Hello Python!

A crash course introduction to the computer, programming, and the Python programming language



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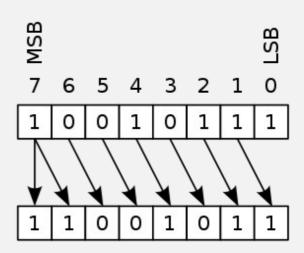
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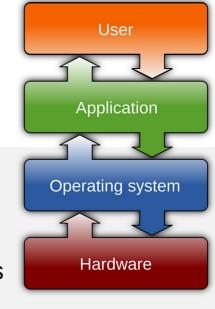
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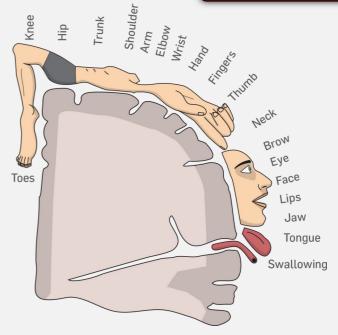
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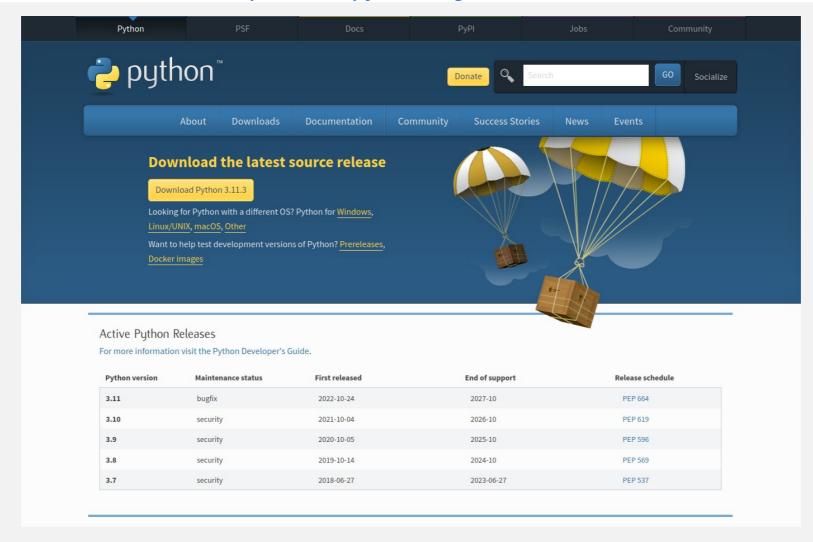
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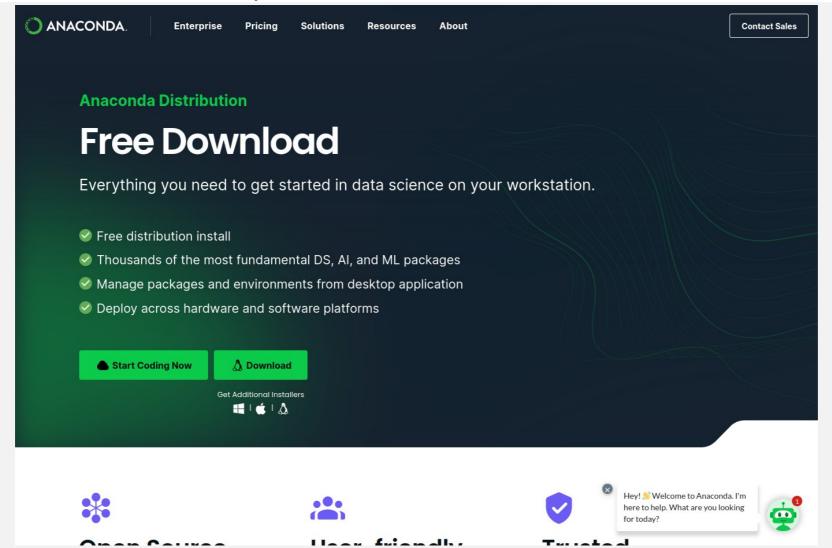
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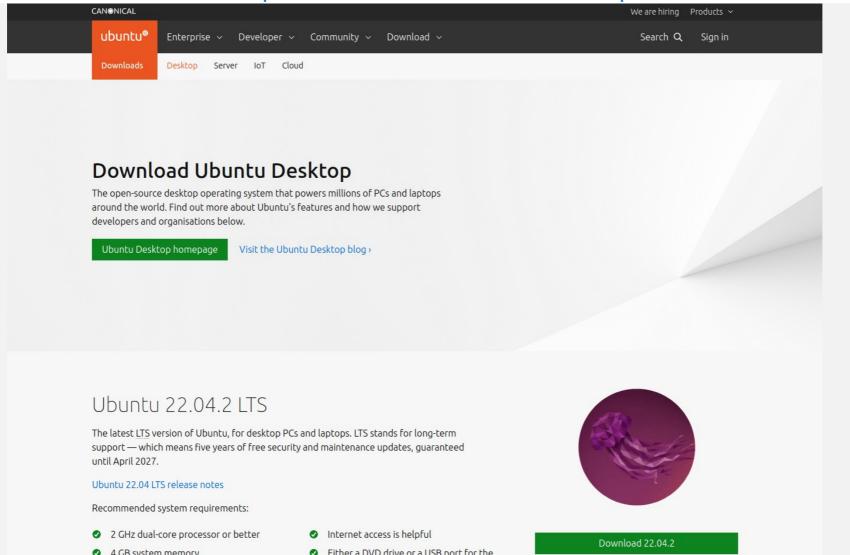
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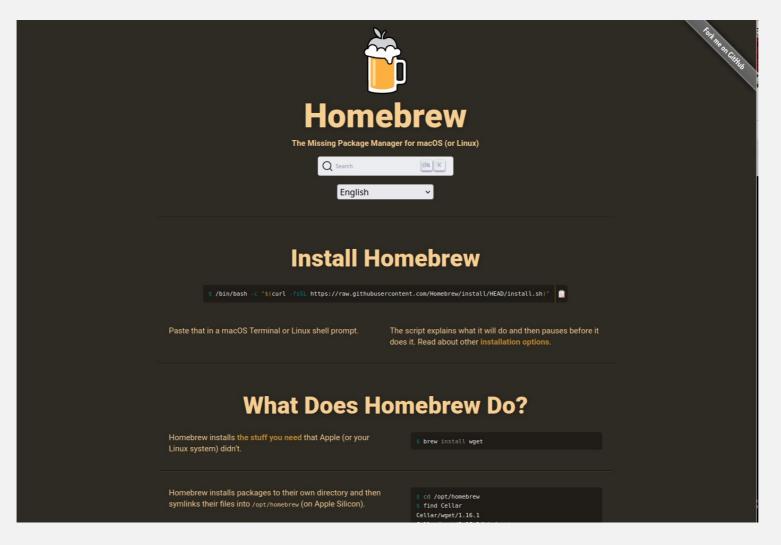
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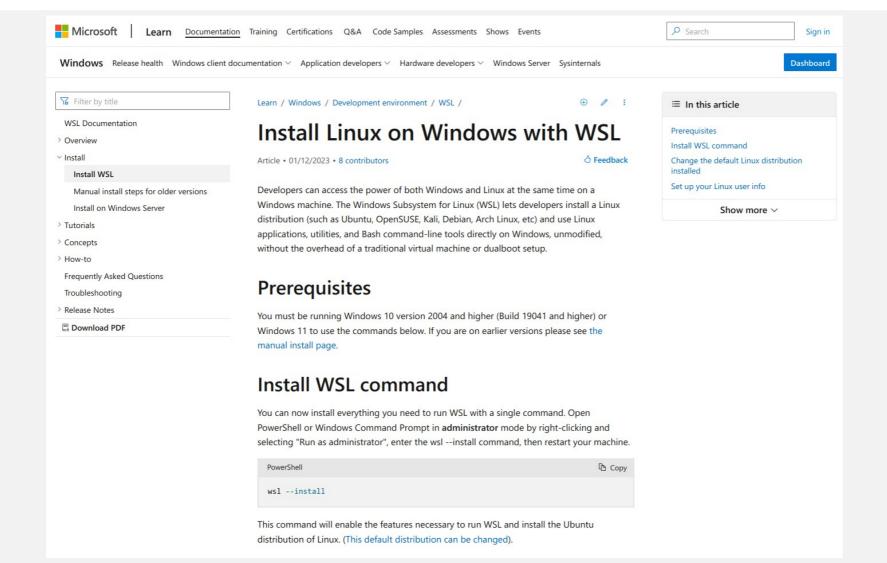


