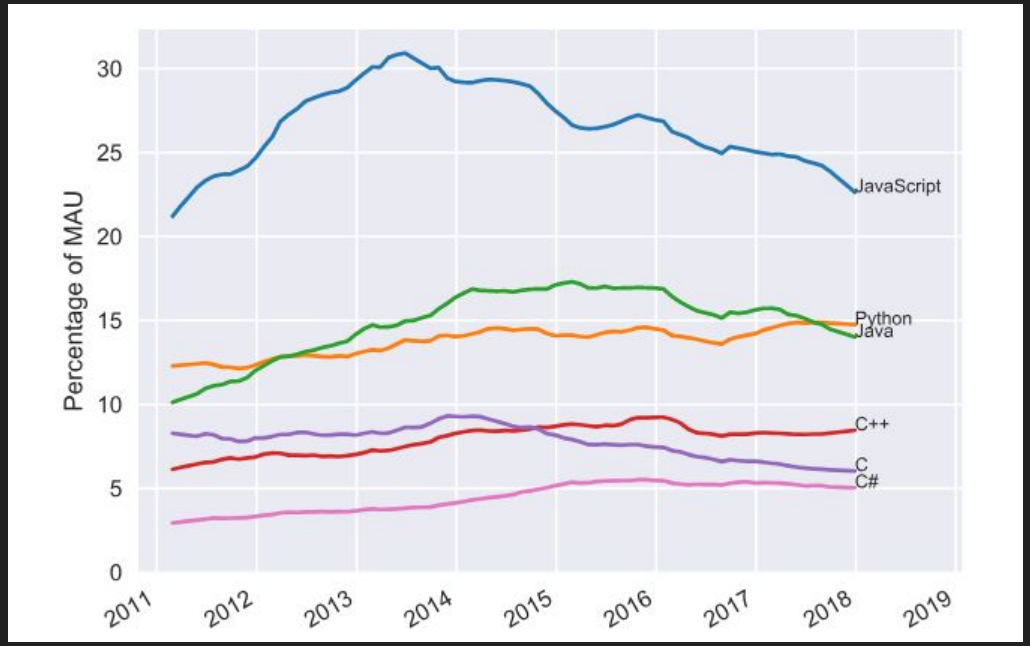
User-Friendly → Close to human language (english)

Python was invented in late 80's/Early 90's by Guido Van Rossum in the Netherlands and it is names after the Monthy Python.

- First Version v0.9.0 released in 02/1991
- v1.0 released in 01/1994.
- v2.0 released in 10/2000 → v2.7 is still used by a lot of people
- v3.0 released in 12/2008 → We use v3.7 it in the workshop
- v4.0 released in ?????????

Python is distributed under the General Public Licence (GPL)

How Popular is it?



Ranking Programming Languages by GitHub Users

(MAU = Monthly Active User)

