TECHNOLOGY - exchange

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Bite-sized talks to give the audience a little something to chew on





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Why this session?



Network Automation Tapas



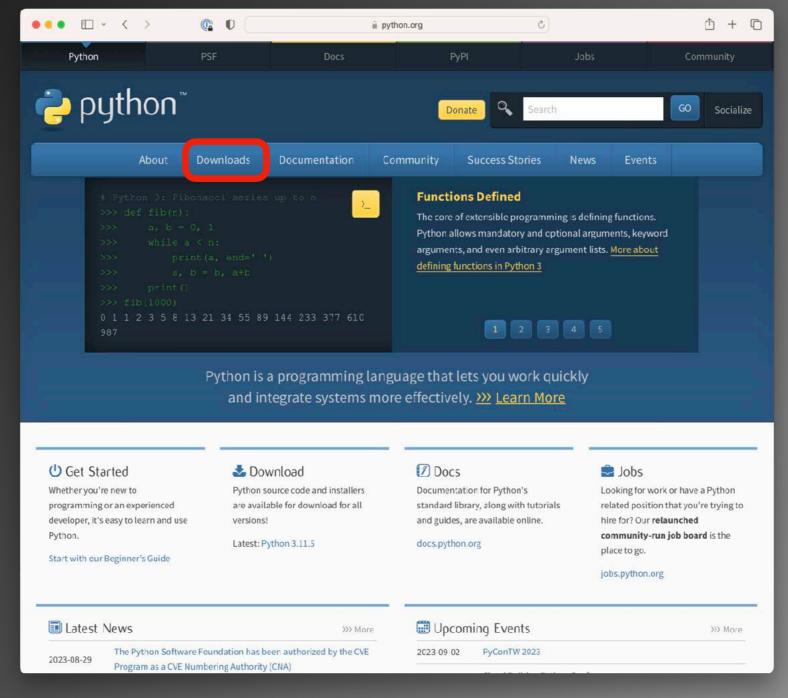


Getting Started with Python



Python Software Foundation

Option #1



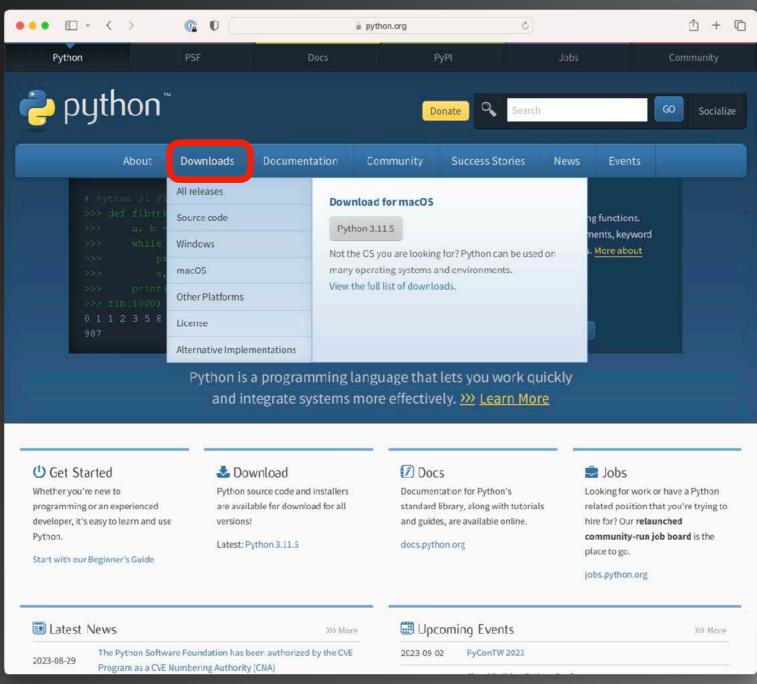




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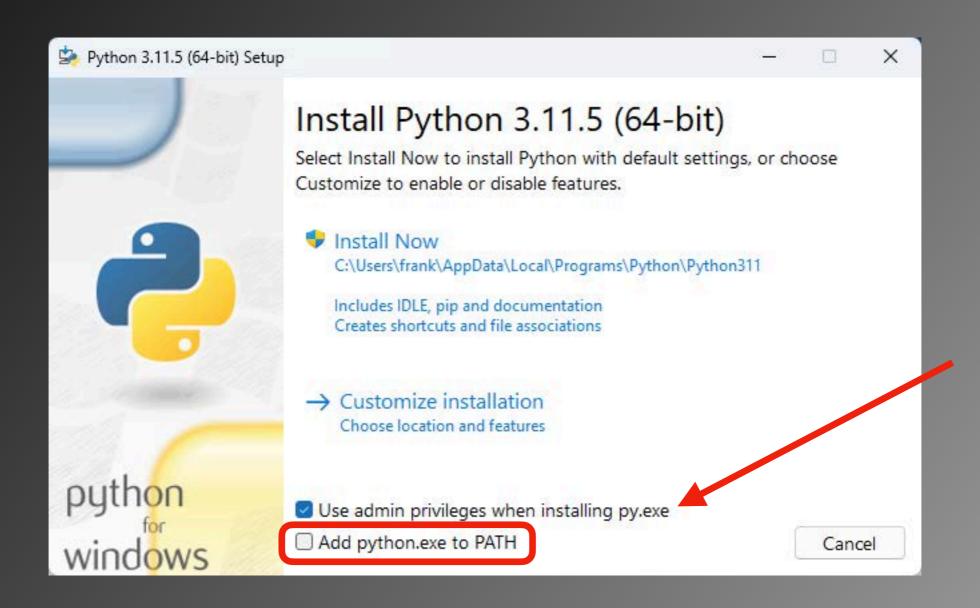
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Installing Python

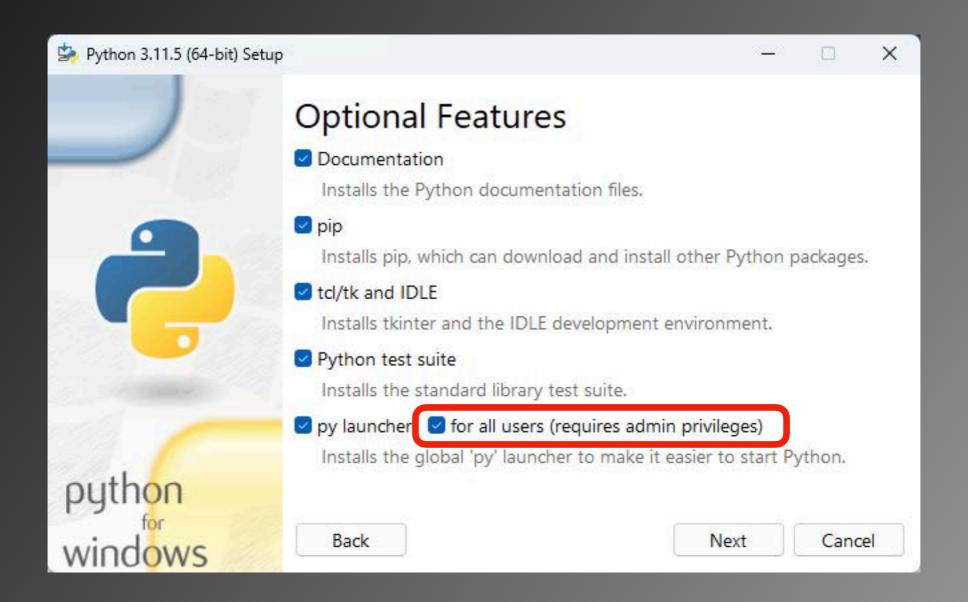
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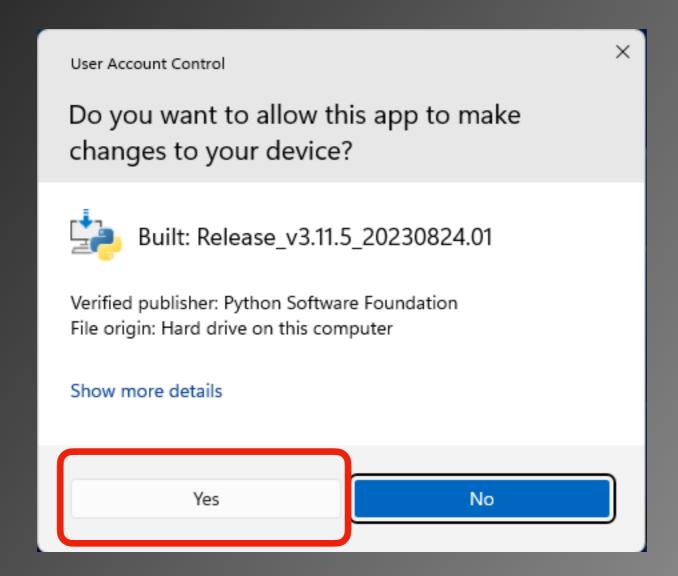