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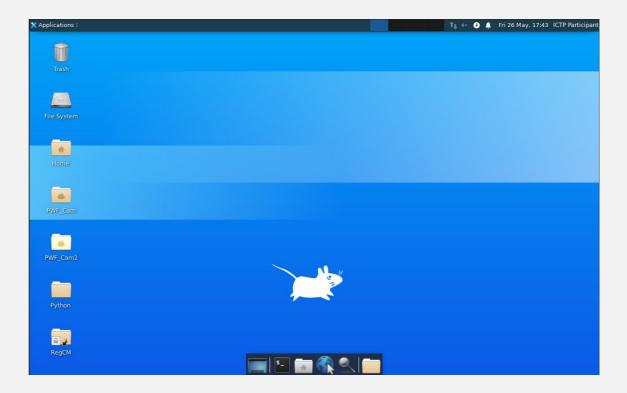
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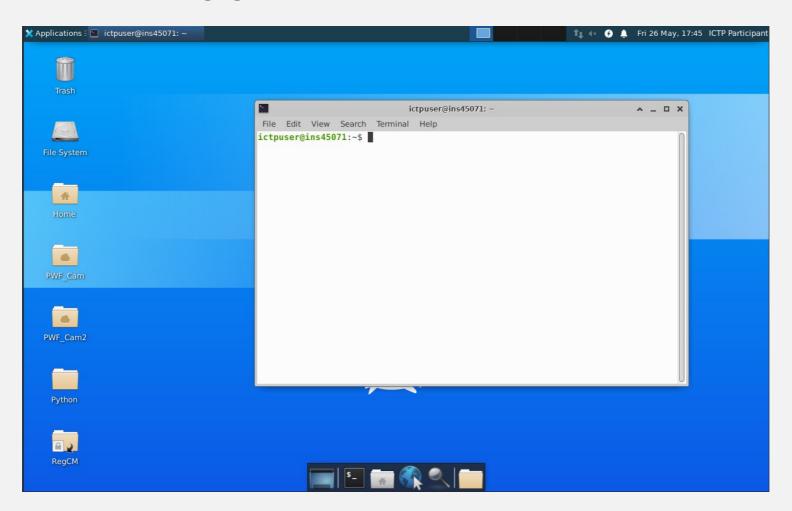
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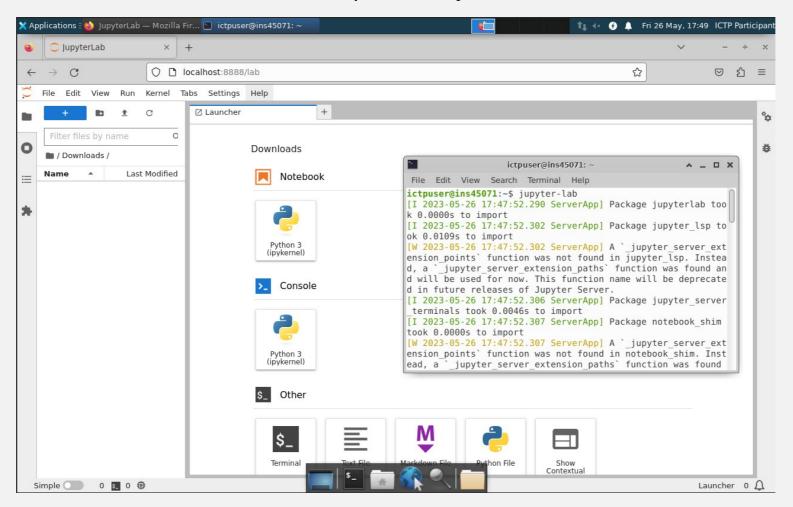
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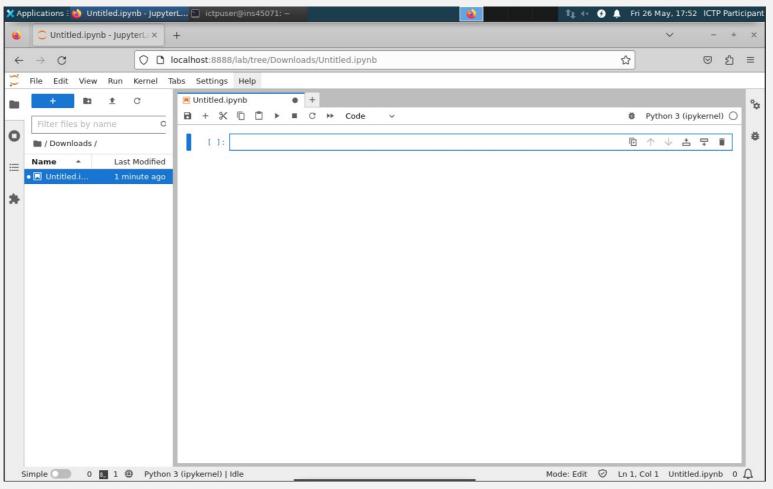
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Run the installer available for your OS