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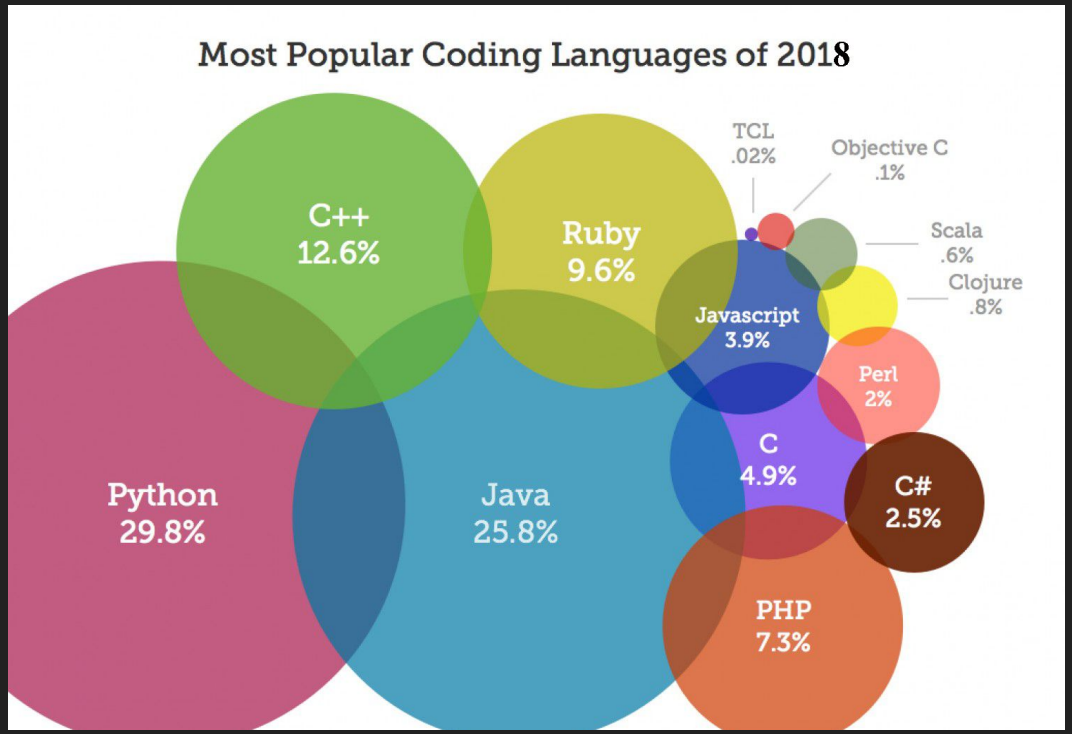

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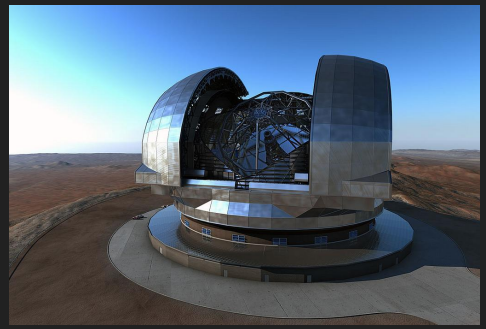
Major Programming language in Astronomy!

Huge community of scientist writing codes / libraries so you can do your job more efficiently!

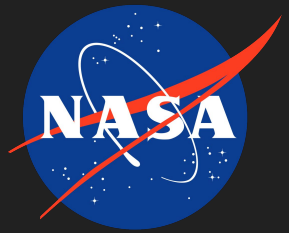


Where is Python used?

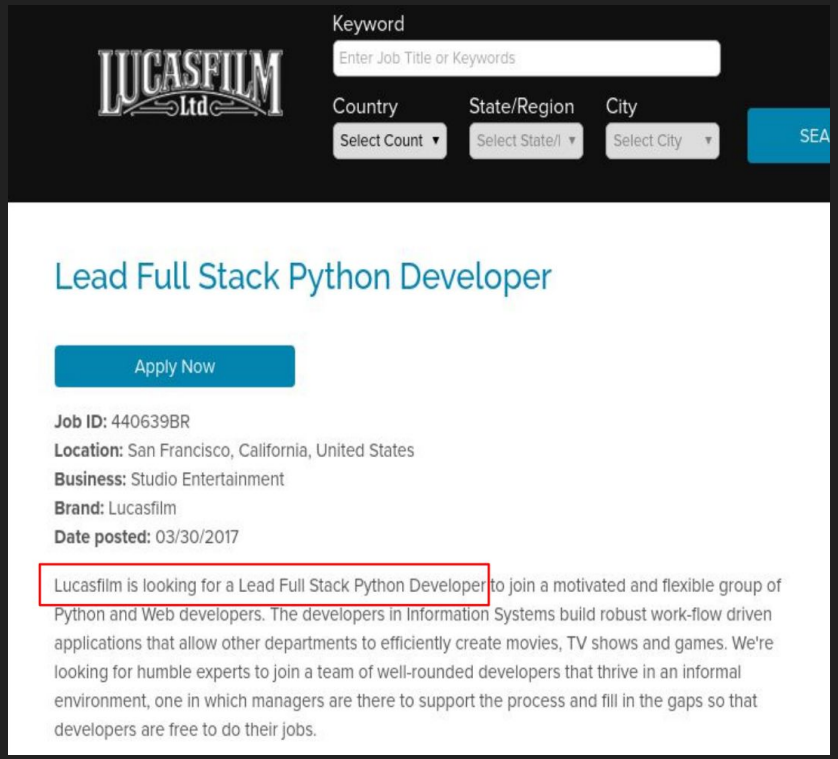
Build website!