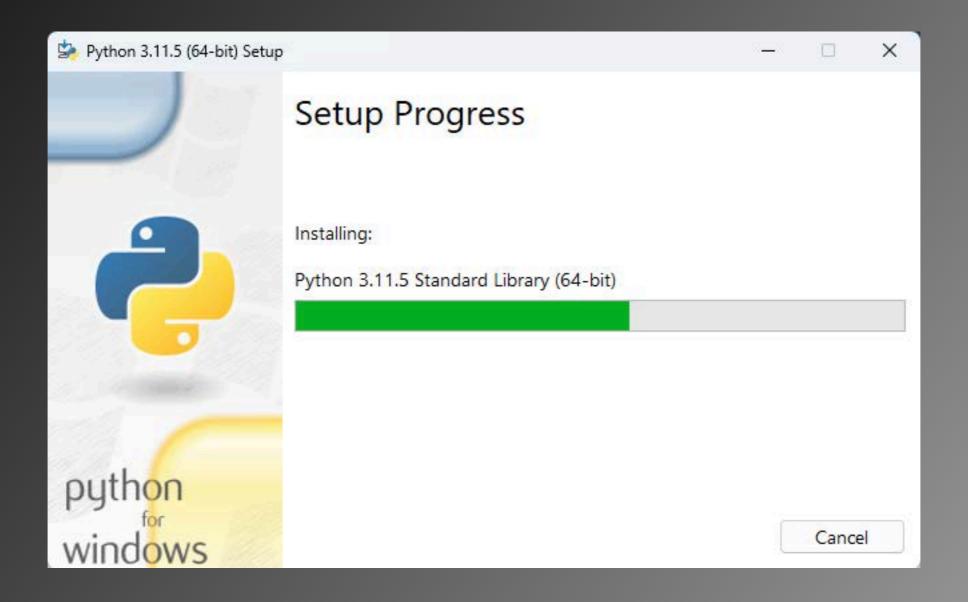


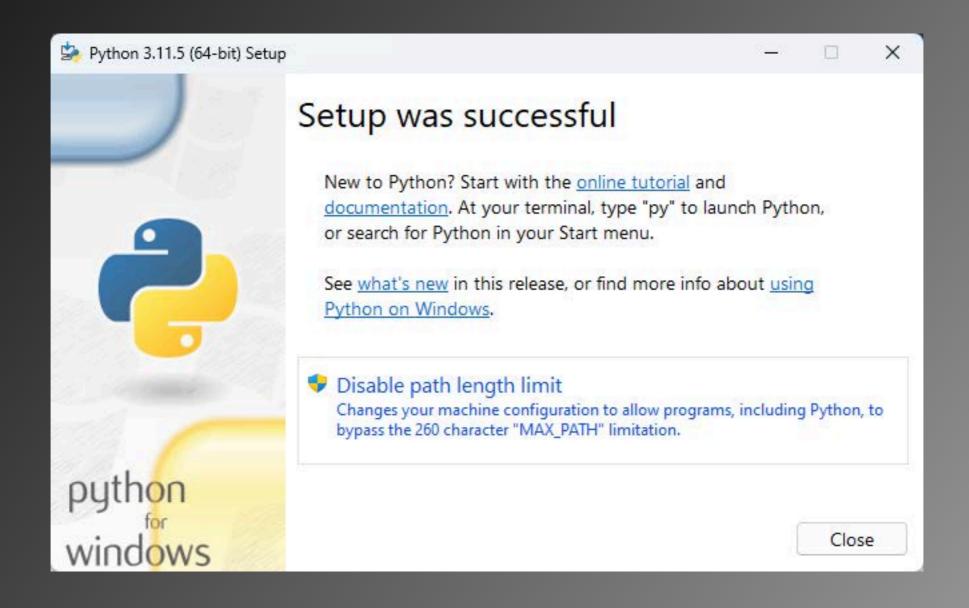












Python.org Windows Installer installs Python in

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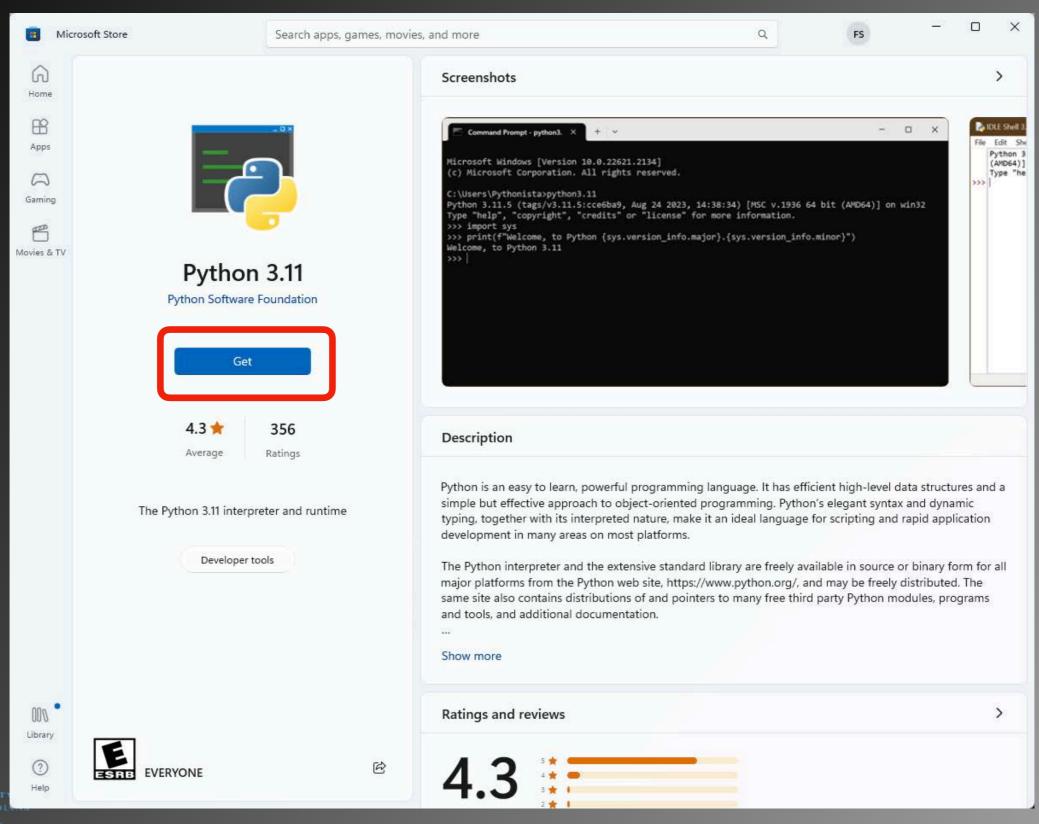
Option #2: Microsoft Store



Simply

- 1. open the Microsoft Store and search for "python", or
- 2. open PowerShell/Command Prompt and just type python to bring up the Store.







Microsoft Store installs Python in

C:\Users\<user>\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\

Python modules (e.g., seen using pip list -v) are located in

C:\Users\<user>\AppData\Local\Packages\
PythonSoftwareFoundation.Python.3.11_...\LocalCache\
local-packages\Python311\site-packages\



Option #3: Chocolatey

The Package Manager for Windows

https://chocolatey.org/



Simply open PowerShell as an administrative shell (i.e., "Run as Administrator") and enter

