

# Programming: Introduction

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# WHO ARE WE?

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**Organizational  
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**What is Program-  
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**Overview of  
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**Python Basics**

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# COURSE MATERIAL

- ▶ ... available on course website:

`https://gds.techfak.de/teaching/2020winter/prog`

- ▶ Slides and pointers to literature
- ▶ Exercise sheets

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- ▶ e-Learning Videos
- ▶ Exercise sheets
- ▶ Pointers to literature
- ▶ Forum
- ▶ **Weekly submission of exercise solutions**

# LECTURES

- ▶ Video will be provided every  
**Wednesday, 16:00**
- ▶ Video contents are discussed  
**Wednesday thereafter, 14:15 - 15:45**
- ▶ ZOOM meeting:  
`https://uni-bielefeld.zoom.us/j/94847580461?pwd=bDBPVFpRR2lReVZsY0J6ditndm9hZz09`
- ▶ Lectures are question-answer rounds, arranged in small groups (via breakout rooms)



# TUTORIALS

- ▶ Every

**Thursday, 10:15-11:45**

- ▶ ZOOM meeting:

`https://uni-bielefeld.zoom.us/j/7524675886?  
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- ▶ Discussion of exercise solutions
- ▶ You will present solutions to your classmates

# LITERATURE

- ▶ VanderPlas, Jake. (2016). *Python data science handbook*. Beijing; Boston; Farnham; Sebastopol; Tokyo: O'Reilly.
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- ▶ Ana Bell, Eric Grimson, John Guttag (2016) *MIT 6.0001 Introduction to Computer Science and Programming in Python*: <http://ocw.mit.edu/6-0001F16>
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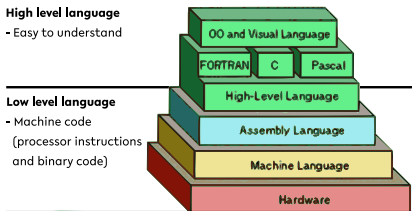
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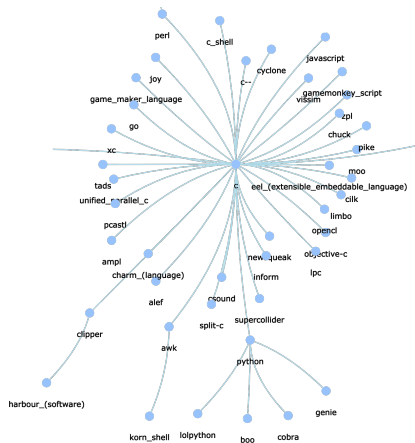
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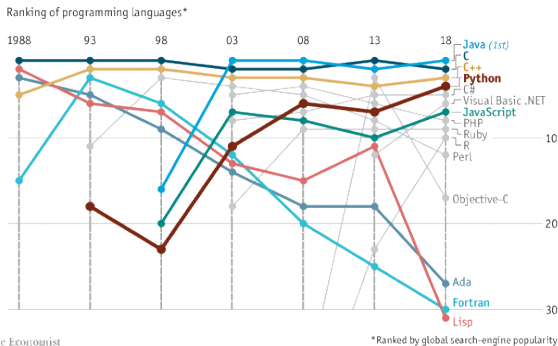
# PROGRAMMING PARADIGMS

Many different general paradigms (notable excerpts):

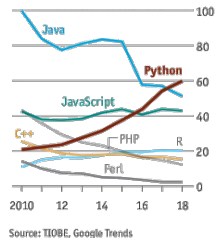
- ▶ Imperative – *Do this, then do that!*
  - ▶ Procedural (C)
  - ▶ Object-oriented (C++, C#, Java)
- ▶ Declarative – *I want this, I want that!*
  - ▶ Logic (Prolog)
  - ▶ Functional (Haskell, Lisp)
- ▶ Mixed (Python, R)

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

# LANGUAGE POPULARITY



US, Google searches for coding languages  
100=highest annual traffic for any language



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

# QUIZ

- ▶ *Syntactic or semantic ambiguity?*
  - ▶ “Milk drinkers are turning to powder.”
  - ▶ “Stolen painting found by tree.”
  - ▶ “She went to her house, and so did Jane.”
  
- ▶ *True or false?*
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| ▶ “Assembly language is a low level language.”                  | true  |
| ▶ “Functional programming is a form of imperative programming.” | false |



# 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.

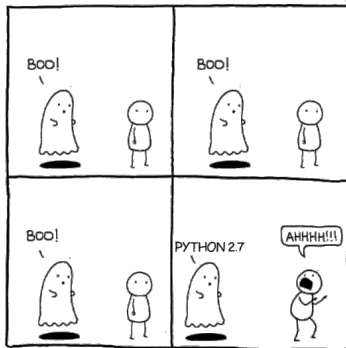


Guido van Rossum, source:  
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# WHICH PYTHON VERSION?

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

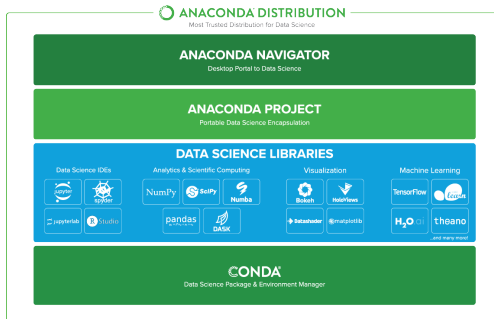


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# DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT: ANACONDA

## *Python Data Science Distribution*



# DOWNLOAD ANACONDA



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

# ANACONDA NAVIGATOR

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