Python + Django

Quora



Where is Python used? → Games and movies!



Learning Python...OK..But which one??

Python 2.X

Released in 2000

+A lot of material are still in python 2

-No more bug fixes or security update

-Support for a lot of libraries will stop soon

End of Life: 2020

Python 3.X

Release in 2008 with some compatibility problem

+Most of libraries are Py3.X compatible

+New version of libraries are always going to Py3

+This is the current state of the language

We used py3.7 for the camp!

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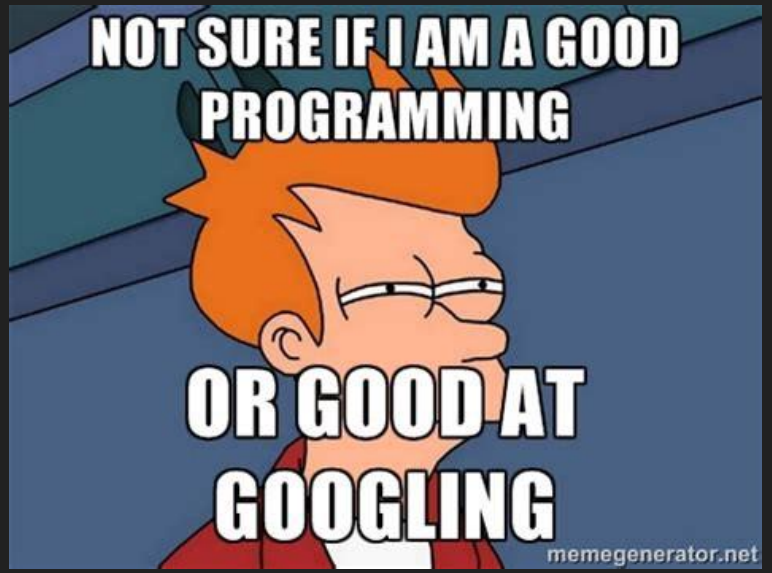
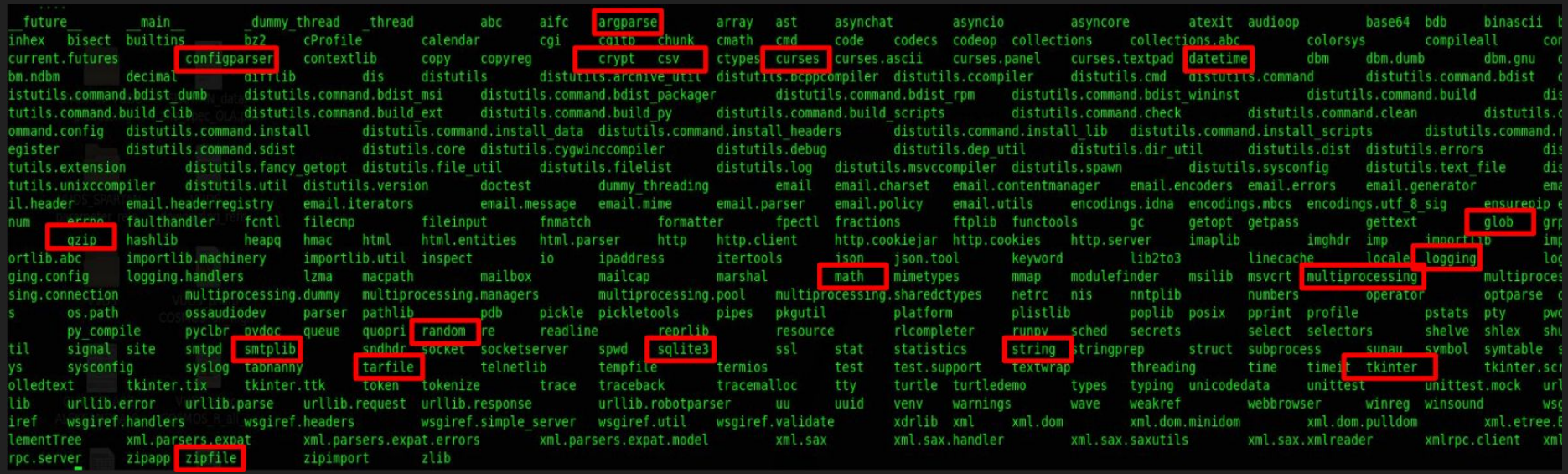
You will discover yourself a new best friend:

stackoverflow



The Python Standard Library:

Natively available Python modules
→They come with your installation



Adding extra packages:

From the Python Package Index [PyPi]:

Contains more than 100,000 packages

→ Four useful commands:

- pip search + modul

will display a list of package with the word you are giving

- pip install + modul [+ '--user']

will install the package in your python distribution

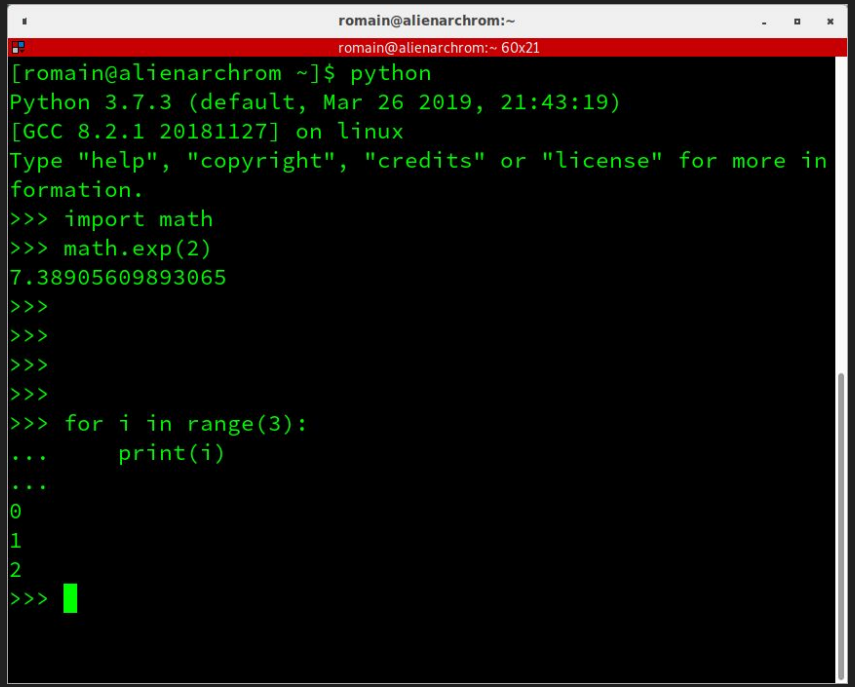
- pip uninstall + modul

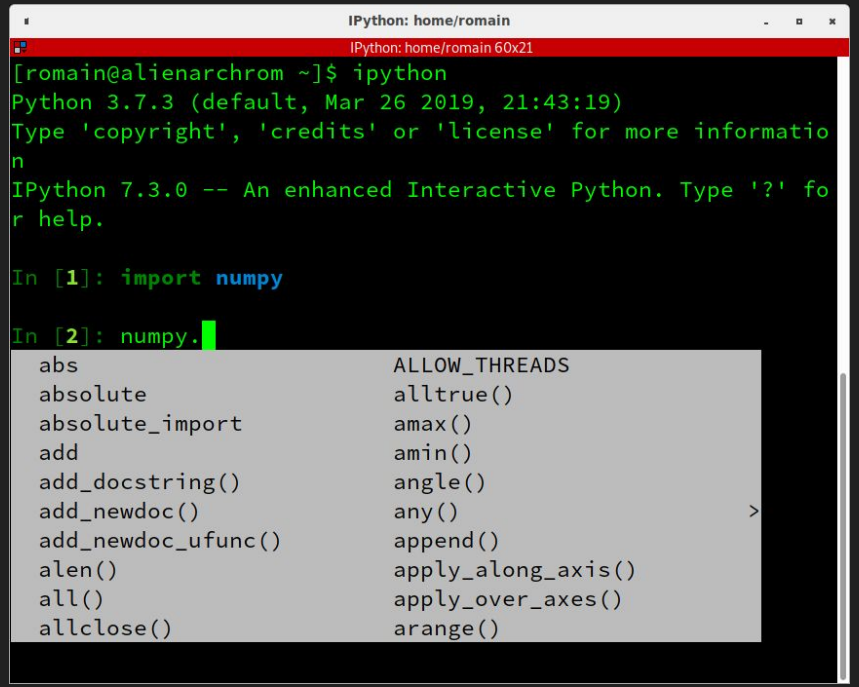
will remove the package from your distribution