choco install python



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
1 packages installed.
PS C:\Users\frank> dir /
    Directory: C:\
                     LastWriteTime
Mode
                                           Length Name
                5/6/2022 10:24 PM
d----
                9/2/2023 3:43 PM
                                                  Program Files
               5/6/2022 11:10 PM
                                                  Program Files (x86)
d-r---
               3/23/2023 3:30 PM
                                                  Users
d-r---
                9/2/2023 3:52 PM
                                                  Windows
PS C:\Users\frank> choco install python
Chocolatey v2.2.2
Installing the following packages:
By installing, you accept licenses for the packages.
Progress: Downloading chocolatey-compatibility.extension 1.0.0... 100%
chocolatey-compatibility.extension v1.0.0 [Approved]
chocolatey-compatibility.extension package files install completed. Performing other installation steps.
 Installed/updated chocolatey-compatibility extensions.
 The install of chocolatey-compatibility.extension was successful.
  Software installed to 'C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\extensions\chocolatey-compatibility'
Progress: Downloading chocolatey-core.extension 1.4.0... 100%
chocolatey-core.extension v1.4.0 [Approved]
chocolatey-core.extension package files install completed. Performing other installation steps.
 Installed/updated chocolatey-core extensions.
 The install of chocolatey-core.extension was successful.
 Software installed to 'C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\extensions\chocolatey-core'
Progress: Downloading chocolatey-windowsupdate.extension 1.0.5... 100%
chocolatey-windowsupdate.extension v1.0.5 [Approved]
chocolatey-windowsupdate.extension package files install completed. Performing other installation steps.
Installed/updated chocolatey-windowsupdate extensions.
 The install of chocolatey-windowsupdate.extension was successful.
  Software installed to 'C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\extensions\chocolatey-windowsupdate'
Progress: Downloading KB2919442 1.0.20160915... 100%
KB2919442 v1.0.20160915 [Approved]
KB2919442 package files install completed. Performing other installation steps.
The package KB2919442 wants to run 'ChocolateyInstall.ps1'.
Note: If you don't run this script, the installation will fail.
Note: To confirm automatically next time, use '-y' or consider:
choco feature enable -n allowGlobalConfirmation
Do you want to run the script?([Y]es/[A]ll - yes to all/[N]o/[P]rint): _
```



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Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Progress: Downloading vcredist2015 14.0.24215.20170201... 100%
vcredist2015 v14.0.24215.20170201 [Approved]
vcredist2015 package files install completed. Performing other installation steps.
The install of vcredist2015 was successful.
 Software installed to 'C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\lib\vcredist2015'
Progress: Downloading python311 3.11.5... 100%
python311 v3.11.5 [Approved]
python311 package files install completed. Performing other installation steps.
Installing 64-bit python311...
python311 has been installed.
Added C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\bin\python3.11.exe shim pointed to 'c:\python311\python.exe'.
Python installed to: 'C:\Python311'
Restricting write permissions to Administrators
 python311 can be automatically uninstalled.
The install of python311 was successful.
 Software installed as 'exe', install location is likely default.
Progress: Downloading python3 3.11.5... 100%
python3 v3.11.5 [Approved]
python3 package files install completed. Performing other installation steps.
The install of python3 was successful.
 Software installed to 'C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\lib\python3'
Progress: Downloading python 3.11.5... 100%
python v3.11.5 [Approved]
python package files install completed. Performing other installation steps.
The install of python was successful.
 Software installed to 'C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\lib\python'
Chocolatey installed 13/13 packages.
See the log for details (C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\logs\chocolatey.log).
Installed:
- chocolatey-compatibility.extension v1.0.0
- chocolatey-core.extension v1.4.0
- chocolatey-windowsupdate.extension v1.0.5
- KB2919355 v1.0.20160915
- KB2919442 v1.0.20160915
- KB2999226 v1.0.20181019
- KB3033929 v1.0.5
- KB3035131 v1.0.3
- python v3.11.5
- python3 v3.11.5
- python311 v3.11.5

    vcredist140 v14.36.32532

- vcredist2015 v14.0.24215.20170201
PS C:\Users\frank> _
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Microsoft Store installs Python in

C:\Python311\

Python modules (e.g., seen using pip list -v) are located in

C:\Python311\Lib\site-packages\

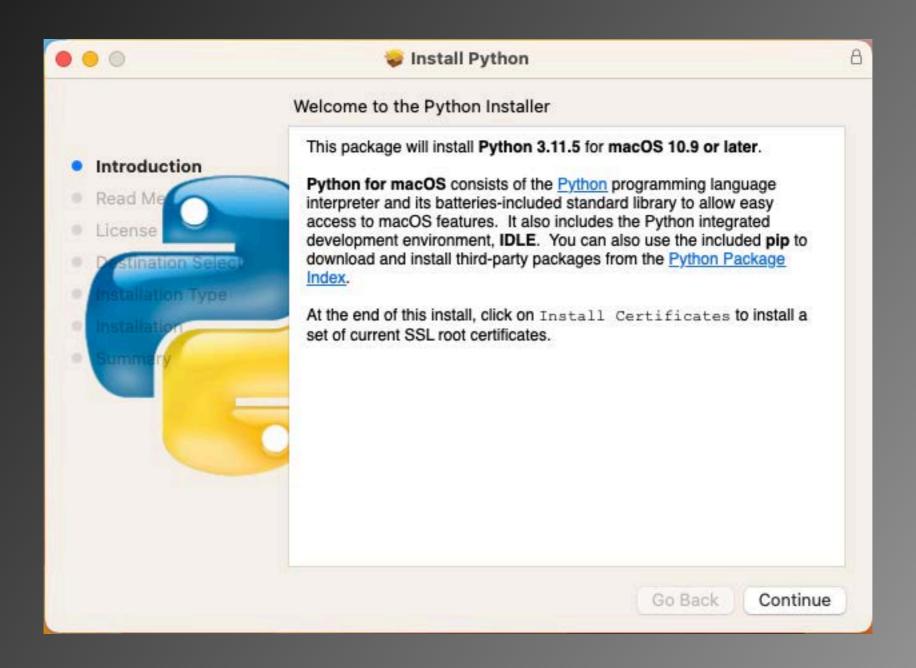


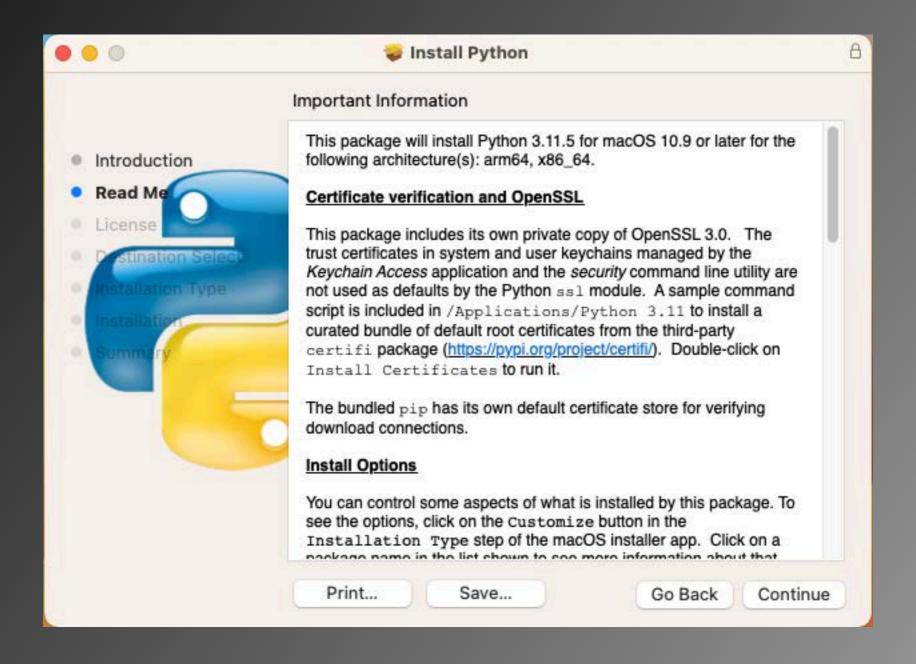


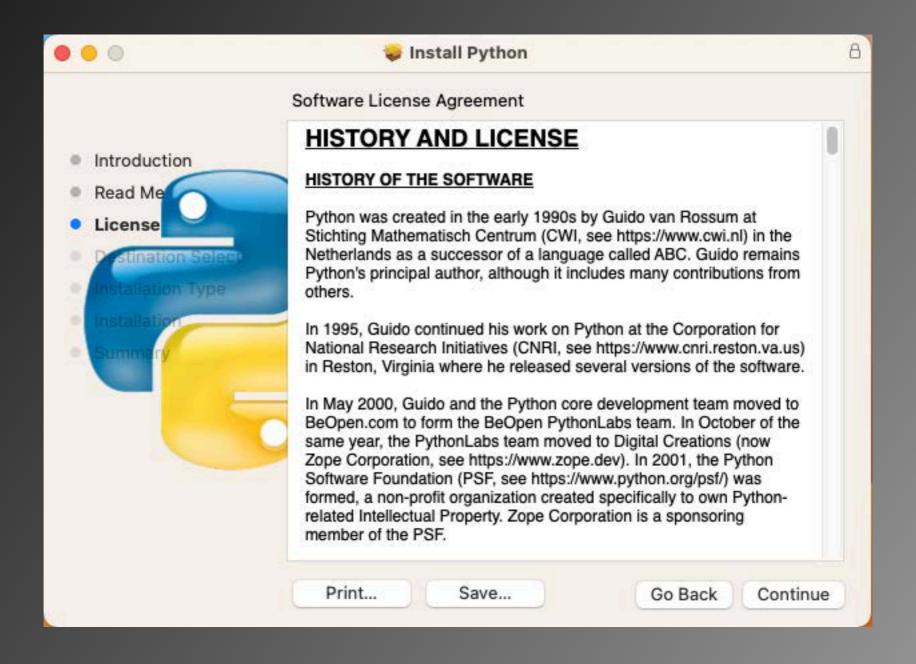
Installing Python

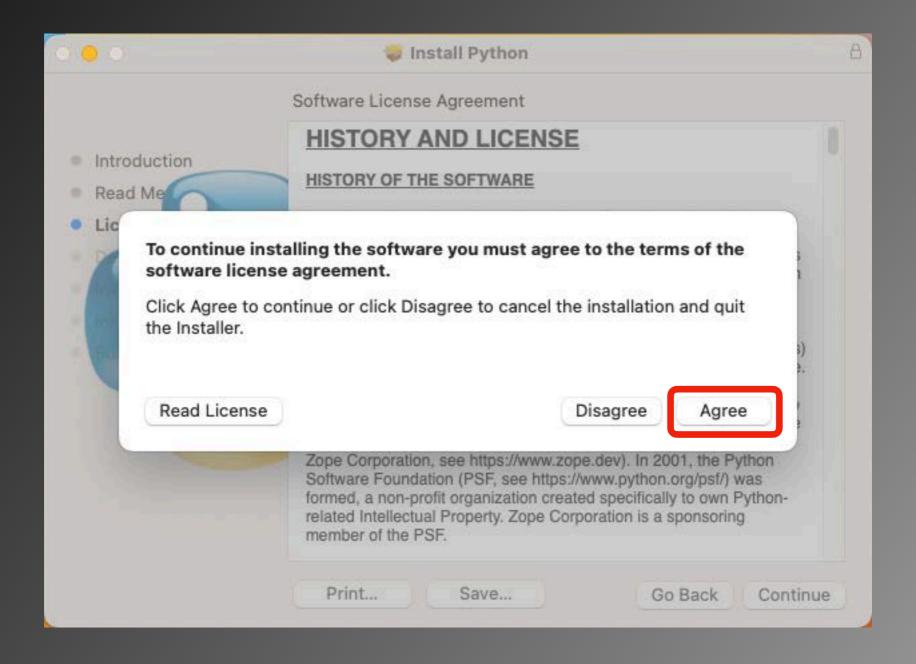
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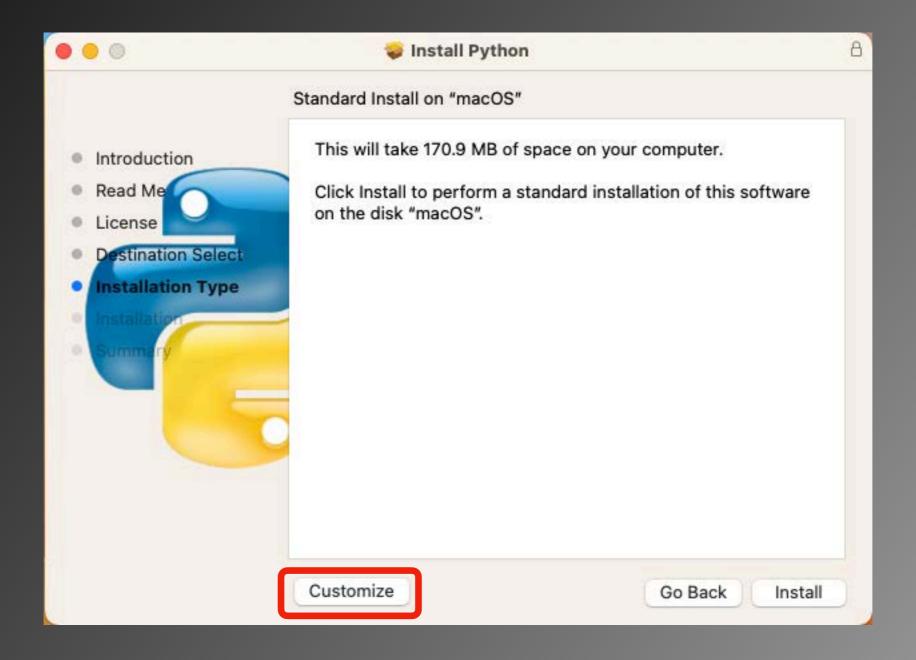


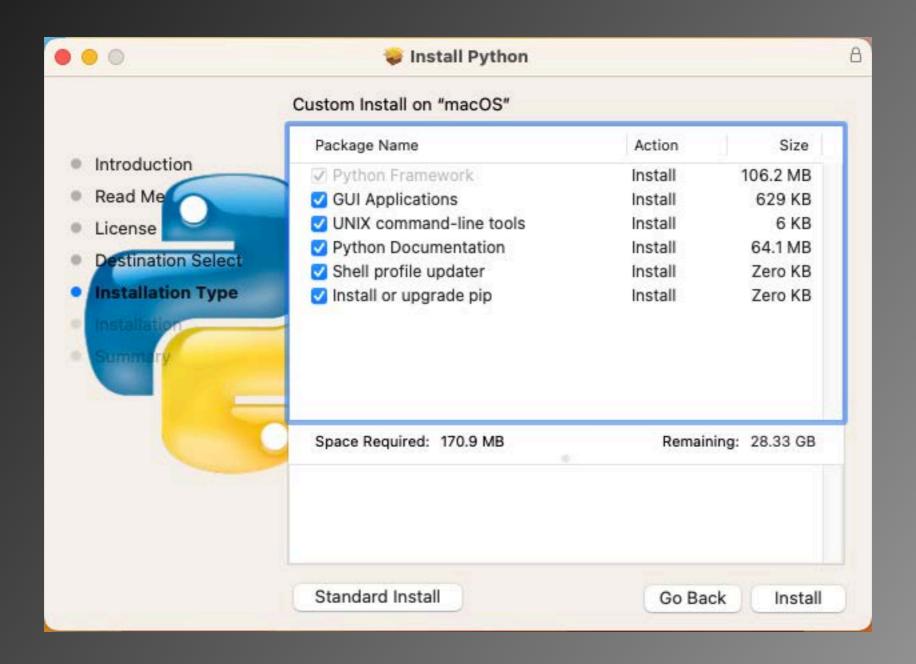


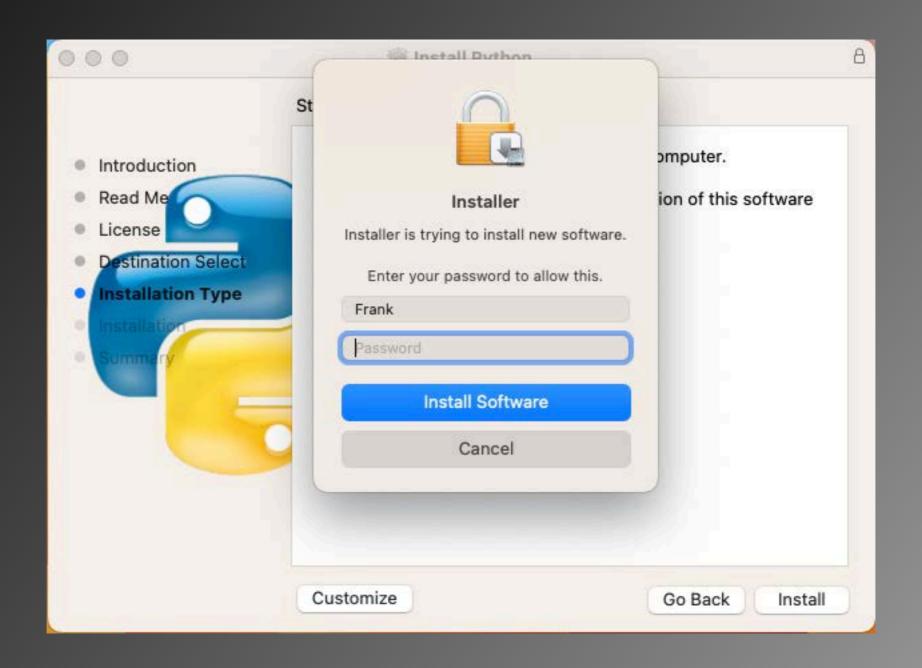


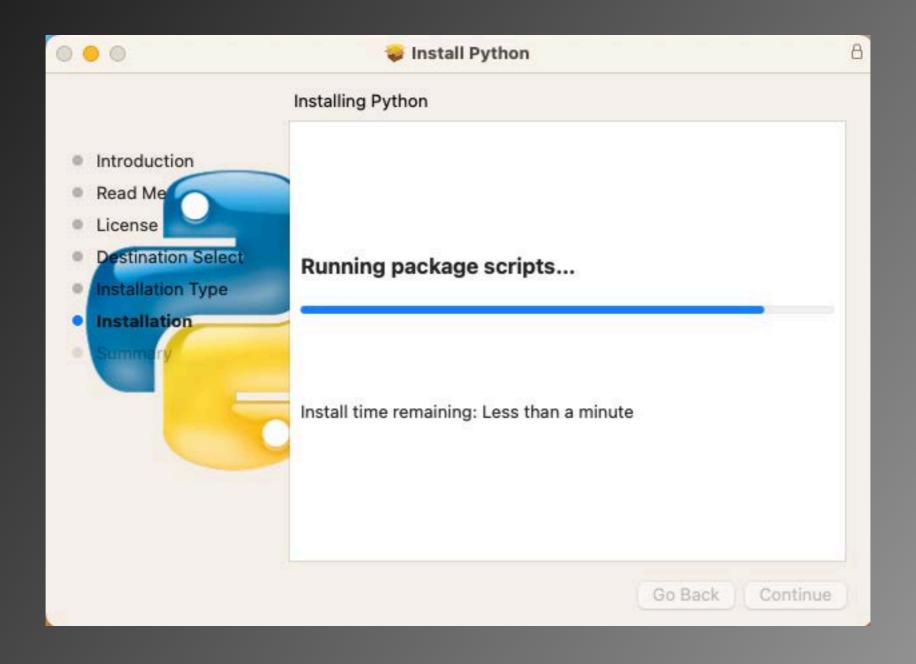


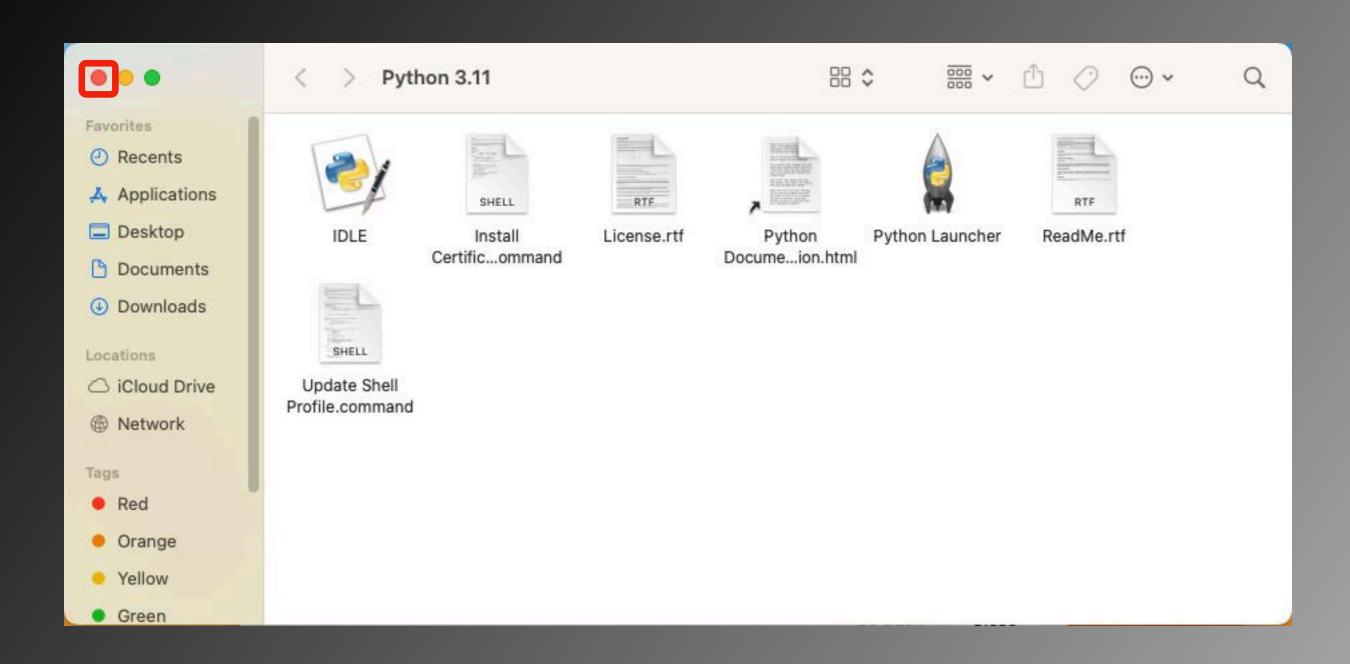


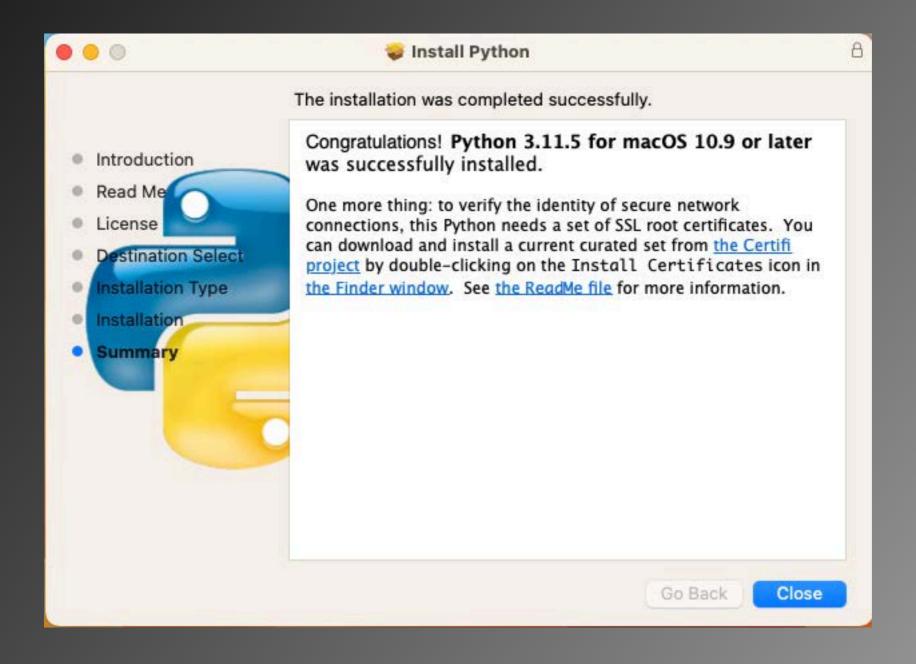


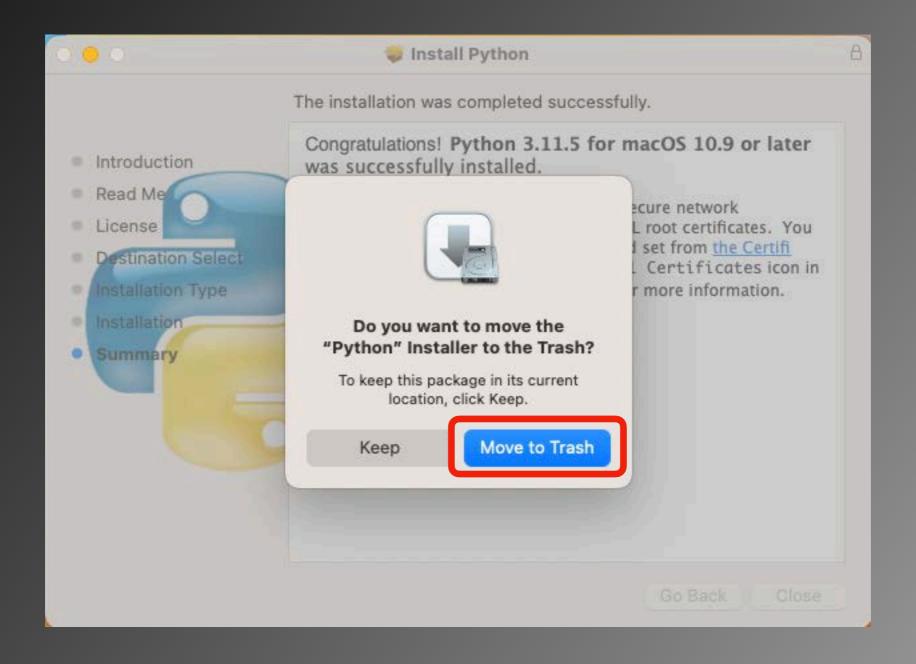












Python.org macOS Installer installs Python in

/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/3.11/

Python modules (e.g., seen using pip3 list -v) are located in

/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/3.11/lib/python3.11/site-packages/



Option #2: Homebrew

The Missing Package Manager for macOS (or Linux)

https://brew.sh/

Simply having Homebrew installed provides you with a version of Python3 (it comes with the XCode Command Line Tools that Homebrew installs). However, it is not the latest. To update to the current version, simply open Terminal and enter

brew install python



