Python Intro&Install

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What is Python?



"An interpreted high-level programming language"





Overall

- Emphasizes code readability
 - # Indentation counts!
- Dynamic type system# Lazy coding!
- Automatic memory management
 # No more segmentation fault!
- Abundant library packages
 # No need to reinvent the wheel!

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def quicksort(arr):
    if len(arr) <= 1:
        return arr
    pivot = arr[len(arr) // 2]
    left = [x for x in arr if x < pivot]
    middle = [x for x in arr if x == pivot]
    right = [x for x in arr if x > pivot]
    return quicksort(left) + middle + quicksort(right)

print(quicksort([3,6,8,10,1,2,1]))
```

Installation

Check out Python.org for the latest version (currently 3.13)

- Linux: Mostly already pre-installed!
- Windows: Download Python installer (x64 version)
- MAC OS: Type in terminal brew install python3

Packages

Installing packages We recommend using pip:

pip3 install [package]

If you encounter permission problem, try:

pip3 install [package] --user

If you have multiple Python versions, we suggest:

python3.X -m pip install [package]

For this tutorial, please install numpy, pillow, opency-python

pip install numpy pillow opency-python

Using Python

- 1. Use your favorite text editor to create XXX.py
- 2. Run the file by typing in the terminal/cmd:

python3 XXX.py

Virtual Environment

- 1. Allow user to install packages at a isolated environment
- 2. Guarantee reproducibility
- 3. Ensures consistency (Not polluted by other projects)

Now reate one with anaconda or veny ...!

Install anaconda

- Download anaconda or miniconda following the instruction on this <u>url</u>
- Export the binary folder in conda to PATH
- Command commands
 - conda create -n <name> python=3.<version>
 - conda activate <name>
 - conda deactivate

Appendix: Edit Python in Vscode