On Linux:



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Activation

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On my zsh:

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source /usr/share/zsh/manjaro-zsh-config
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# Use manjaro zsh prompt
if [[ -e /usr/share/zsh/manjaro-zsh-prompt ]]; then
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fi

# >>> conda initialize >>>
# !! Contents within this block are managed by 'conda init' !!
    __conda_setup="$('/home/ggiulian/anaconda3/bin/conda' 'shell.zsh' 'hook' 2> /dev
/null)"
if [ $? -eq 0 ]; then
    eval "$__conda_setup"
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Environment

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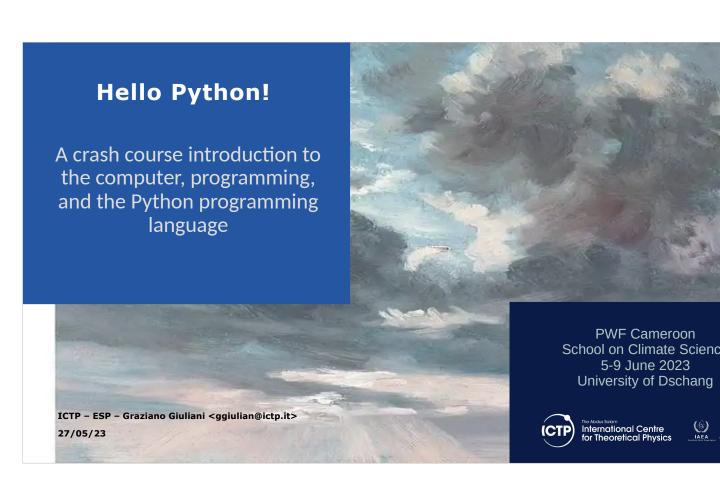