```
● ● ■ bin — ruby - ruby -W1 --disable=gems, rubyopt /usr/local/Homebrew/Library/Homebrew/brew.rb install python — 122×46
[frank@Franks-Mac bin % brew install python
==> Downloading https://lormulae.prew.sn/api/formula.jws.json
==> Downloading https://formulae.brew.sh/api/cask.jws.json
==> Fetching dependencies for python@3.11: mpdecimal, ca-certificates, openssl@3, readline, sqlite and xz
==> Fetching mpdecimal
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/mpdecimal/manifests/2.5.1
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/mpdecimal/blobs/sha256:91f795d74747bf8723022ac813f3f81d71fefb77
==> Fetching ca-certificates
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/ca-certificates/manifests/2023-08-22
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/ca-certificates/blobs/sha256:a331e92e7a759571296581f029e5cc2ec7
==> Fetching openss1@3
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/openss1/3/manifests/3.1.2-1
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/openss1/3/blobs/sha256:2bea791e9eacc59e0a9099065f3229afaf2b68a9
==> Fetching readline
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/readline/manifests/8.2.1
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/readline/blobs/sha256:abe9d3f3eec3ba2339860faa6a978b9909194c65c
==> Fetching sqlite
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/sqlite/manifests/3.43.0_1
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/sqlite/blobs/sha256:273c47c1769f04c5f5ff3ac5cb9b4d6ac8b29284029
==> Fetching xz
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/xz/manifests/5.4.4
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/xz/blobs/sha256:4c25f68798c9b4c9b869e78fdfbd9cd7f8f723c51ea56d6
==> Fetching python@3.11
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/python/3.11/manifests/3.11.5
==> Downloading https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core/python/3.11/blobs/sha256:c87f0729bff2c3ab0cb3a66f7187ff0c621eed
==> Installing dependencies for python@3.11: mpdecimal, ca-certificates, openssl@3, readline, sqlite and xz
==> Installing python@3.11 dependency: mpdecimal
==> Pouring mpdecimal--2.5.1.ventura.bottle.tar.gz
/usr/local/Cellar/mpdecimal/2.5.1: 71 files, 2MB
==> Installing python@3.11 dependency: ca-certificates
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```
bin — -zsh — 122×46
                                                                                                                           pip3 install <package>
They will install into the site-package directory
 /usr/local/lib/python3.11/site-packages
tkinter is no longer included with this formula, but it is available separately:
  brew install python-tk@3.11
gdbm ('dbm.gnu') is no longer included in this formula, but it is available separately:
 brew install python-gdbm@3.11
`dbm.ndbm` changed database backends in Homebrew Python 3.11.
If you need to read a database from a previous Homebrew Python created via 'dbm.ndbm',
you'll need to read your database using the older version of Homebrew Python and convert to another format.
`dbm` still defaults to `dbm.gnu` when it is installed.
For more information about Homebrew and Python, see: https://docs.brew.sh/Homebrew-and-Python
==> Summarv
/usr/local/Cellar/python@3.11/3.11.5: 3,287 files, 61MB
==> Running `brew cleanup python@3.11`...
Disable this behaviour by setting HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALL_CLEANUP.
Hide these hints with HOMEBREW_NO_ENV_HINTS (see `man brew`).
==> Caveats
==> pvthon@3.11
Python has been installed as
  /usr/local/bin/python3
Unversioned symlinks 'python', 'python-config', 'pip' etc. pointing to
'python3', 'python3-config', 'pip3' etc., respectively, have been installed into
 /usr/local/opt/python@3.11/libexec/bin
You can install Python packages with
 pip3 install <package>
They will install into the site-package directory
  /usr/local/lib/python3.11/site-packages
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For more information about Homebrew and Python, see: https://docs.brew.sh/Homebrew-and-Python
frank@Franks-Mac bin %
```

Homebrew macOS Installer installs Python in

/usr/local/bin/

Python modules (e.g., seen using pip3 list -v) are located in

/usr/local/lib/python3.11/site-packages/



Option #3: MacPorts



An open-source community initiative to design an easy-to-use system for compiling, installing, and upgrading either command-line, X11 or Aqua based open-source software on the Mac operating system

https://www.macports.org/

To install Python, simply open Terminal and enter

sudo port install python311 py311-pip



