



Welcome!

Scientific Programming with Python

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Story

- ▶ Thirteen years ago, in summer 2013 we organised a summer school about advanced scientific programming in Python ([Link](#)) together with g-node.
- ▶ Due to the large interest, we decided to organise a “UZH-internal” school. Now we have the tenth edition.
- ▶ The content of this course was based on the 2013 school and has since been improved, adapted and expanded continuously.
- ▶ During the Pandemic years 2020 and 2021 the course was run online (Recordings available from [Website](#))



Schedule

One topic per half-day (lectures, question time and tutorials)

Part	Morning	Afternoon
Lecture	08:30 - 10:00	13:30 - 15:00
Break	10:00 - 10:30	15:00 - 15:30
Tutorial	10:30 - 12:00	15:30 - 17:00

Topics

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Best practice and git	Object-oriented programming
Tuesday	Testing, Debugging, and Profiling	Pandas intro and self-study time
Wednesday	Data Structures	Scientific Analytics
Thursday	Hardware-assisted speed-up techniques	(Not) Reinventing the Wheel
Friday	Visualisation and More	Advanced Python



Homepage

www.physik.uzh.ch/~python

Programme

- ▶ Schedule
- ▶ Slides
- ▶ Exercise/tutorial material

Computing

- ▶ Computing information
- ▶ Setup information



Tutorial Sessions

- ▶ Work with your own laptop, but we encourage you to work in pairs = learning from each others. Take this opportunity and also change pairs!
- ▶ Topics covered in the tutorial sheets are typically too much $\Rightarrow$ pick what you are most interested in and you can try the rest later (Tuesday's and Friday's session or at home)

AI usage: For most exercises you get solutions when prompting the questions into GenAI tools, but what is the learning effect? But feel free to use them to research.



Network

There are three possibilities to connect your personal device to the university network:

1. **uzh**

University of Zurich members preferably connect via the ssid `uzh`.
Use your UZH-Shortname and password.

2. **eduroam**

If you are working at a university that is part of the eduroam network, you can use your own eduroam login and password to connect (ask the IT department of YOUR university if you don't know the credentials).

ssid: `eduroam`

3. **uzh-guest**

If none of the methods above work for you, you can use the ssid `uzh-guest`. After connecting to this network you will need to authenticate via your webbrowser and mobile phone.



Computing

1. Your own environment

- ▶ Use your own environment and install the required resources according to the instruction (+: it is what you use daily, -: you might face issues installing all resources)
- ▶ You find the instructions on the [computing](#) page.

2. Virtual server with Jupyter environment

- ▶ We have set up a virtual server at <http://pyschool.mnf.uzh.ch>, which allows to run almost all tutorials.
- ▶ You can access it by open the terminal application on your laptop and running the command `ssh <username>@pyschool.mnf.uzh.ch` (replace <username> and enter your password once prompted)
- ▶ You find your username and password on the paper strip at the back of your name tag.
- ▶ Once logged in, you can edit code using `nano/vim/emacs` and execute python code with `python ...`
- ▶ ... or you can start a Jupyter environment with `jupyter-notebook` (the terminal will print the URL which allows you to access it via your webbrowser)
- ▶ If you are unsure how to use the server, the course team is happy to help.
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Social Evening

We will have a social evening on Tuesday, 14 July 2026. (optional and self-paid)

Location: Con (<https://con-gusto.ch/>)

Time: 18:30

How to get there: Take Tram Nr. 7 or 51 at “Milchbuck” in the direction of Zurich Mainstation and hop off at “Schaffhauserplatz”



Those of you who want to join please fill in this **Nuudel**:



Please put in your decision by the end of today's afternoon class!



ECTS Points / Confirmation

The course allows you to obtain 1 ECTS point.

The course can be booked on the UZH module booking tool

(<http://www.students.uzh.ch/en/booking.html>)

until Tuesday, 14 July 2026.

Students with access to it, can book the module (PHY225) directly. It belongs to FS2026.

All students who attend the full course will receive a signed confirmation listing also the number of ECTS points.

We will pass around attendance lists. Please fill them in.



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Coffee Breaks – the most important thing

We will have coffee breaks in the morning and the afternoon just to the up in the coffee area on K-Floor.

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**“Stop drinking coffee for a week, then start drinking it again.
It’s the same effect as rebooting your computer.”**