- pip freeze

will list all the pip-installed packages in your distribution with the version number

The Python Interpreter:





Where do I write python code?

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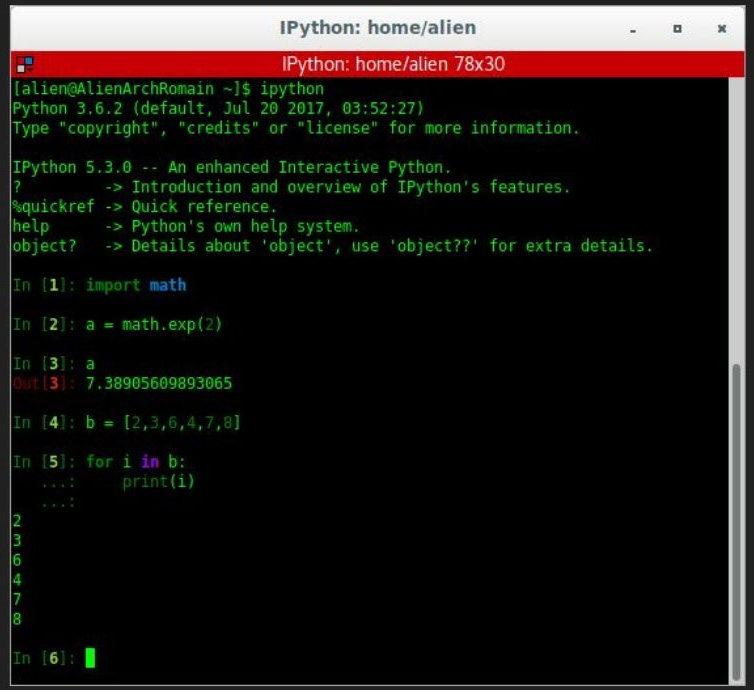
In the python interpreter (with python or ipython)



-Easy to use (you write your line of code and press enter)

- Nice environment to test

- You get the help of the functions directly accessible

-Does not save your work in an external file

Where do I write python code?

In an external file, with your favorite text editor or python IDE
→ You will create a *.py file

-You keep your code! (so you can share it!)

-You can create reusable modules

-Makes you organize your code and make it clearer

- Require a more organised work and thinking

You have multiple choices!


```
#####################
#R. THOMAS @ ESO, 2017
#####################
## This code convert normal
## X, Y spectrum to 'bar plot'
## spectrum
#############


def create_barplot(X,Y):
    '''
    This function convert the X, Y
    to another Xd and Yd that allows to plot 'bar spectra'

    Parameter
    ---------
    X       numpy array, wavelength
    Y       numpy array, flux

    Return:
    -------
    Xd      numpy array, wavelength in bar spectra type
    Yd      numpy array, flux in bar spectra mode

    '''

    Xd = []
    Yd = []
    dd = (X[1]-X[0])/2
    for i in range(len(X)):
        Xd.append(X[i]-dd)
        Xd.append(X[i]+dd)
        Yd.append(Y[i])
        Yd.append(Y[i])

    Xd = numpy.array(Xd)
    Yd = numpy.array(Yd)

    return Xd, Yd
```