```
. .
                                                           frank — tclsh8.6 * sudo — 142×46
Last login: Sun Sep
frank@Franks-Mac ~ % sudo port install python311 py311-pip
Password:
---> Computing dependencies for python311
The following dependencies will be installed:
bzip2
expat
gettext-runtime
libedit
libffi
libiconv
ncurses
openssl
openss13
python3_select
python_select
sqlite3
XZ
zlib
Continue? [Y/n]:
---> Fetching archive for bzip2
Warning: Your DNS servers incorrectly claim to know the address of nonexistent hosts. This may cause checksum mismatches for some ports. See t
his page for more information: <a href="https://trac.macports.org/wiki/MisbehavingServers">his page for more information: <a href="https://trac.macports.org/wiki/MisbehavingServers">https://trac.macports.org/wiki/MisbehavingServers</a>
---> Attempting to fetch bzip2-1.0.8_0.darwin_22.x86_64.tbz2 from https://packages.macports.org/bzip2
---> Attempting to fetch bzip2-1.0.8_0.darwin_22.x86_64.tbz2.rmd160 from https://packages.macports.org/bzip2
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---> Activating bzip2 @1.0.8_0
---> Cleaning bzip2
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---> Activating libiconv @1.17 0
---> Cleaning libiconv
---> Fetching archive for gettext-runtime
---> Attempting to fetch gettext-runtime-0.21.1_0.darwin_22.x86_64.tbz2 from https://packages.macports.org/gettext-runtime
---> Attempting to fetch gettext-runtime-0.21.1 0.darwin 22.x86 64.tbz2.rmd160 from https://packages.macports.org/gettext-runtime
---> Installing gettext-runtime @0.21.1_0
---> Activating gettext-runtime @0.21.1_0
---> Cleaning gettext-runtime
```



```
frank — -zsh — 142×46
---> Activating xz @5.4.4_0
---> Cleaning xz
---> Fetching archive for python311
---> Attempting to fetch python311-3.11.5_0+lto+optimizations.darwin_22.x86_64.tbz2 from https://packages.macports.org/python311
---> Attempting to fetch python311-3.11.5_0+lto+optimizations.darwin_22.x86_64.tbz2.rmd160 from https://packages.macports.org/python311
---> Installing python311 @3.11.5 @+lto+optimizations
---> Activating python311 @3.11.5_0+lto+optimizations
---> Cleaning python311
---> Computing dependencies for py311-pip
The following dependencies will be installed:
pip select
py311-setuptools
Continue? [Y/n]:
---> Fetching archive for pip_select
---> Attempting to fetch pip_select-0.1_3.darwin_22.noarch.tbz2 from https://packages.macports.org/pip_select
---> Attempting to fetch pip_select-0.1_3.darwin_22.noarch.tbz2.rmd160 from https://packages.macports.org/pip_select
---> Installing pip_select @0.1_3
---> Activating pip_select @0.1_3
---> Cleaning pip_select
---> Fetching archive for py311-setuptools
---> Attempting to fetch py311-setuptools-68.1.2_0.darwin_any.noarch.tbz2 from https://packages.macports.org/py311-setuptools
---> Attempting to fetch py311-setuptools-68.1.2 0.darwin_any.noarch.tbz2.rmd160 from https://packages.macports.org/py311-setuptools
---> Installing py311-setuptools @68.1.2_0
---> Activating py311-setuptools @68.1.2_0
---> Cleaning py311-setuptools
---> Fetching archive for py311-pip
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---> Installing py311-pip @23.2.1_0
---> Activating py311-pip @23.2.1_0
---> Cleaning py311-pip
---> Updating database of binaries
---> Scanning binaries for linking errors
---> No broken files found.
---> No broken ports found.
---> Some of the ports you installed have notes:
 py311-pip has the following notes:
   To make the Python 3.11 version of pip the one that is run when you execute the commands without a version suffix, e.g. 'pip', run:
   sudo port select --set pip pip311
   sudo port select --set pip3 pip311
 python311 has the following notes:
   To make this the default Python or Python 3 (i.e., the version run by the 'python' or 'python3' commands), run one or both of:
       sudo port select --set python python311
       sudo port select --set python3 python311
frank@Franks-Mac ~ %
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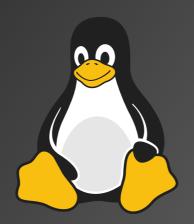
MacPorts macOS Installer installs Python in

/opt/local/bin/

Python modules (e.g., seen using pip3 list -v) are located in

/opt/local/Library/Frameworks/Python framework/Versions/
3.11/lib/python3.11/site-packages/





Installing Python

for Linux



Install Python - Linux

RHEL/CENTOS/Rocky/Alma Linux

rpm/yum/dnf install python3

Ubuntu/Debian Linux apt install python3





Python Basics

Python REPL

REPL = Read, Evaluate, Print, and Loop

```
$ python3
Python 3.11.5 (v3.11.5:cce6ba91b3, Aug 24
2023, 10:50:31) [Clang 13.0.0
(clang-1300.0.29.30)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or
"license" for more information.
>>> print("Hello world")
Hello world
>>>
```

To exit the REPL, hit [CTRL][D] or type exit().



