

# iPython

Data Analytics in Python

# The SciPy Stack

SciPy is a Python-based ecosystem of libraries and tools for scientific computing and data analytics

- ▶ iPython
- ▶ Jupyter notebooks
- ▶ Numpy
- ▶ Pandas
- ▶ Matplotlib

iPython is the primary way of interacting with the SciPy stack – whether through the shell or a Jupyter notebook – so we'll learn iPython first

# iPython

Two modes:

- ▶ Interactive shell
  - ▶ Replacement for python REPL
- ▶ Jupyter notebook
  - ▶ Interactive web-based documents mixing text, executable code, graphics

Before we proceed, make sure your computer is ready (OS shell):

```
$ conda update conda  
$ conda update python ipython numpy pandas matplotlib
```

# iPython Shell History

```
In [1]: ['Sage', 'Thyme', 'Oragano', 'Posh']
Out[1]: ['Sage', 'Thyme', 'Oragano', 'Posh']
```

```
In [2]: type(In[1])
Out[2]: str
```

```
In [3]: type(Out[1])
Out[3]: list
```

```
In [4]: spices = Out[1]
```

```
In [5]: spices
Out[5]: ['Sage', 'Thyme', 'Oragano', 'Posh']
```

```
In [6]: spices is Out[1]
Out[6]: True
```

In is a list, Out is a dict.

# iPython Help

Single ? gives abbreviated version of python's help

```
In [7]: def add(a, b):
...:     """Return the result of + operation on a and b"""
...:     return a + b
...
In [8]: add?
Signature: add(a, b)
Docstring: Return the result of + operation on a and b
File:      ~/cs2316/<ipython-input-7-af5293282e78>
Type:     function
```

Double ?? gives source code, if available.

```
In [9]: add??
Signature: add(a, b)
Source:
def add(a, b):
    """Return the result of + operation on a and b"""
    return a + b
File:      ~/cs2316/<ipython-input-7-af5293282e78>
Type:     function
```

# iPython Magic Commands

Special commands provided by iPython, prepended by %.

- ▶ Run a Python script from within iPython:

```
In [35]: %run people.py
[<Stan, 2008-08-13, 150cm, 45kg>,
 <Kyle, 2008-02-25, 160cm, 50kg>,
 <Cartman, 2008-05-26, 140cm, 100kg>,
 <Kenny, 2009-07-30, 130cm, 40kg>]
```

- ▶ Get help with a magic command with ?

```
In [2]: %cd?
Docstring:
Change the current working directory.
```

This command automatically maintains an internal list of directories you visit during your IPython session, in the variable \_dh. The command %dhist shows this history nicely formatted. You can also do 'cd -<tab>' to see directory history conveniently.

Usage:

```
cd 'dir': changes to directory 'dir'.
(additional output elided)
```

Get a list of all magic commands with %lsmagic

# iPython Shell Commands

Run shell commands by prepending with a !

```
In [27]: !ls *.py
fun.py      grades.py  maths.py   people.py  pp.py
```

```
In [28]: pyscripts = !ls *.py
```

```
In [29]: pyscripts
Out[29]: ['fun.py', 'grades.py', 'maths.py', 'people.py', 'pp.py']
```

iPython provides magic commands for most common shell commands.

# iPython Directory Bookmarking

Great timesaving feature: bookmark directories

```
In [3]: %pwd
```

```
Out[3]: '/home/chris/vcs/github.com/cs2316/cs2316.github.io/code'
```

```
In [4]: %cd
```

```
/home/chris
```

```
In [5]: %bookmark cs2316code ~chris/vcs/github.com/cs2316/cs2316.github.io/code
```

```
In [6]: cd cs2316code
```

```
(bookmark:cs2316code) -> ~chris/vcs/github.com/cs2316/cs2316.github.io/code
```

```
/home/chris/vcs/github.com/cs2316/cs2316.github.io/code
```

# iPython Automagic commands

With automagic turned on, some shell commands can be run as if they were built into iPython:

```
In [22]: pwd  
Out[22]: '/Users/chris/cs2316'
```

```
In [23]: ls *.py  
fun.py    grades.py maths.py people.py pp.py
```

- ▶ Toggle automagic on and off with %automagic.
- ▶ These commands work with automagic:
  - ▶ %cd, %cat, %cp, %env, %ls, %man, %mkdir, %more, %mv, %pwd, %rm, and %rmdir

# Timing Code in iPython

```
In [23]: import numpy as np  
  
In [24]: pylist = list(range(1, 100000))  
  
In [25]: nparray = np.arange(1, 1000000)  
  
In [35]: %timeit _ = [x * 2 for x in pylist]  
100 loops, best of 3: 7.89 ms per loop  
  
In [37]: %timeit _ = nparray.copy() * 2  
100 loops, best of 3: 3.76 ms per loop
```

Notice that I copied the Numpy array before applying the `* 2` operation to make the comparison to the Python list comprehension fair. You'll learn why when we discuss Numpy in the next lecture.

# Profiling a Script

```
In [7]: %run -p -l 10 -s cumulative funcalc.py
2673375 function calls (1147466 primitive calls) in 1.691 seconds

Ordered by: cumulative time
List reduced from 56 to 10 due to restriction <10>

      ncalls  tottime  percall  cumtime  percall   filename:lineno(function)
        2/1    0.000    0.000    1.691    1.691 {built-in method builtins.exec}
         1    0.000    0.000    1.691    1.691 <string>:1(<module>)
         1    0.000    0.000    1.691    1.691 interactiveshell.py:2431(safe_execfile)
         1    0.000    0.000    1.691    1.691 py3compat.py:182(execfile)
         1    0.000    0.000    1.690    1.690 funcalc.py:1(<module>)
         1    0.000    0.000    1.689    1.689 funcalc.py:46(main)
         1    0.039    0.039    1.689    1.689 funcalc.py:34(profile)
510961/10000  0.510    0.000    0.603    0.000 funcalc.py:14(sub)
510961/10000  0.514    0.000    0.598    0.000 funcalc.py:6(add)
510961/10000  0.340    0.000    0.340    0.000 funcalc.py:22(mult)
```

- ▶ -p means profile
- ▶ -l 10 means show only 10 lines
- ▶ -s cumulative means sort by cumulative time

# Profiling a Function

%prun profiles a function. Uses same options as % run -p.

```
In [10]: %prun -l 10 -s cumulative funcalc.profile()
2673429 function calls (1148052 primitive calls) in 1.726 seconds
```

Ordered by: cumulative time  
List reduced from 15 to 10 due to restriction <10>

ncalls	tottime	percall	cumtime	percall	filename:lineno(function)
1	0.000	0.000	1.726	1.726	{built-in method builtins.exec}
1	0.000	0.000	1.726	1.726	<string>:1(<module>)
1	0.042	0.042	1.726	1.726	funcalc.py:34(profile)
511231/10000	0.537	0.000	0.620	0.000	funcalc.py:6(add)
511231/10000	0.523	0.000	0.615	0.000	funcalc.py:14(sub)
511231/10000	0.336	0.000	0.336	0.000	funcalc.py:22(mult)
20000	0.019	0.000	0.097	0.000	random.py:223(randint)
501231	0.092	0.000	0.092	0.000	funcalc.py:15(dec)
501231	0.082	0.000	0.082	0.000	funcalc.py:7(inc)
20000	0.036	0.000	0.078	0.000	random.py:179(randrange)

# Interactive Debugging in iPython

Enter a debug session with %debug ...