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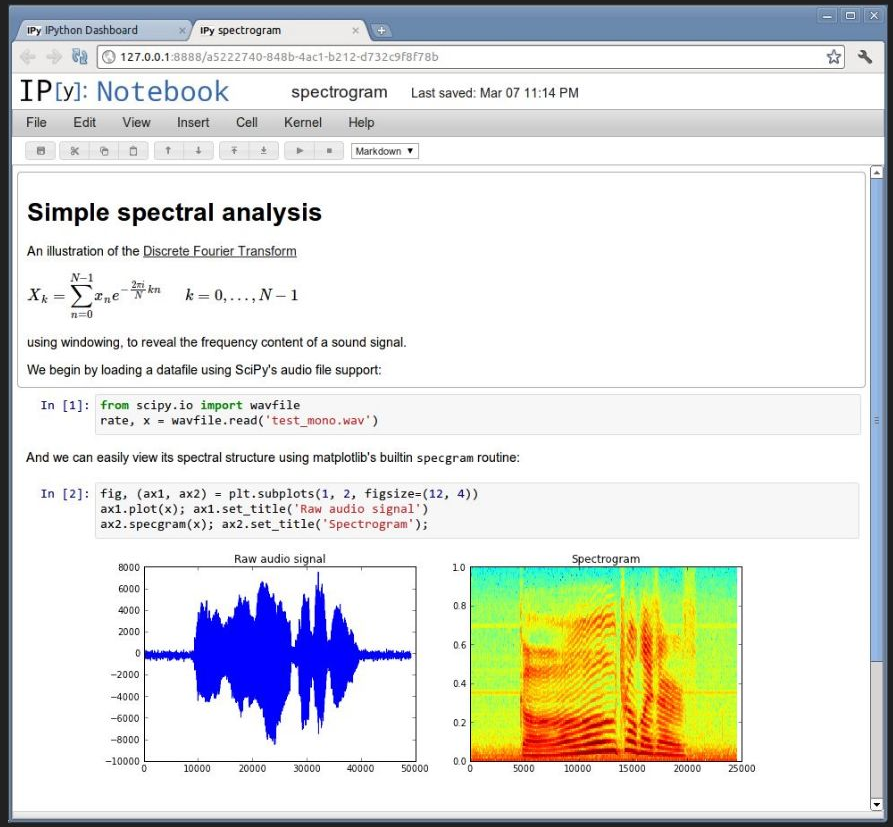
In a python notebook
→ you will create a *.ipynb file

-Web interface

-It is an *advanced* ipython

-You keep your code! (so you can share it!)

-Especially suitable for exercices and demonstration



Writing and *commenting* and *documenting* code:

Python comes with rules about how to write a good code. They are described in the PEP8 and PEP257 documents (*Python Enhancement Proposal*). If you ignore them your code will work (don't worry) but following them will make your code more readable.

- Python is indentation sensitive
  → one indentation = 4 spaces
- Imports
  → one import per line, no wildcard imports
- Avoid too long lines
  → (max 80-100 characters / line)
- ***A code is read much more often than it is written*** - Guido van Rossum
  → Comment your code!!!!!!

- doctsrings: A format to document fct/classes/modules. Ex: numpydoc

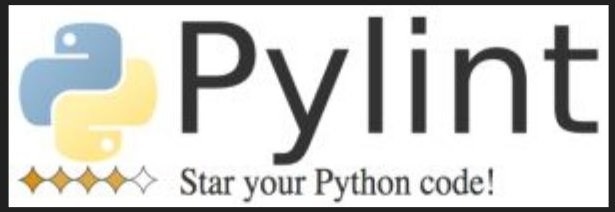
```
def function(param1, param2):
    """Example function.

    The return type must be duplicated in the docstring to comply
    with the NumPy docstring style.

    Parameters
    ----------
    param1
        type, short description.
    param2
        type, short description.

    Returns
    -------
    bool
        True if successful, False otherwise.
```

Useful tools and resources



supports a number of features, from coding standards to error detection, and it also helps with refactoring (by detecting duplicated code).

Spyder & PyCharm are widely used development environment for python

Something you do not understand?
Something you do not know how to do?

If you want to look at advanced codes you can go there →

I will not propose books or websites here with python lectures.
You can just type 'python lectures' , 'python for beginners' in google and you will find thousands of solutions (do not forget youtube, there are plenty of videos with python classes)

Open a python shell and type : import this

Enjoy the three days of coding!

And Biiiiig Thanks to the Speakers:

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