First Python Script

1. In a text editor write

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
print("Hello world!")
```

- 2. Save this to myfirst.py
- 3. Open a terminal, navigate to where this file is located, and run

python3 myfirst.py



pip

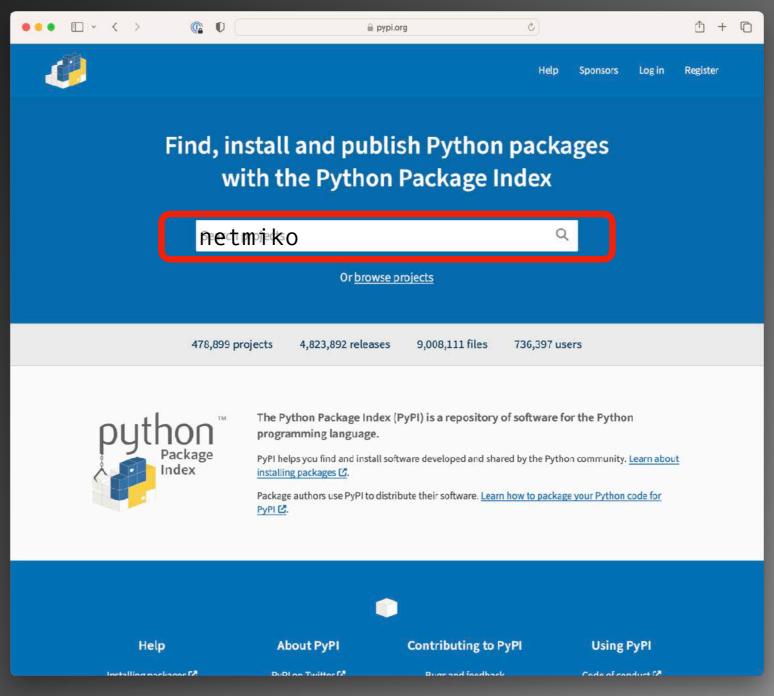
pip is the package installer for Python. You can use pip to install packages from the Python Package Index and other indexes.

e.g.,

```
pip install requests
pip install netmiko
pip install gspread
```



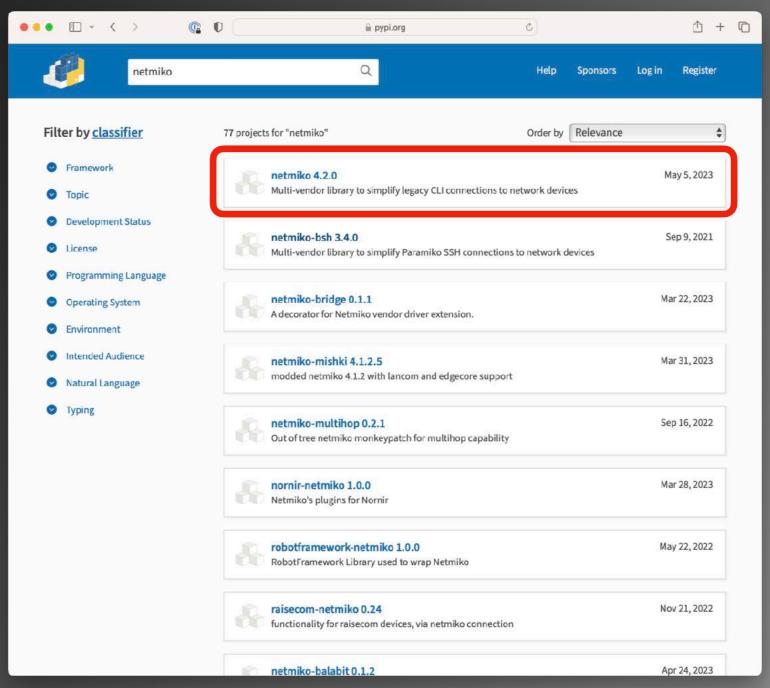
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https://www.pypi.org/

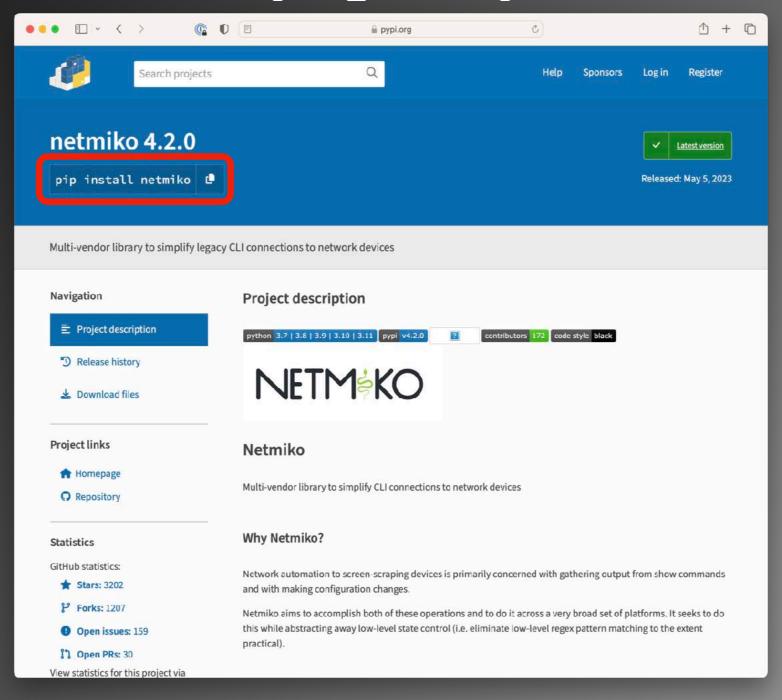
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venv

The venv module supports creating lightweight "virtual environments", each with their own independent set of Python packages installed in their site directories. A virtual environment is created on top of an existing Python installation, known as the virtual environment's "base" Python, and may optionally be isolated from the packages in the base environment, so only those explicitly installed in the virtual environment are available.

- https://docs.python.org/3/library/venv.html



venv

So... why?

Once you begin using Python, you will inevitably encounter situations where one Python program expects a module v1 while another only works with v2. If all Python scripts are in the same environment... KABOOM!

Virtual environments allow you to isolate/separate different Python programs from each other and provide each Python program with the modules and versions it expects.



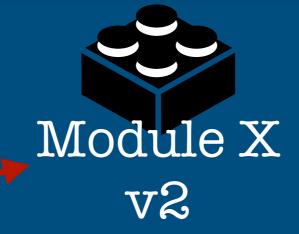
Why We Need venv

Program 1

Module X

vl

Program 2



Why We Need venv

Program 1

Program 2

site-packages Mc Module X v2

venv

For example, you might do the following:

```
$ python3 -m venv venv
$ ls -1 venv
bin
include
lib
pyvenv.cfg
$ source venv/bin/activate
(venv) $ pip list
```

This tells the Python interpreter to run module (-m) venvand create a new virtual environment in a directory named 'venv' in the current directory. We then activate that virtual environment.



IDE

"An integrated development environment (IDE) is a software application that provides comprehensive facilities for software development. An IDE normally consists of at least a source-code editor, build automation tools, and a debugger."

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Integrated_development_environment

Examples:

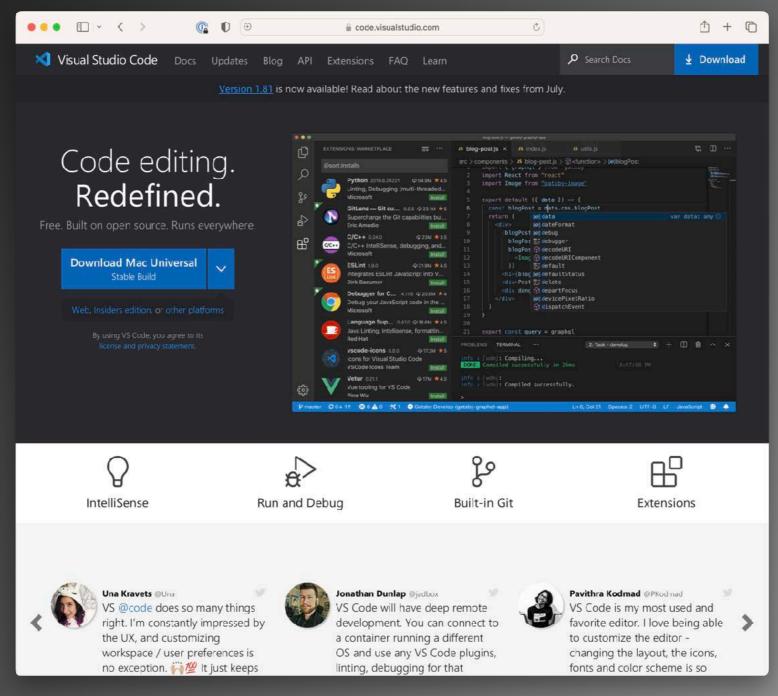
- IDLE
- Visual Studio Code (VSCode) / VSCodium
- PyCharm



IDLE



Visual Studio Code (VSCode)







Visual Studio Code (VSCode)

VSCode offers syntax highlighting, auto-completion, integrated Git support, and too many features to list here.

Be sure to check out their extensions which provide almost everything a developer could hope for.

https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/VSCode



Thank You



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Data Formats: Reading and writing JSON – YAML - XML

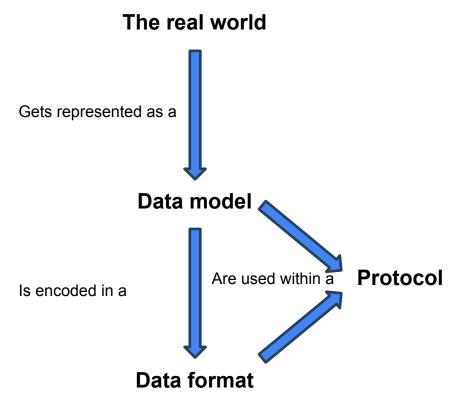
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Definitions

- Data modelling (YANG, TOSCA)
 - Defines a representation of real-world entities, their relationships and structure
- Data formats (XML, JSON, YAML)
 - Define how to encode the information in a standardized way
- Protocols (NETCONF, RESTCONF, gRPC...)
 - Define the operations, the requests and responses of interactions





Data Serialisation Examples – Human Readable

```
"device": {
  "type": "router",
  "vendor": "MyOAVvendor",
  "ports": 4,
  "description": "Access"
```

```
device:
   type: router
   vendor: MyOAVvendor
   ports: 4
   description: Access
```

XML </>

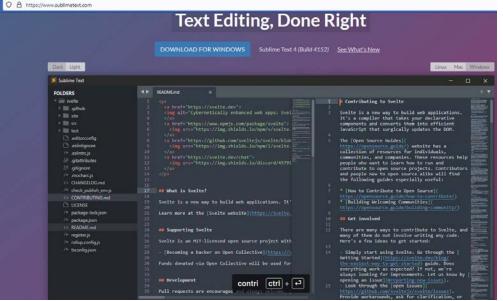
JSON {}



Writing JSON, XML and YAML files

 You can write JSON, XML and YAML files with any text editor like <u>vim</u> or <u>emacs</u>

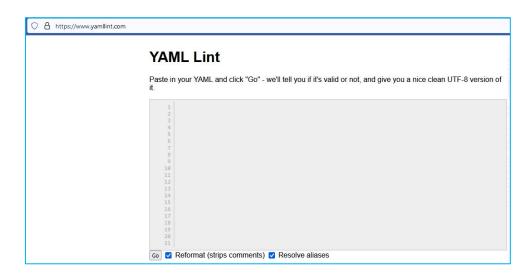
 If you like syntax highlighting, editors/IDEs such as <u>Visual Studio Code</u>, <u>Notepad</u> + Sublime





Some Free Tools to Help You Write, Validate and Convert Your Files

- You can check your syntax, format your files or convert them using useful free tools:
 - https://www.freeformatter.com
 - https://www.liquid-technologies.com/online-xml-validator
 - https://onlineyamltools.com/edit-yaml
 - https://www.yamllint.com/
 - https://www.json2yaml.com/



Some Cases Where We Use JSON, YAML, XML

JSON:

- Web API output (AWS, Google maps, Github, X,...)
- Jenkins
- ELK stack (Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana)

XML:

- Jenkins
- NETCONF
- RESTCONF

YAML:

- Ansible
- Kubernetes
- Docker

