Mathematics and Computer Science for Modeling
Unit 1: Introduction to Programming in Python

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Why this course?

- Anyone with a Bachelor's degree in any of the cognitive sciences can start this course
- Not all of you will have the same level of background knowledge for all of the lectures
- The preparatory courses are here to help you bridge that gap
- Goal: Bring you on a similar level regarding mathematics and computer science skills
- … which will hopefully make it easier for you to get through the Master programme
- The course is not mandatory, but recommended

Course concept

- The course is split into lecture parts and exercise parts

Exam

- At the end of the course, there will be a written exam (04.10. at 12 am)
- The exam is graded, but this is only for your feedback and won't enter into your average grade

Dates

1. Mon 23.09. 15-17:30
2. Tue 24.09. 15-17:30
3. Wed 25.09. 15-17:30
4. Thu 26.09. 15-17:30
5. Fri 27.09. 15-17:30
6. Mon 30.10. 15-17:30
7. Tue 01.10. 15-17:30
8. Wed 02.10. 15-17:30
9. Fri 04.10. 15-17:30

Course Structure

Unit	Title	Topics
1	Intro to Programming in Python	*Variables, if Statements, Loops, Functions, Lists*
-	Full-Time Programming Session	*Deepen Programming Skills*
2	Functions in Math	*Function Types and Properties, Plotting Functions*
3	Linear Algebra	*Vectors, Trigonometry, Matrices*
4	Calculus	*Derivative Definition, Calculating Derivatives*

Course Structure

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5	Integration	*Geometrical Definition, Calculating Integrals*
6	Differential Equations	*Properties of Differential Equations*
-	04.10.24: Test	

Lecture Slides/Material

Use the following URL to access the lecture slides:

https://www.ini.rub.de/teaching/courses/preparatory_course_mathematics_and_computer_science_for_modeling_winter_term_2024

Questions

- Email me with any questions you might have:
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The Python Programming Language

Why Python?

- It is simple
- It is high-level
- It is interpreted “on the fly”
- It is widespread in the scientific community

Helpful Resources

- The Anaconda Distribution contains all necessary software: https://www.anaconda.com/distribution/
- You can find helpful documentation here: https://docs.python.org/3/

Getting Started

- Install Anaconda: https://www.anaconda.com/
- Download the document “Jupyter notebook” for Unit 1 (filename “unit1.ipynb”) from the course website
- Start the program “Anaconda-Navigator”. Find the application “Jupyter Notebook” and click on “launch”.
- (Alternative: Start the program “Anaconda Prompt”. Wait for a prompt to appear and then enter “jupyter notebook” into that prompt)
- Navigate to the directory where you saved the “unit1.ipynb” file and click on that file

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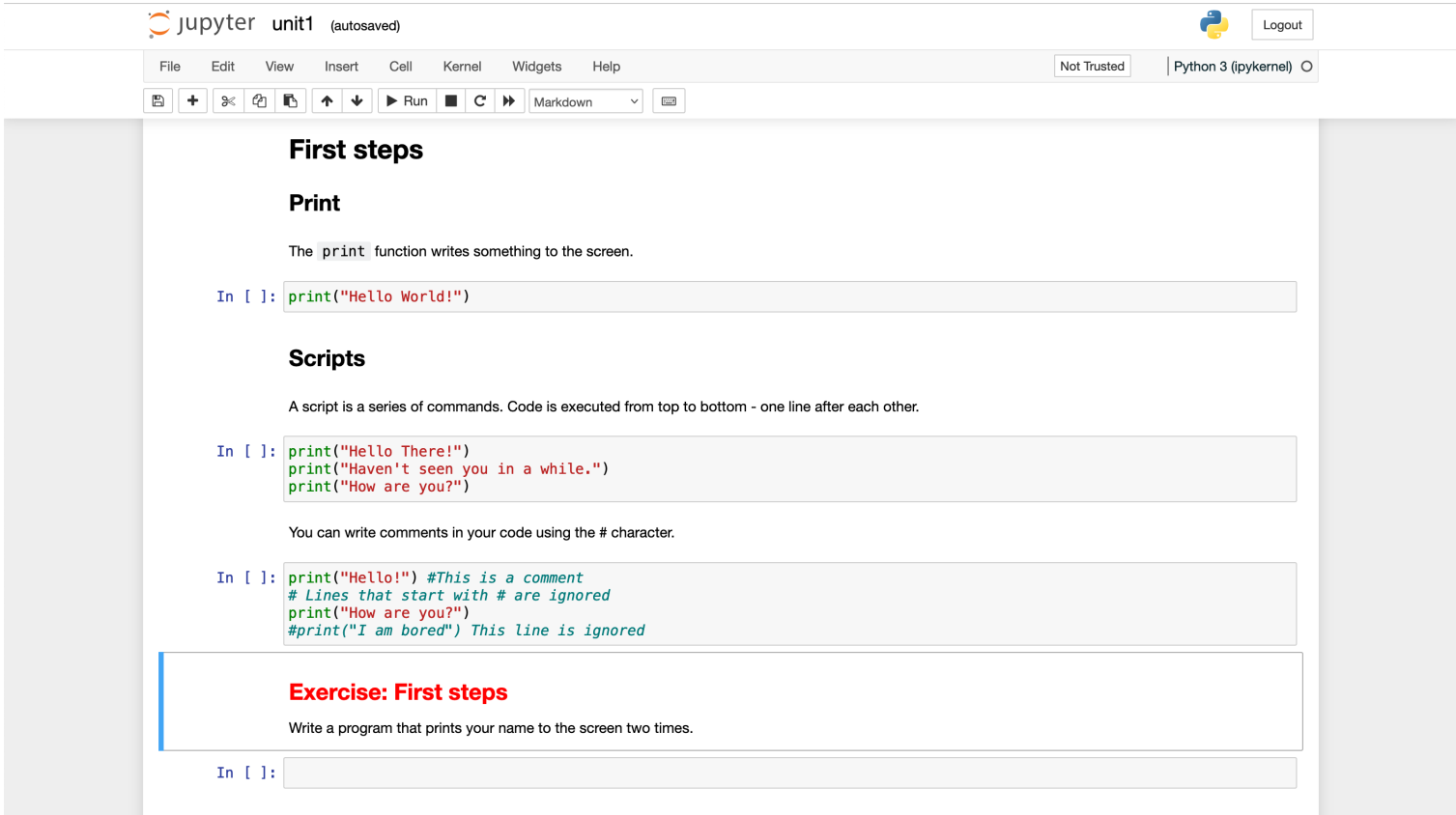
- You are now presented with a so-called Jupyter Notebook, a document that allows you to execute existing Python code and write your own Python code while being guided by narrative text



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