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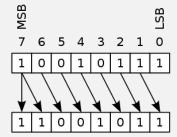
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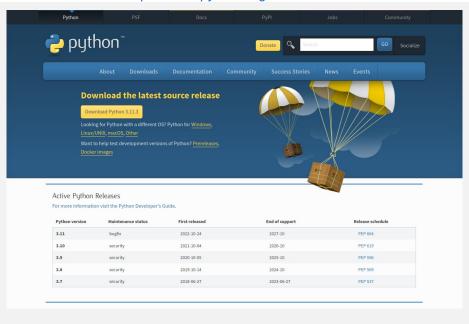
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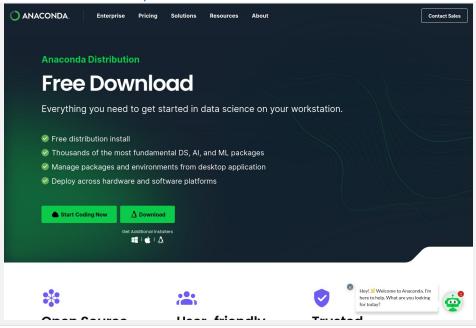
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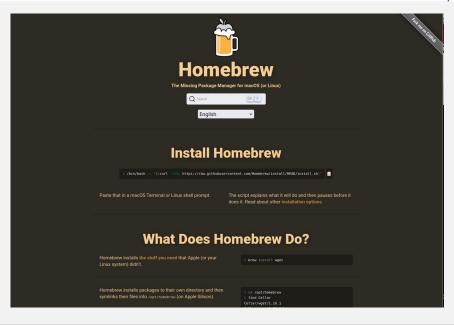
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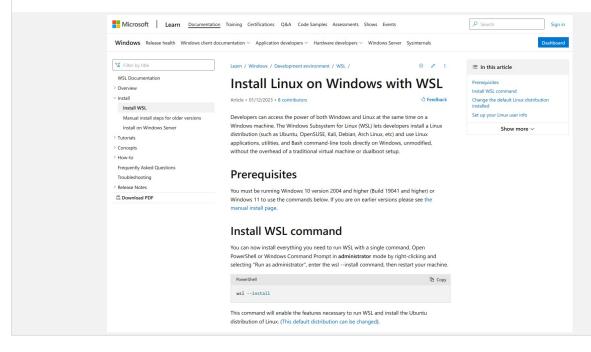
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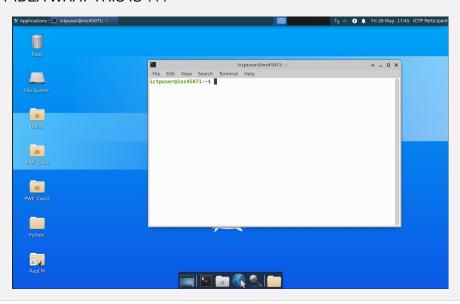
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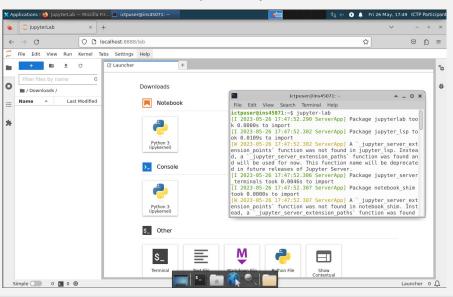
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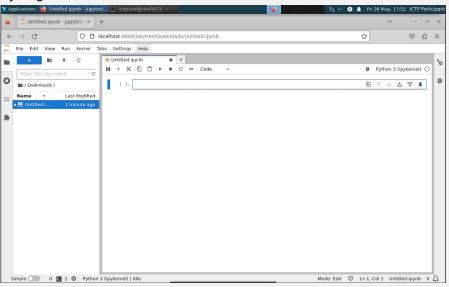
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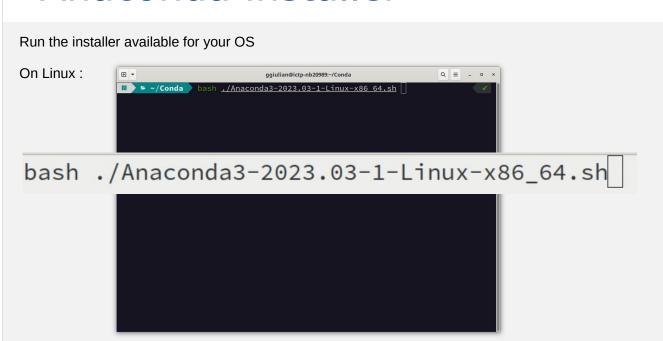


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