```
- hosts: core
  tasks:
- name: Describe router interfaces
  ios_interface:
    name: "{{ item.name }}"
    description: "{{ item.description }}"
    state: present
    provider: "{{ credentials }}"
  with_items:
    - { name: Ethernet0/0, description: "One" }
    - { name: Ethernet0/1, description: "Two" }
```

More Information in the Network Automation eAcademy



• **Formats: YAML** (30')



• **Formats: XML** (60')



• **Formats: JSON** (45')



Thank You!

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Automating with Google Sheets

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- At U of Michigan we use Google Sheets for network projects
 - Cut sheets for network migrations
 - VLAN port assignments for new access layer devices
 - Core point-to-point and loopback assignments
- More convenient than formal tools/databases
 - Easy to use by non-technical people (like PMs)
 - Easy to share and edit
 - Printable for field technicians
- Wouldn't it be nice if we could derive network configurations from these?
 - You can, and it's not that hard!
 - Enter gspread a python api for Google Sheets
 - (NB: If you're more comfortable with javascript check out Google Apps Script)

Automating with Google Sheets

- Step 1: Set up a Service Account
 - "Bot" account will generate credentials that can be used by your code.
 - Share a spreadsheet with the bot account's email and your code can access it just like any other user
 - We share our network projects folder with our bot account
 - We store our bot account's credentials in Cyberark
- Step 2: Create a <u>Spreadsheet</u>
- Step 3: Write <u>code</u> to pull in spreadsheet data
 - o gspread's **get_all_records** method generates a list of dictionaries keyed on column headers
- Step 4: Create a <u>Template</u>
- Step 5: Generate configlets!

Automating with Google Sheets

- References
 - gspread docs: https://docs.gspread.org/en/v5.10.0/index.html
 - o gspread example repository: https://github.com/amylieb/gspread-example

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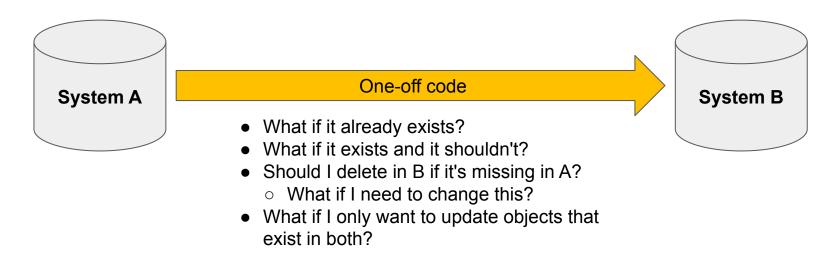
Tapas: DiffSync

Compare & Sync two different data-sources

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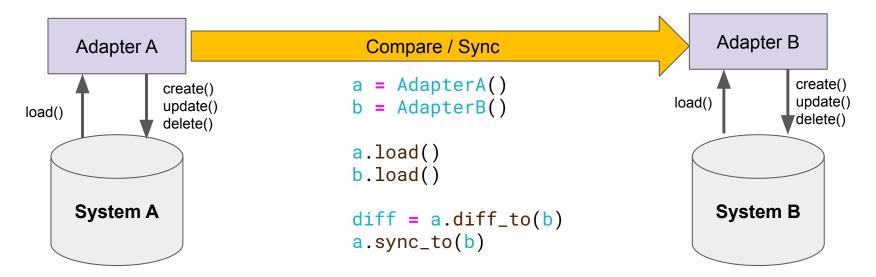


The Typical Pattern



DiffSync - The framework

Common Model



Defining the Model

```
from diffsync import DiffSyncModel
class Device(DiffSyncModel):
    modelname = "device"
   _identifiers = ("name",)
   _shortname = ()
   _attributes = ("addr", "model", "sn")
    _children = {"interface": "interfaces"}
    name: str
    addr: Union[IPv6Address, IPv4Address]
   model: str
    sn: Optional[str]
    interfaces: List[Interface]
```



Defining the Model

```
class Interface(DiffSyncModel):
    modelname = "interface"
   _identifiers = ("device_name", "intf_name")
   _shortname = ()
   _attributes = ("description", "speed")
   _children = {}
    device name: str
    intf name: str
   description: Optional[str]
    speed: Optional[int] # Mbps
```

Defining an Adapter

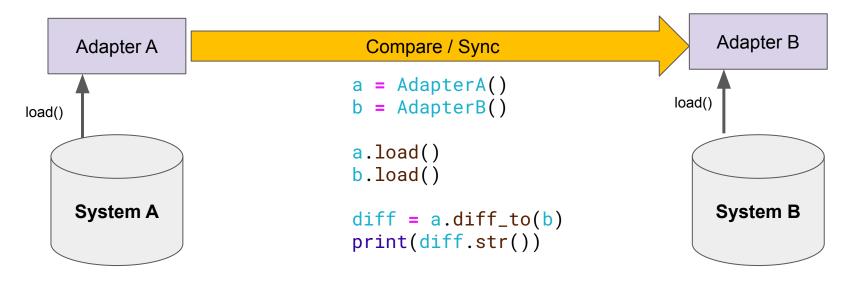
```
class NautobotDevice(Device):
    pass
class NautobotInterface(Interface):
    pass
class NautobotBackend(diffsync.DiffSync):
    device = NautobotDevice
    interface = NautobotInterface
   def load(self):
```



Defining an Adapter

DiffSync - providing a framework

Common Model

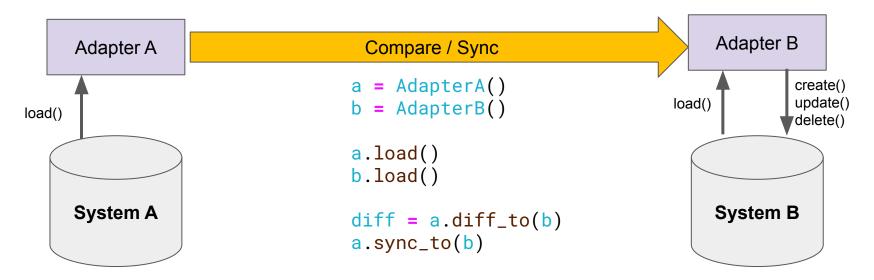


Viewing the Diff

```
device
 device: rtr1 MISSING in SNBackend
    interface
      interface: rtr1__eth1/1 MISSING in SNBackend
      interface: rtr1 eth1/2 MISSING in SNBackend
 device: rtr2 MISSING in NautobotBackend
    interface
      interface: rtr2 eth1/1 MISSING in NautobotBackend
      interface: rtr2__eth1/2 MISSING in NautobotBackend
 device: rtr3
             NautobotBackend(abc123) SNBackend(def456)
    interface
      interface: rtr3 eth1/3 MISSING in SNBackend
```

DiffSync - providing a framework

Common Model



Saving Data

```
class SNDevice(Device):
    sn id: str # Stashed UUID for the Device in SN
   @classmethod
   def create(
       cls,
       diffsync: SNBackend,
       ids: Dict[str, str],
       attrs: Dict[str, str],
    -> DiffSyncModel | None:
       sn_id = service_now_api.create(...)
       return cls(**ids, **attrs, sn_id=sn_id)
```

Saving Data

```
class SNDevice(Device):
    def update(
        self,
        attrs: Dict[str, str],
    ) -> DiffSyncModel | None:
        service_now_api.update(id=self.sn_uuid, ...)
        return super().update(attrs)
```



Saving Data

```
class SNDevice(Device):
    def delete(self) -> DiffSyncModel | None:
        service_now_api.update(id=self.sn_uuid, status="DECOM")
    return super().delete()
```

DiffSync - what does this get you?

- Structured development
- Re-run sync process
- Potentially more than just 2 "backends"
- Easier testing

```
@patch("nautobot.api_call")
def test_load(...):
    m = MockBackend(); m.load() # <-- mock data
    a = MyBackend(); a.load()
    diff = m.diff_to(a)
    assert not diff.has_diffs() # <-- yay</pre>
```

Selective-sync with (nearly) the same code

```
a = MyBackend()
a.load_site("building1")
```

TECHNOLOGY - exchange

Tapas: Bash Incantations

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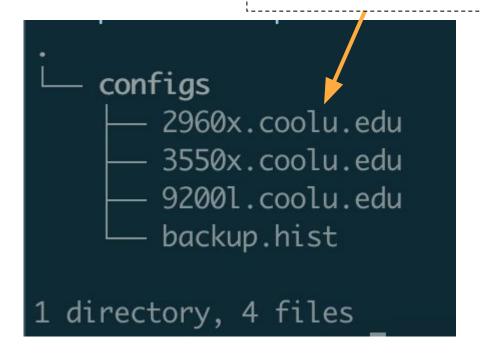


Bash Magic with Config Files

 There is a lot you can do and glean with a folder of configs and bash one-liners. No Python involved.

- This tapa will show a few bash commands using a folder of configs
- Note: ChatGPT isn't bad at generating fake configs if you're detailed enough.

Our switch configs are FQDNs



1. Number of Ports by VLAN ID

```
Incantation Form
```

```
for SWITCH in $(ls | grep coolu.edu); do echo $SWITCH; grep -c "^switchport access vlan 100$" $SWITCH; done
```

```
for SWITCH in $(ls | grep coolu.edu)

do

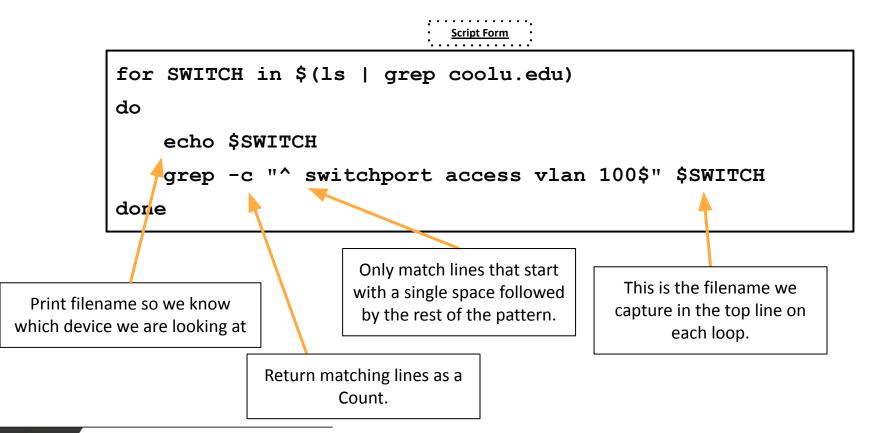
echo $SWITCH

grep -c "^ switchport access vlan 100$" $SWITCH

done
```

```
2960x.coolu.edu
3550x.coolu.edu
92001.coolu.edu
```

1. Number of Ports by VLAN ID



2. Find Available Ports Based on a Black Hole VLAN

```
Incantation Form
```

```
for SWITCH in $(ls | grep coolu.edu); do echo $SWITCH; egrep '^(interface | switchport access vlan 666$)' $SWITCH; done
```

```
for SWITCH in $(ls | grep coolu.edu)

do

echo $SWITCH

egrep '^(interface | switchport

access vlan 666$)' $SWITCH

done
```

2960x.coolu.edu interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/2 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 switchport access vlan 666 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/4 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/5 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/6 switchport access vlan 666 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/7 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/8 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/9 switchport access vlan 666 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/10 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/47 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/48 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/49 3550x.coolu.edu interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2

2. Find Available Ports Based on a Black Hole VLAN

Same start for SWITCH in \$(ls | grep coolu.edu) do echo \$SWITCH egrep '^(interface | switchport access vlan 666\$)' \$SWITCH done Match On Line starts with exactly "interface " OR

Line exactly matches " switchport access vlan 666"



3.A Move Switchports From One VLAN to Another

```
for SWITCH in $(ls | grep coolu.edu); do echo $SWITCH; egrep
'^(interface | switchport access vlan 300$)' $SWITCH; done
```

```
for SWITCH in $(ls | grep coolu.edu)

do

echo $SWITCH

egrep '^(interface | switchport access vlan 300$)' $SWITCH

done
```

3.A Move Switchports From One VLAN to Another

<u>Output</u>

2960x.coolu.edu interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/2 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/4 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/5 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/6 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/7 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/8 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/9 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/10 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/47 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/48 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/49

None here!

3550x.coolu.edu interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/3 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/4 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/5 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/6 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/7 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/8 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/9 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/10 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/11 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/12 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/13

92001.coolu.edu interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/2 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/4 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/5 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/6 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/7 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/8 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/9 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/10 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/23 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/24 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/25

3.B Move Switchports From One VLAN to Another

```
< OUR LAST COMMAND > | sed 's/vlan 300/vlan 100/g'
for SWITCH in $(ls | grep coolu.edu); do echo $SWITCH;
egrep '^(interface | switchport access vlan 300$)' $SWITCH; done |
sed 's/vlan 300/vlan 100/g'
```

interface GigabitEthernet1/0/9 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/9 switchport access vlan 100

3.B Move Switchports From One VLAN to Another

Tada! Now you can copy and paste for each device.

As we know, unless a VLAN change would occur, all the extra lines will be no-ops. However, some cleanup will be easier on the eyes, so I won't stop you.

interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/2 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/4 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/5 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/6 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/7 interface GiaabitEthernet1/0/8 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/9 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/10 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/47 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/48 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/3 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/4 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/5 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/6 switchport access vlan 300 interface GiaabitEthernet0/0/7 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/8 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/9 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/10 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/11 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/12 interface GigabitEthernet0/0/13 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/2 interface GiaabitEthernet1/0/3 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/4 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/5 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/6 switchport access vlan 300 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/7 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/8 interface GigabitEthernet1/0/9 switchport access vlan 300 nterface GigabitEthernet1/0/25

TECHNOLOGY - exchange

Tapas: Getting Started with Ansible

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What is Ansible?

- Software tool for simple but powerful automation on cross-platform systems.
- Common use cases:
 - Application Deployment
 - Updates
 - Cloud Provisioning
 - Configuration Management
 - Intra-service orchestration
 - Any reproducible tasks!
- Generally Idempotent each module is different but most are idempotent
- Support for many different network devices and protocols
 - Cisco (IOS and IOSXR), Juniper, Arista, Aruba

Playbooks and Tasks

- Playbooks are how "tasks" are organized to be executed on the selected devices
 - Playbooks also specify inventories and hosts to be applied to as well as any additional parameters needed for those tasks (variables, roles, collections)
 - Playbooks are written in YAML
 - o Can do loops, use blocks, and re-use code using Roles and Collections
- Tasks are "Actions" that should be applied to the selected devices and must be contained inside of a play
 - Tasks should be idempotent in most cases (every time you run it the end state should be the same)
 - Tasks is the smallest unit that can be executed in Ansible

Inventory + Roles + Collection

- The Inventory is the set of hosts that can be executed on by an ansible play
 - Can also contain additional variables for each device
 - Usually specified in JSON/YAML/INI format
- Roles provide the ability to re-use tasks across multiple playbooks
 - Written in YAML can be included into multiple playbooks.
 - o Individual tasks inside of the role can be executed by the playbook
 - Essentially allows for code re-use
- Collections provide a higher level of re-use, can include playbooks, roles, modules and plugins
 - Similar to roles, collections can be included in your playbook

Lets build an Inventory

Super Basic inventory

INI format

mail.example.com

[webservers]
foo.example.com
bar.example.com

[dbservers]
one.example.com
two.example.com
three.example.com

YAML format

```
all:
  hosts:
    mail.example.com:
  children:
    webservers:
      hosts:
        foo.example.com:
        bar.example.com:
    dbservers:
      hosts:
        one.example.com:
        two.example.com:
        three.example.com:
```

Inventory "assigning variables"

```
[atlanta]
host1 http_port=80 maxRequestsPerChild=808
host2 http_port=303 maxRequestsPerChild=909
```

```
atlanta:
hosts:
host1:
http_port: 80
maxRequestsPerChild: 808
host2:
http_port: 303
maxRequestsPerChild: 909
```

Here is my inventory

```
all:
  children:
    cisco:
      hosts:
        cisco_1:
          ansible_host: 2001:db8:16:1::2
        cisco_2:
          ansible_host: 2001:db8:16:1::3
      vars:
        ansible_user: clab
        ansible_ssh_pass: clab@123
    junos:
      vars:
        ansible_user: root
        ansible_ssh_pass: clab123
      hosts:
        juniper:
          ansible_host: 2001:db8:16:1::4
```

My First Playbook

name: first playbook hosts: localhost tasks: name: run command ansible.builtin.shell: "uptime" register: results - name: display results debug: var: results

Name of the playbook (optional) and hosts specifies the hosts to execute it on

Tasks is an array of the tasks

First task - run a shell command "uptime" and store the response as "results"

Display the results using the "debug" task

```
output
          ok: [localhost]
          TASK [run command] *****
          changed: [localhost]
          ok: [localhost] => {
            "results": {
              "changed": true.
              "cmd": "uptime",
              "delta": "0:00:00.005445",
              "end": "2023-05-02 14:33:03.307130",
              "failed": false,
              "msg": "",
              "rc": 0.
              "start": "2023-05-02 14:33:03.301685",
              "stderr": "",
              "stderr_lines": [],
              "stdout": " 14:33:03 up 14 days, 22:54, 1 user, load average: 0.83, 1.20, 1.12",
              "stdout_lines": [
                " 14:33:03 up 14 days, 22:54, 1 user, load average: 0.83, 1.20, 1.12"
          localhost
                              changed=1
                                     unreachable=0
                                              failed=0
                        : ok=3
                                                     skipped=0
                                                            rescued=0
                                                                   ignored=0
```

lab@linux5:~\$ ansible-playbook -i inventory.yaml first_playbook.yaml

Roles/Collections for common devices

use Ansible Galaxy to install some roles

- (Role) ansible-galaxy install Juniper.junos
- (Collection) ansible-galaxy collection install cisco.iosxr

We can then use these Roles/Collections to interact with the devices

```
- name: Execute a basic Junos software upgrade.
   juniper_junos_software:
    local_package: "/tmp/new_image.tgz"
    all_re: true
    validate: false
    logdir: "/tmp/"
```

Lets do something more interesting

Upgrade a Juniper with redundant REs and do it as hitless as possible Steps:

- Download the new code version
- Disable Chassis Redundancy
- Upgrade RE1
- Wait until RE1 comes back up
- Swap Mastership
- Upgrade RE0
- Wait until RE0 Comes back up
- Swap back to RE0
- Re-enable Chassis redundancy

```
    name: upgrades all Juniper routers to new version of code

 hosts: "{{ host }}"
 connection: local
 gather_facts: no
 roles:
                                                                       - name: Execute a basic Junos software upgrade.
   - Juniper junos
                                                                         juniper_junos_software:
                                                                           local_package: "/tmp/new_image.tgz"
 tasks:
                                                                          all re: true
   - name: Checking NETCONF connectivity
                                                                           reboot: false
     wait for:
                                                                           validate: true
       host: "{{ inventory_hostname }}"
                                                                           logdir: "/tmp/"
       timeout: 15
                                                                           level: "DEBUG"
   - name: Download file
     get_url:
       url: "{{ image path }}"
       dest: "/tmp/new_image.tgz"
     delegate_to: localhost
   name: Disable non-redundant commands
     juniper_junos_command:
       commands:
         - "deactivate chassis redundancy"
         - "deactivate routing-options nonstop-routing"
```

```
- name: Reboot REs while doing mastership swaps - minimal downtime mode engaged!
 juniper_junos_command:
     commands:
       - "request routing-engine login re1"
       - "request system reboot"
- name: "Wait for RE1 to come back"
 pause:
   minutes: 5
- name: Swap Mastership to RE1 which is now running our new flavor of code
  juniper_junos_command:
     commands:
       - "request chassis routing-engine master switch"
```

- name: Reboot RE0

commands:

juniper_junos_command:

- "request routing-engine login re0"

- "request system reboot"

```
    name: "Wait for RE0 to come back"
        pause:
        minutes: 5
    name: Turn back on redundancy and swap back to RE0
        juniper_junos_command:
        commands:
            - "activate chassis redundancy graceful-switchover"
```

- "activate routing-options nonstop-routing"

- "request chassis routing-engine master switch"

- "commit sync"

- "activate chassis redundancy failover on-loss-of-keepalives"

Advanced Ansible

- AWX webUI for your playbooks / workflows
 - Store credentials
 - REST API
- Vaults
 - Encrypted storage of credentials
- Jinja2
 - Templates with REST integrations